

## 6.2.5 Appointment of Community Asset Committees for Recreation Reserves

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council:

5. Appoint the following persons to the respective recreation reserve Community Asset Committees appointed by Cardinia Shire Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

#### Huxtable Road Reserve

President	Laurence Brown
Vice President	Pat Langley
Secretary	Leanne McLean
Treasurer	Alison McHenry
Committee Member	Ben Barrett
Committee Member	Mark Gulen
Committee Member	Rebecca Reynolds
Committee Member	Sally Moser
Committee Member	John Baillie

#### Sutherland Park Recreation Reserve

President	Glenn Burridge
Secretary	Matt Hutchinson
Treasurer	Sandra Butler
Committee Member	Carol Gibson
Committee Member	Sue Simmons

#### Worrell Reserve

Committee Member	Matt Byron
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6. Thanks Committee Asset Committee Members for their valuable contribution to the management of community recreation reserves.

### Attachments

Nil

### Executive Summary

This report advises Council of the memberships elected for three Community Asset Committees and seeks formal Council appointment of these members. Community Asset Committee members make a significant contribution to community liveability and wellbeing through the management of fifteen recreation reserves.

### Background

There are fifteen (15) recreation reserves within Cardinia Shire managed by Community Asset Committees:

- Twelve (12) of the reserves managed by Council appointed Community Asset Committees,
- Three (3) are Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) owned with Council appointed as Committee of Management under the Crown Land Reserves Act and managed by Council appointed Community Asset Committees,

Members of Reserve Community Asset Committees are elected annually, and upon election require appointment by Council resolution pursuant to Local Government Act 2020. Community Asset Committees can only be approved by Council.

This report recommends Council appoints new members for the following reserve committees following public meetings that have been conducted by Councillors or Council Officers:

- Huxtable Road Reserve.
- Sutherland Park Recreation Reserve.

This report also recommends Council appoints a new member for the following reserve committee following the committee electing another member to fill a vacant position at a general meeting:

- Worrell Reserve (Matt Byron replacing Jamie Grace as a general committee member).

Resignation by Jamie Grace as a general committee member (Emerald Junior Football Club Representative) was submitted in writing to the committee. The committee accepted and recorded the resignation in the minutes of the 10 July 2023 general meeting. The committee elected another member in Matt Bryon to fill that position at the same general meeting.

Cardinia Shire Council has a huge network of volunteers who selflessly give their time, expertise, and energy to provide and develop community resources. A large part of this network is involved with managing community recreation reserves across our shire. Council values the important role that community asset committees have in improvement and ongoing management of Council's facilities. Council is committed to ensuring that these assets are maintained to a high standard by working in partnership with Community Asset Committees.

Council conducts routine maintenance and provides Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committees with maintenance allocations, workshops to up skill volunteers and access to leadership courses. To further support committees with their work, Council has recently launched the Community Asset Committee portal, as a place for committee members to access important resources, information, and dates.

Council employs a full-time Liaison Officer to support the Recreation Community Asset Committees including providing training for volunteers and assisting committees in compliance with risk requirements.

### **Policy Implications**

The appointments to these four reserve committees are consistent with both Council policy and requirements for Community Asset Committees.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **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.

1.5.2 Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

## **5.2 Our Governance - Open governance**

5.2.2 Govern and make decisions in the best interests of the Cardinia Shire community.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

N/A

### **Consultation/Communication**

Notifications of Annual General Meetings for Community Asset Committees for Recreation Reserves are advertised through local media and internally to all user groups of that reserve.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

N/A

### **Conclusion**

Community Asset Committees voluntarily assist Council in the ongoing management and improvement of Council's recreation facilities. This enables the community to participate in sport and recreation activities that provide health and social benefits to the broader community. This report presents the committee members for three recreation reserve Community Asset Committees for Council to consider their appointment.