

Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group (MARAG) and State Sporting Association (SSA's) Meeting - Minutes

Date: Monday 23 August 2021

Chair: David Bruce, Coordinator Project Services, City of Bayswater

Minutes: Alina Hobson, Policy Officer Community, WALGA

Attendees:

Organisation	Name	Position
WAFC	Troy Kirkham	Executive Manager, Youth, Community and Game Development
Football West	Alex Novatsis	Head of Members Services
WACA	Jo Davies	General Manager, Community Cricket
WACA	Brodie Green	
Basketball WA	Evan Stewart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Baseball	Lachlan Dale	CEO
City of Wanneroo	Samantha Gulliver	Club Liaison Officer
NRL Touch	Warren Smiles	State Manager
City of Joondalup	Emily Carroll	Senior Sport and Recreation Officer
City of South Perth	Jennifer Hess	(MARAG Deputy Chair) Recreation Development Coordinator
WALGA	Vikki Barlow	Senior Policy Advisor Community

1. Introduction and Opening

The Chair of MARAG, David Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting. David provided a brief overview of MARAG to the group for those that were new.

Purpose for the meeting provided with the key points noted below:

- It was identified at the last meeting that the need to confirm the summer/winter season cross over is important.
- It assists LG understand ground maintenance requirements.
- LG's require a three week maintenance period between sports crossover.
- Fields not looking great due to the extra rain experienced.
- Some sports extended season due to COVID and need to be on the forefront to understand the impact of this.

2. Round Table Update:

Football West:

- Junior Finals: Finishing weekend of the 23 September, grounds to be advised
- Senior Finals: Wont effect any LG
- The sport is travelling well. Played catch-up up matches at various locations where lighting was available.
- No issues experienced with LG's.
- May need playoff match venue for 3 October in City of Joondalup.
- Sunday League Competition – last games to be played weekend of the 26 September.
- MPL Men Competition to start middle of March.

- Women's and State League to start end of April.

NRL Touch:

- Reasonable bounce back from COVID.
- Small winter program on shared venue – clubs work out venue availability themselves.
- Rep program to commence 8 October.
- Clubs are asked to work in with other sports.
- Summer Season to commence start of October, run through to week before Christmas and restart second week of Jan – March.
- State competition to start second weekend in Feb.
- Currently experiencing issues around Kingsway sporting complex, clubs are having issues re-booking.
- Rosher Park (Lockridge): Club pushing out their season to make up some games. Also sleeves have been put out for soccer posts which are now in the middle of the touch field and creating OSH concerns.

Football Commission:

- Solid rebound from COVID, passed 2019 numbers.
- Some clubs were required to shifted grounds due to poor pitch conditions.
- End of season: last senior games to be played Saturday 19 September, WAFL final to be played 3 October (not played at shared venue)
- New season to start weekend after first lot of school holidays.
- No LG issues.
- Samantha Crawford has taken over from Josh's role and will be the main contact for LG's.

Baseball W.A

- Summer season to start 1 October – no overflow field being used.
- Premier league to start 10 October – one division only.
- Remainder of senior and junior competition to finish 10 December end of October
- No issues with LG.

WACA

- Premier/elite league to start 2/3 October, grand final 26/27 March.
- Metro junior cricket to commence 16/17 October - finish 26/27 March.
- Community senior competition to commence 2/3 October with their 20/20 rounds, with their full fixture to commence 9/10 October.
- David advised that the start date crossover may be challenging.
- LG's will need to know what ground will be used.
- Jo advised that fixtures will be worked around what is available.
- LG's advised WACA that week commencing 9 October would be a better start date.

Basketball

- Senior Competitions currently in the last two weeks of finals.
- WABBL one more weekend of fixtured games, then four weeks of finals, finishing mid-September.
- Domestic teams will be running a summer competition of some short.
- Start date next year to be around mid-March/beginning April.

3. Season Dates wrap-up from Chair:

- End of season – most grounds finish their season 18/19 September, 25/26 September.
- Reopening – grounds reopening 9/10 October- 26/27 March (exception for Cricket premier grade)
- No need for the agreement this time – Can be resolved through conversation (Group supported this decision).

