Cardinia Life – FAQs

Why does the roof at Cardinia Life keep leaking?

Cardinia Shire Council is aware of the ongoing issues with the roof at Cardinia Life. Unfortunately, roof leaks of this nature are not uncommon with structures of this type and the wet weather conditions we have experienced recently and on the weekend.

Roof leak detection can be challenging, particularly given the age of the building, the flat surface of the roof and the number of entry points as a result of skylights and fixings associated with the mechanical ventilation system.

Who makes the decision to cancel basketball games?

Court supervisors, coaches, referees and Aligned Leisure staff all contribute to the decision to cancel games. Council and the Pakenham District Basketball Association are committed to working together to ensure the safety of all players and visitors attending the centre for basketball.

What is Council doing to fix this problem?

As soon as Council was made aware of the issue on the weekend, we took immediate action to arrange for a plumber to attend the site. Members of Council's Facilities Maintenance team also attended over the weekend. Contractors are undertaking further assessments and works.

Will the roof be replaced?

Significant repair works have been undertaken in the last 2 to 3 years, including replacement of roof ridge cappings, flashings, several skylights and guttering. Thorough investigations have been undertaken and Council received an independent report in February this year which shows that rectification works are complex and further compounded by weather conditions and damage to the sealant caused by birds. Maintenance and repair works have been undertaken in recent months, with further works scheduled for this week.

Replacement of the existing roof would incur a significant cost. Council's vision is to expand and redevelop the centre in order to meet the needs of our growing community, now and into the future. This project is one of Council's advocacy priorities and Council is committed to continuing to seek Federal and State government funding support for it.

What are the next steps?

Council is working in partnership with Aligned Leisure and the Pakenham District Basketball Association (PDBA) to discuss the works program and interim arrangements at the centre. Cardinia Shire Council understands the community is frustrated, and we thank players and visitors for their understanding and patience as we work through this issue and consider medium and long-term rectification solutions.