



**25 NOVEMBER 2024**

**Shire of Esperance**

**26 NOVEMBER 2024**

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**



## **16. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY DECISION**

### **Item: 16.1**

#### **Kids Sport Program - Fee Modification**

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**File Ref: D24/33882**

#### **Applicant**

Bay of Isles Leisure Centre

#### **Location/Address**

Black St, Esperance

#### **Executive Summary**

Request to introduce a fee structure to enable for the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre to participate in the Kidsport Regional Pool Pass Program (the Program).

#### **Recommendation in Brief**

That Council;

1. Introduce;
  - a. Kidsport Regional Pool Pass Child (under 12 years) Aquatic Membership fee of \$200.
  - b. A Kidsport Regional Pool Pass Concession (student 12-18 years) Aquatic Membership fee of \$250 for eligible children to participate in the Kidsport Regional Pool Pass Program at the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre, within the 2024/25 Fees and Charges.
2. Direct the CEO to advertise fees by giving local public notice in accordance with section 6.19 *Local Government Act 1995*

#### **Background**

The Bay of Isles Leisure Centre has been invited to participate in the Regional Pool Pass Program through Kidsport, via the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

This Program provides eligible children, between the ages of 5 and 18 years old, free access to their local aquatic facility for the summer period in a bid to promote physical activity and water safety for children.

This Program is offered over and above the existing Kidsport grants provided to families who hold a Services Australia Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, with the child's unique Customer Reference Number listed.

#### **Officer's Comment**

The Shire of Esperance Fees and Charges, accommodates a 12 month Child (under 12 years) Aquatic Membership for \$405 and a 12 month Concession (Student) Aquatic Membership for \$506, providing the most cost effective way to access the aquatic facilities.

Initial conversations with the Kidsport Program representatives indicated these costings were acceptable, and staff developed a marketing plan and sign up process.

We have since been advised that the Program is a seasonal promotion and only runs for a six month period from November through to April, and that a 12 month membership, for reimbursement, would not be accepted. This has caused delays in the implementation of the Program.

A shorter term Aquatic Membership does not exist in the Fees and Charges, and in order to participate in the program a revised fee structure needed to be provided, before a commitment to the Program could be made.

A revised fee structure, deriving from the two existing 12 month memberships over a 6 month timeframe, suggests a;

- Kidsport Child (under 12 years) Aquatic membership for the 2024/25 summer season would be \$200
- Kidsport Concession (Student between 12 – 18years) Aquatic membership for the 2024/25 summer season would be \$250

### **Consultation**

Kidsport – Department Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Coordinator Sport and Recreation  
Club and Community Development Officer

### **Financial Implications**

When the Leisure Centre joins the program, memberships will be allocated to eligible families and reimbursement sought from the Dept Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. There will be no cost for the Shire of Esperance associated with the program, however it will make the Leisure Centre more accessible to families who otherwise would not use the facility.

If 25 of these memberships can be taken up, it would increase membership income by around \$11,250.

### **Asset Management Implications**

Nil

### **Statutory Implications**

Nil

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Strategic Implications**

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

*People - Outcome 2. A healthy and active community*

Objective 2.2. Increase participation in sport and recreation activities.

### **Environmental Considerations**

Nil

### **Attachments**

Nil

**Officer's Recommendation**

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**Voting Requirement**

**Absolute Majority**

**17. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**