

14 April 2026 Sports Council Minutes

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 7:00 PM

Welcome

Al Gersbach welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendance

Al Gersbach (Chair), Luke Nash (Finances), Anthony McGrath (Secretary), Louise O'Leary (Councillor Representative), Greg Morrissey (Mr Cricket), Andrew Thomas (Senior Rugby League), Wayne Osbourne (Soccer), Geoff Finn (Sports Fields Supervisor, Parkes Shire Council), Michael Greenwood,

Online

Linda Snyman (Dragon Boating), Doug Moore (Little Athletics), Wilbur Harris (Netball), Cr Louise O'Leary

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Kerrie Edwards (Parkes Little As, Peak Hill sport), Cr Doug Pout, Gail Richardson (Community Representative), Richard Rice (Hockey), Chris Reynolds (Touch), Tim Gillogly (PSC), Andrew Daley (Hockey), Ken Keith (Golf), Jason O'Bryan (Junior League)

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were distributed with the agenda, moved by Anthony seconded by seconded by Luke Nash that they are a true and correct record with the correction to add Linda Snyman as an apology. Carried

General Meeting

Notable Sporting Performances or Events

Dragon Boating

- Three Parkes members attending the National (Auschamps) representing Western NSW. Linda is captain of the women's team. Warren Edwards is assistant coach

Little As

- 14 Parkes athletics attended State championships. Toby Morgan broke 6 records in the t26 class, including a national javelin record for all classifications.
- 3 representing at National champs - Toby Morgan, Vashti Williams and Aphelia Robinson

Cricket

- Maddie Spence in NSW indigenous side at Mackay.
- Zac Guy and Eamon Moody in Western Colts squad.

Triathlon

- 21 Parkes athletes attended the Husky Triathlon. Wayne Osbourne came away with a medal.

Review of Outstanding Actions

13/8/2019	1	Sports Legends Board at Parkes Leagues Club to be reviewed and alternatives considered.	Alan Macdonald
14/10/2020	2	Dedication ceremony for the Cheney family trophy to be conducted before the first Grinsted Cup match this season	Luke Nash
12/03/2024	3	Investigate switchboard upgrade at SDF. Also lights out on Miriah Williams field (SW)	Geoff
10/6/2026	4	SMS lighting system at Lindner Oval is not working consistently	Anthony

		consistently	
10/02/2026	5	Seek approval from Scott Westcot to name the park run track in his honour	Anthony
11/03/2026	6	Peak Hill would like the Long Jump pits at Lindner Oval in Peak Hill reviewed for possible upgrade. Would like a quote.	Tim
11/03/2026	7	There are no sanitary bins provided for Cheney Park. Parkes Touch understood that these would be provided by Council.	Sharon Ross
11/03/2026	8	Determine what the Services Club's intentions are for the Sporting Life Members board located upstairs at the Club	Anthony
11/03/2026	9	Parkes Little As (Kerry) would like a copy of the Northparkes masterplan sent out.	Luke

Discussion / Action Taken

Update provided on the outstanding tasks as follows:

- 7, Parkes touch have been in contact with building services to supply a sanitary bin.
- 4, New SMS controller installed.
- 9, Masterplan for Northparkes sent out to Little As.

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence was received or sent

1. Advice of meeting and minutes sent out to groups.
2. Notice of sports grants open sent out to groups

Action

1,2 For information.

Grants Received

This item on the Agenda is for sporting groups to report any other grants they may have received.

- Parkes Netball advised that they will receive a 20k grant to build a practice wall.

Sports Projects Update

Geoff provided the following update at the meeting.

- Setting goal posts at Cheney to complete the 4 sets of posts and fields
- Started dredging Lake Endeavour to improve boat launch area.
- Fertilizer program underway
- Sports groups please ensure bookings are up to date, for both training and match days.
- Ensure dressing sheds are checked and cleaned when you leave the facility.
- When training, vary the location and avoid wet areas to minimise wear and tear on the fields.

Around the Grounds

Super Tag Gala Day

- Cr Doug reported that a highly successful Super Tag Gala Day was held at Pioneer today. Some 80 participants from 5 service providers from as far away as Newcastle. Field was in excellent condition.

Cricket

- Concludes with presentations this Sunday at Spicer Oval, including contribution of funds from the Duncan Macdonald foundation.
- Lachlan U14 playing at Bowral this week.

Rugby League

- Season starts with a home game against Dubbo Cyms.
- Access from Pioneer to Spicer still an issue. Planning to install 2x750 pipes when conditions are suitable. Working with Tim to ensure compliance.

Soccer

- Christian School booked Harrison for carnival
- Premier League started last week with the first of 4 home games.
- Eastern goal post needs some maintenance (missing bolts). Geoff to investigate
- Competition starts 2-3 May 2026.
- Soccer field turf condition is poor with bare patches due to summer watering issues. Geoff advised that they can treat bare areas with rye grass. There are also problems with ground pearl which can be treated with a new herbicide.
- Watering issues need to be addressed prior to next summer season.

Dragon Boating

- Season on hold until Lake dredging is completed
- Incident over the weekend where an Ambulance was called but didn't use wifi calling. Also Google maps sent the ambulance via the Bindogundra Road.
- Suggest an emergency sign be installed advising of wifi calling and what three words location. Tim to investigate.

Netball

- Received 20K grant to build a practice wall - will work with Council to complete
- Held carnival on 29 March with 21 teams, which is down a little
- Still have 3 carnivals to go before state carnival in June
- New Tuesday night comp starting on 21 April and looking for more players
- Courts have some issues with cracking. Geoff is reviewing with an alternate contractor.

Little Athletics

- Presentation held 2 weeks ago with Cr Paddison attending
- AGM planned for May
- School carnival season starting soon.

Financial Report - Operational and Capital Works Projects

Luke presented the financial report and asked that the committee accept the report, which was seconded by Michael Greenwood and carried.

Sports Council (Sporting Grounds) Overview - Month Ending - 31 March 2026						
Sporting Grounds - Operational Revenue						
	Budget	Actual	% Budget Received			
Sports Council -Levies/Usage Charges	\$51,731	\$50,333	97%			
Sports Council - SMS Lighting	\$16,210	\$6,752	42%			
	\$67,941	\$57,086	84%			
Sporting Grounds - Operational Expenditure						
	Budget	Actual	Committed	A + C	% Spent	Budget Remaining
Sporting Grounds Operating	\$293,701	\$236,866	\$0	\$236,866	81%	\$56,835
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Sporting Grounds - Capital Expenditure						
Capital Expenditure Projects	Budget	Actual	Committed	A + C	% Spent	Budget Remaining
Berryman Oval - Trundle (Flood Repairs) - Carpark, Tennis Courts & Pool Pump Shed (NSW Govt)	\$636,300	\$342,641	\$13,121	\$355,762	56%	\$280,538
Lindner Oval Irrigation	\$56,000	\$55,188	\$0	\$55,188	99%	\$812
Cheney Park Clubhouse Capital Improvements	\$10,913	\$10,913	\$0	\$10,913	100%	\$0
Cheney Park - Lighting Upgrade (ClubsGrant \$210.5k & PMJRL \$75k)	\$285,580	\$282,018	\$13,265	\$295,283	103%	-\$9,703
	\$921,880	\$624,659	\$26,386	\$651,045	71%	\$270,835

General Business

Home Game Banner

Andrew Thomas put forward the idea of using a temporary "home game street banner". As

previously discussed the idea is to place the banner at the roundabout on Bushman's and Clarinda St (where the Elvis and Christmas signs go) during the week prior to all home games and to encourage and make to public aware of the club's presence. Those present supported the idea. It could be used for any events or other sporting events. Anthony has raised the matter with the Planning department to see if there are any regulatory issues. Pending no issues, Andrew to work with Tim and Geoff to establish a suitable protocol for the use of a banner.

Pioneer Oval Grandstand DA

Andrew Thomas asked when does the DA expire for the grandstand project. Anthony undertook to find out and report back. Andrew's concern was that if there was no activity on the project then the DA would lapse and require another lodgement and additional cost to council.

Sports and Rising Star Grants - Offers Made

The following sporting groups were offered grants under the latest round of the Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Sports Grants.

Title	Project Title	Grant
Parkes Golf Club	purchase of a new greens roller for the golf course. The current roller is well beyond its use by date and needs to be urgently replaced. The greens roller is a key piece of equipment to maintain the course at a competition standard.	6,940
Parkes School of Dance	install a high-quality sprung dance floor in our studio, upgrading the facility to provide a safe, fit-for-purpose training surface for children, young people and adults. The project supports active participation in dance as a recognised physical activity while enhancing opportunities for creative arts within the Parkes Shire.	6,940
Parkes Dragon Boat Club	purchase 20x Dragon Boat paddles. This will allow the club to accommodate additional paddlers during community engagement "come and try" days for locals and community groups such as College of seniors, Lions Club, VIEW clubs etc.	4,100
Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Association	install a new set of soccer goal posts at Harrison Park to replace the existing unsafe equipment. The new posts will meet FIFA and Australian Standards, ensuring player safety, compliance, and supporting the growth of community football.	3,820
Parkes Bowling and Sports Club	purchase bowls to establish and run Junior and School Lawn Bowls Program.	3,000
Holy Family School Parents Friends Assoc	purchase high jump equipment to meet safety standards and give students the chance to train and compete confidently in athletics.	2,200
Currajong Disability Services	hold a SuperTag Gala Day - an inclusive community sporting event providing people with disability in Parkes access to structured, mainstream sport. delivered through local partnerships, it promotes participation, social connection, and community inclusion while establishing a pathway for ongoing engagement.	3,000

The following individuals were offered grants under the Rising Star program:

Nominee	Sport	Grant
Marcus Skinner	Swimming	
Mason Wild	Dirt Track Racing	
Reed Wild	Dirt Track Racing	
DAISY RICE	Hockey	
Emrys Cassidy	Athletics	
Arlo Cassidy	Athletics	

There was some discussion among those present about why schools and other non-sport based organisations are allowed to access the grants. Anthony advised that the objective of the program was to improve health and wellness in the community by increasing participation in active pursuits. The current guidelines allow shire based not for profit registered organisations to apply for grants. The program guidelines will be revised at the end of the current year when a new agreement will be sort.

Sports Awards

Some discussion around how to recognise local teams that perform well. The current guidelines, which are on our web site, are currently under review. The sports award for an outstanding team is based on that team's performance at a regional state, national or international level. The issue was that sometimes an outstanding team, e.g. winning a regional competition over a number of years is not selected because another team achieved success at a state based competition level.

Woodward Oval Public Toilets

The public toilets at Woodward Oval are closed. There is no access to the female toilets for the public during events at the Oval. In addition, access to the toilets for male visitors is not up to today's standards as there is no path to the facility. Visitors are forced to use the dressing rooms inside the Pavilion. The toilets are used by Croquet, Cricket and Soccer. The Parkes Premier League soccer side has 4 home games in a row.

Moved by Greg Morrissey seconded by Wayne Osbourne that council review the situation and advise whether there is funding for temporary facilities until a new facility can be built and that a new facility be prioritised for Woodward oval. Carried.

Masterplans

Louise asked where they were up to. Luke advised that they are currently being reviewed and likely to be presented to the May council meeting.

Sports field signage

Louise asked about signage for the other fields at Lindner Oval as well as other sports fields. Louise advised that her family was prepared to pay for signage at O'Leary's oval. Anthony to follow up with Comms team on a suitable sign based on the new brand and signage guide.

Masters games

Louise will email the group to ask whether there is any interest in continuing with the event. Doug advised that masters is also included with the Little As program via NSW Athletics and asked how that would work with the PMG.

Next Meeting

12 May 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting Close 8:33pm

Meeting Actions

14/04/2026	1	Eastern soccer goal post at Woodward oval needs repair.	Geoff
14/04/2026	2	Investigate installation of a sign at Lake Endavour to advise of Use of WiFi to call emergency services, also add what-three-words to communicate location.	Tim
14/04/2026	3	Access from Pioneer to Spicer remains a problem as users are ignoring the ramp closure. League are willing to install pipes at their own cost to improve access.	Tim
14/04/2026	4	Netball request repair of cracks that have reappeared on McGlynn court surface.	Geoff
14/04/2026	5	Investigate use of a temporary banner on Wholesome Blend corner of Bushman Street roundabout to advise of upcoming events, similar Elvis and Christmas signage.	Anthony / Tim
14/04/2026	6	League would like to know when does Pioneer Grandstand and Amenities DA expire?	Anthony
14/04/2026	7	Investigate what a new sports field sign might look like based on the new brand and signage strategy	Anthony

Attachments

Nil.