

PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION (Elected Members)

Name: Cr June Barton

Date of Meeting: 21 July 2020

Meeting of the: Ordinary Meeting of Council

Subject: Melville Bowling and Recreation Club Lease

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PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION: CITY OF MELVILLE

That the Council directs the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to conclude negotiations, sign and execute a lease agreement for the site and clubrooms with the Melville Bowling and Recreation Club within 28 days for an initial term of fifty years, with other terms to be agreed, and, if not agreed, to be decided by Council by no later than the September 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

REASONS:

The Melville Bowling and Recreation Club (“the Club”) has demonstrated the longevity of an intergenerational club, a true community centre that has operated successfully for 60 years: some children of current members know that the ashes of their grandparents are here.

This is the Club where generations of Melville residents have gone when they have a celebration, the Club that hosts weddings, birthdays, wakes and end of year celebrations for sporting and community groups.

Security of tenure is just as important to support the contribution of time and effort by an intergenerational club as it is to support a commercial activity.

A previous Council was willing to provide a lease incorporating this site for a total of 50 years to a company with negligible capitalisation.

The experience of Members of the Club over the last eight years since it received an offer by Council Officers of a lease term reduced to one year has been that short-term leases provide no security when in competition with a potential commercial use of land in a desirable location.

The membership and leadership of the Club have proved resilient, successfully surviving a long period of pressure and uncertainty, and are now keen to move forward

This is a stable and thriving Club which forms an important component of the Tompkins Park sports and recreation hub.

The Club has substantial community support, both locally and throughout the City, demonstrated by the large numbers of ratepayers who attended 9 Electors' Meetings over 6 years.

The Club contributes to the Tompkins Park sports and recreation hub shop-window along Canning Highway on the southern side and the foreshore path on the north, as demonstrated recently in the Highway to Hell display.

The Club supports a wide range of community activities providing opportunities for varied interests and age groups.

The Club is well located for community access, with good bus and cycling routes and car parking facilities.

SIGNATURE: _____

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