

ITEM A REFURBISHMENT OF THE WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

The Wollongong Entertainment Centre (WEC) is owned by Venues NSW, a statutory authority which sits within the NSW Office of Sport. There have been no significant improvements to the WEC since it was opened in 1998 and the refurbishment of the facility needs to be prioritised by the NSW Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That Wollongong City Council write to the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans to -

1. Note that there have been no significant capital works or improvements undertaken on the Wollongong Entertainment Centre (WEC) since it was opened in 1998.
2. Note that the amenity of the WEC is tired and uninviting with seating which is especially uncomfortable and substandard at present.
3. Request that the following refurbishment of the WEC be expediated:
 - a) an upgrade of the disability access, toilets and seating.
 - b) an upgrade of the facilities for exhibition and conference opportunities, expanding the use of the WEC to include additional tourism and visitor activities.
 - c) an upgrade of the Information, Communication and Technology systems, particularly the installation of Wifi and digital media capabilities.
4. Note the need for this work to proceed to meet the infrastructure requirements for the forthcoming UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Road Cycling Championships to be staged in Wollongong September 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.