

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Submissions

The following people made verbal submissions in relation to item 8.1 –Northcote Golf Course Operating Model Options

- Juno Taylor
- Lola
- Leesa-Marie Spencer
- Michael Foster
- Jane Winning and Alfie
- Jen Jewel Brown
- Lauren Krnjacki
- Jim Chahoud
- Louis
- Sandra Kernot on behalf of Angela Madden
- Carl Crotty
- Vanessa Walker
- Lincoln Gray
- Marlene Smith on behalf of Linda Green
- Norm Lasslett
- David Raits
- Luis Castro
- Dan Sibby On behalf of Bill Jennings
- Libby Smith
- Libby Smith on behalf of Ruth Liston
- Tim Holdsworth
- Kaylene Soligo
- Steve Bennett
- Ross Parks
- Mark Cooley on behalf of Josh Beasley
- Mel Del Monaco
- Mark Cooley
- Grant Wastin on behalf of Mary Kenneally
- Yvette Walker
- Mick Verias
- Edward Gamble
- Emma Armstrong on behalf of Julie
- Sandra Kernot

8.1 NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE – OPERATING MODEL OPTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following an extensive community consultation, Council resolved at its meeting on 23 May 2022 to implement spatial sharing at the Northcote Public Golf Course site. This resulted in an additional 5.72 hectares of open space for the community, while maintaining a 9-hole golf course (on a smaller site) for golf users.

Council's resolution requested further investigation into temporal sharing opportunities through the management contract for the operation of the Northcote Public Golf Course.

This report outlines three main options for the management model of the Golf course for Council consideration:

- Option A – golf focused
- Option B – golf with community use after 3pm
- Option C – golf with community use one day a week

On balance Option A (golf focused) is recommended ahead of Option C (golf with one day a week community use), and Option B is not recommended. The main reason for this is that the benefit of community access is not thought to outweigh the greater financial cost of temporal sharing. A key consideration underpinning this recommendation is that in this location there is community access to large open spaces nearby, including Mayer Park and the 5.72Ha area which Council has decided to release back to open space. The community uses that could be provided on the golf course itself can also be provided on other nearby open spaces and there is not a particular benefit to providing them specifically on the golf course. Option C has been assessed as the best 'temporal sharing' model and is generally regarded as viable (subject to findings from any upcoming tender, and noting that this is an untested model in Australia).

Should Council endorse the recommendation to proceed with a golf-focused Tender, Tenderers would be asked to implement creative options to further activate the course for those looking to participate in golf-adjacent and non-golf pastimes. Council would identify the best option through the Tender evaluation process. At the conclusion of the Tender process officers would negotiate the specifics of creative activations and confirm them in the contract. Should Council wish to understand temporal shared-use options (option B or C or both) further, officers recommend using an Expression of Interest process prior to a formal public tender process. If Council decided to do this, a new management contract is estimated to start on 1 July 2023.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the commencement of a public tender for a golf-focused operating model at Northcote Public Golf Course, noting that tenderers would be asked to implement creative options to further activate the course for those looking to participate in golf-adjacent and non-golf pastimes.
- (2) Endorses the inclusion of the following principles into the management contract and operating model to implement creative options to further activate the course for those looking to participate in golf-adjacent and non-golf pastimes:
 - a) Access and inclusion
 - b) Health and wellbeing
 - c) Increased participation by target groups (older adults, people with a disability, women and girls, children and youth, LGBTQI+, people from a CALD or Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background, people experiencing financial hardship)
 - d) Community connection and social outcomes
 - e) Sustainable and environmental initiatives

Motion**MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

That the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

Amendment**MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**

That point 2 of the Officer Recommendation be amended to include an additional sub point (f) as follows:

- f) Minimisation or if possible, the elimination of the cost to Council.**

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment.

The amendment was incorporated into the motion which became the substantive motion before the Council.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 22-053****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

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 - e) Sustainable and environmental initiatives
 - f) Minimisation or if possible the elimination of the cost to Council.

CARRIED