

## Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group

### Minutes

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
246 Vincent Street, Leederville  
Wednesday 25 November 2020 – 11am-2pm

#### 1.0 WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

##### Welcome

David Bruce (Chair) welcomed attendees to the Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group meeting and outlined the agenda. David provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

##### Attending

David Bruce – Chair  
Jenni Hess – Vice-Chair  
Marissa MacDonald – Secretary

Clayton White - DLGSC  
Kent Burton – DLGSC  
Nicola Jordan – DLGSC  
Leith Fradd - PLAWA  
Callum Warner – Armadale  
Lucas Annese – Amadale  
Carina Whittington – Armadale  
Tim Dayman – Bassendean  
Sally DeLaCruz – Belmont  
Michael Snart – Belmont  
Adam Lang – Canning  
Roy Smith - Canning  
Dean Burton – Cockburn  
Erinn Litchfield – Fremantle  
Ian Ireland – Fremantle  
Sarah Perkins – Gosnells  
Shane Fraser – Joondalup  
Samantha Gulliver – Joondalup

Janelle Cuthbertson - Joondalup  
Nic Daxter – Kalamunda  
Erin Stinton – Kalamunda  
Fiona Stuart – Kalamunda  
Claire Taylor - Mandurah  
Renae Park – Melville  
Amanda Cronin – Nedlands  
Matthew Emmott – Rockingham  
Joshua Marocchi – Swan  
Anthony Macri – Swan  
Kelly Marshall - Swan  
Tim Cronin – Victoria Park  
Wayne Grimes – Vincent  
Katherine Birch – Vincent  
Greg Hire – Vincent  
Ryan Gray – Vincent  
Nerisa Finau – Wanneroo  
Craig Barlett – Wanneroo

##### Apologies

Rob Thompson - SportWest  
Coby Halpin  
Robbie Watkins  
Honni Jacobs  
Terri Reddy  
Callum Prior  
Fiona Grieves  
Craig Johnson  
Jo-Anne Prout  
Stewart Winfield  
Marta Makuch  
Jon Vines

Andrea Clark  
Mitchell Taylor  
Patrick Quigley  
Shane Spinks  
Wayne Stuart  
Chloe Nella  
Dan Barber  
Salvatore Siciliano  
Rohan Klemm  
Jason Parker  
Cheyne Cameron

## 1.4 Overview from Chair including Previous Actions & Future Opportunities

David discussed the following items:

- Acknowledged the work from the group during COVID-19 shutdown and restarting. Particularly acknowledging Shane, Dean and Craig who assisted with the restarting sport discussions.
- Acknowledged the relationships built with State Sporting Associations and the importance of continuing to build these relationships.
- Acknowledged DLGSC, WALGA, SportWest and PLAWA for assistance, particularly during COVID-19 shutdown and restarting sport discussions.
- MARAG group currently includes metropolitan area. We need to consider inviting regional Local Governments. Discussion as per General Business.
- WA Football Commission set up a Local Government specific working group with 7 Local Government representatives. Ongoing over next 12 months. Jenni is one of the representatives.
- A presentation regarding a new Australian Standard AS 25602 Sports lighting "Specific applications" was originally going to be discussed at this meeting by Mike Sage. The new standard will be open for public comment in February 2021. It is expected that a presentation may be provided on this Australian Standard at a future 2021 MARAG meeting.

## 2.0 PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 MARAG Draft Agreement Presentation including Q&A - Steve Grace, Fitness Australia

Steve presented to the group via videoconference on a proposal from Fitness Australia. Fitness Australia is a peak body who recognise there is a gap in the membership of Local Government owned facilities. The proposal from Fitness Australia will offer affordable membership fees at a discounted rate. There will also be support around policy development. Individual Local Governments may join or there may be a joint fee structure through MARAG. The proposal will be circulated to the group with these minutes.

### 2.2 Football West Overview including Q&A - Ryan Lenegan, General Manager Participation, Community and Clubs

Ryan provided a presentation to the group. The Powerpoint will be available to the group. Ryan's presentation focussed on:

- Continue to grow relationship with MARAG
- State-wide Facility Audit – <https://footballwest.com.au/clubs-to-benefit-from-state-wide-facility-audit/> An audit is planned and expected to take 4 months. Local Governments will be contacted by Football West. This is the first time Football West has done an audit of this size. Open line of communication in terms of the Audit. Centralise queries through Ryan.
- Video 'Out West 2023' – women's FIFA World Cup <https://youtu.be/DrPGbXxVnsc>
- State Football Centre <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/sport-and-recreation/the-state-football-centre>

Question – Wayne, City of Vincent - clubs asking regarding training facilities for World Cup. As a host City we could be selected. Working closely with Local Governments for training venues is an important process to start.

Question – Jenni – Is there likely to be a Local Government group set up? WAFC engagement model could be followed i.e. working group. The State Facility is such an integral piece, needs Local Government buy in.

**ACTION: MARAG Chair and Vice-Chair to advocate to have a workshop with Football West.**

### **2.3 Update from DLGSC, Clayton White – Manager Community Infrastructure**

Clayton provided an update on the following items:

- Current funding allocations for CSRFF – figures in State Budget are \$12 million currently, with forward commitments of works
- WA Recovery Plan – COVID response
- GAPP (Greater Area Perth and Peel) advocacy for projects
- Election commitments
- State Football Centre - \$32.5 million project, half from the State Government, same from Commonwealth Government. High performance hybrid pitches & floodlights which will cater for community through to high performance sports. Administration base for Football West. Ability to host A-league franchise. Timeframes - State funding approved August 2020. Completed in time for the Women's Cup 2023.

### **2.4 Update from PLAWA – Leith Fradd**

Leith provided an update on the following items:

- PLAWA Conference is expected to take place in June 2021. The conference takes place every two years. Seeking feedback and ideas for the Conference.
- Leisure Centre Fees and Charges - annual data collection, 168 fees and charges. Craig Bartlett asked if the data can be expanded to other facilities. A sub-committee of 4-6 people will be set up to determine the type of data that Local Governments would like collected.
- Individuals nominating for the sub-committee to discuss fees and charges:
  - Shane – Joondalup
  - Craig - Wanneroo
  - Callum - Armadale
  - Dean - Cockburn
  - Jenni - South Perth
  - Sam - Wanneroo
  - Kelly - Swan
  - Adam - Canning

**ACTION: MARAG Secretary to provide names of the nominated individuals through to Leith Fradd to start discussions.**

### **2.5 Update from WALGA, Marissa MacDonald**

Marissa provided an update on the following items:

- WALGA Staff restructure that happened just before COVID-19 lockdown.
- WALGA being embedded into key COVID-19 structures to provide a Local Government perspective – including providing representation on the SHICC (State Incident Control Centre) at Department of Health and the SWICC (State Welfare Control Centre) led by Department of Communities.

- WALGA is preparing a State Election campaign which will be run publically in the lead up to the State Election. WALGA will be using the recommendation from the Budget Submission 2020/21 to advocate for increased funding to CSRFF to \$25 million.

## **2.6 Update from DLGSC, Nicola Jordan – Regarding Contact Registers and QR Codes**

Nicola discussed the announcement being made by the Premier concurrently with this meeting regarding contact registers and the requirements to use a QR Code app. This information is publically available on the wa.gov.au website.

## **3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **3.1 General Business**

#### **Shared Sports Agreement for Return to Sport**

David led the group through a discussion on the Shared Sports Agreement and whether it could continue to be something that could be agreed upon when liaising with State Sporting Associations. It's a method to share the information on grounds, parks information, rough dates for parks and maintenance crew etc. David asked the group to split up and discuss - what worked well, what didn't and whether we should continue.

There was a consensus that it was beneficial to continue having a shared agreement or document. It was beneficial for the Local Government parks teams and it assisted with liaising with the State Sporting Associations.

**ACTION: Commence work towards developing the Agreement document.**

#### **Expanding MARAG to include Regional Local Governments**

David led the group through a discussion regarding expanding MARAG to include regional Local Governments. This was suggested by both State Sporting Associations and WALGA during the restarting sport discussions.

The group discussed the pros and cons. MARAG is still in its infancy and there were concerns that expanding to regional Local Governments wouldn't be really effective at this stage. There were concerns that including regional Local Governments could potentially end up focusing on issues not related to the metropolitan area (and vice versa). There was a suggestion that there could be a separate group for regional Local Governments.

#### **MARAG Fees**

The annual fee for MARAG will be waived for all Local Governments except for City of Nedlands, who did not get charged previously but will now.

**Action: MARAG Secretary to invoice City of Nedlands.**

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## **4.0 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

As per the Terms of Reference the role of Chair and Vice-Chair is for a period of 12 months. The Secretary requested nominations from the group prior to the meeting.

One nomination from David Bruce to continue being the Chair was received and one nomination from Jenni Hess to continue being the Vice-Chair was received.

#### 4.1 Selection of Chairperson

David was re-elected unopposed.

#### 4.2 Selection of Vice Chairperson

Jenni was re-elected unopposed.

### **5.0 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be scheduled in March 2021 after the State Election.

### **6.0 MEETING CLOSURE**

Meeting closed 1:40pm