

## 6 Ordinary Business

### 6.1 Town Planning Reports

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#### 6.2.1 Officer Tennis Club Petition Response

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#### Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. Note the officer response to the Officer Tennis Club petition provided in this report and the works proposed to improve the accessibility of the toilet facility.
2. Consider this project in accordance with building upgrade priorities which informs future capital works programs.
3. Thanks the lead petitioner for the petition and request Council officers to advise the lead petitioner of Council's resolution.

#### Attachments

Nil

#### Executive Summary

A petition has been received from the Officer Tennis Club requesting upgrades to their facilities to make them more accessible and female friendly.

The Tennis Club have been offered an accessible toilet and car park as part of Council's access upgrade program. This offer has been deemed not suitable by the tennis club.

A building condition audit program is being undertaken that will prioritise the proposed upgrade of the Officer Tennis Club facility through Council's future capital works budget.

#### Background

A petition from the Officer Tennis Club of 98 signatures has been received and tabled at the Council meeting on 21 March. The petition requests upgrades to paths of travel, pavilion accessibility including construction of an accessible toilet, disabled car parking bay/s, and suitable change facilities for females.

Council's Access and Inclusion Committee oversee Council's access upgrade program and budget. This access upgrade program has previously allocated funding to an accessible toilet for the Officer Tennis club. The project cost was \$110,000 and the scope included:

- Modular toilet
- Concrete floor finish
- Electrical and plumbing works

- Hot water service
- Required fittings (hand dryer, soap and towel dispensers)
- Accessible car park.

The Officer Tennis Club was consulted as part of the proposed upgrade. At that time, the tennis club committee was concerned the modular nature of the toilet would look like an 'add on' to the building, and that if this project was completed, upgrades to the pavilion may be 'dropped off the radar' and therefore declined to proceed with this project. Detailed design work undertaken for the project has been offered to the tennis club to assist with any future funding or advocacy opportunities.

Council has a universal upgrade program that provides access and female friendly upgrades to sporting pavilions across Cardinia Shire. This year, design work is underway on an upgrade of the Bunyip Football Pavilion.

Building condition audits for all council buildings have been undertaken to assist in prioritising works for this program in future years. Priorities for 2022/23 have already been determined. The building condition audit priority list will inform Council's budget process for the 23/24 Financial Year onwards.

The Officer Recreation Reserve netball pavilion has an accessible toilet and is located 40 meters from the tennis pavilion. Council will discuss with the tennis club and netball club to determine access to this accessible toilet and if some lighting between the pavilions to support access would be useful until a permanent solution is delivered.

### **Policy Implications**

Any Council funded upgrade to the existing tennis facilities would be in accordance with Sport Facility Standards Policy.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places**

2.1.1 Advocate, plan for and deliver accessible community infrastructure and services that address community need.

2.1.2 Plan and maintain safe, inclusive and connected open spaces, places and active travel routes.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Any future upgrade of the Officer Tennis Club facilities will be undertaken in accordance with Council's ESD policy at the time.

### **Consultation/Communication**

Council has been in frequent contact with the Officer Tennis Club about the facility issues and to provide support to the club's operations and governance, including:

- Delivery of workshops and training (the club has attended the majority of these)
- Support with several community capital works grant projects
- Support with volunteering, development of inclusion practises, club master planning and scoping works for club projects

- Undertaking maintenance tasks and allocating working for Victoria staff to complete work at the club

Monash Health and Tennis Victoria have also provided regular support to the Officer Tennis Club.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Detailed analysis work is required to determine the exact nature and scope of the works required to the Officer Tennis Club facility to upgrade it in line with Council's enhanced standards and Sport Facility standards. This analysis will include a cost estimate of the proposed upgrade works. This work is dependent upon the results of the building condition audit for council and Crown Land within Cardinia Shire which is currently underway. The building condition audits will assist in determining a priority list for upgrade of these assets.

### **Conclusion**

A petition has been received from the Officer Tennis Club requesting upgrades to their facilities to make them more accessible and female friendly.

The Tennis Club was offered an accessible toilet and car park as part of Council's access upgrade program. The club were not supportive of the modular unit option. A more extensive upgrade of the existing tennis facility has not been costed or included in Council's access upgrade program.

Officers will continue to support the club with operational and governance matters.

The pavilion is being assessed as part of Council's building condition audit program. The priority for upgrade of the existing facility will then be determined and submitted as part of Council's buildings asset renewal program within Council's capital works program.