

PROPOSED MOTION WITH NOTICE COUNCIL MEETING

Name:	Cr Margaret Sandford
Date of Meeting:	16 March 2021
Meeting of the:	OMC
Item No.	Motion with Notice
Title of Item	Parent Parking Reserved Bays at Melville Aquatic Centre, Booragoon

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR REJECT AND REPLACE MOTION:

(If an amendment is proposed, please identify the words being amended and reasons for the amendment)

That the Council directs the CEO to investigate and arrange for the designation of adequate numbers of reserved parking bays for parents with young children close to the entrance of Melville Aquatic Centre.

REASONS:

1. The Melville Aquatic Centre and gym is frequented by many parents with babies & young children, but there are no reserved parking bays for parents with prams, etc.
2. Parents often need to struggle with prams, baby capsules, swimming/gym bags, while managing babies and toddlers, and sometimes need to walk large distances to get to the entrance in busy periods, through all kinds of weather.
3. Westfield Booragoon has made an allowance for parents with babies with dedicated parking bays near the entrance to the shopping centre where the post office used to be.
4. There are two dedicated to motorcycle parking bays in the shade at the Aquatic Centre which are very infrequently used. It is frustrating, when the car park is full and cars are circling trying to find a spot, to have two vacant bays sitting there.
5. As most of the motor bike riders are young men, who could easily park and walk further away from the entrance, these motor cycle bays could be freed up to accommodate parent parking. The site is also shady, which would make it more comfortable when they return with their babies.
6. While there are reserved disabled parking bays and motorcycle parking bays close to the entrance, it would be of great assistance to many parents, and be much safer for families, if they could park in as many designated parent bays as possible close to the entrance.

SIGNATURE: Margaret Sandford