

## **4 DISSOLUTION OF TOOMUC RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Toomuc Recreation Reserve Committee be dissolved and the members of the Committee be thanked for their service.

### **Attachments**

Nil

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Toomuc Recreation Reserve Committee at a meeting held on 9 September resolved that the Committee be disbanded and management of the reserve revert to the Council. Therefore it is necessary to formally resolve to dissolve the Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Toomuc Recreation Reserve Committee passed a resolution at a recent meeting to disband. As this Committee was formally established by resolution of the Council it is necessary for the Council to now formally resolve that the Committee be dissolved.

Council staff are meeting with the Committee to discuss the transition to Council management and maintenance including financial and governance matters, seasonal allocation process for Summer 2019/20, planned events and maintenance. A project plan and transition process has been developed to ensure the intricacies of management handover are resolved as best possible without disruption to the levels of services for the sporting groups accessing the reserve.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Council staff will initiate a Seasonal Allocation Process for all clubs onsite in accordance with the Recreation Reserve Management and Usage Policy.

### **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

The following aspects of the Council Plan will be implemented while transitioning the management and maintenance of Toomuc Recreation Reserve from the Committee to Council:

#### **1. Our People**

We support a variety of needs and lifestyles through programs and activities that promote and develop the wellbeing of Cardinia Shire's people.

#### **2. Our Community**

We will foster a strong sense of connection between Cardinia Shire's diverse communities.

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## CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Council staff have worked very closely with the Committee since early 2019 in an attempt to help strengthen the governance processes and relationships for the Reserve Committee.

Council staff will continue to work with outgoing committee members and the tenant sporting clubs through the transition process.

The Active Communities Business Unit has been working with relevant staff across Council regarding the dissolution of the Toomuc Recreation Reserve Committee and transition of the reserve to Council management and maintenance. This has included finance, governance, buildings and facilities and parks operations.

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The existing financial resources of the Section 86 Committee will be transferred to Council and all existing outstanding bills of the Committee to contractors will be paid.

There is an ongoing financial and staff resource cost to Council of bringing the management and maintenance of Toomuc Recreation Reserve in-house. Council currently has \$100,852 allocated for the 2019/20 financial year as a maintenance allocation for Toomuc Recreation Reserve.

The cost to bring the sports field to a suitable standard if required and any additional cost to maintain the reserve ongoing will be taken from the existing operating budget. Additional ongoing funds will be sought as part of the 2020/21 budget preparation process.

## CONCLUSION

As the Toomuc Recreation Reserve Committee has resolved to disband it is necessary for the Council to formally resolve to dissolve the Committee.