

**Minutes - Clarence Sports Committee Meeting -2 Prince Street, Grafton - Monday 15 May, 2023 - 4.30pm to 6:00pm**

		<b>Sport</b>	<b>Sport Delegate</b>		<b>Alternate 1</b>		<b>Alternate 2</b>		<b>Alternate 3</b>	
Cr Debrah Novak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR Cricket & Jnr Cricket	Judy Disson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bret Loveday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adam Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brendan Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Allison Waites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR Sailing Club	Dennis Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Peter Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>	CR Yacht Club	Max Dickson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Purvis	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CV BMX Club	Marnie Brighton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carlie Bullen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ammie McGregor	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rachelle Passmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Croquet	Marilyn Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Helyn Davidson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Schofield	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Andrew Auglys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Football	Mitch Henwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Gavin Beveridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Recreation Inc	Wayne Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Natalie Sear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Athletics	Lynn Rudder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry West	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Other Attendees</b>		Gtn AFL F/Ball-Tigers	James Hourigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke Stanford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachael Sheather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
NCF - David Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Basketball	Kate Unitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn City Tennis	Ayesha Beckman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Godwin	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Dragon Boats	Judy Keeley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marianne Ross	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sports Awards Bruce Carle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Ghosts RLFC	Riley Law	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Grafton Pony Club Alan Watkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Hockey	Rick Sampson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Barton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Netball	Brooke Burton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rhiannon Searle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Joel Diblasio – Sth Gtn Ex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Rowing Club	Michael Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ivan McLennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dennis Darke	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Servicemen's Motorcycle Club		Gtn Pistol Club	Matthew Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Supa Oldie Soccer	Michael Woodward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Bryant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Morgan	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lesley White – Gtn Athletics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hawthorne Users	Alan Dixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ralph Connors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Ricketts	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		J/Hill Tennis Club	Megan Albert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Lysaught	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Albert	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Rushforth Town Clubs	Brett Reynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Rudder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Grafton Touch Assoc Inc	Craig Nipperess	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leanne Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Grafton Vintage MVC	Doug Clarke	<input type="checkbox"/>						
		Ulmarra C/Draft Show	Scott Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Watkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Big River Canoe Club	Gavin Rayward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adrian Stackman	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Westlawn Tigers FC	Christina Costello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brad Hickman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brayden Richardson			
		Bush n Beach Orienteering	Gavin Rayward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keelan Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Sth Gtn Rebels Jnr RLFC	Andrew Jabour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shanon Tough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Gtn Redmen Rugby Union	Gary Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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01	Welcome	Meeting commenced Time start 4.30pm The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Cr Novak then acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is held, being the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and the Yaegl peoples.	Chair		
02	Apologies	Craig Nipperess; Cr Alison Waites; Michael Collins; Scott Davis; Brendan Palmer, Max Dickson			
03	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held 13 February, 2023</b>				
	<b>Moved: W Burke</b>		<b>Seconded: C Costello</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	
04	Delegate / Alternate Forms	All sporting groups who wish to be members of this committee are required to complete and return a nomination form for consideration at the next meeting. Please return all completed forms to <a href="mailto:openspaces@clarence.nsw.gov.au">openspaces@clarence.nsw.gov.au</a>			
05	<b>Correspondence In</b> Delegate / alternate form – Coutts Crossing Croquet Club New Application for Membership – South Grafton Ex-servicemen’s Motorcycle Club  <i>Recommendation: That Council endorse the application for membership to the Clarence Sports Committee received from the South Grafton Ex-servicemen’s Motorcycle Club.</i>  <b>Moved: W Burke    Seconded: B Reynolds    CARRIED</b>				
06	<b>Correspondence Out</b> CVC – Clarence Valley Sports Award Nomination information CVC – Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – 13 February, 2023 CVC – Sports Committee funding				
07	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes:</b>				

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7.01	<p><b>Sports Awards 2023 – Report from Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>Had first meeting on 27/4/2023. The ten year anniversary of the awards, will be held in February 2024 in Yamba. Committee are finalising dates and venue.</p> <p>They are already discussing special guests and possibly having the award winners from past ten years attend and also naming legends of the decade.</p>	Lynn Rudder	Encouraging clubs to keep nominating people each month.	All
08	<b>Sports Committee Funded Projects - Status</b>			
8.01	<p><b><u>2020/21 (Round 1) Projects</u></b></p> <p><b>Clarence River Cricket Association – Improve Practice Nets</b></p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee’s recommendation at its June 2021 meeting (Item 6a.21.023) \$372.27 Ex GST – Improve practise nets at Ellem Oval, Grafton.</p> <p>Project Status: Completed. Final report required.</p>	Delegate		
8.02	<p><b><u>2021/22 Sports Committee Funding</u></b></p> <p><b>Shed Improvements – Grafton Dragon Boat Club</b></p> <p>Council endorsed the officer’s recommendation at its March 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.056) \$527.28 Ex GST – For storage shed improvements at Corcoran Park, Grafton.</p> <p>Project Status: Completed. Final report received</p>	Delegate	Remove from agenda	RP
8.03	<p><b><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u></b></p> <p><b>Restoration of playing surface – Coutts Crossing Croquet</b></p> <p>Council endorsed the officer’s recommendation at its December 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.297) \$3,530.90 Ex GST – For restoration of croquet playing surface at Wajard Park, Coutts Crossing.</p> <p>Project Status: Project is underway an extension has been approved to complete the work at the end of the winter when grass is growing again.</p>	Marilyn Wilson		

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8.04	<p><b><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u></b></p> <p><b>Drainage works – Junction Hill Tennis Courts</b></p> <p>Council endorsed the officer’s recommendation at its December, 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.297) \$1,000 Ex GST – For drainage works to the tennis courts, Barnier Park, Junction Hill.</p> <p>Project Status: Drainage works are completed on the outside of the courts, the rain tonight will help to confirm if the works are successful and confirm completion.</p>	Megan Albert	Submit final report and invoice when project completed	JH tennis
8.05	<p><b><u>Regional Sport Facility Fund – Round 2</u></b></p> <p>Redevelopment of the Grafton Netball courts, Westward Park. The project includes eight new outdoor netball courts and LED lighting.</p> <p>The project is completed – April 2023</p> <p>Planning is currently underway for an official opening event on 24 June, 2023.</p> <p>The committee has received great feedback from players about the surface, the colours of the courts and they now have over 400 registered players and growing.</p>	Rachelle Passmore  Brooke Burton	Remove from agenda	RP
8.06	<p><b><u>NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 4)</u></b></p> <p>Project updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yamba Sports Complex, Yamba soccer - change room renovation Completed March 2023.</li> <li>2. Hawthorne Park, Roy Hawthorne Stand - replacement and aluminium grandstand installation Lighting installation is completed, aluminium grandstands delivered onsite. \$15K remaining, awaiting variation from funding body to complete project.</li> <li>3. JJ Lawrence Field - basketball court replacement Completed March 2023.</li> </ol>	Rachelle Passmore	Remove Projects 1 (Yamba) and 3 (JJ Lawrence) from agenda	RP

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8.07	<p><b><u>Carpark upgrade – Rushforth Park</u></b></p> <p>Council received funding of \$150,000 to contribute towards a car park upgrade at Rushforth Park, South Grafton. Council will also be making a financial contribution to the project.</p> <p>Project update: The tenders received exceeded the available project budget. The scope is currently under review and discussions are underway to complete the work through Council’s Civil Services team within the next 6 months.</p>	Rachelle Passmore		
9	<b>Business for this meeting:</b>			
9.01	<p><b><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u></b></p> <p>Online applications for 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding are now closed.</p> <p>2022/23 Funding Available: \$35,469.10</p> <p>One application was received.</p> <p><b>Grafton Netball Association</b></p> <p>Shade shelters and seating at Westward Park, Grafton</p> <p>Total Project: \$16,432 Ex GST</p> <p>Funding Requested: \$8,216 Ex GST</p> <p><b>Recommendation: That Council endorse the application for funding to the Grafton Netball Association for \$8,216 Ex GST for new shelters and seating at Westward Park, Grafton.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: J Burke      Seconded: B Reynolds      CARRIED</b></p>	Rachelle Passmore  Brooke Burton		

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	<p><b>Aluminium Grandstands</b></p> <p>It is recommended that aluminium grandstands are purchased for Westward Park with the remaining sports committee funding. Quotes are currently in progress.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: That Council endorse \$26,850 Ex GST to purchase aluminium grandstands at Westward Park, Grafton.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: J Burke      Seconded: B Reynolds      CARRIED</b></p>	Rachelle Passmore		
9.02	<p><b><u>Rubbish at Sports Facilities</u></b></p> <p>Sporting Groups are reminded that they are responsible for the rubbish at Sporting Facilities. Sporting Groups should encourage their players, officials and spectators to use the bins provided and look after the facilities and the environment.</p>	Cr Novak	All sports to ensure the facilities are clean and free of rubbish at the conclusion of training and games.	All
9.03	<p><b><u>Sport Priority Needs Program</u></b></p> <p>Council was successful with an application to the NSW Office of Sport through the <i>Sport Priority Needs Program</i> to deliver drainage and asset improvements at the following sporting facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$499,796 – Rushforth Park, South Grafton</li> <li>2. \$384,935 – Barnier Park, Junction Hill</li> <li>3. \$100,596 – Yamba Sports Complex, rugby league field</li> <li>4. \$283,798 – Hawthorne Rodeo Park</li> </ol> <p>Projects have not commenced and stakeholders will be consulted in the planning stage.</p>	Rachelle Passmore	Council Project Managers to contact stakeholders when the project are ready to move forward.	
10	<p><b>General business</b></p> <p>General Business to be limited to an update of sports club / association business only.</p> <p>All operational items to be directed to Council via (02) 6643 0200 or <a href="mailto:council@clarence.nsw.gov.au">council@clarence.nsw.gov.au</a></p>			

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	<p><b>R Sheather – Grafton Tigers AFL</b> – Into round 4 of season. The club has three senior teams two junior teams, all is going well.</p> <p><b>M Brighton - BMX</b> – Have strong numbers and all going well.</p> <p><b>B Burton - Grafton Netball Association</b> – Thank you for approving shelter funding. Playing this weekend. Wanting to thank Rachele for all of the work on the courts project, it is a great project. Player numbers keep improving. Having a carnival soon with many different associations attending from the North Coast.</p> <p><b>K Barton - Grafton Hockey Association</b> –U18s boys travelled away and won their division. U18s Girls travel away next weekend. U15 girls championships are being held in Grafton this year. Annual <i>Doin' it for Holly</i> round will be held on 24 June 2023, raising awareness for blood donations and donations for rare cancers charities. Currently discussing a celebrity guest and possibly the mobile blood bus (to be confirmed). There are games in Coffs that weekend and the Coffs Association will promote the round also. Emphasis of this day has always been about having fun.</p> <p><b>J Keeley – Grafton Dragonboats</b> – Attended first regatta for the year in Urunga recently and had a great time. The club had such an excellent response from the March regatta held at Corcoran Park and have decided to keep the regatta at Corcoran Park in March each year rather than during Jacaranda Festival. There may be some issues with upgrades of Corcoran Park but that work has not been programmed yet.</p> <p><b>P Hagen – Grafton Basketball</b> – Started a Saturday morning comp last summer and participation numbers went from 40 to 120 kids. Currently holding rep trials and are expecting to have between 8 - 10 rep teams. Congratulations to CVC for JJ Lawrence basketball courts, they will be using them for training.</p> <p><b>L White – Grafton Athletics Club</b> – Currently off season, the school athletics carnivals will start in June.</p> <p><b>W Burke - CCRI</b> – Doing what they can with clubs - cricket 2<sup>nd</sup> grade men won &amp; juniors did well, golf, squash, tennis, croquet all going well.</p> <p><b>M Albert - Junction Hill Tennis</b> – Hard Courts resurfaced, awesome to play on but there already some minor cracks, the contractor is coming to inspect/repair. Club getting stronger with night comp being used Monday and Wednesdays. Juniors are growing - coach is at capacity. Official opening fro court upgrades scheduled for Friday 2 June</p> <p><b>M Wilson - Croquet Club</b> - The Club played pennants teams competition and had some pleasing results, this involves quite a lot of travelling. About to start with club championships. The pennants games at Coutts have received a lot of positive comments about the lawns.</p> <p><b>I McLennan- Grafton Rowing Club</b> – There are a few things happening, the Brisbane Boys college came down to prepare to represent Australia at an event in England. A Club member received a grant to write up the Grafton Rowing Club history (2<sup>nd</sup> oldest rowing club in Australia). The book is being produced by Wendy Ford and will be launched on 27/5/2023 at the Grafton Rowing Club. The books will be available for sale at \$40 each. Students from Grafton &amp; South Grafton High Schools attended state championships in Sydney and represented the club really well.</p> <p>Rowing Club is concerned about the dismantling of the water brigade building – can Council hold off demolition until the Rowing Club has finished their renovations (maybe 2 years). Council has done a great job with the foreshore – sand worked well but the first big rain event washed the sand away.</p> <p><b>A Watkins – Grafton Pony Club</b> – Doing well, the Big River Campdraft had big weekend recently and left a lot of hay and manure all over the grounds afterwards.</p> <p><b>A Dixon - HPEUG</b> – Everything is going well. The arena 1 lighting project once finished it will be great for Hawthorne Park.</p>			

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D	<p><b>R Connors - HPEUG</b> – Campdraft was very successful and was at maximum capacity. Lots of favourable comments regarding Hawthorne Park. A defibrillator was put into place at the park, this defibrillator now requires the pads to be replaced. Who is responsible for the replacement of the consumables? Netball and Athletics advised that they pick up this cost. Would Council pick up this cost? RP – no whoever puts in place needs to look after the consumables.</p> <p><b>C Costello - Westlawn Tigers FC</b> – Currently looking for quotes for Canteen revamp. Mini Roos and Tiger Cubs (3-11y/o) have started in the last fortnight. Women’s are playing on Tuesday nights now and this frees up parents for Saturdays.</p> <p><b>S Tough – Sth Grafton Rebels</b> – Numbers have grown, registrations have just hit 301 for the junior club. Running out of space at McKittrick Park. Fielding a senior women’s tackle side (currently with the juniors). The seniors and juniors have over 500 registered players. Trying to work out how to make more space at McKittrick Oval – looking for space for an U10s field, would like to move the fence they could shuffle the main field closer to the canteen and create an U10s field closer to JJ Lawrence side of the oval. RP advised that CVC can facilitate a meeting with all stakeholders to discuss.</p> <p><b>D Anderson - NCF</b> – Competition is up and running really well, state teams are playing in Newcastle every second weekend and this is going very well and is a big commitment from parents.</p> <p><b>Brett Reynolds – RPTC</b> – Great to be at one venue and participation numbers are similar to last year.</p> <p><b>Gary Powell – Grafton Redmen Rugby Union</b> – In week 4 of season and numbers strong with two senior men’s teams and senior women’s teams are really strong. Just about to undertake work at the facility to upgrade the changerooms to accommodate women and a storage shed, and upgrade the lighting to LED.</p> <p><b>M Henwood - Coutts Cougars FC</b> – The club has two women’s teams for first time and have salvaged the women’s competition that has been moved to a mid week comp. Big thanks to Lynn and Brett from RPTC for accommodating the club at Rushforth Park on Tuesdays. Men’s teams going well and the club now have a cubs team for the first time in a few years. Would love to have field lighting out at Wajard Park one day.</p> <p><b>J Diblasio - Sth Grafton Ex Servicemen’s Motorcycle Club</b> – Have had a better start to the year and have started up some week day coaching and have had recreational practice days this year. The last day had 120 people attend. Last year only 44 members attended one competition day. This year the club has scheduled five competition days and is hoping to build up this year. The track is holding up and CVC have provided material from the flood clean-up last year.</p> <p><b>A Watkins – Ulmarra Show &amp; Campdraft</b> – Campdraft will be held on 3/6/23 but there is a lot of gravel and sand in the public areas that needs to be moved to allow access for all participants.</p>			
11	<p><b>Time, date and venue of next meeting: Monday 14 August, 2023 – Prince Street Council Chambers, Grafton</b></p>			<p><i>Bookings made - 2023</i>  14 August  13 November  5 Feb, 2024  6 May, 2024  5 Aug, 2024  4 Nov, 2024</p>



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	Meeting closed:	Closed 5.26pm		