Hi everyone, I’m pleased to let you know that Mornington Peninsula Shire Council continues to work towards rebuilding the Somerville Recreation and Community Centre, with a planning permit application and plans for the rebuild advertised.

The planning application is for the construction of a four-court indoor multi-sport facility to replace the existing two indoor courts building that was destroyed by fire in May 2016, along with the refurbishment of the fire-damaged community area to provide new multipurpose community spaces, amenities (for player, officials, and public use) as well as ancillary functions for the recreation centre.

While it is important to stress that the four-court option is subject to securing additional funding – we have been working to secure additional funding to ensure the stadium and community facilities are updated to modern standards and expanded where possible.

Thank you once again to the user groups who continue to support us as we work through the rebuild process. Your input into design and development plans has been invaluable – and we thank you once again for your understanding while we work on getting your sporting ‘home’ back to business.

Stay tuned for more news as the project progresses.

Cheers, Julie
Councillor Julie Edge
Watson Ward, Mornington Peninsula Shire

Public tender

The public tender documents for the design and construction of the centre rebuild are expected to go out in October. The Shire is looking forward to receiving competitive tenders from experienced commercial builders. It is planned that the contract will then be awarded in December, with building works to begin soon after.

Funding update

With adequate insurance in place to rebuild the facility on a ‘like for like’ basis, the focus has been on securing additional funding to ensure the stadium and community facilities are updated to modern standards and expanded where possible. Council submitted a funding application to Sport and Recreation Victoria’s (SRV) Better Indoor Stadiums Fund for $1.5m in mid-August, with results hopefully known in November.

Council confirmed at its meeting on the 8th August that should the grant application be successful, it will commit up to $3 million in the 2018/19 financial year budget to meet the grant funding requirements.

Key dates

- Public tender to design and construct goes out in October.
- Council to award contract in December.
- Building works to commence in January and the new facility open by Christmas 2018.

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