

Development application submitted for ice sports arena at Marion

The future of a \$20 million ice arena in the City of Marion has reached another milestone with private developers formally lodging its development application.

Pelligra Group recently submitted plans to build an international standard ice rink and rock-climbing facility at 262a Sturt Road.

Application fees were paid to the City of Marion and the assessment process has now commenced.

“It is good to see progress. Now the planning assessment process formally commences,” Mayor Kris Hanna said.

“Council supports the concept of a local ice rink, but it must now be assessed by the independent Council Assessment Panel.”

The application will also require a Public Notification process, which will include formal notification to all occupants within 60 metres of the development site.

“We expect the design to be made public for community comment early in 2024,” Mayor Hanna said.

Pelligra Group wants to build a single rink arena – with seating of up to 450 spectators - and three different standards of rock climbing walls on the land.

The developers are also proposing an above-ground car park to alleviate parking concerns.

“Council said at the outset that traffic and parking would need to be addressed,” Mayor Hanna said.

Since the application proposes access to a state maintained road (Sturt Rd), a formal referral to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is required.

DIT staff will review the proposal and consider whether the increase in traffic volumes and movements is appropriate.

This arena proposal is smaller in scale than an original two-rink concept originally put to the Council back in 2018 and involves no capital investment from the City of Marion.

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