

Community Development

7:27pm
15/07/2025

Cr N Robins disclosed an impartiality interest in Item CD25/47 (detailed in Item 5).

CD25/47 Provision Standard - Bowling Green Shade Infrastructure

File Number:	
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Development
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Officer Disclosure of Interest:	No officer involved in the preparation of this item has a declarable interest in the matter.
Attachments:	1. Cost Implications - Bowling Green Shade Infrastructure (11 July 2025)

COUNCIL’S ROLE

Executive: The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

<p>SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the 13 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was resolved to consider the inclusion of a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club in the John Connell Master Plan and provide a report back to Council. • The draft John Connell Master Plan (yet to be presented to Council) includes a cover for the two bowling greens, subject to a business case, however, doesn’t provide detail or sufficient guidance, nor does it consider the impact across the municipality. • The current provision standard from Bowls Australia and Bowls WA does not outline shade infrastructure over greens as essential or core requirement of the sport. • Officers have developed a specific standard of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens in consideration to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The benefits of this infrastructure type for participants and clubs. ○ A developing trend across Australia towards this infrastructure type. ○ Our ageing population and the role that the City’s Bowling Clubs play in the community. ○ The ongoing sustainability of the City’s Bowling Clubs. • Adopting the recommended standard of provision will greatly assist Elected Members, City Officers and the community to understand the City’s position regarding funding shade infrastructure over bowling greens.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At 7:27pm Cr M Woodall moved, seconded Cr G Barber

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 - (c) **All funding applications for shade infrastructure over bowling greens will be presented to Council for consideration.**
2. **Notes the provision of a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club is included in the draft John Connell Reserve Master Plan and the standard of provision listed in this report is applied to support any future implementation.**
3. **Requests the CEO to include the adopted standard of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens in the upcoming review of the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy; and**
4. **Requests the CEO to communicate with all bowling clubs within the City of Melville the adopted standard of provision and funding application process.**

Amendment**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At 7:30pm Cr J Spanbroek moved, seconded Cr N Robins

That the officer recommendation be amended by:

- **Including the words “based on the cost of a” in point 1(a); and**
- **Inserting a new point 1(b) and reordering points 1(b) to 1(c) and 1(c) to 1(d); and**
- **Amending point 2.**

To read:

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At 7:33pm the Presiding Member declared the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9/0)

Substantive Motion as Amended

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At 7:34pm the Presiding Member declared the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9/0)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to the resolution made by Council at the 13 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council to consider the inclusion in the John Connell Reserve Master Plan a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club, by adopting a standard of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Outcome	1	Healthy, safe and inclusive communities with a sense of belonging and wellbeing.
Objective	1	Healthy, Safe and Inclusive
	1.5	Support sustainable sporting and community groups and volunteering.
	1.4	Provide inclusive multipurpose places and facilities to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

BACKGROUND

At the 13 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Council resolved the following:

That the Council directs the CEO to consider the inclusion in the John Connell Reserve Master Plan a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club and provide a report to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council.

At the time, the John Connell Reserve Master Plan (JCRMP) project had commenced with early engagement with stakeholders. To date, the draft JCRMP has yet to be formally presented to Council and will be presented at a later date following Officer investigations regarding its ability to be implemented.

The purpose of the JCRMP is to identify long term guidance of the site whereby the City can:

- Consider the delivery of key actions that will support the management of the site and/or future infrastructure.
- Advocate for external funding to support the delivery of infrastructure.
- Support key stakeholders to progress the delivery of infrastructure (seek funding and approvals) where infrastructure is a high priority of the stakeholder (although not necessarily the responsibility or high priority of the City in consideration of the City’s greatest needs).

The draft JCRMP includes a cover for two of the Leeming Bowling Club greens, however in the absence of a standard of provision for bowling green shade infrastructure, there is no detail regarding the size and scope of the covers in the draft Plan.

This report therefore aims to recommend a level of provision which, if adopted by Council will provide clarity of the Leeming Bowling Club on the City’s funding of a shade canopy as per the draft JCRMP, while also providing clarity to other bowling clubs operating on land under the City’s care or control.

CONSIDERATION

Currently there are four bowling clubs within the City of Melville that are on land under the care or control of the City. The clubs are:

- Kardinya Bowling Club
- Leeming Bowling Club
- Melville Bowling Club
- Mount Pleasant Bowling Club

When considering infrastructure for one specific club, it is pertinent to consider other clubs in the municipality as the City's position on provision of infrastructure needs to be considered responsibly (well planned in a financially sustainable manner) and equitably (a level of consistency and fairness) across the City.

Typically, National or State Sporting Associations have specific facility guidelines that outline infrastructure minimum standards of provision to enable community sporting and recreation activities to occur. Local government's role is to use these minimum standards of provision as a guide for determining the level of support provided for sport and recreation infrastructure in the context of the whole community.

The National and State Sporting Association for Lawn Bowls BOWLS Australia and BOWLS WA, respectively. Both organisations advocate shade structures at each end of play (minimum two sides) for a bowling green as the current provision standard for shade at bowling greens. Notably, these standards of provision do not outline shade covers over greens as an essential requirement of the sport.

However, although shade covers over bowling greens is not a current provision standard of BOWLS Australia and BOWLS WA, there are many case studies nationally that demonstrate that shade over bowling greens improves the participant experience and level of participation in the sport.

City of Melville Bowling Clubs Membership and Participation

Membership in City of Melville bowling clubs has decreased by 29% between 2008/09 and 2023/24. BOWLS WA report reports that the four bowling clubs located in the City of Melville have a combined membership of 552 members.

Notably, however, participation is shifting away from traditional (membership) formats into shorter form versions and more informal ad-hoc/social participation, which is likely under-reported due to a lack of process and/or systems to capture this data.

Demographics of Lawn Bowl Participants

Nationally, 80% of participants in the sport of bowls are aged over 50 years with the highest proportion of members aged 75 years plus. 65% of all participants identify as male.

Residents in the City of Melville between 60-85 years and 85 years plus are forecast to increase by approximately 56%, representing approximately 16,000 individuals to 2046, which may facilitate consistently performing membership and participation rates amongst bowling clubs in the City of Melville for the foreseeable future.

Impacts of Climate Change

The impacts of climate change have been well reported across the world and at a local level within the City's recently adopted *Community Climate Action Plan 2024-2030*. It is expected that in the City, there will be increased temperatures, more hotter days/heatwaves and while rainfall is expected to reduce overall, rainfall intensity will increase.

These changes are a concern to the bowling community as it may likely impact participation due to wet weather causing an unplayable environment or surface, while also increased exposure to skin cancer/melanoma (particularly in an ageing community).

While climate change is a driver for shade cover infrastructure, consideration should be given to alternate scheduling (evening or night) to mitigate exposure to the warmer temperatures and the sun, which will need to be supported by floodlighting.

Examples of Bowling Green Covers and Costs

There are various options available across Australia to cover bowling greens. A summary of these include:

- a) Motorised retractable shade canopy with floodlights and end of play shade

The bespoke design developed by the Kardinya Bowling Club is designed around a motorised retractable UV fabric cover as shown in Figure 1. Floodlighting and end of play shade is separate from the shade canopy structure and this type of canopy can facilitate the operation of natural grass or synthetic greens. It should be noted this cover is not fully waterproof, however provides UV protection from the sun.

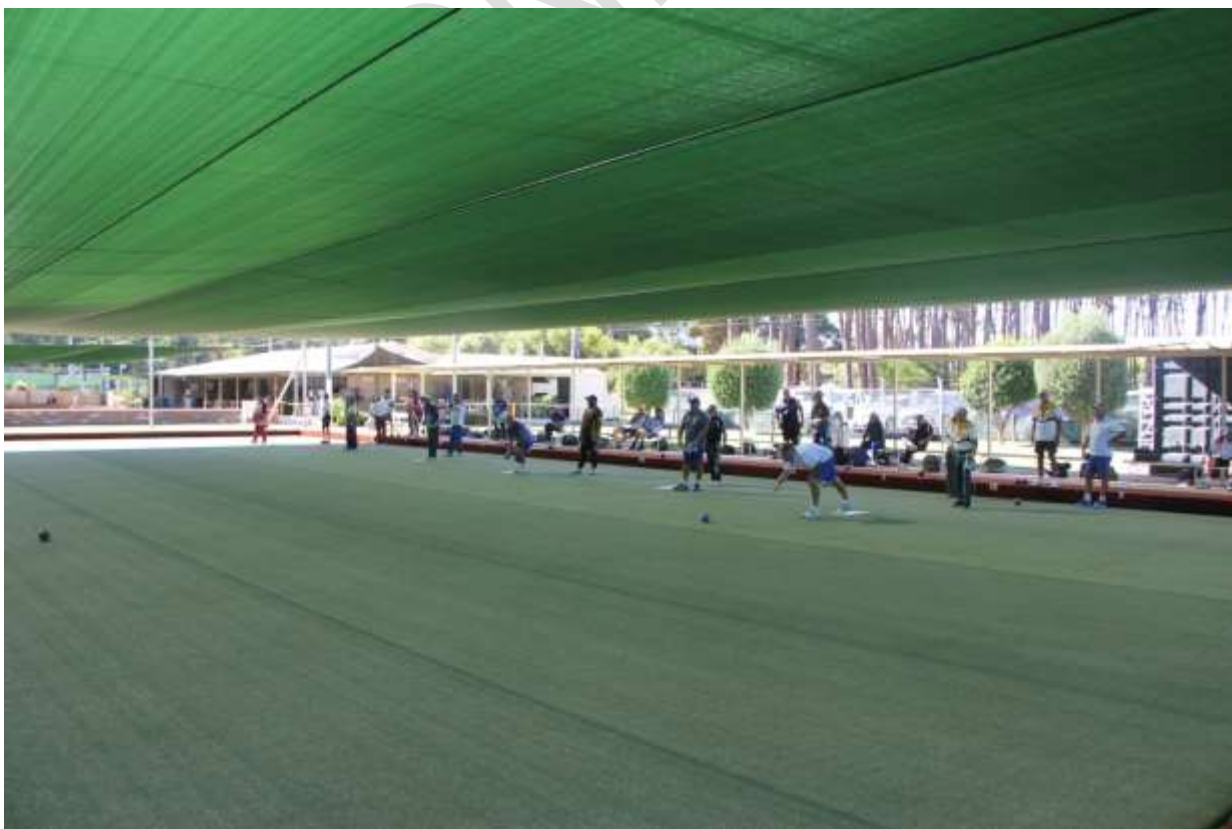


Figure 1 – Motorised retractable shade canopy

Estimated capital and lifecycle costs for motorised retractable shade infrastructure, inclusive of floodlights and shade structures at each end of play for two greens are as follows.

Type	Total Estimated Capital Cost	Annual renewal and maintenance cost (shade)	Annual renewal, maintenance and utility cost (floodlights)	Total annual cost
Motorised retractable shade canopy with floodlights and end of play shade	Canopy - \$425,000 End of play shade - \$35,000 Floodlights - \$250,000 Total: \$710,000	\$19,255	\$22,500	\$41,755

b) Steel under cover area

A few examples of these bowling covers can be found across the Perth Metropolitan area. This includes but not limited to Cockburn (as per Figure 2), Rossmoyne, Warnbro and Innaloo. Structures are generally steel framed, with either Colorbond™ or polycarbonate sheets for the canopy, similar to an oversized patio. The structure incorporates floodlighting and end of play shade within the singular structure.



Figure 2 – Steel undercover area

Costs for this infrastructure vary due to size and scale. In 2018, the example at the Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Club is estimated to cost \$710,000 (covering one green). While this example provides an all-weather solution, depending on the time-of-day lights need to be used and/or shadows are cast which is undesirable for bowlers. It should be noted that the Cockburn Bowling and Recreation Club shade structure was delivered as a broader project did not receive CSRFF funding, however \$4.5M was sourced from the National Stronger Regions Fund grant as part of an over \$9.5M project.

The following table provides an estimated capital and lifecycle costs for a new steel under cover area shade structure over two greens based on the Cockburn example with some escalation (noting that floodlighting and end of play shade is incorporated into the structure):

Type	Total Estimated Capital Cost	Annual renewal and maintenance cost (shade)	Annual renewal, maintenance and utility cost (floodlights)	Total annual cost
Steel under cover area	Total: \$1,500,000	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$55,000

c) All weather premium high tensile structure

These structures are currently promoted by Bowls Australia who identify MakMax as their preferred supplier. Structures are constructed by a steel frame with fabric choices of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), with floodlighting and end of play shade incorporated into the main structure. An example is provided in Figure 3.



Figure 3 – All weather premium high tensile structure

The Pinjarra Bowling and Recreation Club is currently installing a high tensile bowling green canopy over one bowling green which is valued at approximately \$1.2M. The Club has received \$400,000 through a State Government Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) grant and \$100,000 from the Shire of Murray via an interest free loan.

The estimated capital and lifecycle costs for new all-weather premium high tensile structure over two greens is outlined in the table below (noting that floodlighting and end of play shade is incorporated into the structure):

Type	Total Estimated Capital Cost	Annual renewal and maintenance cost (shade)	Annual renewal, maintenance and utility costs (floodlights)	Total annual cost
All weather PTFE Premium canopy	Total: \$2,500,000	\$71,250	\$20,000	\$91,250
All weather PVC Premium canopy	Total: \$1,900,000 (two greens)	\$55,000	\$20,000	\$75,000

Increase in bowling participation

Arguably shade provision over greens provides members more opportunities to participate more in bowling and may attract new social participants to the sport as the activity can be undertaken more comfortably.

Through Mak Max the supplier, there are case studies on the east coast of Australia that have reported strong growth, primarily in social bowls following the installation of a premium all weather high tensile structure.

City of Melville Bowling Club locations

Preliminary analysis indicates not all Bowling Green Cover options would be suitable from a planning perspective at all locations.

Mount Pleasant Bowling Club is located on a local reserve bordered by residential housing and a Development Application would need to consider the undue building bulk which may present and amenity impact to adjoining residential properties. Furthermore, the location of the Melville Bowling Club may present challenges, pending the size and scale of the development, which may not complement the established urban form. In addition, consideration needs to be given due to the proximity to the Swan River through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. For these reasons it is likely that option a - retractable shade canopy, floodlights and ends of play shade is the most feasible at Mount Pleasant Bowling Club and Melville Bowling Club from a planning perspective.

Both Leeming Bowling Club and Kardinya Bowling Clubs are located on large Regional or District Level Sporting Reserves and from a Development Application perspective, all Bowling Green Cover options presented in this report, would likely be supported.

Summary Analysis

In consideration of the previously mentioned elements, in summary:

- There is an emerging trend across the Australia for bowling green covers despite this not being identified as an essential standard level of provision by the National or State Sporting organisations.
- There is evidence that providing bowling green covers could result in increased activity of current bowling club members as well as attract new participants, particularly social bowlers.
- There are opportunities for external funding to contribute to the infrastructure costs of bowling green covers.
- Club financial sustainability and equity across clubs are important considerations in determining an appropriate standard of provision of bowling green covers.

As a result, it is recommended that the City adopt the motorised retractable shade canopy as detailed in option a) as the standard of provision for bowling green covers:

Whilst adopting the recommended standard of provision will greatly assist Elected Members, City Officers and the community communicate an agreed position regarding levels of City funding available for bowling green covers, all applications will be presented to Council for final determination. The officer's recommendation for funding applications will be as follows:

- The City will provide up to one-third funding on a motorised retractable shade canopy option as detailed in option a) which aligns to the state level industry approach to sport specific infrastructure (e.g. one-third club, one-third local government and one-third state government CSRFF). At the time of this report, it is estimated that one-third of the cost for this option is \$236,00.
- Clubs will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance and renewal costs as well as utility costs.
- This funding will be contingent clubs demonstrating an ability to fund maintenance and renewal over the lifecycle of the asset (through a Business Case presented to the City).
- Should clubs seek a higher standard of provision, the City will only contribute a maximum of one-third of the retractable shade canopy option (i.e.: currently \$236,000) towards an alternative.

ENGAGEMENT

No specific external engagement has been undertaken in the development of the recommended standard of provision. Officers have had ongoing dialogue with each of the four bowling clubs discussed in this report. Information from these conversations has contributed to the development of the recommended standard of provision.

The recommended standard of provision has been discussed with Bowls WA who have given in-principle support and are keen to continue to work with the City and clubs on the implementation of the standard of provision.

The upcoming review of the ARIS presents a further opportunity to understand club and Bowls WA views on the recommended standard of provision. Any required amendments resulting from that engagement will be presented as part of the ARIS review project.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The sustainability implications of specific bowling green cover funding applications will be included in the relevant Council report. However, some general sustainability considerations with shade infrastructure over bowling greens are as follows:

Environmental

- Wear and tear of the green surface is minimised through reduced exposure to UV, rain, dirt and dust, as such covers can extend the life of a synthetic green, when paired with effective maintenance, by approximately 2-5 years.
- Covers may reduce the amount of water used on synthetic or natural turf greens, and maintain a more consistent moisture content, having a performance consistency benefit for bowlers.
- A reduction in algae growth on synthetic greens has been reported when covers are installed.

Economic (Club Financial Sustainability)

- Covers can result in Increased hours of play, providing greater programming opportunities for clubs and potentially additional revenue, however this must be balance with the ongoing annual cost to maintain and renew cover infrastructure.
- The developed recommended standard of provision aims to strike a balance between increasing club revenue and the ongoing cost to the club of maintaining and renewing the infrastructure.
- The clear direction to clubs provided though the recommended standard of provision enables clubs to plan for future funding and provision of covers.

Social

- There has been anecdotal evidence that bowling green covers increases the participation in the sport which has social benefits to participants.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ALIGNMENT

There are no legislative or policy implications associated with this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the recommended standard of provision the estimated cost to the City is approximately \$236,000 for two bowling greens.

Should all four bowling clubs successfully apply for bowling green covers as per the recommended standard of provision, the estimated to cost the City will be \$944,000, noting it is difficult to predict when funding applications maybe received.

There is not currently any funds listed in the City's Long Term Financial Plan for bowling green covers.

As there are no funds listed in the City's Long Term Financial Plan, options include:

- Utilising the City's annual allocation to contribute to community CSRFF projects which is \$300,000 per annum; or
- Consider drawing from the Community Facilities Reserve.

Utilising either of the two above options may displace other community infrastructure proposals scheduled at the time.

CONSEQUENCE

Should Council choose to not adopt the recommended standard of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens, bowling clubs would be required to fully fund covers either through club funds, which may compromise club sustainability or through grant funding which, with the support of the City, maybe unlikely to succeed.

BRIEFING FORUM – FURTHER INFORMATION

During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members at the Agenda Briefing Forum held on Tuesday, 8 July 2025. The questions and responses now form part of the final Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda:

Question 1:

With regard to the CSRFF, is there a separate allocation within this for the bowling green structures?

Response 1:

No, there isn't. Generally, in the CSRFF program, there's 20 million dollars allocated per annum but nothing specifically for bowling covers?

Question 2:

With the structures you've given examples of, can you advise of the maintenance costs involved?

Response 2:

Maintenance requirements have been developed through consultation with suppliers, using case studies and/or industry benchmarks. The All-Weather Canopy is directly from the supplier and is required to be demonstrated as part of the warranty requirements.

Motorised Retractable Shade Canopy – annual maintenance allowance, \$2,000.

- Motors, inspect and service annually.
- Cables, inspect monthly as minimum, service as required.
- Canopy, inspect monthly as a minimum, keep clean and free of debris
- Columns, inspect annually (fasteners, anchors, footing, corrosion, etc)

Steel Undercover Area – annual maintenance allowance, \$1,000.

- Structure, inspect annually (fasteners, anchors, footing, corrosion, etc), keep clean/free of debris.
- Pest treatment (spiders/spider webs).

All Weather Premium (PTFE or PVC) Canopy – annual maintenance allowance, \$15,000 - \$20,000.

- Routine membrane inspections – quarterly in the first year, every 6 months after the first year. Inspections include, change in surface colour, inspection of fabric and seems for holes, fraying, inspection for and removal of foreign matters, leaves, insects, and checking the tension of the membrane. A specific inspection is required following an unusual or exceptional event (weather or other).
- Routine structure inspections – quarterly in the first year, every 6 months after the first year. Inspections include, fabric connection points, footings and supporting structure. A specific inspection is required following an unusual or exceptional event (weather or other).
- Structural engineer, tensile membrane specialist and or licenced builder inspection (every three years) for membrane and structure.
- The membrane (canopy) is required to be cleaned every 3-5 years dependant on site specific requirements.

A full breakdown of the cost implications has now been attached to this report (Attachment 1).

Question 3:

Regarding the tensile membrane fabrics, can you provide some benefits to using this?

Response 3:

The PTFE structure allows natural light to come through, the detail or benefits provided in terms of costs will be provided in the spreadsheet which will be provided in response to Question 2.

Question 4:

How did the Kardinya Bowling Club fund its cover, and what was the cost?

Response 4:

The original bowling greens cover at Kardinya Bowling Club cost \$160,000. \$60,000 was funded by the Kardinya Bowling Club, \$100,000 was funded through a City approved Self Supporting Loan (Council Item C09/8011 – 21 April 2009). It was reported in the Council Item that the supplier 'Greensafe PTY LTD (Brisbane based) had offered the Kardinya Bowling Club a \$50,000 discount on ordinary pricing for the supply and installation of their product to assist in establishing themselves in the Western Australian market, Kardinya Bowling Club were the first in the state to purchase their product.

Question 5:

Will the Kardinya club be eligible for a subsidy in line with the intent of this report?

Response 5:

It's envisioned that retrospectively they wouldn't but if they needed to renew the infrastructure, then yes.

Question 6:

In deciding that a motorised retractable share canopy should be the appropriate standard of provision, how much weight was given to the fact that only the retractable option is feasible at the Mount Pleasant Clubs?

Response 6:

Yes, there was some weight added to that. The two key aspects were, could it be implemented at all four clubs, and also the financial sustainability.

Question 7:

The preferred option of the Leeming Bowling Club is the tensile structure, does this place them at a disadvantage?

Response 7:

They are not necessarily at a disadvantage and it would come back to Council considering the business case, so there will always be an opportunity to increase an allocation if Council decided that at the time they considered a business case. The proposal provides a level of equity across the board and helps the clubs to understand where the City's position is at.

Question 8:

If adopted, will funding be built into future long term financial plans for the provision of bowling covers?

Response 8:

It is possible to consider, the challenge will be being able to predict when the clubs might approach the City. The City will be undertaking some consultation as part of the active reserve and infrastructure review, which may help to provide some solid evidence to help predict that.

Question 9:

Who is the City trying to attract to the bowling clubs?

Response 9:

Membership strategies are generally focused around the particular bowling clubs targets, and we'd be encouraging those clubs to look at their catchments and those opportunities. Most clubs are looking now to attract a broader range of people.

Question 10:

Which bowling club within the City of Melville has the most members?

Response 10:

The bowling club in the City of Melville with the most bowling members is Leeming Bowling Club, with 222 competition members in 2023/2024. Melville Bowling Club reports the greatest overall membership of 458 (2023/2024), though the reporting is not necessarily a consistent noting the difference in management models, for example, Leeming Bowling Club is a part of the Leeming Sporting Association, which has three other member clubs (Leeming Spartan Cricket Club, Leeming Spartan Junior Cricket Club and Leeming Striker Football Club).

Question 11:

Can you please provide a breakdown on attendance, and which bowling clubs have male and female attendance?

Response 11:

A breakdown of membership numbers at the four clubs based Annual Return information provided by clubs on land under the City's care or control are as follows:

Kardinya Bowling Club

- Total Competition (Pennants) = 134 (97 Male, 37 Female (Bowls WA Annual Report 2023/2024))
- Total Social Members = 97 (Club reported 2023/2024)
- Total Reported Members = 231

Leeming Bowling Club

- Total Competition (Pennants) = 222 (147 Male, 75 Female (Bowls WA Annual Report 2023/2024))
- Total Social Members = 45 (Club reported 2022/2023 (not reported 2023/2024))
- Total Reported Members 267

Melville Bowling Club

- Total Competition (Pennants) = 90 (56 Male, 34 Female (Bowls WA Annual Report 2023/2024))
- Total Social Members = 368 (Club Reported 2023/2024))
- Total Reported Members = 458

Mount Pleasant Club

- Total Competition (Pennants) = 106 (68 Male, 38 Female (Bowls WA Annual Report 2023/2024))
- Total Social Members = 14 (Club reported 2022/2023 (not reported 2023/2024))

Question 12:

Why did Cockburn go with non-retractable steel structure, and how does this compare with the retractable at Kardinya?

Response 12:

The key benefits for the steel structure were related to the comparison in costs compared to tensile structure, and wanting all weather cover which varies from the needs of the Kardinya club. The decision was part of a tender process, and the specifications did include a range of different options and was considered at the time to be the best value for money.

Question 13:

Since cover was put over the greens, have you noticed if membership has increased?

Response 13:

There has not be a dramatic increase in terms of membership, however they have engaged a number of social programs, and the numbers within the community from day one went from zero to two thousand members at that facility.

Question 14:

Do you have any statistics on the Kardinya membership numbers?

Response 14:

From 2008/2009 to 2009/2010 (when the motorised retractable structure was installed) the Kardinya Bowling Club competition membership grew by 25 members. Competition membership remained stable at between 172-182 until 2014/2015, since this time competition membership has been gradually declining. A table of membership data for competition members from 2008/2009 to 2023/2024 is presented below:

Club	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Kardinya	111	43	127	52	123	53	123	49	127	51	133	49	122	52
Total	154		179		176		172		178		182		174	

Club	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Kardinya	132	47	109	43	120	44	122	39	119	32	126	37	104	40	97	37
Total	179		152		164		161		151		163		144		134	

Question 15:

In the officer recommendation, it states that the City may provide up to one third of the funding for motorised retractable shade canopy. If the City wanted to consider tensile membrane structures, would this be something we could consider at the Ordinary Meeting of Council?

Response 15:

The wording being “may” allows Council flexibility to provide more or less, and is a guideline. The expectation is that the clubs will provide a business case for the City to consider, which will include all the elements of funding. The Council will make determinations based on the clubs proposal.

Question 16:

So is it far to say that the City may provide up to one third of funding, for motorised retractable shade covering only?

Response 16:

That is the intent. This is a starting point to help guide the clubs to work from when developing their business cases, and the City will work with them on that to present to the Council with a recommendation for their consideration.

Question 17:

If the club was wanting a higher standard of provision for a structure that was not a motorised shade, would the City present a business case to the Council for those other types of shades?

Response 17:

Even though we may be recommending a maximum financial contribution based on one third for the motorised retractable shade structure, the City would still present a business case if the funding was available for the club from other external sources to support the business case.