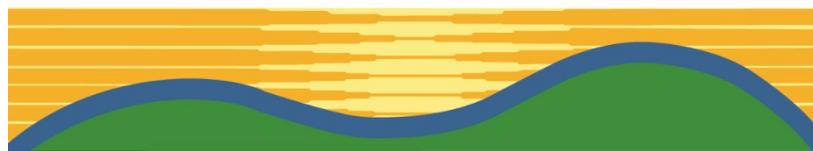


MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

LATE AGENDA

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2020
7:00pm

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8 ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.2 SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA GRANT OUTCOMES

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the outcomes of Council's early 2020 applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria for grants to support sport and recreation facility service renewals and improvements in Mitchell.
- 1.2 It is also seeking endorsement of a changed scope of works and additional Council funds to those adopted in Council's 2020/21 Capital Works program for the Broadford Soccer Pitch, in order to obtain \$348,000 in grant funding towards delivering a long-term solution to drainage and irrigation issues the site.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Note its success in achieving \$1,306,800 in grant funding for projects totaling \$2,300,000 under Sport and Recreation Victoria's most recent Local Sports Infrastructure Fund program, towards Council's current and future capital sport and recreation facility renewal and improvement projects.
2. Endorses the Capital Works Board's recommendation to increase the Council contribution towards the Broadford Soccer Pitch project by \$125,000, in order to obtain \$348,000 under Sport and Recreation Victoria's World Game Fund towards delivering a long-term solution to the drainage and irrigation issues at the site.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In December 2019, Council considered a report on the opportunities provided under Sport and Recreation Victoria's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. Council resolved to apply for four grants under this program for – Greenhill Reserve Main Oval Lighting, Greenhill Reserve Main Oval Female Friendly Facilities, LB Davern Reserve Tennis/Netball Courts and a planning grant towards a review of the Mitchell Open Space Strategy.
- 2.2 Sport and Recreation Victoria later announced additional opportunities under the Community Cricket Facilities and World Game (soccer football) Funds. Applications were made under the former for Greenhill Reserve and Harley Hammond Cricket Nets Projects and under the latter for the

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Broadford Sports Precinct Soccer Football Pitch. The World Game Fund guidelines provided for grants of up to \$0.5M on an SRV \$2: Local \$1 basis. This provided an opportunity to seek significant external funding towards delivering a long-term solution to drainage and irrigation issues at the site.

2.3 More recently, Sport and Recreation Victoria announced its Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program. An application was made for the JJ Clancy Reserve Integrated Facility.

2.4 Application outcomes:

- Three of Council's four Local Sports Infrastructure Fund applications have been a successful:
 - (i) Greenhill Recreation Reserve Main Oval Lighting - \$208,800 grant towards a \$313,000 renewal and upgrade project already fully funded by Council in its 2020/21 Capital budget, reducing the Council contribution needed to \$104,200.
 - (ii) LB Davern Reserve Tennis/Netball Courts - \$250,000 grant towards a \$545,000 renewal and upgrade project in Council's 2020/21 Capital budget. The project was however dependent on obtaining grant funds. The grant means Council's contribution is \$295,000.
 - (iii) Greenhill Reserve Main Oval Female Friendly Changerooms - \$500,000 grant towards a \$920,000 renewal and upgrade project, bringing it forward and reducing what Council would need to contribute to the project to \$420,000.
- Council's one application under the World Game Fund has been successful – Council's adopted 2020/21 Capital Works program included a \$98,000 Broadford Soccer Pitch project, dependent on \$49,000 of external funding and a \$49,000 Council contribution. This was however only to deliver a short-term solution to drainage issues at the site. A grant application based on obtaining a long-term solution to both drainage and irrigation was submitted. Council was one of 13 councils successful under this program, obtaining \$348,000 towards the \$522,000 improvement project. Council needs to contribute an additional \$125,000 to its adopted \$49,000 to meet the \$2 SRV: \$1 Local funding requirements. Council approval is sought for the additional \$125,000. This is supported by the Capital Works Board.
- Council is awaiting the outcome of its Community Cricket Fund application but are hopeful of receiving \$100,000 for a project.
- Council was unsuccessful with its \$3.1M JJ Clancy Integrated Facility project under Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports

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Infrastructure Stimulus Program. The program was highly over-subscribed. There are indications there may be another round.

3. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 As \$125,000 is above the Capital Works Board's authorities, Council needs to approve the Board's recommendation that an additional \$125,000 Council contribution be made to the Broadford Soccer Pitch project.
- 3.2 The Council Plan 2017-2021 includes that Council:
- Relentlessly advocate for funding to benefit our community;
 - Plan for growth and change through best practice design of services, infrastructure, open space and recreation facilities;
 - Work with government and local partners to facilitate community wellbeing.
- 3.3 Council's 2011 Sports Development Plan recommended a sports precinct be developed at the Broadford Leisure Centre area.
- 3.4 The Mitchell Open Space Strategy 2013-2023 recommended the development of 'a sports precinct at Broadford Leisure Centre, and to seek agreement with the Broadford Secondary College/DEECD to share facilities with the college'.
- 3.5 Council's Sports Field Feasibility Study 2014 included a Master Plan for the Broadford Sports Precinct. The Master Plan included works which have already been delivered (pavilion, sports lighting), being delivered (safety net provision) and coaches' boxes to support soccer football use of the site.

4. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The rights protected in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The grants will accelerate Council's delivery of service renewals and improvements, supporting the participation of young people in sport and recreation activities, promoting physical activity and community connections.

6. ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

- 6.1 The Broadford Soccer Pitch site has poor drainage and a number of matches have been called off when referees deemed the main pitch unsafe

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for play. Football Victoria's Facility Manager was invited by Council officers to make a site visit and provide advice.

- 6.2 Funds for urgent short-term works were provided for in Council's 2020/21 Capital Works budget.
- 6.3 When released, the funding guidelines under the World Game Fund provided an opportunity to deliver a long-term solution to both drainage and irrigation issues.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)

- 7.1 The Greenhill Reserve Main Oval Lighting project will deliver contemporary energy-efficient LED lighting.
- 7.2 The Greenhill Reserve Main Oval Female Friendly Facilities project will provide socially and culturally appropriate changerooms for all.
- 7.3 The LB Davern Tennis/Netball Courts project will see the current asphalt-based courts replaced with concrete-based ones, delivering whole of life cost savings.
- 7.4 The Broadford Soccer Pitch project will deliver a long-term solution to drainage and irrigation issues, reducing sportsground repairs and maintenance costs and more efficient use of water.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk Ranking is determined using [ROHS201-G1- Corporate Risk Matrix](#). Risk is identified as Low, Medium, High or Very High.

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
Should Council not commit additional funds to the Broadford Soccer Pitch project, loss of \$348,000 World Game grant funds.	Medium	Council supports the Capital Works Board's recommendation that an additional \$125,000 be committed to the project.	No - \$125,000 required but some short and longer- term savings delivered by other grants.
Should Council not commit additional funds to the Broadford Soccer Pitch project, significant reputational risk – funding body, state sporting association, club, community.	High	Council supports the Capital Works Board's recommendation that an additional \$125,000 be committed to the project.	No - \$125,000 required but some short and longer- term savings delivered by other grants.

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Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
Should Council not commit additional funds to the Broadford Soccer Pitch project, drainage issues will continue to see referees deem the pitch unsuitable for play and sportsground maintenance and repair costs to Council will be higher.	Medium	Identify in future Capital Program	Council will continue to apply for Grants, however, Council contributions will be required.

9. COMMUNICATION PLAN

- 9.1 Council has received positive media and user group feedback about its grant successes.
- 9.2 A Communications Plan will be required should Council not commit additional funds to the Broadford Soccer Pitch project.

10. NEXT STEPS

- 10.1 Once confirmed, tender documentation be prepared for the Broadford Soccer Pitch project. In order for the works to be completed in time for the pitch to be used next season, a Council decision on the tender will be needed as early as possible.

11. CONSULTATION

- 11.1 Council officers have fostered collaborative working relationships with Sport and Recreation Victoria and state and regional sporting associations. This partnership approach and broader advocacy work with the state government has resulted in significant grant funding.
- 11.2 Council officers have also worked closely with Committees of Management and user groups who have provided great support for grant applications.

12. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 Under Sport and Recreation Victoria's 2019/20 funding programs, Council has been successful in obtaining grants totaling \$1,306,800 towards

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\$2,300,000 of sport and recreation facility renewals and improvements, reducing Council's contribution to 43% of total capital costs.

12.2 These figures include the World Game Fund grant and expenditure for the Broadford Soccer Pitch project. This project needs an additional \$125,000 Council contribution to be delivered.

12.3 The success of the application for the Greenhill Main Oval Lighting project has reduced Council's adopted contribution to the project from \$313,000 to \$104,200, a saving of \$208,800.

13. OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

13.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

14. CONCLUSION

14.1 Council has obtained significant grant funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria for sport and recreation facility renewals and improvements.

14.2 There is an opportunity for Council to deliver a long-term solution to drainage and irrigation issues at the Broadford Soccer Pitch by Council committing an additional \$125,000 towards the project. This is supported by the Capital Works Board.

16 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT in accordance with Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under Section 3(1), as specified below.

16.5 CONTRACT 132234 CAPPING AND REHABILITATION OF SEYMOUR AND MITCHELL LANDFILLS

s3(1)(e) Legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.