

6.2.10 Appointment of Community Asset Committees for Recreation Reserves

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Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. Appoint the following persons to the respective Community Asset Committees appointed by Cardinia Shire Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Garfield Recreation Reserve

President	Mark Watson
Secretary	Lara Canty
Treasurer	Julie Miller
Committee Member	Melva Bonham
Committee Member	Chris Greenall
Committee Member	Rodger Van der Pas

Huxtable Road Reserve

President	John Baillie
Vice President	Karen Buckland
Secretary/Treasurer	Peter van Diemen
Vice Secretary/Treasurer	Helen van Diemen
Committee Member	Rosemary Buczak
Committee Member	Ben Barrett
Committee Member	Paul Farrell
Committee Member	Pat Langley

Josie Bysouth Reserve

President	Lisa Stovold
Secretary	Lisa Alderson
Treasurer	Wendy Wingrove
Committee Member	Jess Alderson
Committee Member	Jody Marotta
Committee Member	Andrew Jackson

Yannathan Recreation Reserve

President	Jo Drum
Secretary/Treasurer	Ian Baker
Committee Member	Matthew Coleman
Committee Member	Sandy Baker

2. Thanks all Committee members for their valuable contribution to the management of community recreation reserves.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

This report advises Council of the membership of Council appointed Community Asset Committees that have been elected and seeks formal Council appointment. Council has expressed its thanks to committee members for their service to the community.

Background

There are twenty-five (25) recreation reserves within Cardinia Shire which are managed by Committees. These include:

- Twelve (12) of the reserves managed by Council appointed Community Asset Committees,
- three (3) are Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) owned with Council appointed as Committee of Management under the Crown Land Reserves Act and managed by Council appointed Community Asset Committees,
- nine (9) are DELWP owned with DELWP appointed Committees of Management under the Crown Land Reserves Act, and
- one (1) is Pastoral Agricultural & Horticultural Association (PA&H) owned with a PA&H appointed Committee of Management.

Members of Community Asset Committees are elected annually, and upon election require appointment by Council resolution pursuant to Local Government Act 2020. Only Community Asset Committees can be approved by Council.

This report recommends Council appoints new members for the following committees following public meetings that have been conducted by Councillors or Council Officers:

- Garfield Recreation Reserve.
- Huxtable Road Reserve.
- Josie Bysouth Reserve.
- Yannathan Recreation Reserve.

Cardinia Shire Council has a huge network of volunteers who give selflessly of their time, expertise, and energy to provide and develop community resources. A large part of this network is involved with managing community recreation reserves across our shire. Council values the important role that community asset committees have in assisting Council in the significant improvement and ongoing management of Council's facilities. Council is committed to ensuring that these assets are maintained to a high standard by working in partnership with Community Asset Committees.

Council conducts routine maintenance and provides Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committees with maintenance grants, workshops to up skill volunteers and access to leadership courses. To further support committees with their work, Council has recently launched the Community Asset Committee portal, as a place for committee members to access important resources, information, and dates.

Council employs a full-time officer (1 EFT) to support the recreation community asset committees including providing training for volunteers and assisting committees in compliance with risk requirements.

Policy Implications

The appointments are consistent with both Council policy and requirements for Community Asset Committees.

New and important resources on the portal are the Community Asset Committee Governance Manual and Governance Training. The manual includes information and templates to help committees in their role as part of a community asset committee to ensure good practices and consistent and effective management of Cardinia Shire Council facilities. The manual also outlines the statutory requirements and aids in all areas of governance.

The online Governance Training is provided to all Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committees to ensure members have the skills and knowledge to be able to understand the requirements implemented in the risk project.

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

N/A

Consultation/Communication

Notifications of Annual General Meetings for Community Asset Committees for Recreation Reserves are advertised through local media and internally to all user groups of that reserve.

Financial and Resource Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Community Asset Committees voluntarily assist Council in the ongoing management and improvement of Council's facilities. This enables the community to participate in sport and recreation activities that provides health and social benefits to the broader community.