

7.4.9 2025117 ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS - LANDSCAPING & TIERED SEATING IMPROVEMENTS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Awards the tender from Contek Construction Pty Ltd for Ashwood High School Netball Courts - Landscaping & Tiered Seating Improvements, Contract No. 2025117 for a Fixed Lump Sum of \$1,338,750.27 with an extra \$132,000 for Contingencies.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to execute the contract agreement.
3. Notes that the anticipated contract commencement date is 6 October 2025 and the expected completion date is 30 March 2026 and
4. Notes that the total anticipated project expenditure including the contract Fixed Lump Sum, Design Consultancy, Service relocations and Project Management Fees is \$1,437,750.27 with an extra \$132,000 for Contingencies.

(Please note that all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise.)

INTRODUCTION

Council has conducted a tender for 2025117 - Ashwood High School Netball Courts - Landscaping & Tiered Seating Improvements

As part of its planning process for this tender, Council Officers considered its procurement options, including whether to go to market itself, participate in regional or sector collaboration or to access established contracts via other compliant Procurement agreements.

However, the project site is unique to the City of Monash, with specific site constraints, timelines and requirements. Collaboration with other Councils or public bodies is neither feasible nor cost effective. Additionally, there are no suitable established aggregate contracts available for this type of service.

This project is externally funded, with a target to complete construction within the current financial year. It involves site-specific works that require specialist expertise in civil structures and therefore cannot be packaged with other adopted or funded Council projects.

BACKGROUND

The Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) has secured funding from the State Government to deliver key improvements at the Ashwood High School netball facility. The proposed works include the construction of tiered spectator seating, a dedicated umpire breakout area with shelters and landscaping enhancements around the courts.

These upgrades respond to long-standing safety concerns and operational needs. The tiered seating will provide a safe and comfortable viewing area for spectators, allowing club officials to enforce a policy that keeps spectators behind the retaining wall creating a safer environment for players and umpires. The new breakout space will support WDNA's growing umpire cohort by offering a secure and welcoming area for rest, study, and socialising between games.

This project will significantly improve the experience for both spectators and umpires, contributing to a safer, more inclusive and enjoyable netball environment.

NOTIFICATION

A public notice was placed in The Age newspaper on 19 July 2025 and the tender closed on 15 August 2025.

TENDERS RECEIVED

Five (5) tender submissions were received by the appointed closing time.

The tenders received are listed below:

- *Concretum Pty Ltd*
- *Contek Constructions Pty Ltd*
- *Habitat Civil Pty Ltd*
- *Simpson Construction Co*
- *United Civil Construction*

TENDER CONFORMANCE

All submissions were assessed for their compliance with the tender conditions including the contractual terms and conditions and the requirements of the response schedules.

All tender submissions were deemed conforming.

TENDER EVALUATION

All members of the evaluation panel signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms and no conflicts were raised.

Pass/Fail Assessment Criteria	Score
Risk Level 1-3: OHS & Quality Mandatory Rapid Global	<i>Pass/Fail</i>
Risk Level 4-6: OHS & Quality Mandatory Questions completed	<i>Pass/Fail</i>
Mandatory Insurances (if applicable)	<i>Pass/Fail</i>

Key Selection Criteria	Sub Selection Criteria	Criteria Weightings
Qualitative Criteria	Capacity and Capability	15%
	Project Timelines	15%
	Sustainability	10%
Quantitative Criteria	Price	60%

DISCUSSION

The evaluation panel evaluated all tenderers against the key selection criteria and weightings including price and non – price criteria.

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) compared the relevant experience of the tenderers and determined that most possessed the capability to deliver this project. Contek Constructions achieved the highest overall score and TEP concluded that they be interviewed to further confirm:

- Experience.
- Resourcing, capability, and capacity.
- Understanding of the scope and any complexities of works.
- Risk management and site-specific risks.
- Innovation.

A tender interview and reference checks was undertaken with Contek and a summary of the key findings follows.

During the tender interview, Contek demonstrated extensive experience in successfully delivering sports facilities and landscape improvement projects of similar nature and scale for various councils. Importantly Contek also showcased their capability in structural reinforced concrete construction, with relevant examples including: Ringwood North reserve – Construction of new DDA compliant concrete access steps and ramp for Maroondah City Council, Eley Park Multisport courts delivered for Whitehorse City Council, Egan Reserve, Merri Creek – Path Reconstruction for Moreland City Council, Benedict Reserve Stage 4- Construction of new public tennis court and basketball shooting area for City of Knox.

Contek demonstrated a detailed understanding of the proposed works, identified key construction risks, and acknowledged the specific requirements of working within a school environment. In particular, they understood the importance of completing the bottom courts during the school holidays and committed to handing them over to the school by the end of January 2026. They also confirmed their ability to deliver the entire project within the required timeframe.

Reference checks confirmed Contek’s quality of work, safety management and professionalism all being of a high standard.

An independent financial assessment was conducted on Contek by Corporate Scorecard with a score of 4.94 out of 10 and a rating of “satisfactory”.

The final evaluation ranking (including the price and non-price evaluation criteria) had Contek ranked highest and as such, the evaluation panel recommends Contek as representing the best value outcome for Council and that they be awarded this tender.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025/26 Capital Works Budget makes provision for this project as follows:

Capital Budget Allocation -	\$ GST Ex.	\$ GST Inc.
Project C09874 - Waverley District Netball Association Tiered Seating & Landscape Improvements	\$1,251,800.00	\$1,376,980.00
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$1,251,800.00	\$1,376,980.00

Total Anticipated Project Expenditure Based Upon Contek Constructions Pty Ltd Submission		
Lump Sum Price	\$1,103,990.10	\$1,214,389.11
Provisional Item (<i>Umpires breakout area</i>)	\$113,055.60	\$124,361.16
Structural Consultancy services	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
Service relocations	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
Contingency	\$120,000.00	\$132,000.00
Project Management/Delivery Fees	\$60,000.00	\$66,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT EXPENDITURE	\$1,427,045.70	\$1,569,750.27

There is a budget shortfall of \$175,245.70 (GST Excl) for this project. This project is fully externally funded with the Grant funding capped at \$1.3M (GST Excl.) with detailed design completed and costed to the 2024/25 FY.

Options were considered to reduce the cost of the project including not proceeding with the Provisional Item (Umpires break out area) however, The Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) is committed to delivering the full scope of works and has confirmed they will cover the budget shortfall of \$175,245.70.

Any unused Contingency & Service relocation budget allocation will be returned to the WDNA at the completion of the project.

SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

As part of Council's commitment to sustainability this project involves the use of:

1. Environmental Sustainability: All redundant concrete and asphalt will be tipped at a recycling plant.
2. Local Sustainability: Contek advises that 80% of goods/services/materials will be sourced from within the City of Monash.
3. Social Sustainability: Contek actively participates in multiple mentoring and training programs facilitated by the Civil Contractors Federation (CCF), including the Civil Skills Cadetship

Program, which supports minority and underprivileged groups in entering the civil construction industry. In collaboration with CCF, Contek has developed a Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Plan, which has been shared with the broader civil construction sector and is intended to serve as a template for the wider construction industry.

Contek also owns and maintains a community house that provides free accommodation to families and individuals in need. In addition to ongoing contributions to charitable organisations such as the Starlight Foundation, World Vision, and The Smith Family, Contek supports local community groups by providing machinery and resources. This includes assistance to a junior motorbike training club, a Scout group, and a kindergarten to help maintain their facilities.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil