## **MEDIA RESPONSE**



## **Enquiry:**

Hi media team,

I am writing an article on Red Roo Sports and wanted to know how the council has supported them over the 10 years of their existence?

Whether they've achieved local sports grants? Why not?

Recently, James Kerr has been in touch with the council over discussions to have a basketball facility at the Gloria Pyke Netball Complex.

Is that possible? How will the council support Red Roo to find a better solution for a better facility so they can grow?

The deadline is Friday 2pm.

Thank you.

Sahar Foladi

## Response, attributable to Acting Executive Director, Community Strengthening, Marcus Forster:

Red Roos Sports Incorporated have applied for a community grant this year. All grant applications in the relevant category are currently being assessed.

In the seven years prior to this, Red Roos Sports Incorporated have not applied for a community grant from Council.

Councils' indoor sport and recreational facilities are managed through existing lease arrangements with South East Leisure (Springers, Dandenong Stadium, Dandenong Oasis and Noble Park Aquatic Centre) and Dandenong Districts Netball Association (Gloria Pyke Netball Complex.)

As with other clubs and organisations seeking indoor court space, we continue to encourage Red Roos to engage with South East Leisure and DDNA to enquire about court availability and hire.

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