

Dear all,

This morning Councillor Neil Pilling posted an item on his official blog which provides details of a motion he intends supporting at this Tuesday's Council Meeting, the full article can be viewed at <http://crpilling.blogspot.com/>, however the detail is as follows:

1. That council notes the report
2. That council sets the seasonal hire rate for basketball at GESAC at \$40.00 per court per hour.
3. That council awards the Friday tenancy (6pm to 11pm) and Sunday (9am to 11pm) to The Oakleigh Garden State Warriors Basketball Association.
4. That council awards the Saturday (8am to 11pm) tenancy to the McKinnon Basketball Association.
5. That all court fees are payable regardless of court use.
6. That council requires a bond of \$10,000 per court payable on signing of the lease agreement.
7. That if either association is unable to fill its allocated times, it must first offer that time to the other before it can be offered to any other association, body or individual.
8. That this resolution be incorporated in the public minutes of this meeting. (if in camera)

Will also support a division (a recording of how Councillors vote) on this item.

We (the MBA Executive) believe that this represents a very fair compromise and we applaud Councillor Pilling for taking a pragmatic approach to this issue. We think the proposed commercial terms are fair and reasonable and have no difficulty with what is proposed.

Given that the Council meeting is this Tuesday, we encourage all our members to write to their Councillors as soon as possible expressing support for this motion and the common sense approach it takes. Given that the proposed motion has been made public, we believe the discussion of the motion during the Council meeting should also be in public and would further encourage you to seek your Councillors' support NOT to debate this motion "in secret".

Please forward this on to all your members/players ASAP encouraging them to write to their councillors.

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