

Media Response

20 March 2025

Response attributable to acting CEO, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

“Council’s aquatic and indoor sport and recreational facilities are managed through existing lease arrangements with South East Leisure (SEL) and Dandenong Districts Netball Association (DDNA). Council continue to encourage Red Roo to engage with these organisations to enquire about court availability and hire.”

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Question from Cameron Lucadou-Wells from Dandenong Journal:

I've written much about some of the success stories from a private basketball club/training outfit called Red Roo, which is based at Hoops 24/7, Princes Highway, Dandenong South.

Under this pathway, many of their athletes have gained US college scholarships. Aside from that, the place is often packed full of players training and engaged in pro-social activities after school.

The Hoops 24/7 lease expires in about 12 months, which jeopardises the Red Roo program. They say they've been requesting a lease or some arrangement with City of Greater Dandenong for an alternative venue, such as Gloria Pyke stadium, Springers Leisure Centre or a new venue.

- 1. What is the Council's position on accommodating Red Roo and Hoops 24/7?*
- 2. What venues are being proposed?*
- 3. What barriers are there to the proposal? eg. lack of suitable venues, sharing with other groups/sports at venues, Red Roo's private status*

