

2.6 Public Question Time

The aim of public question time is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask general questions at Council Meetings requiring routine responses. Questions are received without notice and are responded to without research or reference to Council records.

Questions must be in writing, with the person submitting the question to be in the public gallery at the time.

Questions which contain material that relates to specific people or properties will be summarised at the discretion of Council.

Responses to public questions answered at the meeting, will be general in nature, provided in good faith and should not exceed two minutes. These responses will be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

Questions requiring research or a detailed reply will be provided a written response as soon as possible following the meeting from the nominated officer. These written responses will be collated for each meeting and available via the Shire's website.

This segment does not substitute for appeal or other formal business procedures with the Council.

Written Responses

Indoor Sport Facilities

Mr Ben White, a resident of Mornington asked the following question:

Mornington Peninsula Shire's (Shire) Indoor Sport Capacity Plan commenced 3 years ago, has seen extensive delays and no outcome. Despite this crisis, there appears to be no intention to include any allocation in the 2023-24 budget. What are the Shire's immediate plans on addressing the shortcomings of indoor sport infrastructure in the region?

A subsequent written response to the above question was provided by Mark Stahel, Team Leader – Community Infrastructure and Open Space Planning:

Council are aware of the current capacity issues for a range of sporting facilities, including indoor sports throughout the Shire. To address this issue the Shire are currently developing a strategic plan that will ensure that the needs of the community can be met in the future. This important strategy, titled 'Sports Capacity Plan - V2 indoor sports' will build on the existing Sports Capacity Plan (2019) and whilst there have been some delays, it is anticipated that we will be consulting with the community on the draft plan in mid-2023. The Sports Capacity Plan V3 Indoor Sports will provide direction of the need, scope and priority of future investment into sporting facilities.