

## 7.2.3 GLEN WAVERLEY SPORTS HUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CHARITY DAY

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### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council:**

**Award the Glen Waverley Sports Hub Charity Day for five years commencing May 2024 to:**

- 1. Ronald McDonald House Charities Victoria and Tasmania for an annual tennis event at the Monash Tennis Centre**
- 2. Cerebral Palsy Education Centre for an annual golf event at the Glen Waverley Golf Course.**

### INTRODUCTION

This report seeks Council endorsement to award annual charity events at the Glen Waverley Sports Hub to two charitable organisations for a five-year period commencing May 2024, being one for an annual charity tennis day at the Monash Tennis Centre and the other for an annual charity golf day at the Glen Waverley Golf Course.

### COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### **Good Governance**

Maintain the highest standards of good governance.

### BACKGROUND

Previously Council has awarded an annual golf charity day at the Glen Waverley Golf Course to a non-for-profit organisation to host a golf day to raise funds for charities. No event was held in 2023 due to the Glen Waverley Sports Hub project and pavilion redevelopment.

As part of the redevelopment of the Glen Waverley Sports Hub, officers have sought expressions of interest from not-for-profit organisations to host an annual golf and/or tennis event at the new centre.

The Monash Sports Hub consists of a regional level tennis facility with 18 courts including two show courts, tennis hit up wall, 18-hole golf course, golf practice facilities, public open space, car parking, a pavilion and café, external plaza and supporting infrastructure.

Council invited submissions from reputable Not-For-Profit or Charitable Organisation to enter into an agreement with Council to deliver an Annual Charity Day at the Glen Waverley Sports Hub for up to five-years commencing in 2024.

The charity day will be formalised in a Charity Participation Agreement.

Access to the following facilities is included within the offer:

- The Glen Waverley Golf Course, practice facilities for up to eight hours including bump in and bump out.
- The Monash Tennis Centre up to a maximum of 10 courts including two show courts.
- The Glen Waverley Sports Hub Building (internal café seating area and external plaza area).

The EOI did not include the free use of hire or other equipment or spaces beyond that specified as above.

The successful organisation may supply their own golf and/or tennis equipment necessary to support the activities of the charity day or hire any golf and/or tennis equipment via the operator at the prescribed fee.

The successful Charitable Organisation/s will be required to procure all food and beverage services including alcohol for patrons and guests of the charity day via the operator.

## **DISCUSSION**

An Expression of Interest was advertised in the Saturday Age on 2 December 2023 and closed on 15 December 2023 seeking Expressions of Interest for the provision of an annual charity day at the Glen Waverley Sports Hub for up to five years commencing 2024.

Following the closing of the EOI, Council had received two submissions for consideration:

1. Cerebral Palsy Education Centre for an annual Golf Day
2. Ronald McDonald House Charities Victoria and Tasmania for an annual Tennis Event.

As the two submissions were of a high standard and represented well regarded and established charitable organisations, officers deemed both events worthy of support and as an excellent opportunity to showcase all aspects of the facility.

Subject to Council endorsement, a Charity Participation Agreement will be formalised with both parties.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no further financial impacts to Council as a result of this report on the basis the contract management agreement with the operator allows for an annual golf and tennis charity day within the Agreement.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications to this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

Community consultation was not required.

## **SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Both charity days are targeted at improving the wellbeing of the community. Specifically, the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC), located in Glen Waverley has been operating for the past 25 years. CPEC provides allied health services and educational programs tailored to meet the individual needs of children, adults and families living with Cerebral Palsy (CP) and complex disabilities. CPEC is an established and innovative centre with over 22 years of experience in therapy service supporting individuals of all ages.

Since its inception in 2008, the annual CPEC Golf Charity Day has raised a total of \$293,901 with all money raised spent directly on equipment and essential support services at CPEC. It is anticipated that the 2024 Charity Golf Day will raise \$30,000 for the CPEC community.

Ronald McDonald House Charities VIC & TAS (RMHC) has provided essential support to families with seriously ill children for over 36 years. The service offers a home-away-from-home near major hospitals, including Monash, where there are two self-contained units and 13 rooms, serving about 360 families annually.

RMHC has confirmed that it hopes to raise \$10,000 and that 100% of the net funds raised from the event will go towards supporting the safety and wellbeing needs of the families staying at Ronald McDonald House Monash, and other RMHC programs in Monash including the Family Room at Monash Hospital.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no human rights implications to this report.

## **GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Because this policy/program/service is not in relation to a specific service, a gender impact assessment will not be undertaken as part of this work.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council supports both the Ronald McDonald House Charities and Cerebral Palsy Education Centre in delivering an annual tennis and golf charity event respectively at the Glen Waverley Sports Hub for the next five years.

## **ATTACHMENT LIST**

Nil