3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1 Request for Cooling Fans at South Melbourne Market

A Petition containing 126 signatures, was received from a shopper of the South Melbourne Market.

The Petition states the following:-

“I am a regular shopper at South Melbourne Market and have been for some years and it has come to my attention that the only aisle in the market without any cooling (fans) is aisle G. On behalf of all the shop keepers and your patrons I think that every aisle need to have some form of cooling, but it appears that one aisle has been missed, Aisle G, but why? I cannot understand why this has not been addressed. I think that it would be a priority for Council to make sure that the customers are as comfortable as possible whilst shopping during these extreme temperatures that we are experiencing.

I have taken it upon myself to collect signatures from a variety of customers shopping in Aisle G. These signatures were collected over one weekend, 2nd and 3rd of February 2019.

I trust you will look into this oversight as soon as possible.”

OFFICER COMMENT

The comfort and wellbeing of our stallholders and visitors to South Melbourne Market is of upmost importance. Due to the construction and nature of South Melbourne Market, there are a number of limiting factors to maintaining a cool environment during periods of excessive heat. Typically, Aisle G is less susceptible to heat events due to a number of factors including ceiling height, location of openings and natural airflow, heat sources, as well as being located beneath the Market’s car park and upper roof. This said, Market Management are aware that we experienced a number of hot days during January and February this year and acknowledge the concerns raised.

During excessive heat events, temperatures are monitored within the market and appropriate action is taken where required to ensure the comfort and safety of our customers, staff, stallholders and contractors and to minimise the impact on produce. In addition to this, fans have also been installed in and around Aisle G, to aid air movement on hot days which will be monitored by Market Management as to their effectiveness.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receives and notes the Petition and requests that the matter be brought to the attention of the South Melbourne Market Committee for noting and consideration.

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