

# Administrators' Message



We are extremely proud to celebrate the wonderful news that the Foster Indoor Stadium Redevelopment project has been supported by the Victorian Government. Our application for \$2,260,000 through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program has been announced as successful and this is a real win for the Foster community and surrounding region.

We know that the Foster Indoor Stadium is well-loved by the community as it hosts a whole range of community groups, the University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age, Foster craft market, the Show Society and local sports groups. The compliant basketball court, improved changerooms, dry program area, meeting rooms, kitchen/kiosk, storage space, exterior building beautification and formalised car parking will make a world of difference for stadium users.

While some in the community are disappointed that there won't be a second basketball court, this was never an option. To be successful – and this grant was one of just 27 awarded across the state – the project needed to be supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria, Basketball Victoria and Netball Victoria (for the changerooms). A business case was developed to support the grant application based on current and future users.

Congratulations are in order for the local volunteers and community groups who have contributed their time and effort to advance this project over many years. It's their dedication coupled with Council's leadership that has enabled this wonderful project. What an excellent result we have achieved!

Another important thing to mention this week has been the consideration of submissions to our Governance Rules at the Special Council Meeting last Wednesday. While these new rules may have gone unnoticed for many in the community they are of utmost importance to the functioning of Council. These rules outline how Council Meetings are run and are part of a suite of Governance documents we have been collating.

We were thankful to have one submitter make suggestions to the Governance Rules which were considered. These changes helped clarify definitions surrounding the rules and mayoral votes, so we thank Mr Hope for his contribution.

Our works in Bair Street, Leongatha are also progressing and we have noticed some concerns popping up online about the footpath. Please call Council directly if you have any issues on 5662 9200. Our team will work with contractors to resolve any issues as best as we can.

Finally, we hope you all have been staying safe at this time. Keep up the hard work and looking out for one another.

**Julie Eisenbise, Christian Zahra AM and Rick Brown –Administrators**