

Advice Note

Responsible Officer: Director Community Development

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 15 September 2020

Meeting of the: Ordinary Meeting of Council

Item: Amendment – Cr Barton – Item CD/20/8135 Response to Petition Retaining the Melville Civic Centre Main Hall for General Use

DETAIL

Please find responses to listed points below. Points Number 1 – 3 are the Recommendations included in the Report. As the Council Report highlights any change to bookings will not occur for at least 12-18 months. Alternative venues have been identified, and Officers have included in current investigations the option of dance continuing in a shared space with a Theatre Group.

To amend the Officers Recommendation by adding Points 4 to 7 so the motion now reads:

That the Council:

1. Notes the current strategy to look at options for the conversion of the Main Hall to a theatre for the Melville Theatre Company including models for other hall users to continue their activities.

Included in Officers Recommendation

2. Directs the CEO to send a response to the petitioners noting their concerns and informing them that research is being done for alternative dance venues, particularly for ball room dancing.

Included in Officers Recommendation

3. Directs that ball room dance operators and other regular users are continued to be involved in the option planning stage to include their future needs where possible.

Included in Officers Recommendation

4. Directs the CEO to expand the strategy to include options other than the Main Hall to accommodate the Melville Theatre Company within the City.

As highlighted at the Agenda Briefing Forum officers have already done exhaustive investigation of various venues that may accommodate the Melville Theatre Company and the Main Hall is considered the best and most appropriate option. Attached to the Advice Note is a document that shows the level of research already undertaken (this has been summarised).

5. Directs the CEO to arrange site inspections by Elected Members of Kardinya Hall for exploring its possible use by the Melville Theatre Company.

As highlighted at the ABF officers have already done exhaustive investigation of various venues that may accommodate the Melville Theatre Company and the Main Hall is considered the best and most appropriate option. Attached to the Advice Notice is information relating to these investigations.

Kardinya Hall does have a number of the aspects required for a theatre – a large space, kitchen/ bar and parking requirements. However, there is only a small stage, poor acoustics, no toilets for theatre members separate from audience members and no storage space.

The most significant element is the dislocation required of a large number of community activities which are at the moment managed by Bull Creek Lions Club.

Currently the regular users of the Civic Centre Main Hall use the space for 9 hours per week (day and night) compared to approximately 50 hours per week in the Kardinya Hall and most of these are regular activities and includes 7 nights a week. All the users of the second room to the rear of the hall would have to be permanently shifted this includes Karate and Kumon (tutoring in maths for children) plus casual hirers.

September 2020 - Kardinya Hall - Main Hall					
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Prime Movers BC Jammers - Betty Hu BC Jammers - Betty Hu The Owners of Pinewood Villas Dumba	10:00AM-12:00PM Janice Hoh 06:00PM-07:00PM Perth Soo Bahk Do 08:00PM-10:00PM Sunshine Social Club	09:15AM-10:45AM Prime Movers 11:15AM-01:15PM VIVOdance 06:30PM-08:30PM Perth Soo Bahk Do	10:00AM-12:30PM BC Jammers - Betty Hu 01:00PM-02:00PM Jumma Prayer 08:00PM-10:00PM Sunshine Social Club	07:30AM-09:00AM Hall Cleaning 09:30AM-11:00AM Ming Low 02:30PM-04:00PM Perth Soo Bahk D 04:00PM-06:30PM Perth Soo Bahk D	
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6. Directs the CEO to arrange site inspections by Elected Members of Court 3 of Melville Recreation Centre for exploring its possible use by dance groups, and to advise Council of the feasibility and estimated cost of installing a floor-to ceiling sound-absorbing partition between Court 2 and Court 3 to enable concurrent use of Courts 1 and 2 for basketball and Court 3 for dancing.

Following discussion at the ABF about this option investigation has shown that courts are booked to capacity at Melville Leisure Fit and the option of using this for the Theatre Group or dance are not practicable. There are limited alternatives for sports court hire within the City of Melville.

7. Directs the CEO to inform Council of costings and progress of investigations into alternative venues both for the Melville Theatre Company and for the current users of the Main Hall, including dance groups

As highlighted in the Council Report Officers are currently working through the options planning for the Main Hall with Slavin Architects with a budget of \$40,000. The planning for options for Dance Groups will be included in these investigations.



Relocation of the Melville Theatre Company Investigations

Options Explored and Evaluated

Name of facility	Description of amenity	Difficulties	Possibility
Leeming Heights Community Hall 55 Farrington Rd Leeming	No Stage Limited parking No associated night time facilities/ services	Displacement of current users larger	Not recommended
Kardinya Community Centre 51 Williamson Rd Kardinya (Management Licence Building Creek Lions Club)	Back of stage possible Much smaller stage than required Bar serving area Commercial kitchen Plenty of Parking (day and night)	No Wings to stage Stage not big enough Acoustics challenging Significant displacement of current users	Not recommended
Kadidjiny Hall 70-72 Curtis Rd Melville	Close to current MTC base for local loyal audience	Too small No Stage Not enough parking Already well used by community groups	Not recommended
The Tivoli (Applecross District Hall)	Cross Promotion with two groups with similar objectives Theatre already set up for sound, bio box, lighting (property of Tivoli)	Sharing with a group with similar needs of night access, not favorable by either group Issues Parking Very different audience (chair/ table) set up Limited Storage Performance times of theatre groups conflict	Not recommended
Girl Guide Halls Kitchener Rd Melville	Guide groups use hall at same times as MTC	Too small No stage No parking Used by other community groups that would require rehousing,	Not recommended
Scout Halls Scout Association 21A Lawlor Rd, Attadale 27 Sicklemore St Booragoon Bob Gordon Reserve Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek 90 Garling St, Willagee Waylen Bay Ardross		Mostly too small with no stage Used at night and weekends when also required by MTC	Not recommended



Point Walter Recreational Camp	No performing arts space only small halls for conferences, schools, education		Not recommended
Rossmoyne Senior High	Appropriate stage and seating	Not available for community use owing to the schools continuity of business plan	Not recommended
Santa Maria	Small Performing Arts hall	Not open to community use	Not recommended
All Saints College	Would require storage for sets/building sets/rehearsal space/ costume house.	Following discussions with school using space not possible due to school demands	Not recommended
Applecross Senior High	Capacity only 100	Not possible as not open for public use and limited seating.	Not recommended
North Lake Senior College 188 Winterfold Rd Kardinya	Gymnasium (underutilized) Hall Well built stage (but small) with good backend toilets and storage Night usage very free Good parking	Would only be able to do temporary bar and no kitchen Not near car park so exposed walk to theatre for elderly patrons Limited disability access Hall is used for sport which does not mix well with theatre lighting No Bio box all lighting controlled on stage	Not recommended
North Lake Senior High School	Theaterette seats 100 Near car park Comfortable seating	No back end Not available during the school day No seating No storage or anchoring of group possible	Not recommended