

8.1 MONASH FRIENDS OF VEMASSE

Submitting Councillor/s:	Cr Josh Fergeus
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NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes and affirms Council's previous commitments to supporting the work of the Monash Friends of Vemassee;
2. Notes and affirms Council's Friendship Agreement with the Sub-District of Vemassee, Timor-Leste;
3. Notes the proposal of students and teachers supported by Council's partnership with the Monash Friends of Vemassee to hold a 'Monash Cup' soccer tournament in 2024 between youth of the 7 major villages (sucos) of the subdistrict of Vemassee;
4. Provides \$500 from Council's Discretionary Fund for the purpose of supporting the tournament, to be paid directly to the Monash Friends of Vemassee;
5. Writes to soccer clubs in Monash on behalf of the Monash Friends of Vemassee highlighting the Friends' call for donations of good quality surplus and secondhand jerseys, boots, balls and other equipment for use by children in Vemassee.

INTRODUCTION

This notice of motion seeks a small disbursement of funds and Council assistance in communicating with local soccer clubs.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The Monash Friends of Vemassee (MFV) was established in 2005, following a public meeting involving local churches, schools, service clubs and other groups located in the municipality.

The MFV is an incorporated body and is organised in such a way as to optimise its fund-raising efforts. It has strong links within the Monash community. The MFV is involved in supporting the educational needs of children in the Sub-District of Vemassee.

The Council resolved to enter into a Friendship Agreement with the Sub-District of Vemassee, Timor-Leste, at its meeting held on 10 March 2009 and re-affirmed this in August 2014.

The Agreement was signed by the Mayor and subsequently delivered to Timor-Leste by members of the Monash Friends of Vemassee, to be signed by Tomas Francisco Da Costa, the Sub-District Administrator of Vemassee and President of the Committee of Belun Vemassee. The Agreement acts as a guide for the relationship between the Sub-District and the Council. Neither organisation is legally bound by the Agreement. As part of the Council's commitment to the Agreement, it decided to provide administrative support to the Monash Friends of Vemassee.



The Council resolved to appoint Cr Fergeus to the MFV's Committee of Management, as Council's Liaison Representative. The MFV's Constitution provides for such representation.

Council re-affirmed its commitment to the Friendship Agreement with the Sub-District of Vemasse, Timor-Leste, at its meeting on 30th November 2021.

DISCUSSION

Council last sought to provide active support approximately two years ago, and this is the first request received by the Monash Friends of Vemasse since 2021.

The group has continued to provide excellent support to local people in the Sub-District of Vemasse, Timor-Leste, expanding their aid and assistance to disability and youth engagement in sport and community-building.

The connection with the City of Monash is well understood in the local community and this request has come directly from students and teachers. They wish to celebrate their connection with Monash by naming the sub-district soccer tournament the Monash Cup.

CONCLUSION

The actions recommended in this notice of motion would serve to strengthen the connection between the City of Monash and the Sub-District of Vemasse and to meet the goals of the Friendship Agreement.

RESPONSE TO 8.1 MONASH FRIENDS OF VEMASSE

Responsible Manager:	Amanda Sapolu, Manager Corporate Governance & Legal
Responsible Director:	Jarrold Doake, Director City Services

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the Council provides the Monash Friends of Vemassee (MFV) with \$500 from the Council's Discretionary Fund for the purpose of holding a 'Monash Cup' soccer tournament in 2024. The current Discretionary Fund budget can accommodate this request.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

If the recommendation is endorsed, there will be minor administrative requirements to support the transfer of funding to the MFV.

COUNCIL PLAN AND POLICIES

Good Governance

Effectively communicate and engage with the community.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

The MFV recently approached Council after a proposal from students and teachers to hold a 'Monash Cup' soccer tournament in 2024 between youth of the 7 major villages (sucos) of the subdistrict of Vemassee.

The MFV's request is considered reasonable and its request to re-establish existing ties with Vemassee is considered to be appropriate and in keeping with the intent of previous Council decisions on this matter.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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The Agreement was signed by the Mayor and subsequently delivered to Timor-Leste by members of the Monash Friends of Vemassee, to be signed by Sebastiao Filomeno Correia, the Sub-District Administrator of Vemassee and President of the Committee of Belun Vemassee in 2022.



The Agreement (refer to Attachment 1) acts as a guide for the relationship between the Sub-District and the Council.

Neither organisation is legally bound by the Agreement. Any proposal for an expenditure of money on Council's part would require a Council resolution and be able to be met from within the current budget.

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FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE POSTO ADMINISTRATIVO DE VEMASSE AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONASH

In a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, the Council of the City of Monash and its people and the Posto Administrativo de Vemasse and its people agree to enter into a Friendship Agreement.

The Agreement is a guide to the organisations of the City of Monash and the Posto Administrativo de Vemasse and the peoples they represent and is not intended to have any legal effect.

The Council of the City of Monash undertakes that it will:

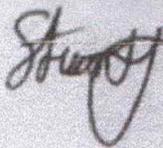
Work together with the people of Vemasse to listen and respond to their aspirations and goals, to build local democracy and a sustainable future.

Base all of its activities on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation and local decision-making.

Ensure that all projects and initiatives to which it commits to, take full account of its capacity to resource and sustain them.

Seek to develop understanding between our communities.

Dated this _____ day of February 10, 2022



CR STUART JAMES
Mayor
City of Monash



SEBASTIAO FILOMENO CORREIA
Administrador do Posto Administrativo de Vemasse
and
President, Belun Vemasse