ITEM 5.3	**ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE NO 14/2016 - MANLY SWIMMING CLUBS - FEES FOR 2016/17 SEASON**
TRIM FILE REF	**2016/405554**
ATTACHMENTS	**NIL**

BACKGROUND

As has been played out over the past 3 months in our local newspaper, there has been a robust discussion between several of the former Manly Council Swimming Clubs being the Manly Amateur Swimming Club, the Manly Diggers Swimming Club and the Manly Ladies Swimming Club and the Council in relation to the imposition of fees for the exclusive use of lanes for their Clubs at the Manly Andrew "Boy" Charlton Aquatic Centre.

As previously outlined by Council, the decision to impose fees this year, came about as a consequence of the standing resolution of the former Manly Council who had provided a 3 year lead time for the Clubs to introduce the (reduced) Club rate. For Council, this matter was always about equity, as all other Clubs do pay for their exclusive use of lanes at these centres.

Due to the threat of closure of the Clubs as a result of the current stalemate and in recognition of the inherent value and history of the Clubs, I have decided to waive the subject fees for the three Clubs for the current financial year in order to facilitate the members swimming again. This recommendation is proposed despite the leadership of some of these Clubs choosing not to progress discussion with Council to try to resolve the matter equitably.

The fees shall be reviewed for the next financial year as part of the routine approach of establishing the Fees and Charges of the Council in the Budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council waive the Fees for lane hire for the three Manly Swimming Clubs for the 2016/17 financial year and review the matter in the development of the 2017/18 Budget.

Dick Persson
ADMINISTRATOR