

## **9 BASKETBALL IN CARDINIA SHIRE**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note this report.

### **Attachments**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Councillors passed a motion at the November 18 Council meeting seeking information about basketball within Cardinia Shire.

This report details basketball participation and court usage across the four Council operated indoor stadiums in Cardinia Shire and other stadiums in the Shire not managed by Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 18 November 2019, Council passed the following motion:

‘That Council officers prepare a report for the February 2020 Council meeting detailing the current status of basketball in Cardinia.

The report to include:

- Current participation rates at council’s existing council basketball facilities
- Occupancy of courts across the municipality’s courts.
- What infrastructure requirements at existing facilities is required to maximise usage
- Details regarding proposed additional courts, stadium extensions and the building of new basketball facilities and their expected timeframes.

Council owns thirteen (13) multipurpose indoor courts. These courts are managed on Council's behalf through a variety of agreements: eight (8) courts are located at Cardinia Life in Pakenham, three (3) at the Officer Community Hub (OCH) with one (1) court each at the Bunyip Auditorium and Cockatoo Stadium.

### **Cardinia Life**

The eight (8) courts at Cardinia Life are managed by Aligned Leisure as part of the major facility management contract; this includes the administration of the Pakenham & District Basketball Association competitions.

Basketball rings can be lowered on four of the eight courts at Cardinia Life; the basketball rings are lowered to 8 feet to allow under 8's to play.

Cardinia Life court usage is as per the table below.

| Monday  | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday                                       | Friday   | Saturday                                    | Sunday   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| 4:50PM - 11PM   | Netball<br>4:45pm - 10pm<br>6 courts | 6:30PM - 11PM   | 4PM - 6PM                                      | 4 PM - 6PM   | 8:30AM - 8:20PM                             | 8AM - 1PM  |
| 8 Courts  | Netball<br>6:15pm - 10pm<br>2 courts | 4 Courts  | 8 Courts                                       | 8 Courts   | 8 Courts                                    | 8 Courts   |
| Domestic Competition - Under 16s boys, Under 18's boy's, women's and mixed. |                                      | Domestic Competition  | Club Training                                  | Club Training  | Domestic Competition Under 8's - Under 16's | Pakenham Warriors<br>PDBA Junior Representative Training |
|   |                                      | Netball<br>4pm-6pm<br>3 courts<br><br>4pm-10:30pm<br>4 Courts | 6:30PM - 11PM<br>8 Courts<br>Men's Competition | 6PM - 11PM<br>4 Courts<br>VJBL<br>Competition - Pakenham Warriors* |   | Netball<br>4 courts<br>5pm-6:30pm                        |

\* Friday nights is the only night that isn't fully utilized, the Victorian Junior Basketball League use only 4 courts between 6pm & 10pm. Domestic clubs struggle to use this availability to train due to their players playing in the representative program.

Currently, there are 444 teams registered with over 3900 players registered in total. Peak court occupancy is at 88.3% and off peak occupancy at 33.1% (weekdays) and 63.6% (weekends). Peak Occupancy is from 4pm to 10:30pm on weeknights and from 9am to 4pm on Saturdays. Off peak occupancy is 8am - 4pm on weekdays after 4pm on Saturdays and on Sundays.

There are a total of 631 registered stadium teams across Basketball and Netball for the 2019/20 Summer season at Cardinia Life. This is the highest number of registered teams at Cardinia Life, this figure is likely to decrease for the 2020 winter season as historically participation is not as high during winter (due to football and netball participation). To help allow for more basketball and netball at Cardinia Life Floorball has moved to the Officer Community Hub.

### **Officer Community Hub**

Officer Community Hub's three (3) court stadium is also managed by Aligned Leisure as part of the major facility contract. The Officer Community Hub is within the grounds of the Officer Secondary College and a joint use agreement between the school and Council is in place.

The PDBA and Aligned Leisure have approached Council for approval to relocate junior domestic games on Saturday mornings from Cardinia Life to the Officer Community Hub starting from the 2020 winter season. The relocation of these games will ease the need for scheduling of games at Cardinia Life in the Saturday evening.

Council are in the process of organising for the rings to be altered at OCH allowing them to be lowered to 8 feet when required (same as at Cardinia Life), this will allow PDBA and Aligned Leisure to fixture under 8's games at OCH for the winter 2020 season.

| Monday                            | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday     | Thursday   | Friday        | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|----------|--------|
| 4PM - 6:45PM                      | 4PM - 5PM                                 | 4PM - 8PM     | 4:30PM - 5:30PM  | 4PM - 5:30PM  |          |        |
| 1 Court                           | 1 Court                                   | 3 Courts      | 3 Courts   | 2 Courts      |          |        |
| Club Training                     | Club Training                             | Club Training | Club Training  | Club Training |          |        |
| 2 courts are used by other sports | 5PM - 8:30PM<br>3 Courts<br>Club Training |               | 5:30PM - 8:30PM<br>1 Court<br>Club Training<br>2 courts are used for floorball competition |               |          |        |

### The Bunyip Auditorium

The Bunyip Auditorium is managed by a volunteer Section 86 committee, the committee hire the court to the Warragul & District Basketball Association (WDBA) and the Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club. The WDBA use the Bunyip Auditorium and other facilities in the Baw Baw Shire Council to host their senior and junior competitions.

The Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club have thirty (30) junior and seven (7) senior teams with a total of 225 junior members. The Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club use the Bunyip Auditorium for training, during summer some teams use outdoor basketball courts at Columba Primary School in Bunyip.

| Monday                             | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                             | Thursday                           | Friday                             | Saturday     | Sunday |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 4PM - 6PM<br>Bunyip Bulls Training | 4PM - 6PM<br>Bunyip Bulls Training | 4PM - 8:30PM<br>Bunyip Bulls Training | 4PM - 6PM<br>Bunyip Bulls Training | 4PM - 6PM<br>Bunyip Bulls Training | Aussie Hoops |        |
| WDBA Senior comp 3 games           | WDBA Junior basketball comp 5      |                                       | WDBA Junior basketball comp 4      | WDBA Junior basketball comp 3      |              |        |

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### **Cockatoo Indoor Sports Complex**

Cockatoo Indoor Sports Complex is managed by the Sherbrook Amateur Basketball Association (SABA) who have an agreement with Council. The agreement between Council and SABA dates back to 2007 and is currently in over hold. Council pays \$26,000 + GST per annum to SABA to manage and maintain the facility, SABA administer and operate their own basketball competition.

| Monday                              | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                     | Thursday                                  | Friday                               | Saturday                               | Sunday |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------|
| 3:45PM - 6:45PM<br>Club<br>Training | 9:30AM - 10:30AM<br>Exercise<br>Class   | 4PM - 7PM<br>Club<br>Training | 9:30AM - 10:30AM<br>Exercise<br>Class     | 9:30AM - 12PM U3A<br>Table<br>Tennis | 7:30AM - 8:30PM<br>Exercise<br>Class   |        |
| 7PM-8PM<br>Exercise<br>Class        | 10:45AM - 1:15PM<br>U3A Table<br>Tennis | 7PM-8PM<br>Exercise<br>Class  | 5:30PM - 10:30PM<br>Senior<br>competition | 6Pm-7PM<br>Club<br>Training          | 8:30AM-4:30PM<br>Junior<br>Competition |        |
|                                     | 4:30PM - 7:30PM<br>Club<br>Training     |                               |   |                                      |  |        |

In addition to the abovementioned Council owned and managed facilities some schools within Cardinia have indoor courts and stadiums. Due to the high amount of usage at Cardinia Life some clubs have organised their own agreements with schools to use their courts. Attached is a table of schools that have indoor courts and stadiums, and how they are being utilised.

### **Future planning**

Council's draft Recreation Strategy uses a conservative Basketball Victoria ratio of 1 court per 8,000 population to determine court needs within the shire.

That ratio, in combination with forecast population figures to 2030, suggests Cardinia Shire needs 22 indoor courts by that year.

Please note that the recreation strategy is in draft form only. Council officers are currently undertaking a review of the draft strategy prior to presentation to Council.

In addition to the existing 13 courts mentioned above, planned future courts include:

- Cardinia Life x 4
- Gin Gin Bin x 4
- Bunyip Auditorium x 1

Delivery of these planned courts will see Cardinia Shire meet the requirements for indoor courts based on the above ratio. (22 courts).

Council Officers submitted a priority project advocacy sheet as part of the 2018 State Government Election and 2019 Federal Election. Council has included funding the future draft capital works

program for the extension of Cardinia Life. However, the timing of planned future courts will rely on required funding being available.

Additional courts at Cardinia Life form part of the broader facility redevelopment, and are aligned with the strategic planning for and work on aquatic facilities in the growth corridor. Proceeding with any specific element of the proposed redevelopment of Cardinia Life (e.g. indoor courts) will still require detailed planning of all aspects of the redevelopment.

Council Officers are currently working with the Crown Land Reserve Committee of Management at Bunyip Recreation Reserve to find a suitable and agreed location for an additional court as part of the existing auditorium. Restrictions on the site mean that the court is highly unlikely to fit elsewhere on the site. Officers are hoping for a resolution and progress within the next few months.

Council Officers submitted a priority project advocacy sheet as part of the 2018 State Government Election and 2019 Federal Election for the extension of the Bunyip Auditorium to provide an additional court. .. Council has included funding in the draft Capital Works program to progress the design and implementation of the proposed court extension at Bunyip Auditorium. However, the timing of planned future court will rely on required funding being available and the approval of the Committee of Management and DELWP as land owner.

Space limitations at the proposed Gin Gin Bin Reserve mean that it is unlikely all aspects of the masterplan will fit on the site. As such, the State Government has been approached about a joint Masterplan for Gin Gin Bin Reserve and the adjacent proposed school facility. The State Government has no plans to develop this school between now and the year 2022. Detailed planning and development of the proposed indoor courts at Gin Gin Bin Reserve is dependent upon the timing of the planning and development of the adjacent school by the State Government.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Basketball participation in Cardinia Shire aligns with the following sections of the Council Plan:

Our People

- 1.2 Access to support services and programs for young people
- 1.4 Improved health and wellbeing for all
- 1.5 Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

Our Community

- 2.3 Increased levels of community participation

## **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Council Officers have consulted with a number of key stakeholders for basketball in Cardinia including

- Aligned Leisure
- PDBA
- SABA
- Bunyip Auditorium CoM (Committee of Management)

- Schools in Cardinia Shire
- Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A potential funding stream for future provision of indoor courts/stadiums is the Sport and Recreation Victoria Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. The Local Sports Infrastructure Fund is a state-wide competitive Victorian Government investment program that provides a range of grant opportunities across five funding streams with a total of \$22 million available. The five streams for the 2020/21 program are:

- Aquatic Centres & Indoor Stadiums
- Strategic Facilities
- Female Friendly Facilities
- Community Facilities
- Planning

Up to \$2 Million can be applied for through the Aquatic Centres & Indoor Stadiums stream, however Council can only submit one application for funding across the Strategic Facilities and Aquatic Centres and Indoor Stadiums streams. Detailed design plans of the proposed works are required before these applications can be submitted.

SLT and Councillors have already supported a grant application for the 2020/21 Strategic Facilities stream (Comely Banks), submissions close in February 2020.

## CONCLUSION

In the short term, due to limited access to courts at Cardinia Life some clubs have already entered into agreements with schools to utilise their facilities outside of school hours. Council officers will continue to liaise with the local basketball clubs and be a conduit between them and schools with indoor basketball facilities for hire.

PDBA and Aligned Leisure to play under 8's games at Officer Community Hub from Winter 2020 will help to ease the amount of scheduled games at Cardinia Life. Fixtured games at OCH will allow the competition administrator to potentially remove the later Saturday evening fixtures.

The availability of the Bunyip Auditorium on Saturday afternoons may also allow some games to be scheduled at the venue. If this option was to be pursued an agreement between the PDBA, Aligned Leisure and the Bunyip Auditorium CoM (Committee of Management) would need to be put in place.

In the future, 9 additional courts are planned for within Cardinia Shire. Council can apply for grant funding in the coming years for the provision of more courts within Cardinia Shire through the Aquatic Centres and Indoor Stadiums stream.

Planned future courts will ensure Cardinia Shire meets requirements for the number of indoor courts within the shire, however some uncertainty exists with the timing of delivery of those future courts.

| School                                      | Township           | Indoor Courts | Notes   |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---|
| Beaconhills Christian College               | Pakenham           | 2             | Available for hire/Use of a Friday<br>Currently used on Tues, Wed and Thurs by Pakenham District basketball.<br>Meets standards for Play                |
| Berwick Grammar School                      | Officer            | 1             | Open to applications to hire but currently no user wants to pay hire fee - which needs to be minimum of \$150 to cover cleaning cost. Weekday hire only |
| Chairo Christian School                     | Pakenham           | 2             | Meet Basketball standard<br>School has a group who uses regularly - wouldn't be looking to hire to others   |
| Emerald Primary School                      | Emerald            | 1.5           | Unsure if meets standards<br>Emerald lakers use for training - school would be open to user groups on days Lakers not using.                            |
| Heritage College                            | Officer            | 1             | Meets standards<br>Not currently hired out but would accommodate after hours and Sundays  |
| Maranatha Christian School - Officer Campus | Officer            | 1             | Unsure if it meets standards. School community groups utilise - available for hire and has availability   |
| Officer Special School                      | Officer            | Half court    |   |
| St Thomas Aquinas College                   | Tynong             | 1             |   |
| Beaconsfield Primary School                 | Beaconsfield       | Yes           |   |
| Beaconsfield Upper Primary School           | Beaconsfield Upper | 1             | Thinks it meets standard - Interested in Hiring out to groups not currently utilised by any   |
| Bridgewood Primary                          | Officer            | 1             | Unsure if meets standard. Currently utilised by groups but does have further availability   |
| John Henry Primary                          | Pakenham           | Yes           | Facility is currently managed by the YMCA   |
| Pakenham Primary                            | Pakenham           | 1             | Not currently Available for hire - looking to hire maybe in 12mths<br>Meets standard  |

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| Pakenham Consolidated School                     | Pakenham     |     |   |
| Pakenham Hills Primary School                    | Pakenham     | 1   | Available for hire and thinks it meets basketball Vic standards   |
| Pakenham Lakeside Primary                        | Pakenham     | 1   | Doesn't think meets standards and not currently hired   |
| Pakenham Springs Primary School                  | Pakenham     | 1   | Fully booked - Clubs, karate and after school   |
| St Patricks Primary School                       | Pakenham     | 1   | Limited availability - are available for hire, currently utilised by Pakenham Lakers and school team  |
| Emerald Secondary College                        | Emerald      | 2   | Hire them out most days, netball, and gymnastics. Occasion use on Saturdays during netball winter   |
| Pakenham Secondary College                       | Pakenham     |     | Do not hire out, used for school purposes only.   |
| Koo Wee Rup Secondary College                    | Koo Wee Rup  |     |   |
| Officer Secondary College                        | Officer      | 3   | JUA agreement with Council for use after school hours, weekends and holidays. Aligned Leisure as part of the major facilities contract manage the facility. |
| St. Francis Xavier College - Beaconsfield Campus | Beaconsfield | 2   | Do not hire out, used for school purposes only.   |
| St. Francis Xavier College - Officer Campus      | Officer      | 1   | Do not hire out, used for school purposes only.   |
| Bayles Regional Primary School                   | Bayles       | N/A | Outdoor only  |
| Bunyip Primary School                            | Bunyip       | N/A | Outdoor Only  |
| Gembrook Primary School                          | Gembrook     | N/A | Outdoor only  |
| Koo Wee Rup Primary School                       | Koo Wee Rup  | N/A | Outdoor only  |
| Lang Lang Primary School                         | Lang Lang    | N/A | Outdoor only  |
| Nar Nar Goon Primary School                      | Nar Nar Goon | N/A | Outdoor only  |
| Officer Primary School                           | Officer      | N/A |   |
| Cockatoo Primary School                          | Cockatoo     | N/A | Outdoor only  |



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| Cardinia Primary School                              | Cardinia     | N/A | Outdoor court with shade sail |
| Columba Catholic Primary School                      | Bunyip       | N/A | Outdoor only                  |
| Dandenong Ranges Steiner School and Kindergarten Inc | Emerald      | N/A |                               |
| Garfield Primary School                              | Garfield     | N/A | Outdoor court                 |
| Glenvale School                                      | Officer      | N/A |                               |
| Lakeside Lutheran College                            | Pakenham     | N/A | Outdoor court                 |
| Minaret College                                      | Officer      | N/A |                               |
| St Brigid's Catholic Primary School                  | Officer      | N/A |                               |
| St Clare's   | Officer      | N/A |                               |
| St James Catholic Primary School                     | Nar Nar Goon | N/A | Outdoor only                  |
| St John the Baptist Primary School                   | Koo Wee Rup  | N/A |                               |