

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction

This is the Annual Report of the City of Port Phillip Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee which covers the activities of the Committee for the period January to December 2007.

The Committee was established in November, 1995 to provide advice to Council on matters associated with Council's interest and involvement in the development of Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park Reserve, and, in particular, the development of the Community Aquatic Centre component of the overall complex.

2. Membership

The membership structure of the Committee consists of;

Cr. Peter Logan chairperson	City of Port Phillip
Cr. Judith Klepner	City of Port Phillip
Ms. Fiona Blair	City of Port Phillip
Ms. Helene Agius	City of Port Phillip
Ms. Gillian Kemp	Community Representative
Ms. Muriel Arnott	Community Representative
Mr. Robert Ness	Community Representative
Ms. Julie Johnson	Community Representative
Mr. Greg Pain	Inner South Community Health Service
Mr Peter Schulz	Inner South Community Health Service
Mr Adam Luscombe	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
Ms Amy Ellery	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

3. Meetings

The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic Advisory Committee met on six occasions during 2007:

Friday 23rd February

Friday 1st June

Friday 27th July

Friday 28th September

Friday 12th October

Friday 7th December

Meetings were conducted at the South Melbourne Town Hall and Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

Administration support was provided by Helene Agius

4. Work Program and Issues Arising

The Committee's objectives are:

- To ensure a diverse range of programs consistent with improving the health, water safety and recreational experiences of participants are provided.
- To cater for people with disabilities and differing levels of fitness

- To ensure the facility is accessible to all members of the local community and general public on a daily basis, subject to the requirements of national or international events held at the Centre.
- To ensure that admission charges to the Community Aquatic Centre are set at a level that is generally comparable with other similar community aquatic facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

The Committee's 2007 achievements/ program included:

- Completion of the business plan for the new hydrotherapy pool.
- Development of Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Hydrotherapy Pool Operating Framework
- Ensuring that fees for the hydrotherapy pool were price sensitive and ensuring that a discounted rate was available for the hydrotherapy pool for not for profit community groups in conjunction with the MSAC card.

5. Reporting

A copy of the minutes of every Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic Advisory Committee meeting are circulated to all committee members

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre – Hydrotherapy Pool – which was a report to advise council on the implications and outcomes of the development of the Business Plan for the new Hydrotherapy Pool at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The Committee's Annual Report to Council outlines the activities and findings of the Committee each year.

6. Recommendations

6.1. Term of Committee

The current term of the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic Advisory Committee expires on 31 December 2007. We recommend that the Committee continues as this was a requirement of the deed between Port Phillip Council and the State government.

6.2. Terms of Reference

There have been no changes to the terms of reference as this was updated in August 2007

6.3. Appointment to Committee for period 2008-2009

As per the terms of reference positions for the Melbourne Sport and Aquatic Centre aquatic advisory committee were advertised in November 2007. Council needs to appoint community members to the committee for the period 2008-2009 as per the recommendations in the council report

This report was prepared by Fiona Blair and confirmed by the Committee's Chairperson, Cr Peter Logan.

Signature _____

Date _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Aquatic Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Revised at 27/07/07

1. KEY ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide advice to Council on matters associated with Council's interest and involvement in the development of the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park Reserve, and, in particular, the development of the Community Aquatic Centre component of the overall complex.
- To meet with the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre representatives on an agreed minimum of four (4) occasions each year and to represent the interest of Council and the community in such meetings, and, in particular, in respect to those matters associated with the Community Aquatic Centre's design, management and pricing structures.
- To pursue a pro-active role in gathering information relating to the operation of aquatic facilities elsewhere, with the view to presenting issues and information to the Aquatic Centre which might be of benefit in improving the design, management and/or operation of the Community Aquatic Facility component of the overall complex.
- To pursue on behalf of Council and the community the following adopted philosophy and objectives in relation to the development of the Community Aquatic Centre component of the overall complex.

Philosophy

The principal function of the Community Aquatic Centre should be to provide a water-based recreational, educational (eg. Learn to Swim programs and school participation events), fitness and therapeutic facility to meet the health, water safety and recreational needs of residents, visitors and people who are employed in the City of Port Phillip.

Objectives

- To provide a diverse range of programs consistent with improving the health, water safety and recreational experiences of participants.
- To cater for people with disabilities and differing levels of fitness
- To ensure the facility is accessible to all members of the local community and general public on a daily basis, subject to the requirements of national or international events held at the Centre.

- To ensure that admission charges to the Community Aquatic Centre are set at a level that is generally comparable with other similar community aquatic facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Council's Aquatic Advisory Committee will comprise of representatives from;

- City of Port Phillip (Councillors) x2
- City of Port Phillip (staff)
- Joint Councils Access for All Abilities
- Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC)
- Swim School
- Regular community MSAC aquatic centre user X2
- Inner South Community Health Service
(Allied health professional qualified in hydrotherapy)
- Regular MSAC Hydrotherapy user

3. PERIOD OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Community members of the Aquatic Advisory Committee will be appointed by Council for a period of up to 2 years.

Every 2 years (or in the event of a casual vacancy), positions will be advertised through the local paper, on notices at MSAC information boards, on the MSAC website and in the Divercity publication.

The Executive Director Community Development and Planning will recommend appointment of members to the committee.

4. CONVENORSHIP OF MEETINGS

The Aquatic Advisory Committee will be chaired by the City of Port Phillip Councillor. Administrative support to the Committee will be provided by the City of Port Phillip.

5. CLOSING THE LOOP

The Committee will receive responses and updates from MSAC as to how their work has informed the decision making of the management and staff of the Centre.

6. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Aquatic Advisory Committee will be held on a minimum of four (4) occasions each year.