

# **KATHERINE SPORTSGROUNDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

**HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 5.00PM**

## **RECORD OF DISCUSSION**

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### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Fay Miller, Deputy Mayor Donald Higgins, Alderman Liz Clark, Alderman Peter Gazey, Robert Jennings (CEO), David Moore (Operations Manager), Rosemary Jennings (Community Support Officer), Cheriece Fry (KTC)

### **APOLOGIES**

Marc Gardner (Rugby Union)

### **NO. OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE - 10**

Nicole Simmonds (Athletics), Deb Rankin (Athletics), Michael Lane (Soccer), Gordon Atkinson, Jason Hillier (BMX), Kylie Biddle (Junior Rugby League), Sam Forwood (Rugby Union), Steele Davies (Rugby Union), Annette Schefe (Junior Rugby League), Lyndon Keane (Katherine Times)

### **PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

The recent closure of the Katherine Sport and Recreation Club (KSRC) resulted in interim arrangements being made between Katherine Town Council and former users of the KSRC grounds (Katherine Rugby Union, Katherine Junior Rugby League and Katherine Touch Football) to see out their current seasons at the Katherine Sportsgrounds.

Due to the approaching season cessations Council extended an invitation to the above mentioned stakeholders and existing stakeholders (those most affected) to determine interest in the future continuation of these sporting codes at the sportsgrounds and also what would be required to accommodate this.

### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

Deputy Mayor Higgins explained that Council is seeking consultation from stakeholders as to whether or not Council should lobby the NTG for assistance in upgrading the Katherine Sportsgrounds to accommodate the increase in users due to the KSRC closure.

To assist Council in determining the next course of action the following questions were posed to all present:

1. Are those sporting codes that have relocated from KSRC interested in permanently relocating to the sportsgrounds?
2. Are there any concerns/issues due to the increase of users from existing stakeholders?
3. What would be required to ensure all codes have appropriate access to facilities?

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS	COMMENT / RESPONSE
Katherine Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>utilising Oval 1 - season concludes 4 March 2016</li> <li>would like to stay where they are on oval 1 at the Katherine Sportsgrounds.</li> <li>players are happy with the field - no complaints</li> <li>feel that Jnr Rugby League would benefit from the larger grounds at the Katherine Sportsgrounds - opportunity to play multiple games at once</li> </ul>
Katherine Junior Rugby League	
Katherine Touch Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invited - no representative present at meeting</li> <li>KTC advised - competition night moved to Tuesday to fit in with current hires</li> </ul>

EXISTING STAKEHOLDERS	COMMENT / RESPONSE
Katherine Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>worried about the deterioration of the field due to increase in users</li> <li>damage to track from - people / chairs / footy boots</li> </ul>
Katherine Football (Soccer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior comp - Saturday till noon</li> <li>oval 1 &amp; 2 on Saturday</li> <li>oval 1 Wednesday night</li> <li>field marking needs to be considered</li> <li>setting up of fields</li> <li>dual football posts required to multi users</li> </ul>
Katherine Lodge of Fidelity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invited - no representative present at meeting</li> </ul>
Big Rivers BMX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lights required</li> </ul>
Katherine Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>line marking - is it possible for codes to use different colours?</li> <li>awaiting quotes on portable soccer goal posts</li> <li>upgrade existing lighting on Oval 2</li> <li>adequate storage for all users at the moment</li> </ul>

## OUTCOME OF MEETING

All parties supported rugby staying at the Katherine sportsgrounds.

All agreed suitable lighting to hold night games and assist with training requirements would benefit in accommodating the permanent relocation of the additional sporting codes.

For Council start the lobbying process the following was requested:

- stakeholders to submit letters of support
- stakeholders to submit competition lighting specifications (Australian Standards) at the next Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting closed at 5:30pm