

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
29 JANUARY 2008**

ORDER OF THE DAY

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| ORDER 8 | MELBOURNE SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT |
| LOCATION/ADDRESS: | |
| RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: | GEOFF OULTEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING |
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| ATTACHMENTS: | 1. MELBOURNE SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE AQUATIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2. LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR AQUATIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2008-2009 (CONFIDENTIAL) |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Attached is the 2007 Annual report for Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic (MSAC) Advisory Committee.
- 1.2. The annual report outlines the key activities of the Aquatic Advisory Committee for 2007 and recommends the continuation of the committee and appointments of community representatives to the committee for the 2008-2009 period.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 2.1. The MSAC Aquatic Advisory Committee was established in 1995.
- 2.2. The terms of reference for the aquatic advisory committee are:
 - 2.2.1. 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.
 - 2.2.2. 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.

- 2.2.3. 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.
- 2.2.4. 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 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.

- 2.3. In 2007 the Aquatic Advisory Committee has provided advice on the development of the business plan for the management of the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre hydrotherapy pool and the development of Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Hydrotherapy Pool Operating Framework
- 2.4. In August 2007 a revised terms of reference was adopted by council. The revised terms of reference defined a period of appointment (2 years) and committee membership. The existing committee also supported the revised terms of reference.
- 2.5. The terms of reference defined the committee membership to include:
- City of Port Phillip Councilors (2)
 - City of Port Phillip staff

- Joint Council's Access for All Abilities Representative
- Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Representatives
- Swim School (parent or teacher involved in swim school)
- Regular community MSAC Aquatic User (2)
- Inner South Community Health Service (allied health professional qualified in physiotherapy)
- Regular MSAC hydrotherapy User (1)

2.6. In November 2007 advertisements for community representatives for the community were placed in both local papers and at MSAC. Six community members applied for positions.

2.7. Based on the criteria outlined in the terms of reference for the MSAC Aquatic Advisory Committee the following community representatives are recommended for the committee for the period 2008-2009:

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| Ms Megan Wolfe | Swim School |
| Mr Simon Macaulay | Regular User |
| Ms Julie Johnson | Regular User |
| Ms Gillian Kemp | Regular Hydrotherapy User |

3. RECOMMENDED OPTION

3.1. Criterion for recommendation

3.2. **It is recommended that Council**

Note and endorse the Aquatic Advisory Committee Annual Report

Thank the existing committee members for their work and achievements

Appoint the community representatives for a two year term.

3.3. **Criterion for recommendation**

The MSAC Aquatic Advisory committee was established as part of a deed of agreement between Port Phillip Council and the State Government. This deed is still in effect.

The terms of reference were updated and signed off by Council in August 2007, which recommended a two year term for community representatives. Advertising for community representatives occurred in November 2007 as part of this process.

4. SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

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| Social Pillar | The role of the aquatic advisory committee is to ensure that the aquatic centre provides water-based recreational, educational, fitness and therapeutic facilities and programs to meet the health, water safety and recreational needs of residents, visitors and people who are employed in the City of Port Phillip. A key objective is to advocate to ensure the aquatic facility caters for people with disabilities and differing levels of fitness |
| Economic Pillar | A key objective of the aquatic advisory committee is to advocate to ensure that admission charges are set at a level generally comparable to other similar aquatic facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area |
| Environmental Pillar | The aquatic advisory committee works with MSAC to encourage an environmentally sustainable approach |
| Cultural Pillar | The aquatic committees role is to advocate for appropriate community access to the community aquatic area providing opportunities for the community to meet and interact |

4.2. Policy and legislative implications

The activities and initiatives undertaken by the aquatic advisory committee outlined in the attached annual report are consistent with policy.

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4.3. Risk implications

There are no risk implications associated with the recommendations.

4.4. Resource implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1. The only alternative would be for the aquatic advisory committee to cease, this is not an option as the deed between Port Phillip Council and the state government requires the committee to function.

6. PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

6.1. Internal

6.1.1. The people who have been engaged with in relation to this issue are:

- a) Cr. Peter Logan (chairperson MSAC Aquatic Advisory Committee)
- b) Cr Judith Klepner
- c) Ian Hicks Manager Culture and Recreation
- d) Cathy Henderson Manager Governance and Community Relations

6.2. External

6.2.1. The external people and/or organisations who have been engaged with in relation to this issue are:

- a) Members of the MSAC Aquatic Advisory Committee

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1. That the Council note and endorse the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic Advisory Committee Annual Report.
- 7.2. That the council extends its appreciation to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Aquatic Advisory Committee and in particular the departing members for their contribution over many years.
- 7.3. That Council appoints the community representatives to the MSAC Aquatic Advisory Committee for the period 2008-2009.