

### 6.3 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.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Softball Victoria Association to waive the security, waste and hire fees charged to host the 2020 Softball Australia U16 Nationals Event at the Waverley Softball Association, Jells Park, Wheelers Hill.

**DISCUSSION**

Softball Victoria (SV) is the non-for-profit State Sporting Body for softball in Victoria that governs and administers the sport on behalf of its 14 member associations including Waverley Softball Association. The Waverley Softball Association currently has 7 clubs in its Association and approximately 460 members.

Softball Victoria's purpose is for the softball community to work together to enable all Victorians to engage with softball in meaningful and positive ways; and to address the barriers preventing this. Softball Victoria provides the right participation opportunities for more people, in more places and show a new generation how to get involved and stay involved with softball.

The 2020 U16 Nationals Event will be held at the Waverley Softball Association, Jells Park, Wheelers Hill on 4 – 10 January 2020, hosting the Under 16 Boys and Girls National Softball Championships including team from Victoria, NSW, Queensland, WA, SA and ACT.

The 2020 U16 Girls' National Softball Championship will be the 51<sup>st</sup> annual event with competitors playing for the Esther Deason Shield and the 30th U16 Boys' National Softball Championship with players competing for the Arthur Allsopp Shield.

Nick Frayne, Executive Officer for Softball Victoria has approached Council requesting Council waive all costs of the event relating to Security, Waste and Hire fees. Softball Victoria has requested that Council consider the social and economic benefit to the local community as a result of the event coming to Monash.

The U16 National Event will have a positive local economic impact, boost community pride and bring more awareness to the community in which it is located.

The expected total costs of the security, water and hire fees are outlined below:

- Security (to patrol the facilities each night during the event) is estimated to cost \$180. (Inc. GST)
- Waste is estimated to cost \$ 2,353.91 (Inc. GST) (25 general and 25 recycling bins during the event)
- Hire fee – casual hire fee for the reserve per day \$268.45 x 7 days \$1,879.15

***CONCLUSION***

I seek Councillor support to waive the fees associated with the security, waste and hire fees estimated to cost \$4,413.06 in total on the basis of the social and economic benefit to the local community.