

Councillor Question Time

Question from Councillor Pearl

In relation to Melbourne Sports Aquatic Centre (MSAC), can I get an update on Councils relationship with the governing authority of MSAC, The State Sport Centre Trust. Community feedback is that MSAC is becoming more sport elite focused. Council previously had a board position until around 2015/16 on MSAC to ensure that our Community was consulted in what was going on with MSAC. Can officers provide an update of what level of communication and dialogue are we having with The State Sport Centre Trust and what are we currently doing to represent our Community views at that facility?

Response

Council invested funding into the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) facility in the mid-nineties to service the community and provide a low-cost facility to all residents, increasing health and wellbeing for the benefit of the local community. This was on the proviso that the facility remains in service and available to the public for at least 15 years, with Council not responsible for any maintenance or operational costs. The original agreement expired in 2012. MSAC is not a City of Port Phillip facility or on our land and the agreement has expired, so we can continue to advocate for positive community benefits but don't have a formal role in their venue or operations.

Officers at various levels will continue to advocate for improved outcomes and community programming when we receive feedback from our community.

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