

COMMITTEE CHARTER

Merriwa Sportsground User Group Sub-Committee

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Background

Following the formation of the Merriwa District Community Advisory Committee (Merriwa District CAC), the Merriwa Sportsground User Group Sub-Committee was established to as an advisory group reporting to the Merriwa District CAC on matters regarding the development of the Merriwa Sporting Precinct.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Merriwa Sportsground User Group Sub-Committee is to monitor the operation of the existing facility and to make recommendations to the Merriwa District CAC on the most appropriate means of developing the Merriwa Sporting Precinct and to support grant applications.

The sub-committee is established to undertake the following functions:

- To investigate, report and make recommendations to the Merriwa District CAC on the following matters for consideration by Council:
 - Liaison with appropriate bodies, for example, grant funding bodies, for the development of the sporting grounds.
 - The development of facilities such as canteens, storage sheds, seating, etc.
 - Any other matter regarding the Upper Hunter Shire that may relate to the Merriwa Sporting Precinct.
 - Developing the Merriwa Sporting Precinct Masterplan

Membership

The membership of the Sub-Committee shall be as follows:

- One (1) Councillor
- One (1) voting representative from the following organisations:
 - a. Merriwa Junior Rugby League & Netball
 - b. Merriwa Little Athletics
 - c. Merriwa Senior Cricket
 - d. Merriwa Senior Rugby League
 - e. Merriwa Tennis
 - f. Merriwa Touch Football Association
 - g. Merriwa Gym
 - h. Merriwa Sports Club
 - i. Merriwa Squash
 - j. Merriwa Golf
- One (1) non-voting representative from the following schools:
 - a. St Joseph's Primary School
 - b. Merriwa Central School
 - c. Merriwa Chamber of Commerce

Councillors may appoint additional members to the sub-committee by resolution at a Council Meeting.

The General Manager or their nominee(s) will be non-voting advisors to this committee.



Chair Person

The chairperson is to be a Councillor elected by the sub-committee

Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of members, including at least one Councillor.

Staff Attending

One member from Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC).

Roles and Responsibilities

Committee members shall make every effort to attend Committee meetings. Where a member is absent for three consecutive meetings without registering an apology their position will be declared vacant.

No member of the Committee is able to make media or public comment on behalf of the Council at any time.

Meetings

Meetings of the sub-committee may be as required with two (2) weeks notice to be given.

Meetings shall commence at the time-resolved by the sub-committee.

The committee will attempt to reach consensus of decisions. In situations where it appears that a consensus cannot be reached upon a recommendation, it will be necessary for the chairperson to call a vote on the proposed recommendation. The vote shall be by a show of hands. In cases of a tied vote, the chairperson will have a casting vote. Any dissent may be recorded at the request of the dissenter(s).

Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the principles of the Code of Meeting Practice and Code of Conduct.

Agenda & Minutes

The business papers (including the Agenda and Minutes) shall be completed by a member of the committee and distributed to all members and to other persons 3 days prior to the meeting date (in accordance with Council policy).

Minutes of the meeting shall be referred to the Merriwa District CAC for consideration and recommendations from the sub-committee shall be effective only after adoption by Council.



Version History

Version No.	Date	CM Ref#	Reason for Review
1	24/02/2025	CD-8/25	New term of Council