

File no: **F2018/6590**

**Classification: Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan Reference Group**

**Background:**

Ivanhoe Park is one of Banyule's prime reserves and supports a number of sporting activities including football, cricket, lawn bowls croquet and tennis. Chelsworth Park and Ivanhoe Recreation Reserve are located within close proximity to Ivanhoe Park and collectively these three sites form a very significant sporting precinct serving the local and broader community.

In 2011/2012 Council embarked on masterplan process for Ivanhoe Park with the objective to ensure best outcomes for the community, improve facilities and amenities and deliver a long term sustainable plan for the Park. The adoption of the plan was deferred, however a number of initiatives have been implemented including the redevelopment of the sports pavilion

There are now exciting opportunities to be realised, new community needs, growing sporting club demands and unresolved issues over the past 18 months that have heightened the need for broader planning across Ivanhoe's sporting facilities which are under leased and license to a number of organisations.

**Purpose of the Reference Group:** To work with Council to prepare a precinct plan for Ivanhoe Park that strategically positions the reserves, facilities and clubs, explores synergies, realises opportunities and supports the growing community and sporting club needs for the future

**Objectives of the Reference Group :**

Members of the reference group will be required to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas for Ivanhoe Park to help inform the plan and guide its key directions. As a key stakeholder Council wants to ensure that needs and challenges of the existing and potential clubs are explored and addressed and opportunities maximised through the plan

**Membership and chairperson:**

- two representatives of the Leisure Services Team (one chair)
- up to two Councillors
- Up to one representative from each of the following stakeholder clubs and groups :Ivanhoe Junior Football Club, Ivanhoe Netball Club, Ivanhoe Cricket Club, Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club, Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club, Ivanhoe Tennis Club, East Ivanhoe Bowling Club, Ivanhoe Bowling Club
- 2 sporting club representatives and one residential representative from Chelsworth Park Reference Group

**Quorum:** A meeting can only take place with a minimum quorum of:

- seven members
- One member of Council staff.

**Member responsibilities:**

In order to fulfil the Reference group objectives, members are expected to:

- Understand key Council plans and policies, particularly the Recreation Plan, Sporting Reserve Allocation Policy and conditions of use.
- Have a basic understanding or knowledge of current developments, issues and trends in the sporting sector particularly as it relates to funding, facilities, guidelines and community clubs and sports infrastructure
- Be able to read and review drafts and consult with broader club/committee members if required to gather feedback and report back to reference group.

**Meeting frequency:** The reference group will convene up to 4 times throughout key stages of the project. Commencing March 2019 and concluding October 2019

**Management of the reference group:**

- The Co-ordinator Leisure and Cultural Services and/or the Team Leader of Sport and will resource the Committee and attend all meetings.
- The Leisure Recreation & Culture department will be responsible for preparing meeting agendas, minutes, reports and other administrative functions.

**Reporting Procedure:**

The Ivanhoe Sports Precinct group is not a formal committee but rather a reference group that is established by Council for the purpose of consultation for this policy. Feedback from the group will help guide the policy and all reports and recommendations made will require Council approval before being fully endorsed and acted upon.

**Public Statements:**

Any public statements made by the Chair or ordinary members of the Committee must be in accordance with Council's media protocol and with the prior approval of the Coordinator Leisure and Cultural Services and /or the Manager Leisure, Recreation & Cultural Services.

**References:**

- Council's City Plan 2017-2026
- Recreation Plan 2017-2021
- Sporting Reserve Allocation Policy

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