

7.9 WA SCAMMELL RESERVE PAVILION UPGRADE PROJECT

Submitting Councillors: Crs Pontikis, Hoskings and Zographos

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes this Motion; and*
- 2. Supports the option to undertake a new build at WA Scammell Reserve and endorse the additional budget allocation of up to \$350,000 to complete the WA Scammell Reserve Pavilion Upgrade project.*

INTRODUCTION

This Motion seeks Council support to increase Councils budget allocation for the WA Scammell Reserve Pavilion Upgrade from \$1.86M to \$2.2 1M to enable a complete rebuild of the pavilion to deliver the optimal outcome for the Oakleigh sporting community at Scammell Reserve.

BACKGROUND

The WA Scammell Reserve is a bustling centre of sporting activity for the Oakleigh community. It is home to the Oakleigh Amateur Football Club, the Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football Club and the Emmanuel South Oakleigh Cricket Club. These clubs are highly regarded in the Oakleigh community as family friendly and the junior football club in particular has reported a growing membership and increase in juniors and female teams. The current pavilion does not meet the club's current needs nor appropriately cater for junior and female teams.

In addition to the pavilion, the reserve features active and passive open space, cricket nets, coaches boxes, scoreboard, playground and BBQ facilities. The reserve is also home to the South Oakleigh Bowling Club, the Oakleigh South Girl Guides and a guide hall.

At the meeting of 29 April 2014, Council agreed to prioritise the pavilion refurbishment at WA Scammell Reserve in the 2015/2016 Budget and undertake the required consultation and planning work necessary to proceed with a major refurbishment in 2015/2016. \$1.36M was allocated to the project to be completed over two years.

DISCUSSION

The WA Scammell Reserve Pavilion Upgrade project (the project) was deferred in July 2014 due to the proposal put to Council and the Scammell Reserve users for the relocation of the South Oakleigh Club (SOC) to a

purpose built complex at Scammell Reserve. After much discussion and planning, the SOC proposal did not proceed and the pavilion upgrade project resumed in late 2015.

A project working group consisting of officers, representatives from the clubs and the Oakleigh Ward Councillors have been working to develop a design that will bring the pavilion up to more contemporary sporting standards. A number of concept designs were then developed and importantly, this planning and design process identified that the allocated budget amount of \$1.365M was insufficient to complete the minimum requirements for this refurbishment.

At the 29 March 2016 Council meeting, a motion by Cr Stephanie Perri was considered and endorsed, to increase the Council budget allocation by \$500,000 to \$1.86M in order to meet the minimum requirements of the project brief. In July 2016, the club secured a further \$500,000 grant from the State Government to support a more expansive pavilion refurbishment, bringing the total project budget to \$2.36M.

Since securing the additional funding, the project working group, supported by the Oakleigh Ward Councillors, has reconsidered the best options for the project and determined that a new build would deliver the best outcomes for the project. A new build would:

- a) provide the optimal functional outcomes for a contemporary sporting facility;
- b) supports the clubs preference to reposition the pavilion on the site to increase spectator viewing and most importantly ensure the safe egress to the field for the junior players and safe movement around the area for spectators away from the roadway; and
- c) provide for a safe unimpeded walking pathway around the reserve.

To achieve this outcome a further budget allocation of up to \$350,000 will be required (pending confirmation of a final design and cost estimates by a quantity surveyor). This will bring the total project budget to \$2.71M. This has been a strong working partnership between the Scammell users and the ward Councillors over many years to achieve this outcome that we have all long been waiting for. This infrastructure is important for promoting and encouraging healthy and active lifestyles in Oakleigh and we urge Council to support us in this additional budget request.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The need to build active communities through community sport is an important part of Council's approach to community development and Council supports sporting clubs in the provision of diverse and sustainable sport and recreation opportunities.

CONCLUSION

This project has been a priority for the Scammell Reserve users in partnership with the Oakleigh Ward Councillors for many years. We urge our colleagues to support this project by endorsing the additional budget allocation of up to \$350,000 to complete this important project for the community of Oakleigh.