



Item 7.2 Petition – Requesting Warm Water Outside Showers At Port Melbourne Life Saving Club

A Petition containing 149 signatures via change.org and 29 physical signatures was received from residents and swimmers in the Port Melbourne area.

The Petition states the following:-

The benefits to cold water swimming through the winter months are many. Being able to rinse off afterwards with warm water in the outside showers would attract more swimmers to the area.

The showers themselves are already in place. What we are asking for is to have them warmed by instantaneous electrical hot water units. We want electricity over gas for environmental reasons. Using instantaneous hot water units minimises energy use.

This is a petition to the local council to support this initiative and install them for next winter 2022

OFFICER COMMENT

Officers thank the members of the community who contributed to this petition. Work is already underway to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing warm showers along the foreshore. Councillors will be briefed on the results of the investigation and likely costs in early December. If warm showers are found to be feasible, they would need to be considered as part of the budget process for next financial year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition.
2. Notes that work is underway to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing warm showers along the foreshore and that Councillors will be briefed on the results of the investigation in December.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil