

29 August 2018

Mayor and Councillors
Yarra City Council
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Dear Mayor and Councillors

We are writing to thank you for meeting with representatives of the Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community (EGSC) on Monday 13 August, and to confirm the discussion and resolutions of that meeting.

The Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community is a coalition of the Edinburgh Cricket Club, Fitzroy Football Club, Fitzroy Junior Football Club and Fitzroy Tennis Club. Together, our clubs provide competitive and recreational sport for thousands of City of Yarra residents and share the aspiration of being active and important contributors to community life. However, it has become apparent in recent years, particularly with the increase in female participants, that the current facilities at the WT Peterson Oval (Brunswick Street Oval) and at the adjoining tennis courts are inadequate for demand, badly dated and unsafe, and that a solution is required to allow clubs to properly function and grow in this precinct.

The ECGS believes with a cooperative approach that ensures efficient use of expenditure and respects the historic surrounds, a new shared club rooms facility at Brunswick Street Oval will enhance the experience of residents currently playing sport, attract more active participants and volunteers, improve junior retention rates and cater for other local interest groups.

Please be advised that:

- Subsequent to EGSC's meeting with the City of Yarra, Fitzroy Tennis Club has formally confirmed their preference to reallocate the City of Yarra \$50,000 design funding to the strategic planning process for redevelopment of the WT Peterson Oval (Brunswick Street Oval).
- In line with your request at the 13 August meeting, EGSC met with The Hon Richard Wynne MP, Member for Richmond, yesterday (Tuesday 28 August) to seek the Minister's confirmation for matching funding from the State Government towards this strategic planning process. The Minister indicated general support and requested Council formally request the funding.

We accordingly request that the proposal for redevelopment of the WT Peterson Oval (Brunswick Street Oval) be taken to a full meeting of Council to secure a Council resolution that:

- Formally approves reallocation of the \$50,000 design funding from the Fitzroy Tennis Club to redevelopment of the WT Peterson Oval (Brunswick Street Oval) and requests matching funds from the State Government.
- Further, we request that when a Project Control Group is formed, it includes members from EGSC.

Yours faithfully



Director, Volunteers

Fitzroy Football Club

For and on behalf of Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community