

**6.5 PRINCES HIGHWAY RESERVE WEST OVAL – ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD INSTALLTION**

Submitting Councillor: Cr James

**MOTION**

*That Council funds in-kind project management support to the Oakleigh District Football Netball Cricket Club for the delivery of a new electronic scoreboard at Princes Highway Reserve, West Oval.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the Oakleigh District Football Netball Cricket Club that Council waive the cost of project management fees for a club initiated project at Princes Highway 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 District Football Netball Cricket Club received \$80,000 in funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation late last year to install an electronic scoreboard at Princes Highway Reserve.

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.

The club has been able to source an additional \$8,000 contingency fee but has been unable to raise the final \$4,000 to see this project finally come to fruition. I have been approached by the club requesting that Council waives the project management fee 5% of project cost (\$4,000) payable to Council to deliver this project on behalf of the club. Project management fees of 5% are required for

Council to oversee the delivery of the project including installation, permits and commissioning. There is a danger that without this assistance, the project may fall over completely 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 in-kind support for this project as a one-off exception on the basis the Club agrees to all other Council conditions, specifically, the club agrees:

- To provide 10% of the construction budget as contingency to Council before project commencement (unspent funds being returned to the club),
- Is liable for all costs associated with the project;
- Is responsible for all ongoing maintenance and renewal costs; and,
- Agrees to sign Council's Scoreboard Agreement prior to commencement.

### ***FINANCIAL***

A decision to waive the \$4,000 project management fee will require Council to fund the project management costs. No project funding is available within the 2018/19 budget to fund project management fees for club initiated projects.

### ***CONCLUSION***

All clubs are required to pay a 5% project management fee and 10% contingency to Council for any club initiated project. The Oakleigh District Football Netball Cricket Club is an integral part of our community and raising the additional funds has been challenging. They have been actively seeking funding for this scoreboard for many years.

I seek Councillor support to waiver the \$4,000 in project management fees for the installation of an electronic scoreboard at Princes Highway Reserve.