

## 6.1.4 Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve New Community Building Petition Response

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. Note the petition received requesting Council allocate funding in the 2021/22 FY budget for the development of proposed redevelopment of youth, community, and sporting facilities at the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.
2. Note there is funding available in the 2020/21 and draft 21/22 FY budgets to prepare a Buildings Masterplan and concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.
3. Note that there is funding towards the construction of the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve in future years of the draft 10 year capital works program.
4. Note Council officers will continue to work with the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management, reserve user groups and general community to finalise the Buildings Masterplan and develop a concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.
5. Note the Buildings Masterplan and Concept Design for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve will be brought to Council for approval before submission to the Reserve Committee and DELWP for landowner approval.
6. Inform the President of the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management of the above resolution.

### Attachments

Nil.

### Executive Summary

At the Council meeting on 19 April 2021, the following petition was tabled:

*"We the undersigned, being residents in the Shire of Cardinia, do hereby humbly petition the Cardinia Council Chief Executive Officer and Councillors to accord the highest priority in 2021/2022 budget considerations for the proposed redevelopment of youth, community, and sporting facilities at Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve. These facilities should meet all current Australian Standards, especially for female friendly changing facilities and toilets suitable for all current and future User Groups."*

In response to this petition, it is recommended that Council:

1. Note the petition received requesting Council allocate funding in the 2021/22 FY budget for the development of proposed redevelopment of youth, community, and sporting facilities at Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.
2. Note there is funding available in the 2020/21 and draft 21/22 FY budgets to prepare a Buildings Masterplan and concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.

3. Note that there is funding towards the construction of the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve in future years of the draft 10 year capital works program.
4. Note Council officers will continue to work with the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management, reserve user groups and general community to finalise the Buildings Masterplan and develop a concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.
5. Note the Buildings Masterplan and Concept Design for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve will be brought to Council for approval before submission to the Reserve Committee and DELWP for landowner approval.
6. Inform the President of the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management of the above resolution.

## Background

At the Council Meeting on 19 April 2021, the following petition was tabled:

“We the undersigned, being residents in the Shire of Cardinia, do hereby humbly petition the Cardinia Council Chief Executive Officer and Councillors to accord the highest priority in 2021/2022 budget considerations for the proposed redevelopment of youth, community, and sporting facilities at Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve. These facilities should meet all current Australian Standards, especially for female friendly changing facilities and toilets suitable for all current and future User Groups.”

Upper Beaconsfield Reserve is Crown Land with a community Committee of Management appointed under the Crown Lands Reserves Act. Council has been working with the Committee of Management and reserve user groups regarding the proposed redevelopment of the existing sport, community and scout facility.

A draft Buildings Masterplan has been prepared for the provision of a new community, sport and scout facility. At the time of writing this report, the draft Buildings Masterplan is currently with the Committee of Management and Reserve user groups for comment.

Once the comments from the Reserve Committee and user groups have been received, the Buildings Masterplan will be revised and finalised for endorsement by Council, the Reserve Committee and the Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as the land manager and owner.

Council officers will then work with the Reserve Committee, user groups and general community to prepare a concept plan and cost estimates for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility. This concept plan will also then be endorsed by Council, the Reserve Committee and DELWP.

## Policy Implications

The Buildings Masterplan and concept plan for the new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve will be prepared in accordance with Council’s Sports Facility Standards Policy July 2019.

## Relevance to Council Plan

### 1.1 Our People - Access to a variety of services for all

1.1.1 Continually review services to ensure those provided by Council meet community needs.

1.5 Our People - Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

- 1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents.
- 1.5.2 Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Minimising environmental impact of the construction and ongoing maintenance of the new community, sport and scout facility will be a key consideration in the design.

### **Consultation/Communication**

Council officers have been undertaking consultation and communication with the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management, reserve user groups and general community regarding the proposed redevelopment of the existing community, sport and scout facility.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There is funding available in the 2020/21 and draft 21/22 budgets to prepare a Buildings Masterplan and concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve.

There is also funding towards the construction of the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve in future years of the draft 10 year capital works program.

### **Conclusion**

At the Council meeting on 19 April 2021 a petition was tabled requesting Council to prioritise in the 2021/2022 FY budget considerations the proposed redevelopment of youth, community, and sporting facilities at Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve. The petition stated that these facilities should meet all current Australian Standards, especially for female friendly changing facilities and toilets suitable for all current and future user groups.”

Council has already been working with the Reserve Committee of Management and user groups to develop a buildings masterplan for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve. There is funding available in the 2020/21 and draft 21/22 FY budgets to prepare a Buildings Masterplan and concept design and associated cost estimate for this proposed new facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve. There is also funding towards the construction of the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve in future years of the draft 10 year capital works program.

Council officers will continue to work with the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve Committee of Management, reserve user groups and general community to finalise the Buildings Masterplan and develop a concept design and associated cost estimate for the proposed new community, sport and scout facility at Upper Beaconsfield Reserve. Council, Reserve Committee of Management and DELWP approval will be sought for the Buildings Masterplan and Concept Design as part of the process.