

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

“This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.”

SUMMARY

This report outlines the outcome of the 2022/2023 Capital Development Grant Program. Eleven projects are recommended to be funded through this round of the grant program. Funding agreements will be established with each recipient for the delivery of their initiative following formal consideration by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the proposed successful funding applications of the 2022/2023 Capital Development Grant Program to provide the following grant amounts:

- (a) \$28,000.00 to the Lilydale BMX Club***
- (b) \$12,500.00 to the Melbourne Radio Control Circuit Racers***
- (c) \$17,500.00 to the Healesville Bowling Club***
- (d) \$5,000.00 to the Macclesfield Adult Riding Club***
- (e) \$18,000.00 to the Upper Yarra Adult Riding Club***
- (f) \$14,500.00 to the Ferny Creek Tennis Club***
- (g) \$18,000.00 to the Hoddles Creek Cricket Club***
- (h) \$15,000.00 to the Lilydale Montrose United Soccer Club***
- (i) \$6,625.00 to the Hilltop Recreation Association***
- (j) \$11,000.00 to the Lilydale Junior Football Club***
- (k) \$25,000.00 to the Monbulk Recreation Reserve Development Group***

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council Meeting 28 September 2021 – Council resolved to provide \$160,304 as part of the 2020/21 Capital Development Grants Program to thirteen successful clubs and associations for improvements to their facilities.

Council Meeting 15 December 2020 – Council resolved to provide \$166,625 as part of the 2021/22 Capital Development Grants Program to thirteen successful clubs and associations for improvements to their facilities.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

The purpose of the Capital Development Grants is to support the local community to carry out projects that will improve and benefit, not only sport and recreation organisations, but also the wider community.

The Grant applications proposed to be funded have been assessed as having demonstrated an ability to achieve significant outcomes in the four criteria (weightings apply) outlined in the Capital Development Grant Program – Funding Guidelines, as follows:

- Clear evidence of demand for the project and the ongoing benefits to community participation (40%)
- The degree to which the organisation has provided the required project documentation and can demonstrate the ability to deliver the project (30%)
- Demonstrated increased opportunities for female participation and/or disadvantaged groups (25%)
- Sustainability elements incorporated in design, materials or outcomes (5%)

Options considered

To fund additional projects, some applications have had allocations reduced from what was requested. Staff have confirmed with these clubs/organisations if the project will still be able to be completed with less funding.

Recommended option and justification

The 2022/2023 Capital Development Grant Program ('the Grant') will see a total of \$171,125 awarded to 11 successful applications.

Summary of recommended applications and funds awarded:

- 1) \$28,000 – Lilydale BMX Club – Lilydale BMX Club Path Upgrade (Total project value \$58,000);

- 2) \$12,500 – Melbourne Radio Control Circuit Racers – Rostrum Upgrade Extension (Total project value \$27,932);
- 3) \$17,500 – Healesville Bowling Club – Heritage Club House Restoration (Total project value \$42,100);
- 4) \$5,000 – Macclesfield Adult Riding Club – Macclesfield Arena Upgrade (Total project value \$10,163);
- 5) \$18,000 – Upper Yarra Adult Riding Club – Wesburn Park Equestrian Arena Surface (Total project value \$39,600);
- 6) \$15,500 – Ferny Creek Tennis Club – Bathroom Facility Improvement (Total project value \$31,215);
- 7) \$18,000 – Hoddles Creek Cricket Club – Cricket Nets Upgrade (Total project value \$64,080);
- 8) \$15,000 – Lilydale Montrose United Soccer Club – Bathroom Updated 2022 (Total project value \$58,245);
- 9) \$6,625 – Hilltop Recreation Association – Olinda Recreation Reserve Goal Post Upgrade (Total project value \$13,250);
- 10) \$11,000 – Lilydale Junior Football Club – Netting Behind Goals at Gateway Reserve (Total project value \$25,170); and
- 11) \$25,000 – Monbulk Recreation Reserve Development Group – Netball Courts-Cricket Net Alfresco Finishing Touches (Total project value \$70,380)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

An annual budget for the program is included in Council's 10 Year Capital Expenditure Program. In 2022/2023 the total funds for this program have been increased to \$171,000. Previous funds awarded to thirteen applications in 2021/2022 were \$160,304.

It is recommended to award a total of \$171,125 to 11 applications.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

This report contributes to the following strategic objective(s) in the Council Plan:

STRATEGIC LINKS

The projects delivered by the proposed successful applicants will significantly contribute to enhancing health outcomes, including decreasing obesity and improving mental health and wellbeing. By engaging and encouraging people to be physically active and creative we can protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing for all ages.

The Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2013-2023 sets out directions for creating healthy and active environments and services in Yarra Ranges and provides a framework to guide future development and management of Council's recreation reserves, parks and community spaces.

RELEVANT LAW

Not Applicable

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Implications

This funding program supports volunteer/not for profit organisations, delivering important community infrastructure that ensures sustainability of the organisation delivering the project.

Social Implications

Several of the projects submitted support recreation participation to the wider community, including female and disadvantaged community members.

Environmental Implications

This funding program supports volunteer/not for profit organisations, delivering important community infrastructure that ensures sustainability of the organisation delivering the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Advertising for submissions occurred via Council's website and through contact with sporting clubs and user groups across the municipality.

It was advised that applications were open from 9am, Monday 13th June 2022 and were to close 11:59pm, Sunday 24th July 2022.

All applications were assessed against the criteria by four Council officers ('assessors') from Council's Recreation & Active Living team and one officer from Council's Community Development team, who understood the assessment process and/or had knowledge of infrastructure development and maintenance.

The following process was followed by each of the assessors:

- 1) Applications assessed independently;
- 2) Allocated a project score using the criteria provided;
- 3) Met and discussed each project;
- 4) Agreed on a final score; and
- 5) Allocated funds based on the final outcomes of assessment and budget.

This process was overseen and coordinated by the Recreation Development & Liaison Officer.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not Applicable

RISK ASSESSMENT

All successful applications are required to enter into a formal funding agreement with Council prior to project commencing.

The delivery of all successful projects will be overseen by the Recreation Active Living team.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

Nil