

AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 17 May 2022

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COUNCILLORS

Cr Kim O'Keeffe (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Rob Priestly

Cr Shane Sali

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**A G E N D A
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR KIM O'KEEFFE
MAYOR**

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Risk Level Matrix Legend

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

Extreme Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

High Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

Medium Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

Low Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

1 Welcome to Country

To be presented by Cr James on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

Cr Geoffrey Dobson.

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the 19 April 2022 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

8 Public Question Time

8.1 Public Question and Response

The following public questions were submitted to Council in accordance with our Governance Rules.

Question 1 – Brian Dunn

What is the worth of all the art owned by Shepparton Council?

Question 2 – Brian Dunn

What would be the annual cost for street lighting across the Greater Shepparton?

Question 3 – Heather Dunn

Traffic calming

I have concerns with the speeds vehicles pass down my street in Waranga Drive, from Kialla Lakes Drive to Dartmouth Court travelling on Waranga Drive there is one roundabout, speed limit 50kmph, most vehicles are well in excess. From Dartmouth further around Waranga Drive there is a traffic calming in abundance, it needs to be reviewed.

Question 4 – Heather Dunn

Street signs

We are new to the area and find it hard to navigate the streets due to a lack of street signage. The new intersection Maude and Vaughan Street lack any street signs as just one example.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

Nil Received.

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Councillors Standing as Candidates in State or Federal Elections Policy

Author Manager Corporate Governance
 Approved by Director Corporate Services
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Version 1 of the Councillors as Candidates in State or Federal Elections Policy as attached to this report.

Executive Summary

This Policy has been developed to assist council and councillors in managing the dual roles of candidate and councillor.

Councillors standing as candidates for state and federal elections must ensure that they continue to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) during the election period

This Policy details the expectations, guidelines and legal requirements for councillors intending to stand as candidates in both state and federal elections.

Report Detail

The perception of the politicisation of local government resulting from councillors running for office in state or federal parliament remains a contentious issue in Victoria.

Councillors are elected to perform their duties in a lawful manner and must comply with relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and the Councillor Code of Conduct.

These principles of conduct require councillors to act honestly and to exercise reasonable care and diligence in performing the role of a councillor. They also provide that it is an offence if a councillor makes improper use of his/her position or of information acquired because of his/her position to, inter alia, gain or attempt to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for him/herself or for any other person.

The following components are included to provide for guidance to all councillors who have or are considering nomination as a candidate for a state or federal election.

1. ***Councillor to Declare Candidacy in an Election***
2. ***Candidates to take a leave of absence from Council***
3. ***Personal Interest Returns***
4. ***Conflicting roles***
5. ***Improper Use of Position by Councillors***
6. ***Council Resources – Use by Councillors***
7. ***Conflict of Interest***
8. ***Social Media***
9. ***Media Advice and Releases***
10. ***Advocacy by Council***
11. ***Councillor/Officer Protocols***
12. ***Mayor’s Candidacy***
13. ***Other Council Policies***
14. ***Councillor must immediately resign if elected***

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

Risk Management

Councilors standing as candidates must be aware of the potential risks including improper use of their position and failure to declare conflicts of interest.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Conflict of Interest through electoral donations	Possible	Major	High	Councillors to provide details of all donations over \$500 in their personal interest returns.
Improper use of position	Possible	Major	High	Councillors to take a leave of absence during the election period.
Improper use of Council resources	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Councillors should return all Council issued equipment during a leave of absence.

Policy Considerations

Councillors must comply with the following Policies of Council

- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Councillor Resources and Facilities Policy
- Councillor Expenses Policy
- Councillor Gift Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Control Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this Policy.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This Policy cover the potential legal implications associated with a Councillor as a candidate.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental implications associated with this Policy.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this Policy.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic implications associated with this Policy.

Consultation

Consultation has not occurred within the community as the author has not deemed it as required.

Information has been accessed through MAV to ensure consistency with other Victorian Councils.

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Nil

Conclusion

Councillors standing as candidates for state and federal elections must ensure that they continue to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) during the election period.

The Policy details the expectations, guidelines and legal requirements for Councillors intending to stand as candidates in both state and federal elections.

Attachments

1. Councillors as Candidates in a State or Federal Elections P (1) [11.1.1 - 7 pages]

11.2 April 2022 Monthly Financial Report

Author	Management Accountant
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the April 2022 Monthly Financial Report.

Executive Summary

The report presents the Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the ten months ended 30 April 2022.

Report Detail

The 2021/2022 Budget was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 June 2021.

The 2021/2022 Budget provided for an operating surplus of \$18.17 million with revenue of \$161.98 million and expenditure of \$143.80 million. The 2021/2022 Budget also provided for capital works of \$71.58 million.

On 21 September 2021, Council adopted the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast with an accounting surplus of \$21.43 million which is \$3.26 million more than the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to additional capital grants. The capital works program of \$72.65 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is an increase of \$1.07 million from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to re-budgeted items from 2020/2021.

The 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2022. The 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast provided an accounting surplus of \$13.52 million which is \$7.92 million less than 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast. The capital works program of \$70.61 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is a decrease of \$974,000 from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget.

The 2021/2022 Q3 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2022. The 2021/2022 Q3 Adopted Forecast provided an accounting surplus of \$21.32 million which is \$7.80 million more than 2021/2022 Q2 Adopted Forecast. The capital works program of \$63.44 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is a decrease of \$8.14 million from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget, mainly due to the re-budget of items into 2022/2023.

Council actual financial performance compared to the budget is presented to Council on a monthly basis.

The April 2022 Monthly Financial Report incorporates the following sections which are presented for Council's consideration:

- Operating Performance
- Capital Works Performance
- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement
- Capital Works Statement

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

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1.4 Communities have resources and abilities to self-advocate.

1.9 Provide a high-profile collaborative advocacy role.

Risk Management

There are no risks identified in providing this financial report.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 101 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides that Council maintain a budgeting and reporting framework that is consistent with the principles of sound financial management. In addition, Section 97 requires that at least every 3 months a statement comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date is presented to Council at a Council meeting which is open to the public. This report satisfies that requirement.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Nil

Conclusion

The report presents Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the nine months ended 30 April 2022.

Attachments

1. April 2022 - GSCC Council Report - Monthly Financial Statements [**11.2.1** - 11 pages]

11.3 Contracts Awarded under Delegation - April 2022

Author Team Leader – Contracts and Procurement
 Approved by Director Corporate Services
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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RECOMMENDATION

- That the Council:**
- 1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and**
 - 2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.**

Report

To inform the Council of the status of request for tenders that have been awarded under delegation during the period 1 April 2022 to 30 April 2022, and those that have been publicly advertised but are yet to be awarded as at 2 May 2022. The report does not include all purchasing activities, only procurement which requires a detailed quotation or a formal tender process.

Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Chief Executive Officer, Director or Manager

Contract No.	Project Name	Details	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2190	Supply and Installation of Events Power Upgrade at Victoria Park Lake	Lump Sum Contract for the Supply and Installation of Events Power Upgrade at Victoria Park Lake	\$144,936.00	Watters Electrical Pty Ltd

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1987	Provision of landfill waste, recycling and organics transfer and disposal services – Schedule of Rates Contract	Panel of Suppliers for the provision of Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Transfer and Disposal Services	Tender currently under evaluation
2174	On-site crushing of recycled concrete / bricks and shredding of green waste – Schedule of Rates Contract	Panel of Suppliers for the provision of On-site crushing of recycled concrete / bricks and shredding of green waste	Tender currently under evaluation
2229	Provision of Facilities Maintenance – Panel of Suppliers	Schedule of Rates Contract for the Provision of Facilities Maintenance	Tender currently under evaluation
2172	Provision of Cleaning Services for SAM Building	Schedule of Rates Contract for the Provision of Cleaning Services for SAM Building	Tender currently under evaluation
2241	Intersection Upgrade – Lancaster-Mooroopna / Davies Road, Lancaster	Lump Sum Contract for the Intersection upgrade at Lancaster-Mooroopna / Davies Road, Lancaster	Tender currently under evaluation
2245	Construction of Murchison Rail Trail Bridge Stage 1 Upgrade	Lump Sum Contract for the Construction of the Murchison Rail Trail Bridge Stage 1 Upgrade	Tender closes 18 May 2022
2246	Provision of Concrete Services and Associated Works – Panel of Suppliers	Schedule of Rates Contracts for the Provision of Concrete Services and Associated Works – Panel of Suppliers	Tender closes 13 May 2022

- **Note:** The tender for Contract 2007 with regards to the Repair of Katandra Hall has been abandoned.

Through the *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* the Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract up to the value of \$500,000.

The Council through the *Exercise of Delegations* Policy has delegated authority to the Directors to approve a contract up to the value of \$150,000 for goods and services and \$200,000 for works.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Previously, Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) established the requirements for tendering and entering into contracts.

Section 186(1) of the Act required that before Council enters into a contract for the purchase of goods or services to the value of \$150,000 or more, or for the carrying out of works to the value of \$200,000 or more, it must give public notice of the purpose of the contract and invite tenders or expressions of interest from any person wishing to undertake the contract.

In accordance with Section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council has adopted its new Procurement Policy establishing the value at which Council must invite a tender or seek an expression of interest. As a result of the overlapping time period, the above contracts awarded and tenders yet to be evaluated must comply with Council's previous Procurement Policy and Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Conclusion

It is important that decisions and actions taken under delegation be properly documented and transparent in nature. The report details the publicly advertised contracts awarded by under delegated authority of the Council during the period 1 April 2022 to 30 April 2022.

Attachments

Nil

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Community Sustainability Grants Round 2 2021/2022

Author Sustainability & Environment Officer
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round Two of the 2021/2022 Community Sustainability Grants Program as follows:

Organisation	Grant Amount Awarded (GST Free)
Congupna/Tallygaroopna Landcare Group	\$2,974
Transition Tatura	\$3,000
Total	\$5,974

Executive Summary

The Community Sustainability Grants support the development and implementation of sustainable projects and events, which assist in achieving sustainability actions within the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Greater Shepparton City Council launched the first round of the Community Sustainability Grants program in July 2016, with two rounds offered per financial year. The Community Sustainability Grant has a total budget of \$25,000 for the 2021/2022 financial year. Round 2 of the Community Sustainability Grant for 2021/2022 opened to applications on 10 January 2022 and closed on 28 February 2022 with two applications received.

The applications were assessed by an internal grants assessment panel and both applications were recommended for approval with full funding. Both projects meet the objectives of the grant guidelines and the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

Report Detail

The Community Sustainability Grants are designed to support the development and implementation of sustainable projects and events, which will contribute to achieving

sustainability related actions within the Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Council has a budget of \$25,000 allocated to the grants program for 2021/2022, with a maximum grant of \$3,000 per application.

The intention of the funding is to facilitate projects which achieve some or all of the following objectives:

- Encourage and support the community to address the climate emergency by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and working towards a zero emissions future.
- Raise community awareness of the relevance of climate change, the impacts it will have on our environment and way of life, and opportunities for adaptation.
- Increase the energy efficiency of existing community buildings across the municipality.
- Encourage participation in sustainability activities and events.
- Enable community members to acquire or develop new skills in relation to Sustainability.

This round of Community Sustainability Grants has been promoted through the Council's external website, online grants information session, social media and a media release. The internal Grants Working Group facilitated by the Grants Coordinator continues to collaborate to improve access for community organisations across the different grant programs within Council.

The grant opened on 10 January 2022 and closed on 28 February 2022 with a total of two applications being received. The assessment panel has recommended both projects be fully funded. The panel agree that these projects will be a worthy investment into the community to achieve the objectives, and assist the community in raising awareness about sustainability and climate change. Both of the projects meet eligibility requirements and aim to implement sustainability projects within the community.

Organisation	Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group
Project	Sustaining Pony Paddock Park
Short Project Description	Pony Paddock Park in Congupna is a local native park used by locals (including adjacent primary school students) and visitors to the town. The park showcases over 300 native plant species. The park is in need of new plants and garden supplies to reinvigorate the garden, and the Landcare Group are aiming to create community engagement through working bees and knowledge sharing.
Request for funding activities	Budget items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native plants and plant identification signage • Compost and mulch • Herbicides and spray equipment • Soil improvement supplies and fertiliser • Irrigation supplies
Requested Council contribution	\$2,974
Amount awarded	\$2,974

Organisation	Transition Tatura
Project	A more self-sufficient Tatura – Film Festival
Short Project Description	The film festival will focus on self-sufficiency, and include short films, competitions, and an opportunity for people to get together and learn more about climate change and what they can do to live more sustainably. The festival will have speakers, presentations, food, fellowship, and an expo.
Request for funding activities	Total project budget: \$5,500 Budget includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker's fees • Catering for attendees • Advertising and marketing/printing • Hire of facility (Victory Hall, Tatura)
Requested Council contribution	\$3,000 (\$1,157.53 of carryover funds) *
Amount awarded	\$3,000 less \$1,157.53 of carryover funds Total amount funded is \$1,842.47
<p>*Note: Transition Tatura were awarded \$1,500 in Round One 2020/2021 of the Community Sustainability Grant. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the group had to hold this event online at a cost of \$342.47 which resulted in leftover grant funds. Council officers, including the finance department, have reviewed the acquittal submitted by the group and recommend that the carry over funds be put toward the recommendation above. Council officers will ensure the Grant Agreement reflects this arrangement.</p>	

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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1.4 Communities have resources and abilities to self-advocate.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and WELLBEING

We will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning opportunities.

2.9 Community members are supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and creative wellbeing.

INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.11 Develop and improve Community and recreation facilities.

ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE EMERGENCY

We will prioritise our environment and take urgent action to reduce emissions and waste in order to protect public health and create a region that mitigates and adapts to climate change.

5.1 Council endeavours to make the natural environment accessible to all, regardless of age and abilities.

5.4 Council commits to improving biodiversity and the natural environment within Greater Shepparton.

- 5.5 Council commits to working with our community to deliver climate safe future.
- 5.6 Reduce carbon emissions in our community.
- 5.7 Conserve and improve biodiversity and our natural environment, and protect and improve river health.
- 5.9 Drive climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Risk Management

Insignificant to low risks have been identified, and will be addressed at the operational level (such as impact of Covid-19 on planned events, which has affected many grant project activities during 2020-2021). All grantees will be required to consult with Council representatives prior to, and during their projects to identify any potential adverse consequences, and to devise a strategy to minimise any risks.

Public liability insurances for projects where activities are being undertaken by the Grantees themselves have been included in the application documents.

Policy Considerations

Applications under the Community Sustainability Program have been assessed and awarded under delegated authority in accordance with Council's Grant Distribution Policy adopted on 16 March 2021.

Financial Implications

Council has committed \$25,000 for the 2021/2022 financial year for the Community Sustainability Grant program, with Round One allocating \$380 and \$24,620 remaining for Round Two. Funding in the total sum of \$5,974 has been awarded under delegated authority for two projects in Round Two of the 2021/2022 program.

One application underspent a previous grant by \$1,157.53 due to COVID-19. This amount will remain with the applicant, and will be acquitted against this rounds' application. Therefore, the net cash implication for Council will be \$4,816.47. *

	Approved Budget Estimate for this proposal ¹ \$	This Proposal GST Exclusive \$	Variance to Approved Budget Estimate \$	This Proposal GST Inclusive ² \$
Revenue	\$0	\$0		\$0
Expense	\$25,000	\$5,974		\$5,974
Net Total	\$25,000	\$5,974		\$5,974

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

² For Contract Award reports the GST inclusive expense shall match the amount reported in the recommendation

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal/statutory implications arising from this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The award of funding stated above will support the implementation of the associated projects which will have a positive impact on the improvement of sustainability with the community.

Social Implications

The applications received this Round demonstrate the significant value of local volunteers

and community organisations who contribute to the social connectedness of the Greater Shepparton community. These are projects that will engage the community to be involved in and therefore have a positive social impact.

Economic Impacts

Grant allocations this round will contribute to community organisations being able to provide community events and opportunities. This will promote local business and have a positive effect on the local economy.

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Ensure that the information about the application process was widespread	Media Release Website Social Media Emailed to networks Information Sessions
Consult	Two online grant information sessions were attended	Sessions offered at various times throughout the year
Involve	Sustainability Officer to provide assistance to community groups	Consultation on an individual basis during the application process
Collaborate	Successful community groups/members will be responsible for the implementation of their projects which will provide the opportunity for incorporating sustainability initiatives into the community	Successful applicants will drive their own community initiatives
Empower	Whilst decision making regarding successful grant applications are made by Council, community groups will be responsible for the delivery of projects	Community groups will drive the delivery of their projects

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Direction 2: Community Life
- Direction 3: Environment

b) Other strategic links

- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014-2030
 - 3. Using our resources wisely – climate change and energy efficiency
 - 3.5 Council supports our businesses, industries, and residents to live more efficiently and sustainably.
 - 3.7 Advocate and maximise partnership opportunities to reduce Council and community greenhouse gas emissions and respond to the opportunities and challenges of climate change.

Conclusion

The applications for funding through the Round 2 Community Sustainability Grants 2021/2022 have been reviewed by an internal assessment panel in accordance with Council's Grant Distribution Policy and Grant Program Guidelines. Both applications have been awarded funding under delegated authority as these projects meet the eligibility requirements and aim to build or strengthen sustainability in the Greater Shepparton community.

Attachments

Nil

12.2 Proposed Lease of Council Land for Affordable Housing - Request from Kids Under Cover

Author Senior Strategic Planner
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, with regard to the request from Kids Under Cover:

- 1. provide in-principle support for the preparation of any funding applications by Kids Under Cover to lease land from Council at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton for the purposes of constructing approximately six relocatable studios to accommodate six young people and two live-in mentors for approximately 10 years;**
- 2. commence the statutory process, under Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), to give effect to its intention to enter into a lease with Kids Under Cover for the purpose of providing temporary relocatable housing to accommodate six young people and two live-in mentors for approximately 10 years;**
- 3. in accordance with Section 115 of the Act and the *Greater Shepparton City Council Community Engagement Policy 2021*, Council authorises that a public notice be placed in the Shepparton News outlining Council's intention to lease the land at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton and to call for submissions;**
- 4. publish a copy of the public notice on Council's website, and provide a copy to owners and occupiers of all properties abutting the land, and any other properties that Council officers consider to be affected;**
- 5. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to carry out Council's functions under Section 115 of the Act in relation to this matter; and**
- 6. note that, following the completion of the consultation process, any submissions received in relation to Council's intention to lease the land at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton will be considered by Council at a future scheduled Council Meeting.**

Executive Summary

In June 2018, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) was amended to include the objective “to facilitate the provision of Affordable Housing in Victoria”, requiring Council, in its role as Planning Authority, to consider the need and opportunity to implement Affordable Housing outcomes. The Act defines ‘Affordable Housing’ as ‘housing, including Social Housing that is appropriate for the housing needs of very low, low and moderate-income households’.

Following extensive consultation, Council resolved to adopt the *Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Strategy: Houses for People 2020* in April 2020. Council also subsequently resolved to form the Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Reference Group to provide expert advice on ways that Council can realise Affordable Housing outcomes.

In late 2019, Greater Shepparton was estimated to have the highest homeless rate in regional Victoria, with 5.56 homeless persons per 1,000 people, and 1,041 households on the waiting list for social housing. Rental affordability fell by 10% between 2008 and 2018, with 27% of low-income households experiencing housing stress. With these alarming statistics, it was estimated that 42% of all forecast dwelling supply needed to be delivered as Affordable Housing to meet demand in 2036.

In early 2022, Kids Under Cover made enquires with Council as to whether it would provide land on which to develop a Village 21 Program, which is an innovative model seeking to assist at-risk young people to successfully transition to independent living from out of home care.

Kids Under Cover is a not-for-profit organisation focused on delivering the unique combination of studio accommodation and education scholarships as a practical and proven strategy in preventing youth homelessness. The Village 21 Program is an accommodation and support program for six young people between the ages of 18-21 who have exited foster care. The program would involve construction of a communal building containing a kitchen, living room and laundry, three two-bedroom studios with a bathroom and two one-bedroom studios for two live-in mentors, and a communal BBQ area. The purpose of the program is to assist at-risk young people, between the ages 18 to 21, to successfully transition to independent living from out of home care.

Council officers proposed a number of potential site options and Council owned lots that may be suitable given the requirements of Kids Under Cover: 4 Deane Court, Shepparton was the preferred lot. On 24 February 2022, Kids Under Cover formally requested assistance from Council and stated that its preference is 4 Deane Court, Shepparton. The land is currently vacant, owned by Council, zoned General Residential Zone and located within an existing residential area. Council officers consider this to be an effective way of realising Affordable Housing outcomes. The site’s size at 900sqm and ideal location within Shepparton will ensure excellent amenity for future residents, enabling them to be securely and appropriately housed.

Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires councils, before leasing land for 10 years or more (that was not included in a financial year budget), to undertake a community engagement process in accordance with its community engagement policy. Given that the proposed lease of 4 Deane Court is for a period of 10 years (or more), Council is required to complete a community engagement process and further consider this item after the completion of the consultation process.

This report recommends that Council undertakes the community engagement process by advertising Council's intent to lease 4 Deane Court, Shepparton and inviting public submissions. This report further recommends that Council considers public submissions at a future scheduled Council Meeting before deciding to lease the Land.

Report Detail

In June 2018, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) was amended to include the objective "to facilitate the provision of Affordable Housing in Victoria", requiring Council, in its role as Planning Authority, to consider the need and opportunity to implement Affordable Housing outcomes. The Act defines 'Affordable Housing' as 'housing, including Social Housing that is appropriate for the housing needs of very low-, low- and moderate-income households.

Following extensive consultation, Council resolved to adopt the *Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Strategy: Houses for People 2020* in April 2020 (the Strategy). The Strategy demonstrated an undeniable need for Affordable Housing across Greater Shepparton. Beyond the municipality's identification as the Victorian regional city with the highest level of homelessness, at 5.6 homeless persons per 1,000, 1,041 households are on the waiting list for social housing support, 27% of low-income households are facing housing stress (2716 households), and overall rental affordability decreased by 10% between 2008 and 2018.

Up to 2020, the Strategy found that despite some allocations under a number of Commonwealth and State-funded programs, Council advocacy and programs to support low-income households, and remarkable work by housing providers, the resources required to address housing issues in Greater Shepparton substantially exceeded those available.

The Strategy draws on the premise of 'Housing First' that has been successfully implemented in Finland to reduce homelessness levels by a third over a seven-year period. Beyond advocacy for Commonwealth and State funding to undertake substantial construction of new stock, it outlines a variety of ways in which Council may facilitate and promote the provision of Affordable Housing through diverse agents, encouraging knowledge sharing, economical usage of existing resources, and collaboration between housing providers, government, developers, landowners, landlords and investors.

The Strategy aims to promote increased stock across the spectrum of affordable models, including crisis accommodation and social housing to address acute housing needs, 'alternative' options like cohousing, which may address the needs of identified 'at risk' cohorts, and broader diversity in size and configuration in the market-based supply to mitigate potential future shortfalls.

Council also subsequently resolved to form the Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Reference Group to provide expert advice on ways that Council can realise Affordable Housing outcomes and on the implementation of the Strategy.

In late 2020, following the adoption of the Strategy, the Victorian Government announced \$5.3 billion in funding to realise Affordable Housing across Victoria as part of the Big Housing Build (BHB) initiative over four years. 25% of this fund was allocated to regional Victoria. The first round of grant funding under the BHB, the Rapid Grants Round, provided grants to Community Housing Agencies for development and construction of projects to realise new Affordable Housing. Under the BHB, 18 local government areas have been identified for a Minimum Investment Guarantee, with \$765 million committed across these local government areas. The Minimum Investment Guarantee for Greater Shepparton is \$45 million.

Funding for such a proposal could be provided through future rounds of grant funding under the BHB.

Kids Under Cover is a not-for-profit organisation focused on delivering the unique combination of studio accommodation and education scholarships as a practical and proven strategy in preventing youth homelessness. Kids Under Cover recently launched the Village 21 Model, an innovative model seeking to assist at-risk young people to successfully transition to independent living from out of home care.

Council officers proposed a number of potential site options and lots that may be suitable given the requirements described by Kids Under Cover: 4 Deane Court, Shepparton was the preferred lot. On 24 February 2022, Kids Under Cover confirmed it required assistance from Council and stated that its preference was 4 Deane Court, Shepparton (see Figure One below). The land is currently vacant, owned by Council, located in a General Residential Zone and within an existing residential area. Council officers consider this to be an effective way of realising Affordable Housing outcomes. The site's size at 900sqm and ideal location within Shepparton will ensure excellent amenity for future residents, enabling them to be securely and appropriately housed.

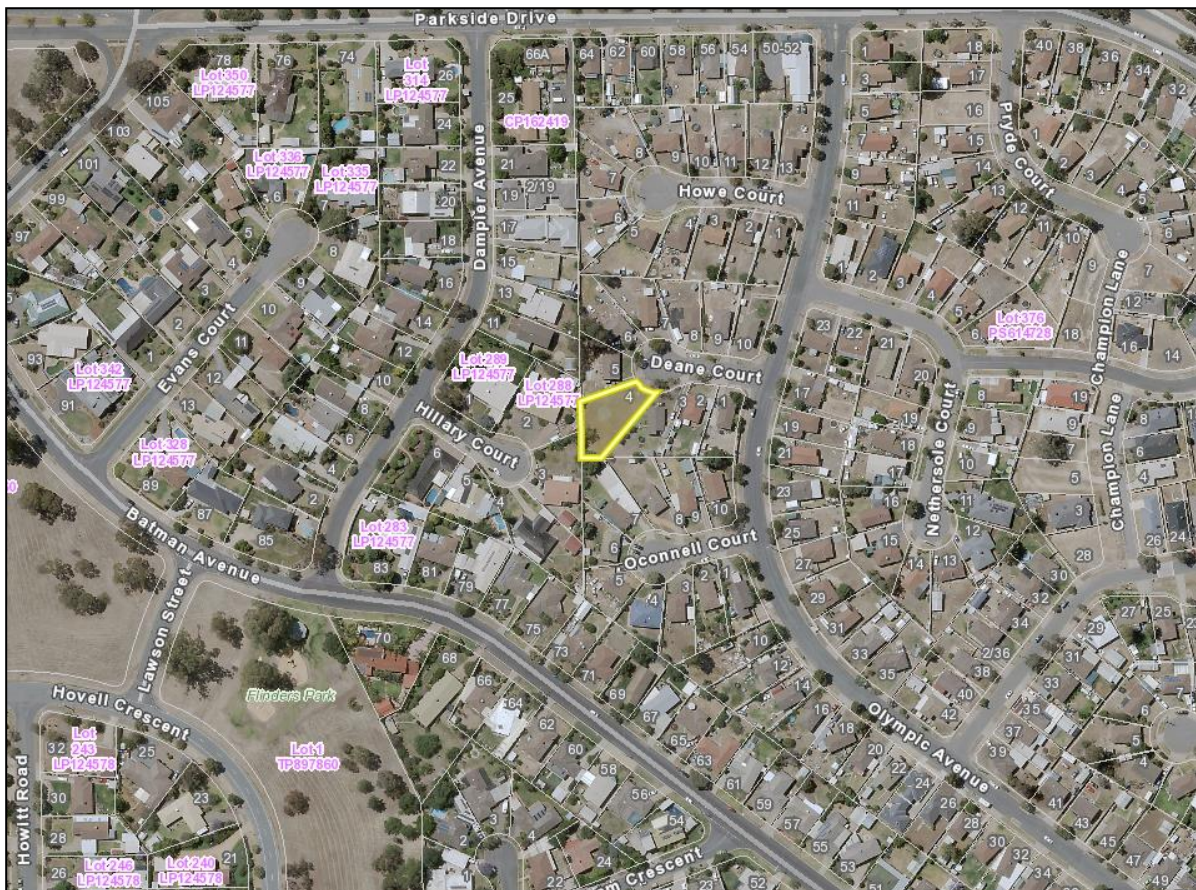


Figure One: Location of 4 Deane Court, Shepparton (location outlined in yellow).

The proposal would enable the construction of accommodation and implementation of a support program for six young people between the ages of 18-21 who have recently exited foster care. The Village 21 Model provides a communal building containing a kitchen, living room and laundry, three two-bedroom studios with a bathroom and two one-bedroom studios for live-in mentors, and a communal BBQ area, see Figure Two for an indicative concept plan. Kids Under Cover would be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings on site and their eventual removal at a future date.

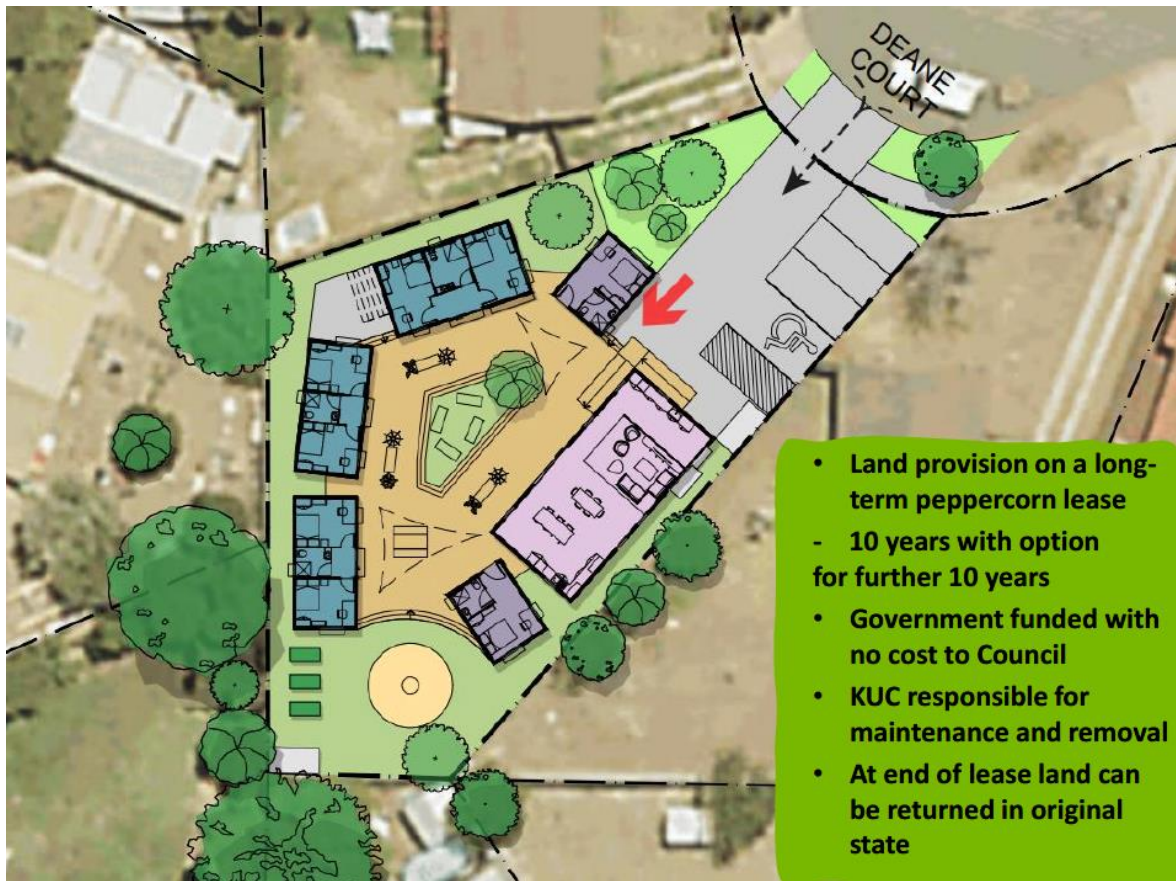


Figure Two: Indicative Concept Plan based on the Village 21 Model.

To comply with the requirements of Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the Council's community engagement policy, the *Greater Shepparton City Council Community Engagement Policy 2021*, in respect of the proposal before entering into the lease with Kids Under Cover.

This report recommends that Council undertakes the community engagement process by advertising Council's intent to lease land at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton and inviting public submissions. This report further recommends that Council considers public submissions at a future schedule Council Meeting before deciding to lease the land.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.1 Council to take an active leadership role for access and inclusion in our community.

Council is to take an active leadership role for access and inclusion in our community. Council services will be realistic and delivered in an efficient and effective manner with the aim of continuously looking for delivery that matches our ever-changing environment. Council will work in partnership with the youth sector to develop collaborative approaches, responsive and coordinated services for the ultimate benefit of all young people.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and WELLBEING

We will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning

opportunities.

2.4 Leave no one behind.

2.7 Address issues contributing to homelessness.

2.8 Support for families and children at all stages of their learning and development.

2.9 Community members are supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and creative wellbeing.

Council will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning opportunities.

Council is to 'leave no one behind' by supporting vulnerable people within the community. Council is to address issues contributing to homelessness by implementing the Affordable Housing Strategy actions.

Council is to provide support for families and children at all stages of their learning and development by advocating for support programs and infrastructure.

Council is to ensure community members are supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and creative wellbeing.

VIBRANT and DIVERSE ECONOMY

We will drive the visitor economy by growing visitor experiences and major events that provide employment and other opportunities to the community. Our economic development will focus on establishing a strong, adaptive, sustainable and thriving region supported by agriculture and a diverse range of industries.

3.8 Maximise utilisation and investment return on Council assets.

Council will drive the visitor economy by growing visitor experiences and major events that provide employment and other opportunities to the community. Our economic development will focus on establishing a strong, adaptive, sustainable and thriving region supported by agriculture and a diverse range of industries.

Council is to encourage and facilitate investment and expansion.

Council is to attract people to live, work, study and remain in our region.

Council is to maximise utilisation and investment return on Council assets.

INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.10 Progress housing and business development opportunities.

Council will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

Council is to progress housing and business development opportunities by ensuring all members of the Greater Shepparton community have access to safe, affordable and appropriate housing through implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy actions.

Risk Management

The recommendation will not result in any unacceptable risk to Council. There are several issues that should be considered as part of this proposal.

Meeting the Needs of the *Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Strategy: Houses for People 2020*

Failure to undertake the consultation on the lease of land and to consider the proposal later in 2022 may undermine the implementation of the actions in the *Greater Shepparton*

Affordable Housing Strategy: Houses for People 2020 and the delivery of appropriate housing to members of the community most in need.

Community perception

There is a risk that an Affordable Housing proposal may have a negative reception by some members of the community. Council will provide as much information as possible during the community engagement phase. If required, Council will also invite any submitter(s) to verbally present to Council on their submission(s).

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with Council policies. The project follows the objectives and goals of the *Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Strategy 2020: Houses for People* to increase Affordable Housing.

Financial Implications

The costs of the preparation and negotiation of the lease would be met by Council. The costs have been budgeted for in the 2021-22 budget.

Any future proposals by the MCRE project will be required to be undertaken via Council's normal budget process.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are a number of statutory and legal processes to be considered, particularly the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Council must complete a community engagement process in relation to the proposal to enter into the lease prior to entering into it.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The recommendation will not result in any environment/sustainability impacts.

Social Implications

The project has the potential to deliver significant social benefits to the community of Greater Shepparton. The proposal will provide accommodation for some of Greater Shepparton's most at-risk individuals and households through the realisation of much-needed Affordable Housing.

Economic Impacts

The project has the potential to deliver significant economic benefits to the region and in particular to the local youth at risk of homelessness.

The leasing of land to Kids Under Cover will create two full-time employment positions for approximately ten years for the live-in mentors and assist youth to enter the employment market.

Consultation

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council, before leasing land, to publish notice of its intention to lease the land and undertake a community engagement process in accordance with its community engagement policy.

The community engagement process for leasing land is provided for in Section 115(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and requires that:

- (3) A Council must include any proposal to lease land in a financial year in the budget, where the lease is—

- (b) *for 10 years or more.*
- (4) *If a Council proposes to lease land that is subject to subsection (3) and that was not included as a proposal in the budget, the Council must undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the Council's community engagement policy in respect of the proposal before entering into the lease.*

Council officers will apply the principles of the *Greater Shepparton City Council Community Engagement Policy 2021* to ensure residents, business owners and visitors will be given detailed information about the proposal, and to facilitate a range of opportunities to make a submission.

This report recommends that Council begin these processes and further consider this item after the completion of the consultation process.

Council officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred to understand the requirements of any application for funding and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

- a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy
- Nil
- b) Other Strategic Links
- *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006*
 - *Shepparton CBD Strategy 2008*
 - *Commercial Activity Centres Strategy 2015*
 - *Greater Shepparton Affordable Housing Strategy: Houses for People 2020*
 - *Shepparton & Mooroopna 2050: Regional City Growth Plan 2021*

Conclusion

Council officers recommend that Council provides in-principle support to Kids Under Cover to lease land at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton and begin the community engagement process.

Council will further consider these items after the completion of the consultation processes later in 2022.

Attachments

Nil

12.3 Interim Report on the Shepparton CBD Complimentary Parking Initiative

Author	Senior Strategic Planner
Approved by	Director Sustainable Development
Purpose	For Decision at a Council Meeting For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note the progress of the report on the merits of the complimentary CBD parking initiative undertaken between 1 November 2021 and 28 February 2022.

Executive Summary

The efficient management of car parking is essential to the functionality, liveability and sustainability of the Shepparton Central Business District (CBD). Council has a car parking policy that has balanced the competing needs for appropriate strategic planning to reflect the primacy of the Shepparton CBD, the need to continue to stimulate economic activity by ensuring the appropriate turnover of car parking spaces within the CBD, the extensive community feedback received on car parking in the CBD and the financial considerations of Council.

Council has trialled a number of complimentary parking initiatives within the CBD over the years, with the aim of increasing economic activity and improving the visitor experience in the CBD. This has often resulted in Council resolving to initiate complimentary parking in the CBD during the Christmas and January holiday periods. Most recently, at the Council Meeting held on the 19 October 2021, Council resolved to provide complimentary parking in the CBD between 1 November 2021 and 28 February 2022.

At the conclusion of this most recent complimentary parking initiative, Council resolved at the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022 to prepare a comprehensive report that assesses the merits of the most complimentary parking initiative and analyse the financial cost to Council. This report is to be presented to Council no later than the Council Meeting to be held in May 2022.

This report provides an interim update as to the progress of the preparation of this report, which will be considered by Council at the Council Meeting to be held in June 2022. Council officers have commissioned multiple background studies to inform the preparation of this

report including parking, economic transaction and Council financial data to assess the merits and economic impact of the complimentary parking initiative.

Due to delays associated with COVID-19, Council's standard procurement process and the availability of consultants, the data needed to inform the comprehensive report will not be made available to Council officers until the end of April 2022. With Council officers needing time to collate and consider the findings of the data, and formulate a recommendation to Council, the report will not be tabled for consideration at the May Council Meeting. Instead, Council officers intend to present the report at the Council Meeting to be held in June 2022.

Report Detail

The efficient management of car parking is essential to the functionality, liveability and sustainability of the Shepparton CBD. One strategy that Council uses to manage car parking in the CBD is the provision of a paid and time restricted parking enforcement regime in the Shepparton CBD. This regime is designed to stimulate activity by creating an environment that ensures the turnover of parked vehicles in high demand areas, as well as provide a steady stream of income for Council.

The parking regime is reinforced by the *Shepparton CBD Car Parking Strategy* that seeks to guide the long-term management of car parking in the Shepparton CBD through the use of best practice car parking management principles and tools. This strategy was received and noted by Council at the Council Meeting held on 21 April 2020.

Paid parking has been a contentious issue for Councillors and the community for a significant period of time. It has been debated by elected representatives over many terms of Council, with a large portion of the community and businesses providing significant feedback indicating that paid parking is a significant deterrent to shopping in the CBD precinct, which directly impacts on the ability to grow their business.

Council has trialled and implemented a number of complimentary parking initiatives within the CBD over the past several years with the aim of increasing economic activity and improving the visitor experience in the CBD, while balancing the financial needs for Council. This began when Council resolved at the Council Meeting held on the 15 October 2019 to initiate a trial for complimentary timed parking in the CBD between the 2 December 2019 to 31 January 2020 as part of a Christmas and holiday promotion.

At the Council Meeting held on 21 April 2020, Council resolved to provide permanent complimentary timed off-street parking within the Shepparton CBD at seven Council-owned off-street car parks. This motion had the aim of providing the community with an ongoing complimentary parking solution that will result in economic and social benefits for the Shepparton CBD while minimising the financial impact for Council.

The seven off-street car parks included:

1. Maude/Nixon;
2. Edward Street;
3. Fryers Street;
4. Stewart Street;
5. High Street;
6. Welsford Street/Wyndham Mall carpark; and
7. opposite 90 Welsford Street.

At the Council Meeting held on the 18 August 2020, Council resolved to consider the Fraser Street/West Walk Car Park as an off-street car park, and to be included in the complimentary timed off-street car parking initiative.

Council once again provided complimentary parking in the CBD between 1 December 2020 and 31 January 2021, under delegation from Council's Executive Leadership Team owing to the 2020 Council election period.

On the 30 September 2021, the Parking Reference Group requested that Council consider an extension to the complimentary, timed parking in Council owned car parks over the festive period be undertaken in recognition of the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and to provide a much-needed boost to trade within the Central Business District. The Parking Reference Group recommended that the extended initiative commence on 1 November 2021 and conclude on 28 February 2022.

Given the severe economic impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns, particularly on retail and the hospitality sectors, Council resolved at the Council Meeting held on the 19 October 2021 to provide complimentary timed parking in the CBD between 1 November 2021 and 28 February 2022. This was intended to support an increase in visitation and shopping, and ultimately an economic recovery of the CBD following the end of COVID-lockdowns and the reopening of Victoria's economy.

At the conclusion of this most recent complimentary parking initiative, Council resolved at the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022 to:

1. at the conclusion of the complimentary timed parking in the Shepparton Central Business District (1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022) for Council owned on street car-parking spaces with only time limits applying (noting off street Council car parks are already complimentary) that a comprehensive report be completed on the merits of the initiative, with analysis on the financial cost to Council;
2. that this report based on the period of the aforementioned initiative is presented to Council no later than the May Scheduled Council Meeting for consideration for the 2022-23 Council Budget thus to allow for possible inclusion of options of future complimentary parking in the 2022-23 financial year; and
3. note that a media release be developed to explain to the public the finishing of this current initiative and the consideration of future complimentary car parking in the Shepparton CBD upon the aforementioned report being presented.

Council officers have been preparing this report, which will analyse the merits of the complimentary parking initiative and the financial cost it had to Council. The report will require multiple data inputs to make an informed determination of the complimentary parking initiative that is suitable for consideration at a future ordinary council meeting.

To address the first and second bullet point of the resolution, Council officers have commissioned multiple pieces of work that will be utilised to assess the merits of the complimentary parking initiative and inform a final recommendation to Council. This work includes:

- a parking inventory and occupancy survey in the Shepparton CBD being undertaken by Real Time Traffic Pty Ltd. This will provide up-to-date information of the type of parking spaces and associated restrictions in the CBD and how they're being utilised on a daily basis. Real Time Traffic Pty Ltd undertook this survey on Thursday 7 April 2022; and
- an economic transaction analysis for the Shepparton area being undertaken by Geografia Pty Ltd. This will be used to measure the economic impacts of the complimentary parking initiative. This will include a comparison with four other comparable regional areas (Benalla, Bendigo, Horsham and Traralgon) that have paid and complementary parking regimes.

Council officers will also gather internal financial data that will be used to measure the financial impact that the complimentary parking initiative had on Council's budget and what changing the parking regime may cost Council into the future.

Due to delays associated with COVID-19, Council's standard procurement process and the availability of consultants, the data needed to inform the comprehensive report will not be made available to Council officers until the end of April 2022. With Council officers needing time to collate and consider the findings of the data, and formulate a recommendation to Council, the report will not be tabled for consideration at the May Council Meeting. Instead, Council officers intend to present the report at the Council Meeting to be held in June 2022.

To address the final bullet point of the resolution, Council officers distributed a media release on 16 February 2022. This explained the conclusion of the recent complimentary parking initiative on the 28 February 2022, that Council-owned off-street parking remains free and timed, and that Council officers will prepare a report on the proposal for Council's consideration.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.9 Reliable, efficient, affordable and accessible transport.

Risk Management

This report is for noting only. There are no risks associated with this report.

Policy Considerations

Complimentary parking over the December festive period is consistent with the Shepparton CBD Car Parking Strategy. The recent complimentary parking initiative was an extension of this policy to recognise the impacts of COVID-19. There are no other policy considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

To date, Council has spent \$32,019 (excl GST) on the parking inventory and occupancy survey, and the economic transaction analysis that will inform the preparation of the report. There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report, as this report is for noting only.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This report is for noting only. There are no legal or statutory implications associated with this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

This report is for noting only. There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

Social Implications

This report is for noting only. There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

This report is for noting only. There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

This report is for noting only to inform the Councillors of the progress of the comprehensive report which will assess the merits and economic impact of the November 2021 – February 2022 complimentary parking initiative. Community consultation is not required for this report.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

Topic: Economic Development

Theme: Retail/Commercial Centres

Objective 2: To develop the Shepparton CBD as a regional centre for commerce and entertainment.

Objective 4: To have a hierarchy of viable commercial/retail centres by retaining local and visitor spending within the municipality.

Topic: Infrastructure

Theme: Traffic and Transport Systems:

Objective 6: To ensure the safety and efficient functioning of the roads for a variety of users.

b) Other strategic links

Shepparton CBD Strategy 2008

Greater Shepparton Commercial Activity Centres Strategy 2015

Shepparton CBD Car Parking Strategy April 2020

Conclusion

Following the Council resolution at the Council Meeting held on the 15 February 2022, Council officers are preparing a report that assesses the merits of the 1 November 2021 – 28 February 2022 complimentary parking initiative and analyses the financial cost to Council.

This interim report serves to update Council as to the status of this report. Due to Council's standard procurement process, consultant availability and the need to consider and collate data, Council officers will not be in a position to table the report at the Council Meeting to be held in May 2022. Council officers intend to table this report to the Council Meeting to be held in June 2022.

Attachments

Nil

13 Infrastructure Directorate

13.1 Contract No. 2232 - Victoria Park Lake - Pedestrian Lighting

Author Manager - Projects
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. accept the tender submitted by Byers Electrical for Contract No. 2232 Supply and Installation of Victoria Park Lake, Pedestrian Lighting, for the lump sum price of \$771,617.10 (including GST); and**
- 2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

Executive Summary

This contract will see the installation of 64 light poles adjacent to the walking path around the Victoria Park Lake (VPL). The ongoing lighting upgrade will improve pedestrian safety around the VPL and further enhance and support the amenity of the precinct.

The contractor has been instructed to maintain all current lighting or an adequate replacement during the works to minimise impact to the use of the area by residents. An emphasis has also been placed while assessing the construction methodology on the disruption to the community use during works.

These works will likely take place adjacent to the upgrade of power facilities in the VPL events area and contribute towards improvement of the high use, 5-star parklands.

The tender was publicly advertised with three submissions received, two local tenders and one tender from Bendigo. Byers Electrical submitted a compliant tender to deliver the scope required within the timeframe provided.

Contract Details

Works include but not limited to -

- Site set up & Establishment
- Installation of pedestrian management plan
- Service location
- Installation of underground infrastructure (Conduits, footings etc.)
- Supply and installation of new lighting
- Removal of existing lights on site
- Reinstatement of any disturbance to existing surrounds

Tenders

Tenders were received from:

Tenderers
Byres Electrical Pty Ltd, Shepparton
Watters Electrical Pty Ltd, Shepparton
DeAraugo & Lea Electrical Contractors (VIC) Pty Ltd, Golden Square

Three tender submissions received, with two local tenders and one tenderer from Bendigo. Byers Electrical are a local company established in the area with a track record of completion of works for large projects. Byers Electrical were the highest moderated score for both qualitative and quantitative components of the evaluation process.

The evaluation panel is satisfied that the tender submission meets the specification and timeline requirements for this project.

Tender Evaluation

Tenders were evaluated by:

Title	Branch
Manager Projects	Projects
Project Manager	PMO
Project Manager	PMO

Evaluation Criteria

Tenders were evaluated on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Price	60%
Relevant past experience and capability	10%
Project Delivery & Methodology	10%
Environmental Sustainability	10%
Benefit to Local Region	10%
OH&S Systems	Pass / Fail

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and WELLBEING

We will support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of all in our community, ensuring universal access to information, services, housing, healthcare and learning opportunities.

2.1 Council will promote the use of the Universal Design Principles across the region to ensure fair and reasonable access for all members of our community.

2.3 Council to provide accessible play spaces for all abilities.

2.5 Recognise First Nations history and advance reconciliation.

VIBRANT and DIVERSE ECONOMY

We will drive the visitor economy by growing visitor experiences and major events that provide employment and other opportunities to the community. Our economic development will focus on establishing a strong, adaptive, sustainable and thriving region supported by agriculture and a diverse range of industries.

3.3 Completion of the SAM precinct including playground and activation of Victoria Park Lake Caravan Park.

INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.11 Develop and improve Community and recreation facilities.

Risk Management

This project is considered low risk.

Policy Considerations

There are no policy conflicts for this report.

Financial Implications

This project is fully funded by LCRI funding Phase 2 program to the amount of \$748,000 ex gst.

	Approved Budget Estimate for this proposal ¹ \$	This Proposal GST Exclusive \$	Variance to Approved Budget Estimate \$	This Proposal GST Inclusive ² \$
Revenue	\$748,000			
Expense		\$ 701,470.09		\$ 771,617.10
Net Total	\$ 748,000.00	\$ 701,470.09	(\$46,529.91)	\$ 771,617.10

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

² For Contract Award reports the GST inclusive expense shall match the amount reported in the recommendation

Legal/Statutory Implications

Tender Process has been carried out according to the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy.

In accordance with Section 109(2) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council has considered opportunities for collaboration with other Council and public bodies. In this instance however, due to the specific location, nature of the work being undertaken and current market conditions, opportunities for collaboration were not available. Council will source any associated goods or services from existing collaborative arrangements were possible.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental impact and the contractors response has critiqued during the tender process and formed 10% of the selection criteria. Minimal environmental impact is predicted with the proposed works.

Social Implications

Contractors were requested to factor in current community use of the area and the day-to-day impact of the works against this use. The successful contractor must maintain the equivalent to the existing amount of light during the construction process and factor in the high pedestrian use when planning their works.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with these works.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Infrastructure – to provide sustainable infrastructure to support growth and development of the municipality.

Conclusion

Byers Electrical has submitted a conforming Tender with the lowest overall price and received the highest overall score against the evaluation criteria. Byres Electrical are a local contractor that has previously completed various Council works.

The Panel is satisfied that Byers Electrical have the capability and experience to complete the works under contract and within the stipulated timeframe. The panel recommends Council to accept the tender submitted by Byers Electrical for the lump sum price of \$771,617.10 (including GST).

Attachments

Confidential Attachment

13.2 Our Sporting Future Funding - Round Two 2021/2022

Author Sporting Clubs Officer
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round Two of the 2021/2022 Our Sporting Future Funding Program as follows:

Our Sporting Future – Majors

Club	Project	Grant Amount Awarded (No GST)
Greater Valley Calisthenics Club	Bathroom Upgrade – Regulation Compliance	\$20,000.00
Shepparton & District Car Club	Centre of Operations	\$30,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$50,000.00

Our Sporting Future – Minors

Club	Project	Grant Amount Awarded (No GST)
Tallygaroopna Football Netball Club	Trainer’s Ice Machine	\$1,650.00
Mooroopna Football Netball Club	Provide Secure Lighting around the Netball Courts at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve	\$1,853.00
Shepparton Rowing Club	Concreting the floor of the Rowing Club	\$13,752.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$17,255.00

Our Sporting Future – Sports Aid

Club	Project	Grant Amount Awarded (No GST)
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Shepp Feathers Incorporated	Badminton Equipment	\$2,466.00
Shepparton Table Tennis Association	STTA Strategic Plan	\$5,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$7,466.00
	TOTAL	\$74,721.00

Executive Summary

The Our Sporting Future Grant Program has been established to assist community organisations with the implementation of small to medium sized facility development projects and development programs for new and developing sporting organisations throughout the Greater Shepparton municipality.

The Our Sporting Future Grants opened for applications on 6 December 2021 and closed on 28 February 2022, with a total of seven applications received. Council allocated \$160,000 in the 2021/2022 financial year with \$74,722 allocated in Round Two.

Greater Shepparton City Council received seven applications in total for the Our Sporting Future

Funding, Round Two 2021/2022;

- Majors Category (not exceeding \$30,000.00) – Two Applications
- Minors Category (not exceeding \$15,000.00) - Three Applications
- Sports Aid Category – Two Applications

The applications were assessed in accordance with the Our Sporting Future Funding Program Guidelines and budget available. Applications recommended for funding are listed in the Report Detail below. No applications in this round were unsuccessful.

Report Detail

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program has been established to assist community organisations with the implementation of small to medium sized facility development, women and girls sport development and youth aged participation in sport projects.

The types of projects that may be funded include:

- Sports surface development
- OHS and public safety improvements
- Lighting upgrades
- Pavilion upgrades
- Shade for participants
- Disability access
- Participation projects
- Leadership, development or accreditation courses
- High level skills training courses
- Purchase of equipment to aid participation

The program also assists with development programs for new and developing sporting organisations throughout Greater Shepparton. Projects such as Strategic Plans for Shepparton Golf Club and Grahamvale Sports Club as well as purchase of equipment for

Shepparton Athletics Club have benefited from the Our Sporting Future Funding, Sports Aid program.

The funding program provides five categories for funding:

- **Major facility development** – for projects on a \$1 for \$1 basis but not exceeding \$30,000.
- **Minor facility development** – for projects on a \$1 for \$1 basis but not exceeding \$15,000.
- **Sports Aid** - funding between \$500 and \$5,000 (without matching contributions) for special sports projects that provide support to new and developing sporting organisations, for special access and participation projects, or for planning initiatives that address the future sport and recreation needs of the club/organisation.
- **Women and Girls** - will provide funding towards programs that increase opportunities for women and girls in sports clubs for development programs or training between \$500 and \$10,000 (without matching contributions).
- **Youth Participation** - will provide funding towards initiatives to increase participation in sport for teams/sport between sixteen and eighteen years of age where significant decrease in participation has occurred over previous 1-3 years, for between \$500 and \$5,000 (without matching contributions).

The Womens and Girls and Youth Participations categories did not receive any applications under Round 2, however grants under these categories were awarded in Round One 2021/2022.

A cross department assessment team was established to participate in the assessment of applications. A member of ValleySport – Goulburn Valley Sports Assembly is also included as a member of the assessment panel ongoing.

The assessment panel consists of the following members:

- Healthy Communities Officer - Active Living
- Sports Events Officer - Events
- ValleySport Executive Officer - ValleySport

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program is available for all sporting/recreational groups within the municipality. The program was advertised this year through social media. In addition, Council held two online grants information sessions to promote Council's Community Grants Programs. The program is also promoted on Council's external website with testimonials from previous recipients of funding. ValleySport, the Goulburn Valley's regional sports assembly, actively advertise the funding program through their network of known local community sport and recreation groups.

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program has an acquittal process at the completion of the project. An electronic funding acquittal form is received including supporting documentation of invoices and photographs of installation. A Council Officer also undertakes a site visit where relevant.

Details of each project

Shepparton and District Car Club

Funding Category		Majors	
Project		Centre of Operations	
Short description		The project will provide a safe and secure facility which will act as the Event Control Centre, First Aid Treatment Area, Family Friendly Spectator Area, Meeting Room, Storage for Equipment, and Vehicle Scrutineering Bay. This facility will provide a location for spectators in harsh weather and the installation of outdoor lighting will ensure spectator safety during night events.	
Who will benefit from the project?		Club members, spectators and visiting clubs will all benefit from this project. The enhancement of facilities at the club will attract more outside entries to club events.	
Total project cost	\$133,400.00	Organisation Cash	\$103,400
Requested Council contribution	\$30,000.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Greater Valley Calisthenics Club

Funding Category		Majors	
Project		Bathroom Upgrade – Regulation Compliance	
Short description		The club has identified that the two bathrooms are in unsuitable condition due to mould, cracks and difficult to clean surfaces. The aim is to resurface the toilet and shower cubicles, replace flooring and cover walls with mould resistant easycraft wet walls and provide hygienically sealed bench surfaces by replacing the cupboard and vanity.	
Who will benefit from the project?		All members, parents and carers who range from 3 years to 100 years, this includes people from diverse backgrounds including multicultural and indigenous. Calisthenics as a sport is very inclusive and allows for participation from people of all abilities.	
Total project cost	\$40,000.00	Organisation Cash	\$20,000.00
Requested Council contribution	\$20,000.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Tallygaroopna Football Netball Club

Funding Category		Minors	
Project		Trainer's Ice Machine	
Short description		The purchase and installation of a Trainer's Ice Machine - for the prevention and treatment of Netball & Football injuries.	
Who will benefit from the project?		This equipment will benefit all playing members of the club, ensuring injuries receive appropriate and timely attention both for training and game day activities. It will also enable the club to provide cold drinking water to plays on the field/courts during game play. TFNC has four junior netball teams, three senior netball teams, two senior football teams and an Auskick program.	
Total project cost	\$3,275.00	Organisation Cash	\$1,600.00
Requested Council contribution	\$1,650.00	Organisation In Kind	\$25.00

Shepparton Rowing Club

Funding Category		Minors	
Project		Concreting the floor of the Rowing Club Shed	
Short description		This project will be completed to ensure that the surface is even and easy to maintain and the facility is a dust free environment. A concrete apron is to be provided in front of the shed, and some poor-quality external concrete will also be replaced.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The Shepparton Rowing Club current and future members will benefit. Ages of current members is between 13 and 73. Membership comes from across Greater Shepparton and extends to Moama NSW.	
Total project cost	\$27,504.00	Organisation Cash	\$9,202.00
Requested Council contribution	\$13,752.00	Organisation In Kind	\$4,550.00

Mooroopna Football Netball Club

Funding Category		Minors	
Project		Provide Secure Lighting around the Netball Courts at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve.	
Short description		The courts have adequate lighting for training and playing from the four large light towers, however when they are turned off, there is only small security lights which are inadequate for any further activities.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The netball players of the Mooroopna Football Netball Club (MFNC), both senior and junior along with other players from other Goulburn Valley Football Netball League clubs. Netball players from regional teams and those using the facility for the Access All Abilities carnival held annually at this reserve.	
Total project cost	\$3,706.00	Organisation Cash	\$1,253.00
Requested Council contribution	\$1,853.00	Organisation In Kind	\$600.00

Shepp Feathers Incorporated

Funding Category		Sports Aid	
Project		Badminton Equipment	
Short description		Purchase of racquets, shuttlecocks, first aid kit and accounting software.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The multicultural community members from Shepparton, Shepp Feathers has nearly 200 members, which includes 50 female members and 96 junior members (between 5 to 18 years). Purchases will be made from local businesses.	
Total project cost	\$4,340.00	Organisation Cash	0
Requested Council contribution	\$4,340.00	Organisation In Kind	0
Council contribution approved by Assessment Panel	\$2,466.00		

Shepparton Table Tennis Association

Funding Category		Sports Aid	
Project		STTA Strategic Plan	
Short description		STTA will undertake their first Strategic Plan under the guidance of an experienced consultant to ensure the growth and relativity of Table Tennis within Greater Shepparton. This will involve in-depth membership analysis, asset mapping, stakeholder mapping, SWOT analysis, membership feedback and club visioning activities.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The committee will benefit from an actionable road map through a targeted approach to club goals. This will in-turn provide better and broader player experiences and opportunities. The STTA will also benefit the wider Greater Shepparton community as it will strengthen our ability to engage, partner and facilitate greater table tennis opportunities in the municipality.	
Total project cost	\$5,000.00	Organisation Cash	0
Requested Council contribution	\$5,000.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.1 Council to take an active leadership role for access and inclusion in our community.

INFRASTRUCTURE and TECHNOLOGY

We will focus on the planning of our region's requirements to enable delivery of technology and infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the community.

4.11 Develop and improve Community and recreation facilities.

Risk Management

There are no moderate or major risks associated with this recommendation.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policy. Consideration has been given to the Grants Distribution Policy 43.POL1 version 1.3.

Financial Implications

	2021/2022 Approved Budget	Funds previously committed in 2021/2022	Funds requested in this round	Balance remaining from budget allocation
Minor/Major/Sports Aid	\$160,000	\$62,617	\$74,721	\$22,662

¹ No budgets include GST for projects from this round. All funded projects are exclusive of GST

Legal/Statutory Implications

All project applicants must comply with planning, building and health legislative and statutory requirements prior to commencement of projects and/or release of the Council's funds.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts from these projects.

Social Implications

These projects will support ongoing community participation in sporting activity.

Economic Impacts

There is expected to be minor regional economic stimulus arising from the construction works and purchase of equipment.

Consultation

The grant program was promoted through social media and Council Officer email distribution lists. In addition, Council held two online grants information sessions to promote all Council grants. The program is also promoted on Council's external website with testimonials from previous recipients of funding.

Council Officers are available to support organisations applying for funding by discussing their projects to ensure they meet the objectives of the program and the guidelines prior to submission.

Officers believe appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- These proposals support the community and infrastructure objectives of the Greater Shepparton 2030 strategy. Direction 2 – Community Life

b) Other strategic links

- Council Plan 2021-2025

Conclusion

Round Two of the 2021/2022 Our Sporting Future Program received a total of seven applications as detailed above. All applications for this round have been assessed and awarded funding under delegated authority in accordance with Council's Grants Distribution Policy.

Attachments

Nil

13.3 Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan - Final Adoption

Author Team Leader – Sport Development & Strategic Planning
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. note feedback from the community consultation process; and**
- 2. adopt the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan.**

Executive Summary

The Mooroopna Recreation Reserve plays a pivotal role in the provision of open space, sport, recreation, community and event opportunities for the Mooroopna community and visitors.

A master plan was created in 2008, however this is now out of date and no longer represents the future requirements for the Recreation Reserve. Council Officers have worked with the user group Committee of Management to revise and propose a new master plan.

The Master Plan was prepared and at the July 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council agreed to release the draft Master Plan for public exhibition and comment.

Public Exhibition occurred between 21st July 2021 and 1st September 2021.

Following public consultation, changes to the draft Master Plan have been made and the final plan is now presented to Council for adoption.

Report Detail

The Mooroopna Recreation Reserve is located on Crown Land with Council the appointed Committee of Management, there are also a number of buildings and facilities that operate under lease arrangements, all of which are with Council. There is still a very active user-based committee that undertakes a number of capital and maintenance projects at the site.

The Recreation Reserve is extensive and reflects a regional standard space with a trotting track, two ovals, multi-use grass spaces, grass and hard surface tennis courts, lawn bowls, croquet, netball, a fire brigade training area, playground and a number of toilet and change facilities as well as a functions and event centre.

In addition to a high level of local use, the venue also hosts a number of major events and has capacity to host national standard activities in some disciplines.

The Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan (“the Master Plan”) has been developed to provide a detailed strategic plan for future planning, development and management of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities at this location. The plan aims to maximise the effectiveness of the open space, preserve the natural environment for residents and cater for the future community needs.

A detailed background report has been prepared including a Landscape Master Plan summarising the 18 development priorities across the site. The highest priorities include:

- Changerooms - New – Construct new changerooms for football and netball use on the northern side of the main oval
- Multi-purpose change, toilet and kiosk building - New – Construct a new multi-purpose building incorporating toilets, change and kiosk facilities to service the multi-purpose fields and John Gray oval in the area near the community storage sheds
- Upgrade the Sports Stadium – construct additional program space and reconfigure current spaces to suit long term use
- Raw Water Access – investigate improvements to raw water through new access points and possible increase of capacity of the dam to ensure there is sufficient water for future developments and to service the bowls and lawn tennis facilities
- Max Connors Pavilion – the toilets require upgrading to address constant blocking and accessibility issues
- Upgrade Tennis Social Facilities – upgrade of Sir Ian McLennan Centre to incorporate toilets and enhanced social facilities for the tennis club
- Support Sustainable Energy Use – Ongoing review of energy use across the Reserve to ensure sustainable energy practices

Feedback was received from various community members and user groups during the consultation period. Seventeen submissions were received in total with all submissions considered and reviewed.

Council officers have responded to the feedback received and are satisfied that only minor changes and updates are required to the draft plan that was issued for public consultation.

The main changes to the plan include:

- Updated reference to the Greater Shepparton City Council Plan – 2021-2025, from the previous reference to Council Plan – 2017-2021.
- Amendment to Priority 7. - Upgrade Access to Natural Gas, amended to Support Sustainable Energy Use, ongoing review of energy use across the Reserve to ensure sustainable energy practices. This amendment is also reflective of the Climate Emergency Action Plan and Zero Emissions Plan 2030.
- Removal of Priority 16. - Upgrade Council Depot due to further consideration of Council depot locations.
- Alteration to previous Priority 18. - Construct New Hardcourts with Lighting now referred to as Priority 16. - Construct New Hardcourts with Lighting – amended to Redevelopment of Existing and Construction of New Hardcourts with Lighting. Investigate redevelopment of existing courts including lighting upgrades. Future consideration of four new courts, at least two of which are to be marked for multi purpose and have lighting for coaching to be constructed in the area near the two new

netball courts and lawn tennis courts. This priority has also been changed to a Medium priority from Low.

It is recommended that The Council adopt the final Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

1.8 Consultation that is transparent, robust and accessible, and clear, consistent and timely communication provided to inform, educate and engage with the community.

1.9 Service standards and service delivery models are realistic and meet community expectations and demand while being financially viable and in line with Council's core business.

SOCIAL

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.1 Greater Shepparton is a welcoming, inclusive and safe place for all.

2.6 Volunteering is promoted and encouraged along with other measures to improve community resilience.

2.9 Public places, open space and community facilities are safe and accessible for all and presented to a high quality.

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.4 Quality infrastructure is provided and maintained to acceptable standards.

4.5 Assets are well managed and their renewal is being planned through long term renewal strategies.

ENVIRONMENT

Enhance and protect the clean, green environment that makes Greater Shepparton the unique place it is.

5.1 Greening Greater Shepparton has created an attractive, vibrant and liveable place with well-connected green spaces that are valued by the community.

Risk Management

There are no identifiable risks associated with the proposed recommendation.

Policy Considerations

All consultation associated with the draft Master Plan will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Procedure.

Financial Implications

The recommendation to adopt the Master Plan does not have any financial or budgetary implications for Council. However, the future implementation of the recommendations will be subject to individual detailed investigations and funding allocations as part of adopting future annual budgets.

Legal/Statutory Implications

The recommendation to adopt the Master Plan is not likely to result in any legal or statutory implications.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The recommendation to adopt the Master Plan will not result in any adverse environmental or sustainability impacts.

Social Implications

It is not expected that the recommendation to adopt the Master Plan will have adverse social impacts.

Economic Impacts

The recommendation to release the draft Master Plan for public exhibition will not result in any adverse economic impacts.

Consultation

Council officers recommend that Council adopt the final Master Plan with public consultation now complete.

Initial stakeholder consultation has been undertaken with the user groups of the Recreation Reserve, Council officers and peak sporting associations. This has occurred via a workshop with the user-based committee, internal stakeholder workshop and surveys to each user group.

Public Exhibition occurred between 21st July 2021 to 1st September 2021, seventeen submissions were received.

Council officers have responded to all submissions received, in writing and are satisfied that only minor changes are necessary to the Master Plan. Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- 2.3.2 Community Life
- 2.3.5 Infrastructure
- 2.4.2 Access to Life Long Education
- 2.4.4 The need to Grow
- 2.4.5 Other Major Issues

b) Other strategic links

- Sport 2050

Conclusion

The Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan has been subject to a community consultation process, including releasing the draft for public comment between 21st July 2021 and 1st September 2021. Council officers have responded to the feedback received and are satisfied that only minor changes are required to the final Master Plan.

It is recommended that Council adopt the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

Attachments

1. 13.1.1. Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan (as at May 2021) [**13.3.1** - 52 pages]
2. Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Master Plan I Submissions - Public Exhibition [**13.3.2** - 4 pages]

14 Confidential Management Reports

14.1 Designation of Confidentiality of Information

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 66(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, resolve that the Council meeting be closed to members of the public for consideration of a confidential item.

14.2 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review and Remuneration

14.3 Re-opening of the Meeting to Members of the Public

15 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

16 Councillor Reports

16.1 Councillor Activities

16.1.1 Councillor Activities - April 2022

Author Senior Governance Officer and Executive Assistant to Mayor
 Approved by Chief Executive Officer
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interests regarding the matter under construction.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillor's Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

Councillor's Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 April 2022 to 30 April 2022, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

Australian Rowing Championships | King's & Queen's Cups Reception
 Annual Blessing of the Bikes
 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
 Hearing of Submissions | Proposed Sale of Land - Part of 45 Parkside Drive, Shepparton for Affordable Housing
 Shepparton Golf Club - Centenary Luncheon
 Citizenship Ceremony
 Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting
 Affordable Housing Reference Group meeting
 The Alliance for Gambling Reform
 Official Opening and Presentations | FITASC Oceania (Shooting) Championships
 Formal Opening | Maude Street Revitalisation Project
 Land of Plenty | Site Tour
 Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board
 AFL VLine Dinner
 Maude Street Mall – Project Tour
 Launch | SAM Women's Collective 120
 Opening | Shepparton Discount Pharmacy
 Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) | Stories for Success
 Shadow Minister for Regional Cities, Decentralisation, Fishing and Boating visit
 Official Announcement - Cannatrek Jobs Fund Announcement

Gotcha4Life 'Mateship Miles' Roadshow | The Today Show
2nd Edition Launch | Birds of Cussen Park and Tatura Community Planning Meeting
Sir Murray Bouchier - Committee Meeting
Best Start Early Years Alliance
Mooroopna Golf Club | Charity Golf Day
Brigadier | Sir Murray Bouchier - Memorial Statue
Anzac Day 2022 Ceremonies and Dawn Service – Shepparton, Mooroopna, Tatura,
Murchison, Dookie and Toolamba
Committee for Greater Shepparton | Seat of Nicholls - Candidate's Forum
Goulburn Murray Bowls Region | Annual Goulburn Valley Playing Area – Presentations
Riverconnect | IAC Workshop and Meeting
Regional Cities Victoria (RCV)
Coaching services for Councillors with Ruth McGowan Pty Ltd
La Trobe University - Meet the Candidates Forum
Official Opening | First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria - Shepparton office
Community Iftar Dinner - In celebration of Ramadan (breaking of a day of fasting)

In accordance with section 106 of Council's Governance Rules a summary of the matters discussed at the Informal Meetings of Councillors, are attached.

Attachments

1. Councillor Briefing Session 5 April 2022 [**16.1.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 5 April 2022 [**16.1.1.2** - 1 page]
3. Councillor Briefing Session 12 April 2022 [**16.1.1.3** - 2 pages]
4. Councillor Briefing Session 19 April 2022 [**16.1.1.4** - 2 pages]
5. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 19 April 2022 [**16.1.1.5** - 1 page]
6. Councillor Briefing Session 26 April 2022 [**16.1.1.6** - 2 pages]
7. CEO and Councillors Catch Up 26 April 2022 [**16.1.1.7** - 2 pages]

16.2 Council Committee Reports

Nil Received.

16.3 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

Nil Received.

17 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

18 Close of Meeting