

13.1 Petition – Melville Civic Centre Main Hall, Retention of General Purpose Use.

A petition signed by 171 residents of the City of Melville and 14 non-residents has been received and reads as follows:

“We the undersigned, all being electors of the City of Melville, respectfully request that the Council does not prejudice general purpose access to Melville Civic Centre Main Hall for multiple groups on a continuing basis by preferentially leasing the Hall to a single user group, but instead ensures the retention of the Hall’s unique attributes:

- *its current large-sized uninterrupted floor area, being the only available City of Melville hall large enough to cater for all levels of Ballroom Dancing.*
- *a well-maintained sprung floor for physical activities, in particular but not limited to, Ballroom Dancing for people of all ages (especially seniors), providing exercise to music in a social setting.*
- *regular assured availability for community groups that meet weekly.*
- *a central location in the City of Melville available for the benefit of all its ratepayers.*

As there is no other venue in the City with these features, loss of access to the Main Hall would result in reduced participation by Melville residents in Ballroom Dancing, which has well-documented physical, neurological and social benefits – especially for seniors.”

This petition was presented to the 21 July 2020, Ordinary Meeting of Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the petition received requesting that Melville Civic Centre Main Hall, signed by 171 residents and 14 non-resident be acknowledged and a report be prepared.