

6.2.2 Table Tennis Petition Response

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Recommendation(s)

That Council:

- a) Note the petition.
- b) Support table tennis players by requesting officers provide a range of suitable funding opportunities for the Beaconsfield Community Complex to consider and continue to promote widely the competition grade table tennis program and facility at Cardinia Life, and
- c) Request officers write to the lead petitioner thanking them for the request and advising Council's resolution.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

A petition (six signatures) has been received requesting construction of a new table tennis facility at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. Officers will support users at this site to identify a range of funding opportunities for upgrades to their equipment and the facility. Cardinia Shire has a competition grade facility at Cardinia Life which offers capacity, air quality, and a competition grade lighting environment. Council's forthcoming draft recreation strategy will include a review of all sports provision (including table tennis) to provide future direction for investment.

Background

A petition (six signatures) was received requesting construction of a new table tennis facility at Beaconsfield Community Complex. The petition requests lighting at a 900 lux (international/Olympic competition standard) and improved equipment.

Officers will support users at the Beaconsfield Community Complex by identifying relevant funding opportunities to upgrade their equipment, ensuring it better meets their needs.

A table tennis competition is run nearby (\$5 entry) at Cardinia Life on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:30 in the indoor stadium. On site staff assist with set-up/pack-up and the space has both high quality and capacity. Cardinia Life has high quality lighting at 300-400 lux (recommended by Table Tennis Victoria for local competition). The stadium has air handling to assist airflow, a sprung floor, multiple drinking fountains (cooled and filtered), changerooms and a café where players gather socially.

Through the development of Council's draft recreation strategy, officers will ensure table tennis is identified, and that the strategy provides a clear direction for the sport in Cardinia.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Relevance to Council Plan

1.1 Our People - Access to a variety of services for all

1.1.1 Continually review services to ensure those provided by Council meet community needs.

1.4 Our People - Improved health and wellbeing for all

1.4.3 Routinely investigate community health and wellbeing issues to inform Council's planning and activities.

1.5 Our People - Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Nil.

Consultation/Communication

Petition received from table tennis users at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil.

Conclusion

Officers will support users to identify grant opportunities for upgrades to equipment. An existing program operating at Cardinia Life will be further promoted and a review of all sports investment (including table tennis) will be included in the new recreation strategy development.