



## **Draft - Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group**

**Wednesday 30 July 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Murrumbateman Community Hall  
East Street, Murrumbateman**

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**Present**

Cr Kristin Butler, John Woods, Alejandro Solano (Lions Club), Stephanie Helm, Annaliese Caston, Rowan Geddes, Judy Breen, Steve Crabb (Murrumbateman Community Association), Rob Farrell, Fred Clark, Brad Jones (Murrumbateman Cricket), Natasha Amerasinghe, Kim Williams (Murrumbateman Tennis Club), Sally Jones (Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club), Anna Marsden (Yass Valley Riding Club), Tessa McMartin (Murrumbateman Pony Club), David Wight (Murrumbateman Little Athletics Club), John Thorn (Murrumbateman Village Market), Tom White (Murrumbateman Field Days), Gayleen Burley, Kate Baker, Nathan Cooke, Mel Cooke, Ralph Kunneke, Helen Prytula (Yass Valley Council).

**Observers**

Stephanie McCall, Matt Baker (community members).

**1. Apologies**

Cr Alvaro Charry, Brent Lello (Murrumbateman Football Club)

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

*That the minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 24 March 2025 be amended and a report presented to Council meeting 28 August 2025 for noting.*

**3. Staff Reports**

**3.1 DRAFT 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND**

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**SUMMARY**

To seek feedback from members of the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Focus Group on the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

*That:*

- 1. The 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be amended from feedback received at the meeting held 30 July 2025 and the updated document be redistributed to members for review.*
- 2. The draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be reviewed by members of the focus group and feedback provided by 5pm on Friday 29 August 2025.*

### 3.2 MURRUMBATEMAN BMX/PUMP TRACK FOCUS GROUP

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#### SUMMARY

To consult with the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group for intended use of the southern sand arena for a pump track site.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That:*

1. *The members note the minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track meeting held on 29 May 2025.*
2. *The members consider the future purpose of the southern sand arena in its review of the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.*
3. *Council to prepare and distribute concept plans of the pump track overlayed onto the three location options and distribute to the focus group members.*
4. *Council considers the below items raised by members for consideration in future planning of a pump track:*
  - *Safe parking and access*
  - *Adequate space for spectators*
  - *Track suitable for all skill levels/abilities*
  - *Facility to be fully fenced*
  - *Community consultation*

#### **5. General Business**

- Council acknowledges the drainage issue near the new ring road which is currently being investigated and monitored.
- Murrumbateman Community Association advised preliminary works for the BBQ and picnic table will begin within the next two weeks. Installation is expected to commence by late September.
- As part of a Council wide program a maintenance schedule will be investigated for Murrumbateman Recreation Ground. The possibility of incorporating assets into a schedule is to be investigated as part of this process.
- Council confirmed the grass used for the sports field is a combination of rye grass (winter grass) and couch grass (summer grass). This combination of grasses is best suited to Yass Valleys climate. Council has implemented a sports field remediation program. This program aims to improve the quality and standard of sporting fields within the Yass LGA. The proposed plan will be completed on a 5-year rotational basis for the fields within the Yass LGA.
- Murrumbateman Community Association raised that Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is at capacity and other locations should be considered for the proposed pump track.

- Murrumbateman Field Days raised that the location of the unloading ramp next to the sand arena would need to be taken into consideration if this area was proposed an alternative purpose.
- Murrumbateman Adult Riders expressed concern over rumours of a second stage BMX track to be placed within the cross country track area. Council advised rumours are fabricated and it has never been discussed within Council or the Pump Track Focus Group.
- Murrumbateman Adult Riders group did express support for construction of a pump track.
- The draft Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Plan of Management be redistributed to members for review and feedback prior to being presented in a report to Council.
- Council to confirm whether the Murrumbateman strategic plan and plan of management are to be placed on public exhibition at the same time.
- At its ordinary meeting to be held on 28 August 2025 a report will be presented detailing a project plan for the BMX/Pump track.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.