



## MINUTES

### LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 28 March 2017 at 6.00 pm in Bridge Road Athletics and Hockey Facility, Meeting Room

**Present:**

Cr Bob Turner, Deputy Mayor, City of Melton  
Cr Steven Abboushi, Councillor, City of Melton  
David Axon, Committee Member  
Kellie McLaren, Committee Member  
Mark Porritt, Committee Member  
Anthony Dyke, Committee Member  
Glenn Mulcahy, Recreation Coordinator, Melton City Council  
Trudy Martin, Leisure Centres Coordinator, Melton City Council  
Nicole Willis, Recreation Development Officer, Melton City Council

**Chairperson:** Glenn Mulcahy, Recreation Coordinator, Melton City Council

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**1. Welcome**

Cr Steven Abboushi invited Glenn Mulcahy to chair the meeting. All members reintroduced themselves as this was the first meeting of the year.

**2. Apologies**

Jack Harris, Committee Member  
Julie McCallum, Committee Member  
Troy Scoble, Recreation and Youth Manager, Melton City Council

**3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests**

Nil.

**4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes from the 13 September 2016 meeting were endorsed at the 21 November 2016 Ordinary Council meeting.

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Actions arising from last meeting**

Glenn Mulcahy to meet with Julie McCallum to discuss court one floor at the Melton Indoor Recreation Centre (MIRC).

**6. General Business**

**6.1 Building Better Regions Grant Funding Presentation – MacPherson Park**

Glenn Mulcahy provided the committee with a PowerPoint presentation outlining an overview of the funding application:

- Federal Funding for remote and regional communities.



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- Redevelopment of MacPherson Park - The next Big M (Project name).
- Major Infrastructure Upgrades (building and playing fields).
- Increased passive recreation /leisure opportunities.
- Total cost estimate for full development estimated at \$20 million with grant funding for \$10 million sought.
- Advised in June 2017 if successful.
- Leisure Advisory Committee will be kept up to date with this initiative.

### 6.2 Lawn Bowls Strategy Findings

- Glenn Mulcahy informed the committee that the strategy has been completed and the funding findings were:
- Competition bowls participation decreasing for the past 10 years with a steady increase in social bowls nationally.
- No lawn bowls club has been built since 2000.
- Out of the 3 clubs in the municipality, the Melton Bowls Club is the only club near capacity membership.
- Many retirement villages have rinks built inside the villages, which reduces the want/need for people to visit local community lawn bowl clubs.
- Based on the current participation rates and factoring in growth, green provision modelling shows that one additional green is recommended in the next 10 years.

### 6.3 Consultant Appointments – Diggers Rest Master Plan and MacPherson Park Future Directions Paper

Glenn Mulcahy informed the committee that Council has appointed:

- InsideEDGE Sport and Leisure Planning to undertake the Diggers Rest Master Plan.
- Simon Leisure Consulting to undertake the MacPherson Park Future Directions Paper.

The committee will be invited to comment on the documents once DRAFTS are completed.

### 6.4 Leisure Centres Update

- Trudy Martin informed the committee that Council received \$2.5 million dollars from the Growing Suburbs Fund. Funding is to build two new indoor courts at the Caroline Springs Leisure Centre and outside amenities. The amenities will also service the sub regional tennis facility project which forms stage 2.
- Committee members were informed that the new floor at the MIRC Court 1 are currently being laid and are due for completion in term 2 this year.
- Blue Devils Basketball Club are going well. Due to a court cancellation they are now training on an extra night as they first requested.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 Recreation and Youth Manager

Committee informed that Troy Scoble has been appointed to the position of Manager Recreation and Youth.



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### 7.2 Active April Fun Day

Nicole Willis informed the committee about the Active April Fun Day at the Willows as part of the Premiers Active April. This is part of ongoing free sports activities available to the local community and all members are welcome to come along.

General discussion between committee members:

1. Planned network connection pathways at Eynesbury
2. Waterford Estate

**Action** – Council to provide an update next meeting on the status of the Waterford Estate.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 commencing at 6.00 pm in Caroline Springs Library.

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 6.54 pm.