

## 6.2 General Reports

### 6.2.1 Disbandment of Cardinia Public Hall Community Asset Committee

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#### Recommendation(s)

That Council resolves to disband the Cardinia Public Hall Community Asset Committee, established by the Council on Monday 20 July 2020 under the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government Act (2020), and thank the members of the committee for their contribution to the community.

#### Attachments

Nil

#### Executive Summary

The Cardinia Public Hall Community Asset Committee has struggled to attract new committee members despite varying and multiple attempts. With several existing committee members standing down and/or planning to stand down, a special committee meeting was called on Tuesday 4th of April 2023 to garner interest from new committee members. No additional interest was shown at this meeting, therefore the current committee determined to resign as the caretakers of the Cardinia Public Hall, and to hand back the management of this facility to Council.

#### Background

The Cardinia Public Hall Community Asset Committee was appointed by the Council on 20 July 2020 and has the duty to 'provide a public community centre for the hire of individuals and organisations which will be of benefit and use for present and future residents of Cardinia Shire' as detailed in their instrument of delegation. Despite trying to attract new members, the committee has been unable to fill vacancies.

Following the unexpected departure of a key committee member due to illness, the current committee contacted Council to advise that they were unable to continue to meet the requirements of managing the hall. Council provided support to the committee to continue operating through the Christmas/New Year period until such time that the committee could meet.

At a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Council officers met with committee members to discuss the future management of the hall. The committee elected to hold a special committee meeting to garner interest from community members to join the committee and if there was no interest at this meeting and it was determined that a committee could not be formed, the committee would resign and hand the management of the Cardinia Public Hall to Council.

At a special committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023, only the existing community members and Council officers attended. No interested community members attended. At this meeting the committee resigned and handed the management of the Cardinia Public Hall to Council.

Council officers have acknowledged and thanked the outgoing committee members for their significant commitment and contributions to the hall.

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient**

1.1.3 Lead by example in creating an inclusive and welcoming community for all by facilitating community education, capacity building, connection and celebration of our diversity.

#### **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.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

N/A

### **Consultation/Communication**

The special committee meeting was advertised broadly within the local community via flyer, letterbox drops and newspaper advertising.

The local community will be notified of the change and Council will work with the hall's existing/regular hirers.

Committee members will be formally thanked for their service.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There are no costs associated with disbanding the Lang Lang Hall Community Asset Committee. Existing regular hires will proceed with Council officer support.

### **Conclusion**

Following the resignation of the existing Cardinia Public Hall Community Asset Committee at a meeting on Tuesday 4th April 2023, it is proposed to disband the committee and return the hall to Council management.

Subject to Council endorsement, Council officers will write to the committee to advise them of Council's resolution, including thanking the committee for managing the Cardinia Public Hall and for their contribution to the community's wellbeing.