

OFFICERS' REPORT**PRINCES HIGHWAY RESERVE WEST OVAL – ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD INSTALLTION**

Submitting Councillor: Cr James

MOTION

That Council funds in-kind project management support to the Oakleigh District Football Netball Cricket Club for the delivery of a new electronic scoreboard at Princes Highway Reserve, West Oval.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Project management costs are required to cover the cost of Council resources required to oversee the planning, design and construction of projects. Costs are applied at a flat rate of 5% of all club initiated projects on the basis that clubs have already completed all pre-planning and design work.

The Oakleigh District Football Netball Club has sought approval for a new electronic scoreboard that would cost \$80,000 to supply and install. Club projects supported through Council's Facility Development Program are required to contribute a further 10% for contingency costs and 5% for Council's project management of the project. The Club was fully aware of this obligation prior to seeking the external funding.

A decision to support this Councillor Nomination will therefore require Council to waive the 5% project management cost or \$4,000.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Project management is a specialist resource that oversees the appropriate planning, design, and construction of a project including permits and commissioning. It is an essential element of every project that protects the integrity and safety of all involved. Project management services within Council are costed directly back to the delivery of capital works.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

In accordance with Council guidelines and its Facility Development Program, clubs are responsible to pay for all costs for the installation of electronic scoreboards, including a 5% project management fee and 10% contingency to Council. Clubs receive any unspent contingency funds at the end of the project.

As part of the program, all clubs are required to sign an Electronic Scoreboard Agreement to allow the structure to be erected on Council land. The Agreement sets out the terms and conditions of the funding, installation, ongoing maintenance and renewal.

Council has received more than \$86,000 in project management fees from fourteen projects delivered in partnership with clubs as part of the Facility Development Program within the current term of this Council. A decision to support the Oakleigh Football Netball Club's request is likely to prejudice past and future decisions and Council's ability to recover project management costs for club initiated projects that may or may not be a priority of Council.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Appropriate project management resourcing is required to ensure all projects are completed in a timely and responsible manner and in the interests of Council and the community.