

6.2 General Reports

6.2.1 Disbanding Mountain Road Community Asset Committee

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Recommendation(s)

That Council disband the Mountain Road Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee and take over direct management of the site.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

There are concerns regarding the ability of the Mountain Road Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee to fulfill their management duties. There are several factors behind this, and Council have enquired about the committee's availability to continue.

Unfortunately, the committee is no longer able to fulfil their requirements and it is recommended that Council assume direct management of the reserve and its assets.

Background

Asset maintenance concerns:

- In 2016 Council invested \$504,008 to resurface the oval and athletics pitch in-field. A maintenance plan was given to the committee (developed by the contractor).
- In 2020 Council invested a further \$15,000 in works to bring the oval back up to condition.
- In 2021 Council invested a further \$26,000 in works to bring the oval back up to condition.
- The oval has been declared unfit for use, with both the committee and the local cricket/football league informed no training or games can be held on the oval.

The committee have had difficulty meeting some governance and financial obligations.

The committee has struggled to get others to volunteer and share the load and committee members have stepped back for personal reasons.

Policy Implications

This proposal is consistent with both Council policy and requirements for Community Asset Committees.

Relevance to Council Plan

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.

5.2 Our Governance - Open governance

5.2.2 Govern and make decisions in the best interests of the Cardinia Shire community.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Nil.

Consultation/Communication

Council has been in regular communication with the committee including a meeting on the 3rd of March 2021.

Financial and Resource Implications

Mountain Road Reserve is Council's largest reserve (21.8 Hectares) managed by a Community Asset Committee.

Additional funds are required for Council to directly manage this reserve and have been allocated.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council resolve to disband the current Community Asset Committee and directly manage the Mountain Road Recreation Reserve.