

Media Response

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Background C/O Manager Communications and Customer Experience

Thanks for reaching out. We're always interested to collaborate on a story.

The SESH is not really imminent. There are significant planning processes that would need to be decided well before the SESH is really on the table – so I don't think we're in a position to talk about that.

However, Cr Formoso is right about us being the least active LGA in Australia. We are very keen to provide safe, inclusive and high quality facilities for sport, leisure, walking, running etc – to help keep people moving. I've got a couple of other stories we can pitch?

Possible stories – New Dandenong Wellbeing Centre and nostalgia for the old Oasis

Council has just signed a \$108m contract to build an amazing new Wellbeing and aquatic centre to replace the old Dandenong Oasis. We're having the project launch soon -(tentatively 21 June). It will focus on nostalgia and fondness for the old Oasis, plus what we're all looking forward to in the new facility. We're collecting fantastic stories, including the "5 Aqua Ladies" who met at Oasis around 30 years ago - and have stayed friends. There's an Oasis staff member who remembers coming to a birthday party at Oasis when he was 7, and people who learned to swim there and now bring their kids for lessons.

You'd be most welcome to come to that event, and we can line up some of our lovely story tellers for you.

Table tennis

ALSO - we've got a thriving community of keen table tennis players – but their facility is tired and needs an update... so we'd be happy to amplify their need for a new home. It's a sport played by people of various ages, lots of women, and not the traditional footy/cricket/netball crowd. It's important we have good facilities for people to get active in all different ways. Interested? That one might be a few more weeks away.

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From 7 News Melbourne

I ran into Lana Formoso in Dandenong recently and she was telling me about the campaign to get the SEAH hub going.

I understand City of Dandenong is the least active community in all of Australia?
That is really interesting.

It sounds like this could make a nice community story about the need for upgraded sporting facilities to encourage people to get active.

Is this something we could speak to the Mayor about and perhaps a case study who would use the facilities?