

Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group (MARAG) – FAQ's

Who is MARAG?

MARAG is comprised of sport and recreation employees from local government authorities situated in the Perth metropolitan area; and associated representatives from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries; Parks and Leisure Australia (WA Branch); Western Australia Local Government Association; Western Australian Sports Federation; and the university sector.

What is the aim of MARAG?

To provide leadership, coordination, advocacy and strategic direction relevant to the development and operation of sport and recreation facilities, programs, services and projects across the Perth metropolitan area.

What will MARAG investigate?

Some of the topics that MARAG will investigate over the next 12 months include: engagement with state sporting associations; sport and recreation facility planning; sporting competitions and season change-overs; encouraging participation of women in sport; effective governance; fees and charges; and capacity-building of sporting and recreation clubs.

Who should attend MARAG meetings?

MARAG is primarily aimed at officers who work within the following areas: sport/recreation, club development, leisure programming, community facilities and leisure planning.

Who are MARAG's partners?

MARAG will be supported by WALGA who will act as the secretary; and Parks & Leisure Australia-WA Branch who will provide professional development and training opportunities relating to sport and recreation. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries will also be providing a venue for the meetings, advice and support. MARAG will be aiming to meet three times per year (see table below for upcoming meeting dates).

Who will fund MARAG's Operations?

The majority of MARAG's operational costs (administration, venue hire, and secretarial support) will be covered in-kind through support from our partners detailed above. In addition, a small financial contribution of \$150 will be sought in 2019/20 from each local government authority who is a member to assist with other operational costs (workshop guest speakers, catering, professional development/training opportunities etc.).