

Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group

MINUTES

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
264 Vincent Street, Leederville
Thursday 28 November 2019 – 11am-2pm

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<https://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/People-and-Place/Sport-and-Recreation>

1.0 WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome

David Bruce welcomed attendees to the Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group (MARAG) meeting and outlined the agenda.

1.2 Attendance

David Bruce – Bayswater (Chair)
Jenni Hess – South Perth (Vice-Chair)
Marissa MacDonald – WALGA (Secretary)

Jo Burges – WALGA
Rob Thompson – SportWest
Rob Thomson – DLGSC
Leith Fradd – PLAWA
Dr Sheila Nguyen – Sports Environmental Alliance

Callum Warner – Armadale
Lucas Annese – Armadale
Carina Whittington - Armadale
Sally DeLaCruz – Belmont
Tim Clark – Canning
Travis Moore – Cockburn
Erinn Litchfield – Fremantle
Rachael Rowcroft – Gosnells
Honni Jacobs – Joondalup
Shane Fraser – Joondalup
Terri Reddy – Joondalup
Nic Daxter – Kalamunda
Callum Prior – Kwinana
Amanda Cronin – Nedlands
Carly Kroczek – Rockingham
Jason Parker – Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Blake Warner – Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Mitchell Taylor – Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Jess Fordham – South Perth
Cheyne Cameron – Stirling
Stephen Handicott – Stirling
Amy Fuller – Subiaco
Juliana Scilipoti – Subiaco
Sarah Perkins – Swan
Julie-Anne Petit – Swan
Luke Ellis – Victoria Park
Wayne Grimes – Vincent
Katherine Birch – Vincent
James Danckert – Vincent
Samantha Gulliver - Wanneroo
Dan Israel – Curtin University
Clayton White – DLGSC

1.3 Apologies

Coby Halpin – Armadale
Tim Dayman – Bassendean
Dan Barber – Bayswater
Susan McGuane – Cambridge

Matthew Emmott - Rockingham
Patrick Quigley – South Perth
Simone Pastor – Stirling
Tony Giggs – Stirling

Karen Dore – East Fremantle
Ian Ireland – Fremantle
Gayle Hall – Kalamunda
Russell Cox – Kwinana
Fiona Grieves - Kwinana
Craig Johnson –Mandurah
Kirk Kitchin – Mundaring

Fleur Kuljis – Subiaco
Craig Bartlett - Wanneroo
Shane Spinks – Wanneroo
Philippa Baker – Vincent
Kirstie Davis – WALGA
Kent Burton - DLGSC

2.0 UPDATE FROM CHAIRPERSON

2.1 Update on meetings in past few months.

The Chair outlined various meetings attended with the Vice-Chair and SportWest, WALGA and State Sport Associations to highlight MARAG's role and to strengthen opportunities for collaboration and alignment.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 SportWest – Rob Thompson, CEO provided a presentation on the following:

- SportWest, formerly WA Sport Federation, established in 1974 and has 130 members.
- SportWest is part of the national body Community Sport Australia of which there are other State associations in Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria.
- The Australian Sports Commission (ASC), established in 1985, is the Australian Government agency responsible for supporting and investing in sport and physical activity at all levels. The ASC unites two entities: 1. Sport Australia — responsible for driving the broader sport sector including participation, physical activity and industry growth and 2. The Australian Institute of Sport — leading our high performance sport system.
- Move It Australia Infrastructure Grants. The group raised that many grants were submitted by clubs without Local Government support, with grants awarded and Local Governments left to quickly pick up the pieces. The group also noted the lack of understanding from the Commonwealth Government regarding Local Governments processes, the political nature of the grants and the one-off nature rather than continuing the grants into the future.
- CSRFF – continued advocacy required to increase the funding to address the oversubscription for project funding.
- There are advocacy opportunities with MARAG, a unified voice.
- MARAG members to provide feedback to SportWest on opportunities for collaboration.

3.2 Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) – Joanne Burges, Executive Manager People & Place provided a presentation on the following:

- WALGA is providing administrative support to the MARAG and WALGA can also provide an opportunity for MARAG to advocate and collaborate on policies and strategies.
- At WALGA's 2019 Local Government Convention in August, a concurrent session focussed on sport infrastructure funding with participation from Rob Thompson (SportWest) and Stephen Cain (CEO, City of Cockburn).

- An outcome from WALGA's concurrent Local Government Convention session, was to hold a roundtable with key stakeholders to further discuss sport infrastructure funding, in terms of CSRFF as well as the development of a regional sport infrastructure facilities investment strategy.
- The roundtable was hosted by WALGA's CEO with SportWest, WA Football Commission, WA Cricket Association, Netball Western Australia, Local Government CEO's represented on the Greater Area Perth and Peel Group (GAPP) from Wanneroo, Cockburn, Swan and Rockingham, Infrastructure WA, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Infrastructure.
- The roundtable session informed WALGA's State Government 2020-2021 Budget Submission which is advocating for two areas: 1. Increase the annual amount of grant funding available in the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) to \$25 million and 2. Develop a long-term, Regional Sports Facilities Investment Strategy.

3.3 Sports Environment Alliance – Dr Sheila Nguyen, Co-Founder and Executive Director, provided a presentation on the following:

- The Sports Environment Alliance (SEA) is committed to do more {for the world} with less {footprint} so we can continue to have places to play. The Sports Environment Alliance (SEA), established in 2015, is committed to do more for the world with less footprint so we can continue to have places to play. The mission of SEA is to lead, educate, and inspire the sport community members to learn, share, and act for a more sustainable & regenerative Australasia.
- SEA is a membership based organisation, offering events, resources, best practice advice and advocacy.
- Local Governments are encouraged to consider becoming members of SEA – more information is available on the website here <http://sportsenvironmentalliance.org/join-us/>

3.4 Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries (DLGSC) – Rob Thomson, Director Infrastructure Planning and Investment provided a presentation on the following:

- The Infrastructure Planning and Investment section of DLGSC is relatively new and have been operating for the last 12 months.
- Primarily the team has been focussed on delivering election commitments (approximately 200).
- The team developed business cases for further investment in CSRFF and regional infrastructure investment. This information was provided to WALGA to inform the State Government 2020-2021 Budget Submission.
- CSRFF – have been analysing the benefits/value of the funding to Local Governments, if the timing of the funding is suitable for Local Governments etc. Feedback is welcomed from Local Governments.
- There was a query regarding presenting to Local Government Councillors on the value of CSRFF. DLGSC have provided presentations in the past.
- There was a query regarding Kidsport and whether it will continue. **ACTION:** DLGSC to provide feedback to MARAG regarding Kidsport.

3.5 Parks and Leisure Australia WA (PLAWA)-Leith Fradd, CEO provided a presentation on the following:

- The Community Facilities Guidelines has been released for comment with feedback closing on 1 January 2020. This report is a high level overview of

the current provision of public open space (POS) and community level sport infrastructure provided by Local Governments. Information sessions have already been held in various areas.

- The Leisure Facilities Managers course was released in August. It is aimed at first time facilities managers and is a beginner's course. It is anticipated there will be development of Level 2 and Level 3 courses.
- The Awards will open in January
- The National Conference was held this year. The State Conference occurs every two years and MARAG members are asked to consider nominating to be on the organising committee.
- A Leisure Planners course will be scoped in January with the intention of finalising this at the end of 2020.
- The Chair of MARAG asked members to brainstorm areas for professional development that PLAWA may help with and the following was considered as a priority:
 - Courses to assist with facilitating groups – empowering and collaborating examples
 - Data at the localised level
 - Advocacy skills and tools, for example Armadale Sport Advocacy Resource.
 - Local Government Elected Member training.
 - Community engagement.
 - Storytelling from projects and celebrating achievements.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Previous Minutes

The minutes from the MARAG meeting held on Thursday 4 July 2019 were circulated previously and are available on the WALGA website. The Chair requested the group to accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate account.

Moved: Wayne Grimes

Seconded: Amy Fuller

4.2 MARAG Fee - Discussion on invoicing of annual fee to MARAG members (see Terms of Reference Clause 8.2 'Finances').

The Chair informed the group of the letter that was sent to all Local Government CEO's advising of the \$150 annual fee. Local Government members were asked to provide their support via email or at the meeting. The following Local Governments individually provided their support:

Armadale	Kwinana
Bassendean	Mundaring
Bayswater	Nedlands
Belmont	Rockingham
Cambridge	Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Canning	South Perth
Cockburn	Stirling
East Fremantle	Subiaco
Fremantle	Swan
Gosnells	Vincent
Joondalup	Wanneroo
Kalamunda	

There were no objections received regarding this fee.

The City of Melville, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Claremont, Town of Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove and the City of Perth either indicated they did not want to join or did not respond to the letter.

ACTION: The MARAG Secretary will follow-up with the City of Mandurah and Town of Victoria Park regarding this fee.

MARAG and WALGA have finalised and signed a Financial Agreement for WALGA to administrate the finances for the group. Local Government members who are part of MARAG will be invoiced the \$150 fee.

4.2 Update from Chair on email from Gavin Jordan-Inside Edge Leisure Planning & Sport.

MARAG members agreed that feedback must be provided to Gavin Jordan.

ACTION: MARAG Chair to circulate information to group members.

5.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19 March 2020

11am-2pm

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

6.0 MEETING CLOSURE

6.1 Meeting closed at 2.00pm.

6.2 Photo of Chair and Vice-Chair with Speakers

Left to right: David Bruce (MARAG Chair), Jo Burges (WALGA), Rob Thomson (DLGSC), Leith Fradd (PLAWA), Dr Sheila Nguyen (SEA), Rob Thompson (SportWest) and Jenni Hess (MARAG Vice-Chair)





MARAG Presentation

- Transition to SportWest
- Community Sport Australia (CSA)
- Sport Australia
- Community Infrastructure
- WALGA Roundtable



Transition

WA Sports Federation (WASF)

- First to be established – incorporated 1974
- Membership (130) – Full, Affiliate and Individual
- Board – 6 elected and 4 appointed, Chair appointed by the Board annually
- Trading as SportWest from 1 September 2019

Community Sport Australia CSA Community Sport Australia

- Purpose: To provide a national platform for the state sports federations

- ❖ Q sport
- ❖ Sport NSW
- ❖ Sport SA
- ❖ SportWest
- ❖ Vicsport

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 **SPORT SA**

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Sport Australia **SPORTAUS**

- Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) – built in 1981
- Australian Sports Commission – established in 1985
- Sport Australia – August 2018
- AIS and SA separated in February 2019
- SA responsible for driving the broader sport sector including participation, physical activity and industry growth

WALGA Roundtable

- An action from the WALGA State Conference in August was hosting a roundtable discussion about the challenges of the future provision of community sport and recreation infrastructure
- Attendees: WALGA, GAPP Councils, Pracsys, DLGSC, Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Planning Commission, Infrastructure WA, SportWest (WACA, WAFC and NWA).

Roundtable Themes

- Infrastructure Australia submission – GAPP
- Infrastructure WA
- State Government Investment
- CSRFF
- Opportunity for collaborative advocacy



Advocacy

- Opportunity to share priorities and collaborate – dialogue (MARAG)
- Consensus and common ground
- Who is the audience(s)

