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On behalf of the Maitland Sports and Recreation Advisory Board, I would like to welcome you to the eighth edition of Activ8.

In this edition, you will find information regarding the status of Council current projects, recreation projects funded for 2008/2009 in Council's Management Plan, Game Plan 2012, Making the Most of the Olympic Games and the NSW State Age Netball Championships.

Cr Henry Meskauskas
Chairman
Maitland Sports & Recreation Advisory Board

Maitland Sports & Recreation Advisory Board Loans Policy

The Maitland Sports & Recreation Advisory Board Loans Policy was adopted by Council at its 14 August meeting. The Maitland Sports and Recreation Advisory Board aims to provide equitable access to funding for improvements to community, sport and recreation facilities through the distribution of available funds to the community of Maitland. This Policy enables the Board to loan funds to local clubs and community groups for the development of community sport.

Applications are currently open and will be prioritised and assessed on:

- Financial ability to repay loan; and
- Merit of proposal based on identified community recreation needs, having particular regard to projects identified as a part of the Community and Recreation Services Open Space and Recreation Development works programs and planning documents.

Application forms and information have been sent out to user groups and Recreation Boards. The forms are also available from Council's website at www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/Recreation/Sport

Terms & Conditions of Use

In recent weeks, Council has received several reports of user groups and spectators consuming alcohol from glass containers. Council wishes to remind all user groups that under the Terms and Conditions of Use that:

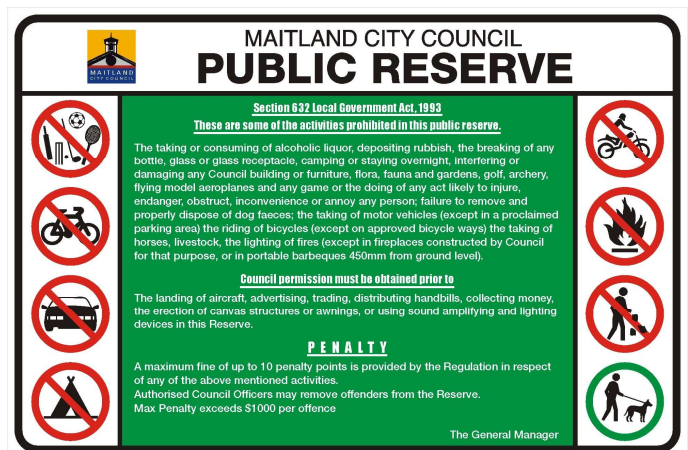
- **Glass containers and bottles are not permitted on any area of the Sportsground.** It is the responsibility of the user groups to ensure that this

rule is enforced. User groups will be charged the cost of removal of glass from the Sportsground.

- All user groups wishing to sell Alcohol will be required to obtain permission from Council with specific dates and times, as well as hold a Temporary or Permanent on-licence (function) in accordance with the *Liquor Act 1982*. All persons who will be carrying out the sales of Alcohol will be required to have a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate. Any persons who are caught consuming Alcohol on Council Property without prior approval; become the responsibility of the user group.

User groups and spectators should be aware of local ordinance signage displayed at each venue which outlines some of the activities prohibited at each venue under Section 632 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

If you see a public park, reserve or sportsground without this signage, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre to request that one be installed.



One example of the latest ordinance signage in public reserves and sportsgrounds.

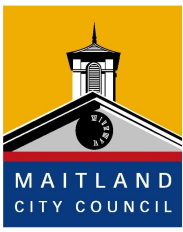
Status Report on Council Projects

Maitland Park Cricket Practice Nets

Works have begun on the practice cricket nets at the southern end of the SMR ground. A total budget of \$30,000 is available.

Somerset Park Amenities Facility

Work on the construction of the Somerset Park Amenities Facility is underway by John Proctor Master Builder. Some delays have been experienced due to wet weather and the need for a hydraulic design for water and sewer.



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Roy Jordan Sports Centre

All floodlighting works have been completed for the new baseball facility at Roy Jordan Sports Centre.

East Maitland Pool Disabled Toilet and Family Room

The construction of a new disabled toilet and parents room at East Maitland Pool has been completed by Ron Cant & Sons.

Riverwalk Seating

The installation of additional tables and seating on the Maitland Riverwalk has been completed.

Fred Harvey Sports Centre, Woodberry

The contract for the construction of Stage 1 of a new amenities block at Fred Harvey Sports Centre has been awarded to Ron Cant & Sons. Works are due to recommence once a Section 50 certificate approval has been received from Hunter Water. It is anticipated that it will take about four weeks to obtain the Section 50 Certificate.

Victoria Street Tennis Courts

Works have now commenced following the tender being awarded to Sports Technology International for the refurbishment of five (5) tennis courts in Victoria Street.

Maitland Park Floodlights

The tender for the installation of additional floodlighting at Maitland Park has been awarded to Scan Industries. The project involves the installation of six (6) new light towers. Work is anticipated to begin in in early August.

A big thankyou to the Maitland Recreation Board and user groups of Maitland Park who have contributed a total of \$60,000 towards the delivery of this project.

Bolwarra Sporting Complex

The final construction work at Bolwarra Sporting Complex training field is in progress. The work also includes the rehabilitation of the access road from Victoria Street to Bolwarra Road. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June at an approximate cost of \$252,000.

A & D Lawrence Sporting Fields

Work on the access road and the car park extension at A & D Lawrence Sporting Fields has been completed at a cost of \$39,500 .

Dates for District Cricket Associations AGM

The Maitland & District Cricket Association would like to inform all clubs and interested people wishing to stand on the District Board that their AGM will be held at Maitland Park Bowling Club on Wednesday 6 August at

6pm for a 6.30pm start

The Maitland & District Junior Cricket Association would like to advise that their AGM will be held at Maitland Park Bowling Club on Tuesday 19 August at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Game on for Game Plan 2012!

NSW's sports five-year plan aims to get more people into sport through more active communities, delivers a new vision for volunteers, innovative funding and different ways of providing sustainable, quality facilities.

Game Plan 2012, the long-term strategic plan for NSW's sport and recreation industry, sets a new direction in centring on strengthening communities, building social capital and recognising sport's essential role in shaping our society and values.

It sees sport as a key contributor to community wellbeing through modelling the core values of team work, friendship, respect for others, discipline, fair play and commitment.

Game Plan 2012, coordinated by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, is the outcome of extensive consultations right across the sports industry—peak bodies, state sporting organisations, associations, schools, and facility providers, including local Councils and Government Agencies.

Game Plan 2012 provides a fresh approach to attracting people into sport and to the sustainability and adequacy of sports facilities and sportsgrounds, given the pressure stemming from the drought and increased participation in sport and recreation in recent years.

It contributes to important aims of the NSW State Plan:

- A 20 per cent increase by 2016 in the number of people using parks, sporting and recreational facilities and participating in the arts and cultural activity;
- A 10 per cent increase in the number of people participating in sport and physical exercise by 2016; and
- A 10 per cent increase in volunteers by 2016 and a higher proportion of the total community involved in volunteering, sport & recreational activity. Game Plan 2012 offers ways of addressing a widening gap between player and volunteer participation in organised sport in NSW. It provides a new vision for volunteers with strategies aimed to increase numbers to ensure sustainability.



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Game Plan 2012 also identifies important challenges facing the sports industry such as time pressures, costs, transport and lack of local facilities. But making sport more affordable and accessible does not necessarily mean physical activity will increase.

There will be regular reviews to help maintain focus, deliver on the Plan's objectives and foster closer collaboration within the industry.

Find out more about Game Plan 2012 at:

www.sportnsw.com.au or www.parks-leisure.com.au

2008/2011 Management Plan Adopted

Following a 28 day public exhibition period, the 2008/2011 Maitland City Council Management Plan was adopted at its 24 June meeting. Recreation Projects to be funded from the 2008/2009 Management Plan include:

- Storage improvements at Bolwarra Sporting Complex, Tenambit Sports Centre & Thornton Park;
- Playground replacements in Ashtonfield, Largs & Woodberry;
- Floodlighting improvements at Bolwarra Sporting Complex & Max McMahon Oval;
- Installation of a safety Start Hill Gate at the BMX facility at Beryl Humble Sports Complex;
- Car park improvements at Beryl Humble Sports Complex and Norm Chapman Oval;
- New accessible drivers stand at the Maitland off/on Road Radio Car Club facility and improvements to Harold Gregson Reserve;
- Additional court surface improvements to the Maitland Park netball courts;
- 50% Council contribution towards a synthetic cricket wicket to be installed at Norm Chapman Oval (NSW Sport & Recreation Grant);
- 50% Council contribution towards two new cricket practice nets at Morpeth Oval (NSW Sport & Recreation Grant);
- Field surface improvements at Fieldsend Oval, Max McMahon Oval & Norm Chapman Oval;
- Fencing Improvements at Tenambit Sports Centre;
- Improvements to spectator seating at Fred Harvey Sports Centre and Norm Chapman Oval.

Thankyou to those groups who provided projects for consideration with their respective Recreation Boards. User groups and Recreation Boards will have the

opportunity again in October to provide projects for consideration in the preparation of future Management Plans.

State Age Netball Championships

Maitland Netball Association's under 17 representative team headed to Baulkham Hills over the June long weekend to compete in Division 2 of the State Age Netball Championships. After 21 matches, the team finished 2nd overall following 17 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. Ballina was crowned the State Champions after winning 19 of their 21 matches.

Congratulations to the under Maitland under 17's on the outstanding result.

The focus now turns to Maitland Park on July 5, 6 & 7 with the Stage Age Netball Championship's being hosted by the Maitland Netball Association. The 2008 Championships are shaping up to be one of the largest sporting events in the southern hemisphere.

This year the event will be played across three venues in the Hunter region to accommodate the continued growth of this state wide sporting event. An expected contingent of over 300 teams are expected to compete.

The championship division for under 12's, 13's, 14's & 15's will be held at Maitland Park, with Maitland fielding teams in each age group of the championship division.

Bloomfield Street, South Maitland will be temporarily closed between Gipps and Devonshire Streets from 6am to 5pm each day from Saturday 5 July to Monday 7 July.

We wish all the girls the best of luck.



Members of the under 17's Maitland Rep team at their State Age Netball Championships over the June long weekend.



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Removal of Highway Advertising Banners

Advertising banners and signage have the potential to distract motorists from the driving task, therefore creating a significant road safety problem. It should be noted that road reserves, which include the road and adjacent footpath areas, are public areas, and are not to be used for the purposes of displaying advertisements—refer to Council's Development Control Plan "Guidelines for Outdoor Advertising". Similar restrictions on advertising are identified in the State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 (SEPP 64).

Owners of the subject banners and signage need to remove their property to avoid having it impounded and disposed of.

It should be noted that advertising on portable variable message signs (VMS) is also banned on ALL road reserves within the Maitland Local Government Area. Portable VMS's within the road reserve should only be used for traffic management or road works information.

The use of Portable VMS's on land adjacent to road reserves will need approval from Council or the Roads and Traffic Authority, depending on the classification of the road.

Making The Most of The Olympic Games

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are amazing events, the ultimate sporting spectacle. Most of us are glued to our TV throughout, getting swept up in the excitement, emotion and thrill of the competition.

We know that the Games hype gets people interested in sport and motivated to be involved. And more than that, it gets them thinking about some very positive sporting values.

Here's how to make the most of the games:

1. Build on the Games to create spirit and involvement at your club

- Organise club nights to watch the Games
- Publish Games results in your newsletter or website
- Get the whole club to sign a hero fax
- Run Olympic themed training sessions

2. Use Games time for fundraising

- Have a gold coin donation day
- Run guessing competitions based on Olympic trivia, medal counts, race times or results

- Hold an Olympic trivia night (go to www.olympics.com.au for lots of trivia)

3. Capture the Olympic spirit—give it meaning at your club

- During the Olympics we often see the very best in sporting values. Draw on performances and highlight outstanding sporting behaviour, as a way of promoting the same behaviour at your club.

4. Capitalise on the interest and capture new members

The Olympics essentially creates free advertising for sport. It's a great opportunity to attract new members and build on the momentum that has been generated. How?

Have the basics in place

- Update your membership forms, website and membership databases
- Be available and prepared—make sure people can find and deal with your club easily

Show the community you support the Olympics

- Put a banner up at your ground wishing the Australian team good luck, or messages on your website or newsletter
- If events involving Australia are taking place on game days, announce the results over the PA.

Promote your club

- Advertise following the Games might prove a worthy investment.
- Run come-n-try events following the Games. This could work particularly if your sport has profiled well during the Games.



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