

WSSCCC Meeting 13 – Minutes

Meeting:	Western Sydney Stadium CCC - Meeting 13
Date:	Monday, 15 February 2021
Location:	Videoconference - MS Teams
Time:	17.00 – 18.00 PM
Independent Chair:	Darryl Watkins (DW)
Attendees:	Megan Phelps, Community Member (MP) Brad Main, Parramatta Lions JAFC (BM) Dianne Rigg, Venues NSW (DR) Joe Achmar, Venues NSW (JA) Dee Brock, Venues NSW – Guest (DB) George Perry, VenuesLive - Guest Speaker (GP) Anna Sessink, Independent Minute Taker (AS)
Apologies:	Anthea Hall, City of Parramatta Council (AH) Raymond Haddad, Community Member (RH) Daryl Kerry, VenuesLive (DK)

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<p>Welcome (DW)</p> <p>DW welcomed committee members to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>DW welcomed guests Dee Brock and George Perry.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Raymond Haddad, Anthea Hall and Daryl Kerry.</p> <p>DW advised that the meeting had been brought forward due to his upcoming departure from KJA/ERM. In discussion with committee members and Venues NSW this approach was preferred over securing a different independent chair for the final meeting initially planned for March 2021.</p>	
<p>Code of Conduct & Pecuniary / Non-pecuniary Interests (DW)</p> <p>DW referred to the Code of Conduct and pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests register.</p>	
<p>Meeting 12 - Action Items (DW)</p> <p>The action items from Meeting 12 were reviewed by DW. Meeting 12 action items listed below:</p> <p><u>Action item 1:</u> DR to provide map of the land swap area between Parramatta Park Trust and Venues NSW at the next CCC meeting in March 2021</p> <p><u>Action item 2:</u> DR to provide update on the future development site in the north east corner of the Bankwest Stadium site at the next CCC meeting in March 2021</p> <p>DR advised that the land swap area is still being finalised between Venues NSW and Parramatta Park Trust for submission to City of Parramatta Council. An update on the</p>	

<p>map and future development site was planned for March and are yet to be confirmed. DR will reach out to interested committee members individually once an update is available.</p> <p>MP, who had raised the matters at previous CCC meetings, was agreeable with this approach.</p> <p><u>Action item 3:</u> GP to follow up on concern regarding adherence to COVID-19 requirements at Pixar Putt events with VenuesLive and event promoter</p> <p>GP provided an update on progress made since the last meeting. The Pixar Putt event organisers had been contacted to ensure COVID Safe plans are adhered to at all times. Random checks were performed to ensure compliance and no issues were identified.</p> <p><u>Action item 4:</u> DR to set up meeting between DW and new CEO once appointed</p> <p>This action item is no longer relevant.</p> <p><u>Action item 5:</u> DR to provide media announcement of new board and CEO to DW for distribution to CCC Members.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><u>Action item 6:</u> DW to be the point of contact for Sydney Metro West to forward details on future project progress to CCC members.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>No further questions were raised on the action items.</p>	
<p>Venues NSW Update (JA)</p> <p>JA provided an update on recent Venues NSW developments.</p> <p><u>Merge Venues NSW & SCGT</u></p> <p>Venues NSW has now merged with the SCGT to become a new entity. The new Board of the entity is chaired by Tony Shepherd and involves various committees, including membership committees and regional committees. The entity is responsible for precincts as well as precinct surroundings, which is beneficial for Bankwest Stadium and the community. Two board meetings were held since the new board commenced in December 2020. The next board meeting is planned for next week.</p> <p>The transition into the new entity has been the main focus of the Venues NSW team over the last few months.</p> <p><u>Comments, Questions and Answers</u></p> <p>Q: DW enquired about challenges with regards to culture integration during the merger process.</p> <p>A: JA advised that a coordinated approach was taken to managing the stadium network and staff has been prioritised and well taken care of during the process. DR confirmed that extensive effort was made to ensure the integration of culture and operations was as seamless as possible.</p> <p>Q: MP asked how Venues NSW and the new entity are now referred to.</p> <p>A: JA said the name remains Venues NSW. The Venues NSW legislation remains in place while SCGT legislation was repealed. Separate Membership Committees were established to coordinate membership matters across the stadium network. Stadium Australia and Bankwest Stadium will continue to be operated by VenuesLive.</p> <p>Q: MP then asked how the parklands around Bankwest Stadium are now governed.</p> <p>A: DR advised these are part of the Parramatta Park Trust, which in turn is part of Greater Sydney Parklands. For background information, the following link was shared: https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/great-public-spaces/open-space/greater-sydney-parklands</p>	
<p>Bankwest Stadium Operational Report (GP)</p> <p>GP presented a brief update on Bankwest Stadium Operations.</p>	

<p>A wide variety of events took place at the Stadium recently. This includes special events and functions unrelated to professional sports such as a function held for charity partner Ronald McDonald House and the Celebrating Girls In Sport Festival.</p> <p>The new Hoops Coffee House was recently opened opposite the basketball courts on O'Connell St.</p> <p><u>Comments, Questions and Answers</u></p> <p>Q: MP commented on the good coffee she had ordered from Hoops Coffee House the other day and asked if the cafe was part of the original plans for Bankwest Stadium.</p> <p>A: GP explained that the opportunity for Hoops Coffee House was not part of the original design and was identified at a later stage.</p> <p>Q: MP enquired about the types of customers at different times of the day.</p> <p>A: GP advised that various options are being explored, including catering for kids parties at the nearby playground.</p> <p>DW thanked Venues NSW and VenuesLive for their updates.</p>	
<p>Communication with Broader Community and Q&As (All)</p> <p>MP wondered if Bankwest Stadium has been considered as a vaccination venue for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout as similar venues overseas have been used for this purpose. MP noted Bankwest stadium may be suitable, also considering its location near Westmead Hospital.</p> <p>GP advised that VenuesLive has an existing relationship with NSW Health and has experience in providing catering services for COVID-19 quarantine facilities. VenuesLive has reached out to NSW Health regarding Stadium Australia as a vaccination venue. NSW Health has not yet taken up the offer.</p> <p>MP noted the draft Westmead Place Strategy is currently on public exhibition and open for comment until 31 March 2021. The draft Strategy provides only a small number of references to Bankwest Stadium and its importance in relation to the Westmead Precinct. MP suggested to make an individual submission to the draft Strategy and encouraged others to do so as well.</p>	
<p>CCC Closure Process (DW)</p> <p>DW asked Venues NSW if the CCC meeting minutes will continue to be available on the Bankwest website after the closure of the CCC. JA said this is a discussion point and the minutes will probably remain published on the website for a period of time.</p> <p>DW noted that annual reports of the CCC performance are also published on the website of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, with all meeting minutes attached to the reports.</p>	
<p>Final Comments (DW)</p> <p>DW thanked all Committee Members for their collaborative approach and constructive contributions during the course of the Committee. DW acknowledged the efforts of community members in seeking knowledge from the community. DW also showed appreciation of the tasks performed by the independent minute takers over the years.</p> <p>DR and JA thanked DW for his leadership and diligence during the process and community members for their time and valuable contributions. JA invited community members to contact VenuesNSW at any time should they wish to discuss any matters relevant to the Stadium.</p> <p>GP also thanked DW and the community members. The CCC process made a positive contribution to the success of the Bankwest stadium as a community asset.</p>	
<p>Close Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 17:40 PM</p>	