

Meeting, August 2019 – Sports Operational Meeting – Cricket – 14 August 2019

Present

Ben Middlebrook, President, TDCI
Damien Henry, Juniors
John Rixon, Womens
Greg Kellet, Vets
Sam Eriksson, TRC, Sport and Recreation Development Officer
Trent Harding, TRC, Sports Supervisor
Adam Jones, TRC, CBD Precinct Supervisor

Apologies

Terry Psarakis
Grahame Davies
Vinnie Cameron, Cricket Manager – Northern Inland

Discussion topics

Cricket

Juniors

- Currently preparing for the season ahead

Womens

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- Will have the same number of teams as last year
- Game play will occur on Tuesdays (same as last year)

Vets

- Have had a request to play a 50s carnival the Australia Day long weekend. Vet's understand this is not an option as it is during TCMF. Will look to see if it can be on the Monday – Wednesday.
- England team carnival:
 - Request to have the centre wicket
 - Adams team will do their best but this cannot be promised at this stage.
 - Would like the site screens covered
 - It is understood there are covers available and it is up to the clubs to erect these.
 - A civic reception for the teams will be held at the look out.
- Vets are encouraged to wear helmets from this season onward. This is not rule but a strong recommendation.
- Vets are looking to arrange a game against the womens team.

Seniors

- Organising the upcoming season
- The boundary line needs to be a specific distance from the fence. Ben will inform Adam as soon as this distance is known.
- All invoices for the 2019/20 season are to be made out to TCI. TCI will then split these fees amongst the users, according to usage and the cap.
- Enquire as to playing the weekend of 18th January.
- Ben is happy to catch up with Rach, as he has done in the past, to discuss and confirm all cricket bookings for the season.

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Sport Supervisor

- Three synthetic turf strips on Plain Street (7, 8 & 9) will be replaced before the start of the season.
- Start top dressing fields next week.
- All turf wickets (No. 1, Chaffey, Belmore, Riv 2, 3 & 5) will be available this season. TRC has undertaken extensive work to ensure all wicket tables have access to non-potable water. This will enable TRC to water / prepare these wicket tables regardless of the water restrictions.

CBD Precinct Supervisor (No. 1 Oval)

- Will audit lights prior to season
- Are remediating the low spot adjacent to the wicket. This will be top dressed. This area was also highly irrigated. One spray has been removed from this area.
- Will top dress the field 3rd September
- Have a strong emphasis at the moment on understanding and working with the soil profile.
- The sight screens have been fixed. These are rolling smoothly and have been locked together to move as one.
- A gate will be installed in front of the club house in the coming weeks. This is stop vehicles passing in front of the club house which is a high traffic area.

Sport and Recreation Development Officer

- Cricket has the opportunity to name one end – such as AFL has. This signage and erection of is at Crickets expense. The name and validation of will need to be considered by TRC prior.
- The season cap for 2019/20 is \$75,000. This is the final year of the season cap.
- Queried as to whether volunteering will be utilised this year to reduce fees.
 - Ben informs this has not been looked into as yet but is on the agenda.
- The turf will be laid on the new cricket nets (Chaffey Park and Riverside 1) the weekend of 17th August. This was delayed by 1 week due to bad weather. The glue holding down the turf needs one week to cure before there can be any use. TRC will be arranging media coverage for the opening.
- TRC is currently working on two significant masterplans. These masterplans both include ovals that cricket do / will use.

Masterplan 1: Revision of Bicentennial Park Masterplan. This includes the entire park area from the old velodrome to Bridge St (including No. 1 Oval).

Masterplan 2: Update of, Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence (NICSE) Masterplan. This masterplan will highlight future stages of the NICSE. It is noted, there is a premier oval / stadium on the existing masterplan and this is replicated on the current drafted update. It is envisioned this oval would have all requirements to host elite events such as Big Bash matches and AFL pre season games.

Whilst no decisions have been made, it is unlikely TRC would invest heavily in upgrading No. 1 Oval and build a new oval / stadium and NICSE. Cricket, as a collective unit, are encouraged to consider where they would prefer TRC to invest money for the wider benefit of the sport and the community.

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Whilst considering the aforementioned, noting the updated plan includes indoor cricket training facilities adjacent to the field.

- Encourage cricket to finalise and formalise their strategic plan. It is recommended this be submitted to the Sports Working Group.
- T20 2020 Legacy fund – TRC financially support junior crickets application with a 35% financial contribution. This application was to improve the pull out practice nets at Riverside 1, Riverside 2 and to put in a two lane practice facility at Chauvel Park.
- Acknowledged Greg Kellet's email to Barnaby Joyce. This letter was seeking financial assistance for the touring English side match. Greg met with the GM the morning of this meeting to progress these discussions. A Council Report will be written for the Councillors to consider waiving the fees for this event.
- Detailed to the Cricket Execs Rachel C is going on leave in 3 weeks for an extended period. The sport is reminded all communication regarding bookings is to be emailed to recreationbookings@tamworth.nsw.gov.au. This will ensure it is addressed promptly.
- Annually the Office of Sport (OoS) requests a list of the top sporting infrastructure priorities from each Local Government. TRC's detailed 7 priorities to the OoS, 4 of which are of direct relevance to cricket. These include:
 - NICSE Stage 4 - NICSE Business Precinct & Indoor Cricket Training facilities;
 - NICSE Stage 5 - NICSE Premier Field;
 - Tamworth Sports Field Master Plan - Stage 2 (Barnes Gully Diversion); and
 - Chaffey Park Sport Precinct, Manilla, upgrade of turf sports precinct
- Queried if 3:30 meeting time works. This is not favourable. Meetings moving forward will be 16:00 – 16:45.

Actions

CBD Precinct Supervisor

- Audit lights prior to season

Business Support

- Liaise with Events and Marketing to see what fields are available for Cricket to use on Saturday 18th January 2020.
- Change Operational Meeting time to 16:00 – 16:45.

Cricket

- Update Sport and Rec. with required boundary line distance.

Cricket Manager – Northern Inland

- Assist Tamworth Cricket to finalise Strategic Plan

Next Meeting

11 September, 2019 4pm.