

Rooftop Area – St Kilda Sea Baths

Thank you for your attendance and questions at Council's Council meeting on 3 October 2018. During the meeting you asked several questions in relation to gates installed at the rooftop area of the Sea Baths. Many your questions were addressed at the meeting, however further questions were taken 'on notice'. As the General Manager of Council's City Strategy & Sustainable Development I have been asked to respond to these questions on behalf of our CEO. I have sought an update from the relevant areas of Council and can provide the following response.

I can confirm that the gates were installed by the occupier of the land, St Kilda Sea Baths Pty Ltd, in consultation with the State Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as the public land manager of the site. The gates were originally installed to allow The St Kilda Sea Baths Pty Ltd to manage the safety of the area after hours. They are currently closed for repairs to the rooftop area, with the approval of DELWP. A representative for St Kilda Sea Baths Pty Ltd has advised Council the repairs should be completed by the end of November 2018.

We are unable to provide any additional photos of the alleged vandalism/extensive damage or the details of the repairs. To obtain this information please contact Senior Project Officer at DEWLP, Cameron McKenzie, at cameron.mckenzie@delwp.vic.gov.au about these matters.

At the Council meeting, you asked whether Council will require the removal of the gates when the repairs are completed. DELWP are the land manager and have advised Council that the rooftop area will be reopened to the public after the works have been completed.

Regarding whether the community are excluded during events on the rooftop, DELWP does allow various pop up events to be programmed in this space throughout the year which does restrict access at those points in time. This not dissimilar to occasions when reserves or roads are occupied for scheduled events, such as athletic events and marathons.

I trust this information responds to your questions in relation to the gates. Please contact me on (03) 9209 6300 if you would like to discuss these matters further at any stage.

Yours sincerely

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