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Keilor Basketball Association Welcomes Landmark Council Decision on Indoor Stadium

The Keilor Basketball Association (KBA) today welcomes the City of Moonee Valley Council's decision to endorse Essendon Fields as the preferred site, for a new indoor sports facility with up to 6-courts, alongside a \$10 million capital commitment toward the project.

This decision marks a significant and long-awaited step forward in delivering a purpose-built, competition-standard home for basketball and indoor sports in Moonee Valley.

KBA Chief Executive Officer Jackson Taylor said the decision represents a turning point for the sport and the broader community.

"Last night's outcome is a major milestone for basketball in the northwest. For the first time, we have a clear site, a committed investment from Council, and a genuine pathway to delivering the highball stadium our community has been calling for."

"We commend Moonee Valley City Council for taking a bold and decisive first step. This is a courageous commitment that reflects both the scale of demand and the importance of investing in community sport."

This decision follows KBA's advocacy for Essendon Fields to be identified as the preferred site, with a clear consensus among stakeholders that it is the only location capable of accommodating a facility that meets both current and future demand.

The project responds to years of sustained demand, with thousands of Moonee Valley residents currently forced to travel outside the municipality to participate due to a lack of compliant indoor courts.

KBA also acknowledged the critical role played by the local basketball community in achieving this outcome.

“This moment does not happen without the unified support of our ten junior clubs and the thousands of families behind them. Their advocacy, passion and persistence have been instrumental in getting us to this point.”

Over the past two years in particular, KBA has worked closely with Moonee Valley City Council, State Government representatives, local stakeholders, Basketball Victoria, and partner sports including netball to progress the case for a new facility.

“This outcome is the result of sustained collaboration. It reflects years of work, and particularly the strong partnerships built over the past two years to ensure this project is understood, supported and ready to progress.”

With Council’s commitment now secured, the focus turns to securing the remaining funding required to deliver the full project.

“This decision is an important and critical next step in the plan. We will now work closely with all levels of Government to achieve the funding support and partnership required to bring the project to fruition.

“The demand is proven, the site is identified, and Council has made its commitment on behalf of the community”

KBA looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Council and all project partners to deliver a facility that will support participation, inclusion and community wellbeing for decades to come.

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