

Preparing for a New Future

Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Board are working with their User Groups, other Stakeholder Agencies and Organisations to refresh the direction of the organization and it's Governance.

Launching of our Newsletter

Win a \$100 Shopping Voucher Enter a Name now. We are launching official Newsletter to improve communication, share achievements, to assist in marketing both internally and externally. User Groups can add to the monthly newsletter share information.

As we value your contribution in launching this exciting new direction, your ideas on naming this Newsletter are appreciated. As a token of appreciation, all suggested names received by 18 December 2013 will be placed in a "Hat " and the lucky User Group whose name to be drawn, will receive a \$100 Christmas Shopping voucher, to be spent at Casuarina Shopping Centre. Just put your suggestion and name and telephone number on the suggestion and send it to at fredspassreserve@bigpond.com

The first official newsletter will distributed in January to all User Groups, through Litchfield Council's website, be sent to our local politicians, to Sport and Recreation, to local newspapers and to any other stakeholders. This we know will generate free publicity for the User Groups.

Constitutional Alterations

Currently the Board is reviewing their Constitution and the impact of the introduction of sub-licensing arrangements with each of the User Groups. The proposed amendments will be circulated in January to User Groups and Stakeholders prior to a Special General Meeting to make any agreed changes. There will be ample time for each User Group to meet before comments close.

Head Lease

The Board has been in negotiation with the Litchfield Council over the Head Lease which covers the next 12 years. This lease will give surety to how the Board works with the Council and with its User Groups and delineate responsibility in a very clear manner.

Due to the various Acts and Regulations, the Agreements with the User Groups will be Sub-licenses rather than leases.

This will reduce the red tape which would be necessary particularly if User Groups want to make alterations to infrastructure or areas.

The Sub-licenses draft is currently sitting with lawyers who are drawing up a draft for User Group input into the following elements:

- Responsibilities of each party
- Costs of sub-licensed areas taking into consideration share use areas
- Various Schedule content.

Once we have a draft document we will start discussions with each User Group about their specific requirements, areas involved and cost of maintenance formulas. We would expect this to occur during February and March once everyone returns from holidays and we can have good discussions which will ensure each User Group's specific requirements are taken into consideration.

Annual General Meeting

The 26th saw the AGM occur, thank you to all those User Groups who attended. Congratulations to our Chairman Anthony Venes and to Cecilia Coleman, Judy Cole, Mathew Salter, John Piening, Glen Morcom and Cheryl Owens. The Board has some exciting and challenging times ahead as they explore what the future looks like. As the Master Plan evolves many of the Board members will work with the User Groups to clarify their needs and expectations.

The Board looks forward to setting up new relationships with the User Groups.

Achievements over the past Twelve Months

The Northern Territory Government and Sport and Recreation assisted the Reserve in completing a range of upgrade works.

These works were not as extensive as we would have liked given the time constraints.



Top Soil for Rugby Union Field

Upgrade Works

Upgrade of the Cottage, renovation works to Wilkie Pavilion, upgrade works on the stables, renovations of the Beehive meeting space, Certification of the Cricket Clubhouse and Certification and upgrade of the Public Ablution Blocks.

We were able to supply topsoil to the Rugby Union Fields, build a new equestrian Ablution Block, and replace and upgrade Playground equipment. Fencing was done at Lakeview Hall, Litchfield Football grounds, extended the fence and fitted new gates to the Equestrian area And leveled the sand in the Indoor Arena.



Wilkie Pavilion under construction

These upgrades have enabled some of our User Groups to have much improved facilities. Given the time constraints the Reserve is a much better place for the work undertaken. With that we also recognize that there is much still to be done.

Strategic Plan

The Board is working with Sharyn Innes Consultancies to develop a new Strategic Plan to drive the direction of the Board for the next five years. This Strategic Plan is being done in conjunction with the Master Planning Process.

Future Development of Fred's Pass

The Board will be working with User Groups to create a new Master Plan to give direction to the new works required.

The Master Plan will define the infrastructure, signage and landscape development of the Reserve for the next 5 years. This Plan will include both the common areas and ideally development plans for each of the User Groups. This will give an overall vision of the Reserve in 5 – 8 years time. The Plan will enable the Board to look at such issues as power and water supply to the site, signage, parking, lighting, amenities and general development of ovals and other spaces.

As an initial part of the process the Board surveyed User Groups in September and a special thank you to the many User Groups who responded to our User Group Questionnaire. Many of the comments are now driving the changes we are making as a Board.



Beehive Meeting Space

Sharyn will coordinate this process and be in touch with each User Group in the near future. She has the Questionnaire Responses and has started to investigate key areas of concern.

Due to the holiday season her consultations will focus on who is available when and when the various groups have

their meetings. Meetings will occur between December and the end of February.

This process will enable us to understand the following requirements:

- what are the realistic infrastructure development requirements for each group
- the number of members Groups have now, and estimate future growth projections
- what power and water requirements are needed
- what new playing spaces are needed over the next five to eight years.
- what common area development is needed.

This input will build into an entire Master Plan. This will enable the Board to more easily support User Groups in their future infrastructure needs and work towards having support infrastructure for those groups.

Sharyn looks forward to working with each User Group and will, as the Master Plan develops, ensure the information flows in a manner that the User Groups and their members have access to and have input into that Plan.

She will be available to attend individual User Group Board meetings to gain an insight into the areas that will need addressing. Her contact details are email: sharyn.innes@bigpond.com or call her on 0400 626 065.

Summary

There will be much happening over the first few months next year and we encourage all User Groups to become involved and have input on the further direction of the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve. Your views are important as you, your members and your children, are key Stakeholders alongside the Litchfield Council and the Northern Territory Government.

Merry Christmas

The Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Management Board wishes all employees and User Groups a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2014.

We are looking forward to working with all Groups and Stakeholders in the New Year on transforming the Reserve to be the top sporting and recreation facility in the Territory.

