

## 6.2.3 Management of Domestic Basketball Competition

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council support transitioning the domestic basketball competition at Cardinia Life to the Pakenham District Basketball Association from April 2023.

### Attachments

Nil

### Executive Summary

The domestic basketball competition at Cardinia Life has been managed by Council through the major facilities contract.

Following Councillor Briefing in May 2021, the Pakenham District Basketball Association (PDBA) was required to meet a list of criteria and develop several plans and policies explaining how the PDBA would manage all facets of the domestic basketball competition prior to any potential transition. The PDBA were required to develop the following:

- Strategic plan
- Transition Plan
- Business Plan
- Cash Handling Policies
- Financial Management Policy
- Gender Equality and Child Safe Standards Polices
- Debit Card Purchasing Policy
- Referee Payment Policy

The PDBA have been proactive, and worked cooperatively with Council, with the goal of transitioning the domestic basketball competition at the start of the winter season (April 2023).

The PDBA have submitted all required documentation and their performance and conduct has improved

### Background

At Council Briefing on 3 May 2021, officers presented the history of management of the domestic basketball competition at Cardinia Life, including information about PDBA.

Over the past 24 months the PDBA's committee members have changed, and the association has established a Board with wide-ranging skills and experience. The PDBA have proactively worked with Council to position themselves to assume management of the domestic basketball competition.

To reach this point the PDBA were required to meet a list of criteria as supported by Councillors at the briefing session in May 2021. The criteria required the PDBA to:

- Provide a business plan to effectively manage the competition and operate a referee program, including referee development, rostering, and payment.
- Implement a cashless payment system.
- Develop and implement a safe cash handling procedure.
- Deliver the 'Aussie Hoops' program.
- Develop and implement a gender equality policy.
- Provide a strategic plan including policy direction on multi-cultural inclusion, female inclusion, and access/inclusion for all ages and abilities.
- Develop a transition plan.

The PDBA have worked with Council, Basketball Victoria and other associations to develop strategic and business plans, implemented cashless payment systems, and provided Council with a range of policies guiding their operation.

Responsibilities included with management of the domestic basketball competition (junior and senior basketball) are referee development, rostering, and payment. The PDBA have been undertaking these referee responsibilities for the past season.

The PDBA will continue to manage all elements of the representative basketball program.

To support the PDBA throughout the transition:

- Council will provide the association with office space.
- Council will pay the establishment cost for internet access. All on going costs for the internet line and data usage is the responsibility of the PDBA.
- Council will provide the PDBA with existing iPads for their use in scoring games. Any maintenance or replacement of those iPads is the responsibility of the PDBA.

The PDBA will pay the hourly court hire fee per hour of court hire and will be responsible for providing clash uniforms.

A usage license with the PDBA must be executed prior to the transition. It will outline responsibilities for management of the competition/hiring facilities, reporting, fees & charges, scheduling, conflict resolution and governance requirements.

### **Policy Implications**

N/A

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

- 1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient
- 1.1.5 Work closely with the community to deliver programs that build community resilience, relating to a pandemic or other disasters.
- 5.1 We practise responsible leadership

- 5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.
- 5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

N/A

### **Consultation/Communication**

Consultation has been ongoing between Council, PDBA, Aligned Leisure and Basketball Victoria for the past 6 years.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The cost of transitioning the domestic basketball competition from Council to the PDBA has been built into the budget for the major facilities contract as part of the contract extension.

### **Conclusion**

The domestic basketball competition at Cardinia Life is managed by Council, via the major facilities contract.

The PDBA have established a board with new members, and they have proactively provided Council with all relevant documentation in line with the criteria set by Council. Officers recommend the competition is transitioned from the start of the winter season.