

16.5 Cr Mair – Mt Pleasant Bowling Club Review

Disclosures of Interest

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| Member | Cr Wheatland |
| Type of Interest | Interest Under the Code |
| Nature of Interest | Former Executive Manager of Fremantle Netball Association. |
| Request | Stay, discuss and vote |
| Decision | Stay, discuss and vote |

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| Member | Cr Wheatland |
| Type of Interest | Indirect Financial Interest |
| Nature of Interest | Operational Manager for Sports Centre AESS potential uniform provider for Tingara Netball Club. |
| Request | Stay, discuss and vote |
| Decision | Stay, discuss and vote |

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At 7:25pm Cr Mair moved, seconded Cr Wheatland –

That Item 16.5 Motion with Notice – Mt Pleasant Bowling Club Review be brought forward for the convenience of the public gallery.

At 7:25pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared

CARRIED (13/0)

At 7:26pm Cr Woodall left the meeting and returned at 7:30pm.

At 7:27pm Cr Barton left the meeting and returned at 7:31pm.

MOTION

At 7:26pm Cr Mair moved, seconded Cr Kepert –

That the Council request the CEO to undertake research into previous Council resolutions relating to:

- A the Mt Pleasant Club requests for financial support and requests to changes to financing commitments**
- B the relocation of the Mt Pleasant Bowls Club and the development of Club site, and**
- C the noting and endorsing the City of Melville Bowls Strategy Report,**

and provide a report to the Council on the implications, both financial and non-financial, of the Council rescinding previous motions relating to the relocation of the Mt Pleasant Bowls Club and the noting and endorsing of the City of Melville Bowls Strategy Report.

At 7:39pm during discussion and debate on the motion, the mover and the seconder consented to the changes to the second final paragraph by the inclusion of the words “*which includes consideration and investigation of a home base for Tingara Netball Club at Mount Pleasant Bowling Club*”.

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At 7:41pm during discussion and debate on the motion the mover and seconder agreed to further changes to the final paragraph by the inclusion of the words “*or other interested sporting clubs*”.

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and provide a report to the Council on the implications, both financial and non-financial, of the Council rescinding previous motions relating to the relocation of the Mt Pleasant Bowls Club, which includes consideration and investigation of a home base for Tingara Netball Club or other interested sporting clubs at Mount Pleasant Bowls Club and the noting and endorsing of the City of Melville Bowls Strategy Report.

At 7:51pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared

CARRIED (12/1)

| Vote Result Summary | |
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| Yes | 12 |
| No | 1 |

| Vote Result Detailed | |
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| Cr Barber | Yes |
| Cr Barton | Yes |
| Cr Fitzgerald | Yes |
| Cr Kepert | Yes |
| Cr Mair | Yes |
| Cr Pazolli | Yes |
| Cr Robartson | Yes |
| Cr Robins | Yes |
| Cr Sandford | Yes |
| Cr Wheatland | Yes |
| Cr Woodall | Yes |
| Mayor | Yes |
| Cr Macphail | No |

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Reasons for the Motion as provided by Cr Mair

1. Now that the Shirley Strickland and Thompkins Park Reserves have fully funded redevelopment plans for sports and recreation facilities, whether they go ahead with them or not, there is no longer any need for Mt Pleasant Bowling Club to be developed for the purposes of raising revenue for the development of these two reserves.
2. Mt Pleasant Bowling Club has been located in Ardross on Crown Land for 60 years and the land was set aside for Bowls. The Council should honour this recreational space and retain it in perpetuity for sports. Now the two reserves Shirley Strickland and Thompkins Park are fully funded for redevelopment, there is no need for The Mt Pleasant Bowling Club to be redeveloped into housing. There is also ample opportunity for urban infill in the the current City of Melville footprint of housing to increase density with adjustments in the Planning Scheme. With increased urban infill, Mt Pleasant Bowling Club will become more important for the community as an active and passive recreational reserve and community facility.
3. Since The City of Melville's Lawn Bowls Strategy supported the merger of both the Mt Pleasant and Melville Bowling Clubs into the Thompkins Park Facility, both clubs have experienced a downturn in membership: pennant players and social members. The potential closure of these two Bowling Clubs has caused a lot of public angst, debate and was the subject of a number of Special Elector's Meetings. Since there is no individual strategy for any other sport, the Lawn Bowls Strategy should be scrapped. It also has many deficiencies such as how membership is calculated, namely it does not recognise any other members other than pennant players. These players only respresent a portion of Bowling Club membership groups and does not take into consideration any other user groups or potential user groups at the facility.
4. Since redevelopment of the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club was signalled in 2016, Mt Pleasant Bowling Club lost many of its top bowlers and struggled for membership and has declined financially and in memberships. However this is changing already with renewed optimism about the Club and its portential. And once the Council rescinds their decision to redevelop the land, we will see a resurgence of their past success as a sporting and social hub.
5. Currently the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club is developing a business plan inclusive of other sporting clubs and social activities. It is keen to rebrand itself as a Bowling Club an Community Centre. Currently, the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club is not permitted to make itself more viable by including other sporting clubs like netball so it has little ability to improve its financial position to any great degree. Currently membership is increasing catering for the more casual bowlers which are now becoming a fast growing group generally in bowls. The Club is seen as a focal point for locals to walk there for social interaction and bowls.