



Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group

**Thursday 6 June 2024
6.00pm
Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass**

MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND FOCUS GROUP

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group will be held in Council Chambers, 209 Comur Street, Yass, on Thursday 6 June 2024, commencing at **6.00pm**

AGENDA

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Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 23 April 2024

3. Staff Reports

- 3.1 Sports Council Update
- 3.2 Open Spaces Strategy Update
- 3.3 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan Review
- 3.4 Grant Funding Opportunities
- 3.5 Council Projects Update
- 3.6 Community Project Discussion
- 3.7 General Business

4. Next Meeting

Close of Meeting Time

CHAIR



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Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 23 April 2024

Present

Crs Kristin Butler and Mike Reid, Paul Trezise (Murrumbateman Tennis Club), Kim Williams (Murrumbateman Tennis Club), Iain McCall (Murrumbateman Community Association), Annaliese Caston (Murrumbateman Community Association), Elizabeth Croser (Murrumbateman Pony Club), Sally Jones (Murrumbateman Adult Riders Club), Katrina Cuthbert (Murrumbateman Little Athletics), Tom White (Murrumbateman Field Days), Steve and Cath McCutcheon (Murrumbateman Lions Club), Mel Cooke and Julie Costa (Yass Valley Council)

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Nil

4. Staff Reports

4.1 MURRUMBATEMAN ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND - SITE RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY

The Community Consultation report prepared by Complete Urban concludes that the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is the preferred site for an all-abilities playground. Two sites within the recreation ground are presented for consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That if the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is the preferred location for the All Abilities Playground further consultation with the user groups be undertaken.

5. Focus Group Discussion

The following is a summary of concerns raised at the meeting:

It was not evident that the report had followed a proper process. The SWOT analysis was impaired and not empirical but relied upon words and interpretations. There is also no financial analysis on the playground or other surrounding issues. The methodology used is considered dubious and independent review may interpret no validity, if relied upon. Greater weight supporting the MCA community survey responses was expressed.

Both options presented for the Recreation Grounds have negative aspects:

- Proposed road on east side of the tennis courts and carpark location is not acceptable
 - Adversely impacts two heritage trees (will need to be removed, if left affected by ground impactions)
 - Poses an increased pedestrian safety risk

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- Current usage of area behind tennis courts is impacted
- Future construction of undercover multi-use courts facility is impacted
- Surrounding issues and consequential works are required to be done.

It was noted that the layouts of both options could be redesigned.

While some groups had no view on a preferred site for the all-abilities playground within the Recreation Grounds (Murrumbateman Tennis Club, Murrumbateman Lions Club, Murrumbateman Adult Riders Club), two groups (Murrumbateman Field Days, Murrumbateman Little Athletics) preferred a location outside the Recreation Grounds.

Murrumbateman Field Days could accept Option B as it could be fenced off and excluded during Field Days event.

Murrumbateman Community Association preferred Option B.

Murrumbateman Pony Club advised their Committee had not yet discussed the options but stated that safety barrier fencing should not be reduced.

Just before the closing of the meeting, the Chair read out the possible recommendation outcome of the Playground Project Committee and the groups noted the old school heritage site is proposed for the all-abilities playground with a fallback location and/or additional future site for Category 1 expansion being the Recreation Grounds.

The groups expressed concern about the Council's budget and the need for more funding for surrounding works (i.e. amenities and parking) as the \$750K grant usage is limited.

6. Next Meeting

6:00pm Thursday 6 June 2024 – location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7:00p.m.