

6.3 JACK EDWARDS RESERVE TURF PITCH – ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD INSTALLATION

Submitting Councillor: Cr Stuart James

MOTION

That Council agree to waive project management fees, electrical and geo-technical costs estimated to be \$12,700 in lieu of the club's \$15,000 capital contribution associated with the delivery of a new electronic scoreboard at Jack Edwards Reserve, West Turf Oval.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the Oakleigh Cannons Football Club that Council waive the cost of project management fees, contingency and installation costs for a club initiated project at Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh.

BACKGROUND

The City of Monash has approximately 80 active reserves currently used for activities such as cricket and football. Many of the active reserves are licenced to respective sports clubs for occupation and use throughout their relevant seasons.

Council's role is to provide core infrastructure that's supports clubs playing their allocated sports, these include surfaces, fencing, goal posts, cricket wickets etc. Electronic scoreboards do not form core infrastructure provided by Council at reserves. Therefore it is the club's responsibility to fully fund these projects, should clubs wish to have them installed at their reserve.

Oakleigh Cannons Football Club received \$50,000 in funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation to install an electronic scoreboard at Jack Edwards Reserve. Oakleigh Cannons Football Club has advised that they will be supplying all steel required for the electronic scoreboard installation estimated at a cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000 as their total contribution toward the cost of the project.

The expected total cost of the project is outlined below:

Scoreboard	\$50,000
Steelwork	\$15,000
Electrical	\$ 8,000
Geo-tech	\$ 1,000
Total Construction cost	\$74,000

Project Management Fee	\$ 3,700
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Contingency	\$ 7,400
Total Project Cost:	\$85,100

Under Council guidelines, clubs are responsible to pay for all costs for the installation of electronic scoreboards, including a 5% project management fee and 10% contingency fee payable to Council. Clubs receive any unspent contingency funds at the end of the project. All clubs are required to sign an Electronic Scoreboard Agreement that sets out the terms and conditions of the installation and ongoing maintenance.

On this basis, the club would be required to contribute the following funds to the project beyond the government grant and the steelwork:

- Electrical and Geo-tech \$9,000
- 5% project management \$3,700
- 10% Contingency \$7,400

Total required club contribution would therefore be \$20,100.

I have been approached by the club requesting that Council waive all costs of the project beyond the provision of the electronic scoreboard and steel work being provided by the club. The Club has requested that Council consider its contribution to the project of in-kind materials and labour valued at \$15,000 as being sufficient justification for Council to support the project.

Project management fees of 5% are required for Council to oversee the delivery of the project including installation, permits and commissioning. A contingency is required to protect Council from incurring unbudgeted expenses.

There is a danger that without this assistance from Council, the project may not proceed and funding from the State Government be lost.

Given that the scoreboard will effectively become a Council asset and is fully funded from external sources, I believe it is in the best interests of Council to approve support for this project as a one-off exception on the basis the Club agrees to all other Council conditions, specifically, the club agrees:

- It is responsible for all ongoing maintenance and renewal costs; and,
- To sign Council's Scoreboard Agreement prior to commencement.

FINANCIAL

A decision to waive project management costs valued at \$3,700 and electrical and geo-technical costs estimated to cost \$9,000 associated with the delivery and

installation of a new electronic scoreboard at Jack Edwards Reserve will require Council to fund \$12,700 toward the cost of the project.

CONCLUSION

All clubs are required to pay a 5% project management fee and 10% contingency to Council for any club initiated project. The Oakleigh Cannons Football Club is an integral part of our community and raising the additional funds can be challenging.

I seek Councillor support to waive the 5% project management fee and costs associated with the electrical works and geo-tech in lieu of the club's contribution to the project. Under the proposal, the club would be required to provide the 10% (\$7,400) contingency and receive any unspent contingency funds at the end of the project.