

**OFFICERS REPORT****SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA 2020 U16 NATIONALS EVENT**

Submitting Councillor: Cr McCluskey

**MOTION**

*That Council in supporting the Softball Victoria Association hosting of the 2020 Softball Australia U16 Nationals Event at Jells Park in January 2020, agrees to waive security, waste and hire fees for the event.*

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Council has been requested by Softball Victoria to waive security, waste and hire fees of estimated to cost \$4,413.06 for the Softball National Championships being held at Jells Park in January 2020.

By agreeing to waive the total fees, Council will forgo \$1,879.15 in ground rental, \$2,353.91 in waste charges and incur \$180 in direct costs for security patrols completed by a Council contractor.

**IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES**

No funding exists within Council's operating budget to reimburse relevant services for the charges associated with the services for ground rental or waste.

**COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES**

The event fosters the 'A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021', whereby participants are being physically active and will engage with residents who are lucky to have family and friends represented by the many state / territories competing in the event.

As this event caters for both men and female softballers who are U16, Softball Victoria are ensuring their event adheres to Council's Gender Equity Strategy 2015-2020

**RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES**

This event is engaging with participants that are actively engaged in sport and physical activities improving their health and well-being. It aligns with the Healthy and Resilient Monash policy getting members active.

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Should this fee be waived, there might be an expectation that future events run by Softball Victoria at Jells Park will have its fees waived.

It should also be noted that Softball Victoria will be charging an entry fee for this event and will retain the revenue for their profit.