

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
22 JUNE 2009**

ORDER OF THE DAY

ORDER 2	APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LIARDET ST FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE STEERING COMMITTEE
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	85 LIARDET ST, REAR OF 85 LIARDET ST AND 186 ESPLANADE WEST, PORT MELBOURNE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	DAVID YEOUART, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES
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FILE NO.:	36/02/40
ATTACHMENTS:	1. RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In April 2009 Council resolved to add two new community member positions on the Liardet St Family & Children's Centre Steering Committee.
- 1.2 Applications were sought from community members from 18 May to 3 June 2009 and eight applications were received.
- 1.3 This report is to appoint the two new members, following assessment of the applications by councillors.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

- 2.1 Appoint _____ and _____ as community representatives on the Liardet St Family & Children's Centre Steering Committee.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 A steering committee to inform the design and configuration of the Liardet St Family & Children's Centre was formed in June 2008, comprising representatives from Lady Forster Kindergarten, Albert Park College Childcare, Port Melbourne Rostered Playgroup, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), ward councillor and council officers.

- 3.2 In December 2008 Council resolved to expand the committee to an additional councillor and a representative from Childcare Access Port Phillip
- 3.3 In April 2009 Council resolved to expand the Committee to include two community representatives.
- 3.4 Applicants were required to have had no direct involvement with the services already represented on the Steering Committee over the past five years, in order to represent the wider community on the Committee.
- 3.5 Following advertisements for the new positions, eight applications were received by close of business 3 June for consideration by councillors.

4. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 4.1 An advertisement seeking applications from community members to join the Steering Committee was placed in the Emerald Hill Weekly and the Port Phillip Leader in the week commencing 18 May 2009. In addition it was advertised on the Port Phillip website. The local area surrounding the site was also letter-boxed on 25 May, with a letter from the Mayor and advising of the opportunity to apply for the new community member positions on the Steering Committee.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 OPTIONS

- 5.1.1 The main options are to appoint two community members to the Steering Committee from the existing applicants, vary the number of community members appointed or re-advertise the positions.

5.2 ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN

- 5.2.1 This is aligned to 3.1.6 Ensure the quality and accessibility of children's services

5.3 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.3.1 These appointments are consistent with council decisions on consultation for key community projects.

5.4 FINANCE / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.4.1 There is no resource or financial implications from these appointments

5.5 LEGAL & RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.5.1 There are no legal or risk implications.

6. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

6.1 TIMELINE

6.1.1 All applicants will be advised of the result by 24 June 2009.