

1.1 RECREATION SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN 2006 - 2010 – YEAR 3 ACTION PLAN SUMMARY REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the progress of items as outlined in the summary of the Recreation Services Strategic Plan 2006 - 2010 – Year 3 Action Plan.*
- 2. Endorses the Year 4 Action Plan.*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the progress of the various items listed for implementation in the current Recreation Services Strategic Plan Year 3 Action Plan, and seek endorsement of the new Year 4 Action Plan.

BACKGROUND

In 2006 the City of Monash Recreation Services Department began the implementation of a new four-year Strategic Plan, to align with Council's four-year planning cycle. The purpose of the Plan is to provide clear direction for the provision of recreational services and facilities across the City. Incorporated as part of the Strategic Plan are action plans that are reviewed, evaluated and updated on an annual basis, to ensure that the Plan's overall objectives are progressively delivered in-line.

ANALYSIS

As detailed in the attached summary, all of the Year 3 Action Plan items have been completed. Some highlights over the year include the development and implementation of an improved organisational structure at Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres, the response to the growing demand for sporting fields, the introduction of water saving programs at sporting facilities, and the implementation of a range of communication improvements at Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres. The impact of drought conditions continues to present a challenge to clubs and Council in relation to asset management and maintenance. Council will continue to educate and work with sports clubs to manage ground usage and conditions.

The year ahead will include significant projects, including the completion of the Electra Reserve Multi-Purpose Centre, the Oakleigh Aquatic Centre and redevelopment of Princess Highway Reserve pavilion.

The main challenge for Recreation Services will be the development of an active reserves strategy. This strategy will provide the framework to guide the provision of sport within the municipality. Recreation Services will also be investigating opportunities for community groups to utilise school facilities.

The main challenges for Aquatic and Leisure Services include the completion of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre and the development of a feasibility study for a potential stage two redevelopment of the Centre. Aquatic and Leisure Services will focus on delivering quality programs and services in tough financial times and deliver two capital improvement projects at the MARC (Accessible Changeroom improvements and remedial works to the 50m pool).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Year 4 actions will be delivered within existing budget.

CONCLUSION

The attached status report highlights the progress of all items noted for implementation under Council's Recreation Services Strategy 2006-2010, Year 3 Action Plan.

The new Recreation Services Strategic Plan 2006-2010 Year 4 Action Plan is presented to Council for endorsement.