

Item 12.7**Notices of Motion****Extending Outdoor Pool Season**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) due to Covid-19 restrictions the City's pools have been closed for almost two months which has effected residents and constituents who use these pools for recreation and exercise;
- (ii) this is especially important for elderly City residents and those who use the pools for rehabilitation. People who are recovering from physical injuries, or have chronic health conditions that mean they cannot do weight bearing exercise, rely on pools and aqua aerobics to maintain and build strength. For the past two months, the only accessible exercise for these people has been walking which doesn't allow for muscle strength to be retained;
- (iii) while beaches may start to open, people who need aqua exercise need deep manageable water to actually do their exercises, even with their own water equipment;
- (iv) it would be extremely beneficial for these users to have access to heated, ramp and public transport accessible outdoor pools, such as Prince Alfred Park Pool and Victoria Park Pool. Resuming aqua aerobic classes that were available pre-Covid-19 on Saturday mornings, and weekday lunchtimes and evenings would be ideal. Class sizes of 10, as legally allowable, are the ideal size for these classes;
- (v) considering the two month closure of the outdoor facilities, residents would greatly benefit and appreciate extended access into winter; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) explore extending the season of operation of the City's outdoor pools due to Covid-19 limiting the pool use, specifically for Andrew Boy Charlton Pool, Prince Alfred Park Pool and Victoria Park Pool;
- (ii) explore the ability to prioritise pool use for those needing access for rehabilitation and health concerns; and
- (iii) provide an update on access changes via the CEO Update.

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