



# MINUTES

## Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee

held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 6pm, online due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

**Present:**

David Axon, Committee Member  
Anthony Dyke, Committee Member  
Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, City of Melton  
Cr Steve Abboushi, Councillor, City of Melton  
Aaron Biscan, Acting Recreation and Youth Manager, City of Melton  
Nicole Willis, Acting Recreation Development Coordinator, City of Melton

**Chairperson:**

Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, City of Melton

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**1. Welcome**

Cr Lara Carli welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Kellie McLaren, Committee Member  
Cr Bob Turner, Councillor, City of Melton

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

NIL

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

Minutes from the 10 March 2021 meeting were noted at the 12 April 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1** Action completed from previous meeting - Nicole Willis to email Master Plan and site photos of MacPherson Park to committee.

**5.2** Aaron Biscan informed the committee that the MacPherson Park AFL facility was named joint winners of the AFL's 2020 Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Awards. Jack Harris asked if there was any media coverage. It was also noted the facility is being considered with Parks and Leisure Victoria for presentation at their conference.

**Action:** Nicole Willis to share link to photos and media regarding the award

*MINUTES***6. General Business****6.1 Terms of Reference Update/Recruitment Plan**

Aaron Biscan informed the committee that the reviewed Terms of Reference were presented to the Policy Review Panel meeting on 18 May 2021 and were adopted at the 7 June, 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

It was noted that the name of the committee has been changed to the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee.

Changes were also made to ensure the operating procedures aligned with other Council Advisory committees.

Council will now proceed to advertise through its communication engagement process for new community panel members. Aiming to start this process between June to July 2021. All committee members are eligible to re-apply and were asked to share the EOI process.

**6.2 Lydia Lassila Youth Sports Scholarship**

The Lydia Lassila Youth Sports Scholarship (6.2) and The Sports Award Night (6.3) were discussed together. Nicole Willis highlighted that the awards night is a way of recognising the community's sports achievements and volunteer's commitment. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the awards did not go ahead in 2020. The committee were asked if they thought the awards night should go ahead this year. The committee reflected on the importance of the night but were worried of the uncertainty with future lockdowns and restrictions preventing it from running again. With this in mind the committee recommended not to run the awards night for 2021. Also noting to consider future formats of running the night for 2022 (link into existing Council events such as Community Awards, YAC Awards).

**Action:** Committee recommend not to run the Sports Awards Night which includes the Lydia Lassila Youth Sports Scholarship in 2021. Nicole Willis to pass this recommendation onto Council's Executive team.

**6.3 Sports Awards Night**

Included in above



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### 7. Other Business

#### 7.1 Anthony Dyke asked following questions:

- Is it possible for the committee to have a tour of the new Cobble Bank Stadium? Aaron Biscan replied explaining that once the works reach a stage where this can happen the committee will be invited for a tour.
- What's happening with the Regional Park at Toolern and has Council had any input? Aaron Biscan let the committee know that the Regional Park is a Parks Victoria initiative and Council will have a level of input.

#### 7.2 Cr Lara Carli asked how the Hillside Recreation Pavilion Refurbishment is going? Committee were updated that tenders are now open. Once contractor is appointed, works are planned to commence on August 16.

#### 7.3 Nicole Willis will provide the committee photos and updates on various projects currently under construction.

**Action:** Nicole Willis to email committee project updates

### 8. Next Meeting

Date is TBC. Meeting venue suggested at Burnside Recreation Reserve as planned initially for this meeting.

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 6.52pm