

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT MONASH SPORTS FLOODLIGHTING POLICY

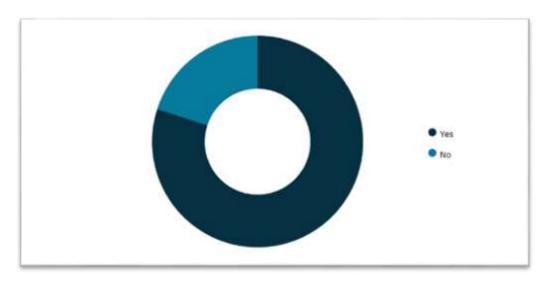
Community consultation on the draft Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy included:

- A community survey, completed on Shape Monash https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/sports-lighting opened from 19 August to 23 September 2020. The survey link was circulated to all Active Monash Sports Clubs three times from Council's Sports Club Liaison and Development Officer.
- One written submission, from Glen Waverley Hawks Sports Club.
- 'Coffee catch up' with sporting clubs via Microsoft Teams on:
 - o Summer Clubs 15 September 2020
 - Winter Clubs 17 September 2020
 - o Tennis Clubs 22 September 2020
 - o Annual Clubs 23 September 2020
- **Emails and phone calls** with clubs that sought further information and feedback on the draft policy.

At the completion of the five-week consultation period, a total of thirty submissions were received in response to the survey, however two clubs completed the survey twice (Waverley Baseball Club and Mount Waverley Demons Football Club). Therefore, of the twenty-eight unique submissions, twelve were received from clubs with leases (43%) and sixteen from clubs with licences (57%).

A summary of the survey responses is as follows:

Q. Do you currently use sports lighting at your facility?

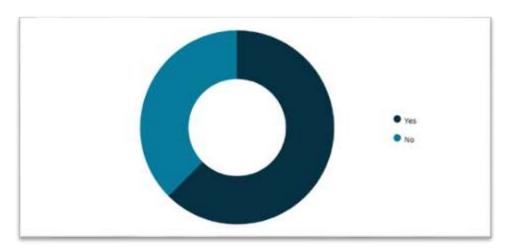


Answer choices	Percent	Count	
Yes	80%	24	
No	20%	6	
Total	100%	30	



Clubs that indicated they do not currently use sports ground lighting were Waverley Baseball Club x2 (Napier Reserve), Ceres Calisthenics Club (Indoor venue at Electra Reserve), The Victorian Sikh Association (Ashwood Reserve), Monash-Glen Waverley Junior Cricket Club (Larpent Reserve), Colombo Sports Club (Southern Reserve).

Q. Is your sports lighting adequate?



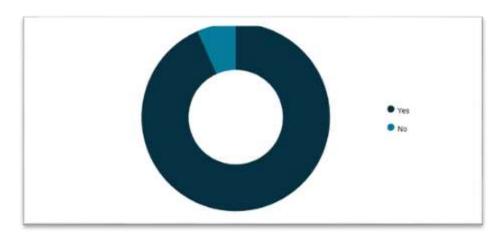
Answer choices	Percent	Count	
Yes	62.5%	15	
No	37.5%	9	
Total	100%	24	

Clubs that nominated their sports ground lighting as being inadequate were:

- *Licence venues* Capital Reserve, Glen Waverley North Reserve and Larpent Reserve, Jordan Reserve, Fregon Reserve, Gardiners Reserve, Carlson Reserve, and Batesford Reserve.
- Lease venues Bayview Tennis Club, Glenburn Tennis Club, and Glen Waverley Tennis Club



Q. Do you support the introduction of a lighting policy to manage sportsground lighting across Monash more consistently?

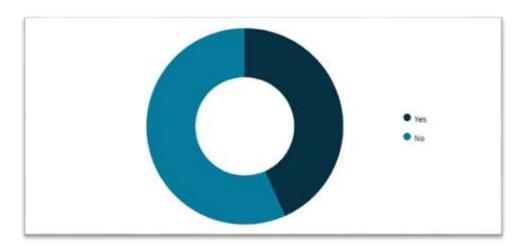


Answer choices	Percent	Count	
Yes	93.3%	28	
No	6.7%	2	
Total	100%	30	

There was overwhelming support for the introduction of a lighting policy to manage sportsground lighting consistently across Monash.

Only two respondents indicated that they were not supportive of a policy. Waverley Night Netball Association indicated that the lighting agreement should sit within the lease of the facility. The Ashwood Sports Club responded by saying – "Our club is not saying yes or not saying no at the moment - the idea has merit but a lot of questions need to be answered first".

Q. Installation: Should clubs be required to contribute to the cost of new sports lighting to minimum standards?

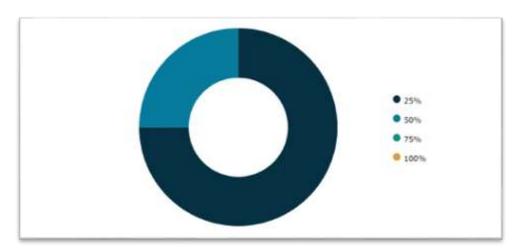


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	43.3%	13
No	56.7%	17
Total	100%	30



The majority of clubs responded by saying that they should not be required to contribute to the cost of new lighting to minimum standards. A slightly higher proportion of clubs with leases (46%) responded with 'YES' compared to 41% of clubs with Licences.

Q. What should the contribution to new sports lighting (to minimum standards) be?

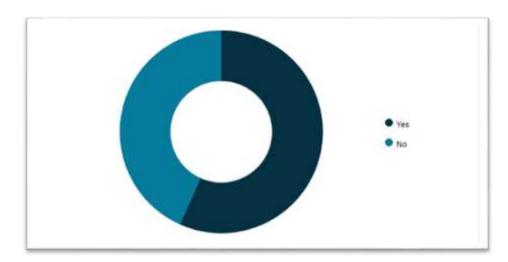


Answer choices	Percent	Count
25%	75%	9
50%	25%	3
75%	0%	
100%	0%	
Total	100%	12

Of the twelve responses received to this question, 75% indicated a minimum contribution should be 25% investment by the clubs.



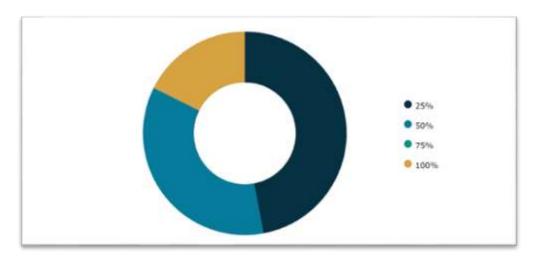
Q. Maintenance: Should clubs be required to contribute to the cost of sports lighting maintenance?



Answer choices	Percent	Count	
Yes	56.7%	17	
No	43.3%	13	
Total	100%	30	

The majority of clubs responded by saying that they should be required to cost to contribute to the cost of new lighting to minimum standards. A much higher proportion of clubs with leases (77%) responded with 'YES' compared to 35% of clubs with Licences.

Q. Should the contribution to maintenance be?



Answer choices	Percent	Count	
25%	47%	8	
50%	35%	3	
75%	0%		
100%	18%	6	
Total	100%	17	



Of the seventeen responses received, approximately half indicated the amount of maintenance costs worn by clubs should be 25% whilst a number (18%) indicated that clubs should be responsible for the full cost of maintenance.

Officers appreciate that responses may have been influenced by each club's specific circumstances including any contribution to lighting upgrades, maintenance they undertake or requirement under their occupancy agreement.



Q3. Name of your club?	Q7. Name the reserve/s your club uses	Q8. Are your lights adequate?	Q11. Do you support the introduction of a policy?	Q12. Why don't you support the introduction of a policy?	Q17. Please provide any further comments that you feel are relevant to this policy	Officers Response
Mount Waverley Bowling Club Inc	Mt. Waverley Bowling Club, Cnr. Wadham Dve. & Alvie Rd.	Yes	Yes		If Leased Clubs are to be responsible for all maintenance costs for a lighting installation why will they need Council approval prior to any maintenance being carried out. For example if a lamp fails and needs to be replaced why can the Club not simply have it done? If Council approval is to be required then the Policy should define how such approval is to be sought - such as the relevant contact person or department.	This is to ensure works are done in line with standards and expectations. Eg. Needs to be accredited and certified in the interests of compliance, product quality, safety, etc.
Glen Waverley Soccer Club	Capital Reserve Glen Waverley North Reserve Larpent Reserve	No	Yes			
Waverley Hockey Club	Ashwood Reserve	Yes	Yes		I disagree with the premise that lease clubs can recoup the cost of lights through hiring the facilities. We do hire Ashwood Reserve to third parties, but if we had to pay \$200k (50% of recently installed lights), it would take 8-10 years of hiring to cover the cost. This would not allow us to cover the maintenance costs of the lights or much of the cost of the artificial surface that we have 100% funded over the last 2 installations. Training standard lighting: we have more than 500 active playing members on 1 hockey pitch. This means games are a necessity under lights. My reading of the policy is that there is a belief that training is the only activity that is 100% necessary and that is why funding is only provided to training standard. Again, i think this is an incorrect premise in the policy. Cost of installation and maintenance: leased clubs do not own the infrastructure and lease could change within a short period of time which needs to be taken into account for contribution to infrastructure and maintenance - could there be a pay-back scenario if a lease is not renewed within a certain period after a contribution is made? It could also be more cost effective for Council to also maintain lighting at leased clubs along with licensing. Community use: There is a reference to community use. If this is at a leased venue, we would expect hiring costs to be charged. Scheduled, estimated replacement timeline: would be useful to have a general expectation around timing of review of suitability of lighting infrastructure (we only just had lights replaced that were 30+ years old and were costing large amounts of time and money to maintain).	We recognise that lease holders have greater capacity to raise revenue through their exclusive use arrangement and as such, expectation of club investment back into facilities is much higher. Aspiring to meet training standard lighting across as many facilities as possible in Monash is a big driver for this policy. Whilst we appreciate hockey may operate slightly differently to a lot of sports, competition for most sports in Monash is traditionally played on weekends during the day (i.e. under natural light), so there is greater reliance on sports lighting for midweek training purposes.
Waverley Night Netball Association	Waverley Women's Sports Centre - Waverley Netball Centre	Yes	No	For our venue, a managed lease facility we believe it should be specific to the lease agreement.	Contribution should be connected to use.	Lighting conditions and specifics of lighting usage can be incorporated into usage agreements.
Bayview	Bayview Tennis Club - Jordan Reserve	No	Yes	the least agreement.	With 50% contribution, clubs would expect to use existing lighting contractor.	The delivery of sports lighting upgrades needs to be done in accordance with Council's procurement guidelines.
Waverley Baseball Club	Napier Park	N/A	Yes		Waverley Baseball Club is one of the biggest year round Clubs in Monash, but our facilities during the Winter months are considerably inferior to other Clubs because we do not have the access to lights on our Main Diamond. We have to rely on lights the Club funded and installed for our batting cages, but this is restrictive in how many players can access them during training. Just recently, Maroondah Council spent in excess of \$200K for lights for Heathmont Baseball Club, which is nowhere near the size of the Waverley Baseball Club and only operates during Winter. The ability to retain and attract players, from Juniors to Seniors, to our Club would be definitively enhanced if we were able to offer the same training facilities as neighbouring Clubs such as Heathmont. It is disappointing to note that baseball is not mentioned when the Council discusses the Clubs that access lights. Waverley's record over its 60-year history is well documented as one of the power houses in Victorian baseball and reflects well on the Monash Council. It is hoped the Council gives due consideration to providing lighting to the Main Diamond at Napier Park so we can continue to grow and solidify our positions with the baseball community as well as within the Monash sporting community.	Refer to earlier comments regarding Waverley Baseball Club submission.



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Mount Waverley Reserve Pinewood reserve	No	Yes	Waverley Blues Football and Netball club is fully supportive of the council lighting proposal in regards to funding and the maintenance levy. There is a significant gap in the policy around how the backlog of lightening projects will be addressed and prioritised. As a club that has two ovals that do not meet the council minimum standards- Mount Waverly Reserve and Pinewood reserve (this is significant under spec and is safety concern). The policy needs to cover how the council will work with the clubs in addressing the backlog including timing. It is a major risk for the club as we are unable to offer our members the necessary training facilities thus hampers the clubs growth and the level of participation in sport across our youth and female. Given Monash was unsuccessful with the recent submission to the state government toward gaining funding support. We would trust that Monash have gained critical feedback from the government on how to better prepare for these opportunities. We wish to avoid our club being adversely impacted the next time government funding is offered again toward community development opportunities. One other point that Waverley Blues would like to raise that can wait until the policy is approved finalised is Tally Ho lights. As Waverley Blues funded 20% of the lights at Tally Ho and we no longer have access to this oval we would like to use light offset for the maintenance levy at Pinewood.	Sports lighting projects will be delivered in accordance with this policy, however prioritisation of sports lighting projects will be subject to adoption of Council's annual budget and will consider a range of factors, including condition of current lighting, demand, usage, etc. The maintenance levy exemption for prior club contributions cannot be transferable across sites.
Lum Reserve	Yes	Yes	Although our lights are currently adequate they are reaching the end of their life and will need to be replaced in the next few years.	All clubs are encouraged to approach Council regarding plans for future lighting renewal that can be delivered in accordance with this policy.
Napier Park	N/A	Yes	Thank you for your email regarding the proposed lighting levy for sporting clubs throughout the City of Monash. Waverley Baseball Club (WBC) would firstly like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the sporting club lighting policy and the strategic approach to this vital infrastructure. The policy goes a long way to identify the lighting infrastructure that Council has provided but more importantly a framework by which Council can provide, monitor the risk and a maintenance program of the lighting at sporting clubs. However, we respectfully request that consideration be given to the non-main stream sports such as baseball. Waverley Baseball Club is very grateful for the new approach that the Monash Council has taken in recent years, but it is fair to say that prior to some works on the main diamond and the provision of some consumables such as en tout cas, the baseball club has not received the same injection of capital works that the football and cricket clubs have received. The introduction of a Sporting Facility Lighting Levy seems to be a Council wide levy policy for all sporting clubs, as WBC as far as we know does not have any Council provided lighting. If the levy is being established in anticipation of the installation of sporting lights at the baseball club, we would hope that the levy would not start until the capital works are complete and that it takes into consideration that we are a Baseball Club that does not have the same lighting requirements as football in terms of the levy applied. Can we take the opportunity again to thank you for allowing us to participate in the establishment of this policy, it is gratefully appreciated and illustrates a consultative approach that Monash Council has not been done so well in the past. We very much look forward to hearing your thoughts on the matters raised above and that they are incorporated into the final policy.	Baseball fields will be considered as part of this new policy, as well as other types of sporting fields for community sport. The maintenance levy proposed in this policy will only apply to tenants who use floodlighting and have tenancy agreements for floodlit venues.
Homlesglen Reserve, Jingella Reserve and Batesford Reserve	Yes	Yes	Lights to be at minimum training standard should be a requirement of council to produce and to ensure safety and insurance levels are met to ensure all parties are covered for public liability issues. We support the annual levy for lights - as such I do not like the % question about re the maintenance, without council taking the responsibility to many lights will not have the maintenance done properly due to cost and organisation issues. With the squeeze on available fields with the ever increasing female participation levels, a realistic policy for club finances needs to be established to upgrade lights to match standard quality to ensure the increasing match requirements can be met. Greater consideration needs to be given to reduction in the levy for clubs that financially assist for light installation, and not just in the last 10 years but for those that made a great contribution to lights even longer ago. A policy for the upgrade of lights to LED standard for environmental and utility cost savings is something that should be a priority for council. Need to amend rugby training standards within the policy.	As indicated in the policy, LED lighting is the preferred lighting system for new installations. Priority will go towards addressing sites that currently fail basic training standards as opposed to LED conversions for sites that already have adequate lighting. The 10 year levy exemption is a fair and equitable approach and recognizes the fundraising efforts of clubs within that period.
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Ceres Calisthenic Club Inc.	Electra Reserve	N/A	Yes	Calisthenics is an indoor sport. Practice and training in calisthenics extends into weekday and Saturday evenings. The carparks at the Electra Reserve are floodlit at night for safety reasons. The Club notes that under item 4.0 of the proposed Sports Floodlighting Policy, lighting of carparks is exempted from this Policy. The Club's views on this Policy relate to the costs of lighting. In keeping with the thrust of many things in the community today, the Club considers that a user pays philosophy should apply. In this feedback, whether the starting point of 25% is an appropriate level of cost of maintenance is questionable. Maybe it should be lower.	This policy does not apply to car park lighting.
Glenburn Tennis Club	Glen Waverley North Reserve	No	Yes	Re the policy there are a few deficient areas, as discussed with Alexa on Tuesday 15th Sept. [1] 5.2.2 Leased Clubs: The policy does not say who to contact to seek approval. (I now know, but the policy does not say!) [2] 5.2.2 Leased Clubs: The policy is quiet on the level of cost at which approval is needed. For example, do we need approval to:- replace 1 club rubbish bin; replace all lights in the clubhouse; replace one court LED light; Replace all LED's on 1 pole; Replace all lights with LED's; Paint one wall of the clubhouse (same colour); repaint the c	Initial contact should be made with Council's Sports Club and Liaison Officer. This is a sports floodlighting policy and pertains only to lighting maintenance, usage and installations. 50% of the total project cost will be covered by leased clubs under this policy. The total project cost is inclusive of project management costs. Lease documents are legally binding documents. We recognise there is an opportunity for future leases to establish greater clarity around key areas for Council and clubs.
Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football club	Scammell Reserve	Yes	Yes	The lights at Scammell Reserve are 12 months old and will not need maintenance for at least 10 years. The Monash Council selected the type of lighting and should not need to be serviced for a long time. We believe that the fee should be introduced after 10 years of installation of the lights and when introduced only 20% of the servicing / maintenance should be directed to the user groups. Local sporting clubs are becoming more difficult/ expensive each year to run and the Council seem to find ways of adding extra cost to local junior clubs. With what we have gone through in 2020 (Covid 19) local sporting clubs are now VITAL to the local community and the Monash Council and other Councils should be trying to reduce costs and help all clubs survive!	In recognition of the significant fundraising efforts made by clubs over the past 10 years toward lighting projects, it is now proposed in the policy that the levy exemption period now apply for 10 years, up from 5 in the original draft of the policy.
Mount Waverley demons	Jordan Reserve	No	Yes		
Glen Waverley Bowls Club	Central Reserve	Yes	Yes	We have had floodlights over one of our four greens, for many years. The installation and maintenance has been all done with club finances. On reading your draft proposal, it mentioned that the council would look to cover some installation costs to the minimum lighting standard. Bowls Australia have a lighting policy which has a minimum standard for lighting. We have lights that exceed this minimum standard and if we had the opportunity to put lights on another green, we would not like to be penalised for having the same standard lighting on both greens. The club uses the lights for competitive and social bowls and over the warmer months the greens are available for community hire, so having good lighting is most important.	Council's contribution will be towards achieving minimum lighting standards. If clubs wish to pursue higher lighting standards beyond this, they will be required to contribute financially. Clubs are encouraged to approach officers to discuss their future lighting plans and priorities.



What's the minimum standard for the number of lightning towers for a field? At the moment, at Fregon reserve, we have 2 lighting towers Waverley We recognise that several sporting fields do Oakleigh over 1 field that barely lights up the whole field. We have 2 fields, so we are unable to utilise both fields for night trainings. not meet minimum lighting standards in some Fregon Reserve, **Panthers** No Yes areas. Future lighting upgrade projects will be Clayton Rugby Great initiative to implement such a policy. We have struggled for years to have this particular issue addressed. Appreciate the council prioritised accordingly. League Club absorbing most / all of the associated cost to bring to minimum standard. I fully endorse the implementation of this policy. Cost of Lighting. The bigger clubs which charges large amount of fees should be able to budget for the lighting costs. Clubs that access sports floodlighting will be Small community clubs like ours won't be able to pay for the costs of lighting or maintenance. required to financially contribute to Agree that minimum training lights should be managed and budgeted by Council. Anything above and beyond the minimum should be maintenance via the introduction of the then shared with the club. lighting maintenance levy. Victorian Sikh Ashwood Reserve N/A Yes Clubs will not be required to contribute financially towards lighting upgrade projects to Association meet minimum standards. For projects that exceed minimum lighting standards, those projects are typically instigated by club requests and will require a club funding. Glen Waverley Rovers **Brentwood** Yes Yes Junior Reserve Football Club Generally we think that having a policy framework like this is a very good idea as it sets out who is responsible for what. The 50% lighting upgrade contribution for Glen We are of the view that Council should still make the major contribution towards cost of any new sports lighting - if not 75/25 Council/Club leased clubs is cognisant of the capacity of Glen Waverley then 60/40 Council/Club. leased clubs to raise revenue through their Waverley Nο Yes Tennis Club Tennis Club We agree that 100% of maintenance costs should be met by the Club. exclusive use agreement and expected investment into club facilities. Monash-I am VERY concerned that this appears to be a blanket policy that will be applied across all licensed clubs IRRESPECTIVE of their actual Clubs who do not use sports lighting will not be usage of sports floodlighting. This would be EXTREMELY UNFAIR to levy clubs that simply do not use floodlighting at all. To a large degree charged the lighting maintenance levy. Glen cricket clubs do not use sports floodlighting, as all activities are undertaken during daylight saving hours/months. As a junior cricket club Waverley Larpent Reserve N/A Yes Junior ALL of our activities fall under this category, and to levy us for something that is not used would be a significant & unjust financial burden. Cricketers Whilst we believe that clubs should contribute, we STRONGLY believe that it should be purely on a user pays basis. We also don't believe that clubs should pay for community use, as council will charge the community groups & thus "double dip" at our expense. Inc. If the council decide to adopt the 50% level then I would suggest that the council offer to clubs a low interest loan to help spread the Council does not typically provide loans to Wheelers funding over a few years. All clubs would need to be able to fund 25% before they are considered for a Lighting project. community organisations. Clubs are Hill Tennis Not applicable Yes Yes Other than the above the proposed policy seems fair and reasonable. encouraged to discuss their lighting plans and Club priorities with officers. Glenvale Jells Park Yes Yes Tennis Club Colombo Both answers under Costs of lighting are based on the fact we don't use the lighting. I think clubs that do use the lighting should contribute Clubs who do not use sports lighting will not be Southern Reserve N/A Yes Sports Club charged the lighting maintenance levy. There is no mention / clarity or distinction between responsibilities on maintenance versus repair or upgrades. For example is a club Upgrading lighting from halogen lamps to LED Gladeswood Gladeswood wishes to upgrade lighting from halogen to led, what's the level of contributions from each party? Same applies for repair works. is an upgrade to the lighting system overall, Reserve Yes Yes and accordingly falls into the upgrade project Reserve Tennis Club category (i.e. 50/50 for leased clubs). Mount Waverley Jordan reserve No Yes demons Glen **Brentwood** Waverley Yes Yes Reserve Cricket Club



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Ashwood Sports club	Essex Heights Reserve	Yes	No	Our club is not saying yes or not saying no at the moment - the idea has merit but a lot of questions need to be answered first - see below	POINTS OF CONCERN/ QUESTIONS 1. So based on the LUX in our lights the cost to the club would be \$1,500 per annum. This cost would not commence until 2025 based on a 5 year grace period. That's how I read it form the document you provided 2. Does this include the cost of a cherry picker to change the bulbs and other costs associated with the work- each club would need a breakdown of what is included. 3. Would the cost be part of the fees or separately invoiced to the clubs so we could allocate payment to all users of the lights 4. When would the service happen start of Winter? - the main use of the lights - would the contractor be available to us to call as I'm not sure exactly on what day/month when the bulbs will burn out 5. If the lights changed to LED - does this effect this agreement 6. If we get a service each year to change light bulbs (at \$1500.00) over ten years that is a total of \$15,000 each club has to pay that's a lot of money for light bulbs and to a small local community club. 7. If this contractor does 33 x sports ground in Monash each year - 30 days work he earns nearly \$50,000 for it (roughly) is that correct - how is that possible. 8. For 35 years Ashwood Sports club has paid and maintain the bulbs on the old light tower - why has this changed. 9. Local community clubs are about helping and supporting each other within the club - that's gone has it	In recognition of the significant fundraising efforts made by clubs over the past 10 years toward lighting projects, the levy exemption period will now apply for 10 years, up from 5 in the original draft of the policy. All associated maintenance costs, including cherry pickers, will be covered by the maintenance levy. Proactive maintenance will occur preferably prior to the start of winter season to identify the level of maintenance required. Future LED conversions do not effect this maintenance proposal. The maintenance levy is determined by the level of lighting (i.e. lux levels). Council is aware of significant costs being covered by clubs wishing to have lamps replaced, sometimes at \$5,000 per lamp, and seek to address this via the introduction of this policy, as well as offer a standardised and safe approach to maintenance that is led by Council.
Eastern Lions Soccer Club	Gardiners Reserve Carlson Reserve Batesford Reserve	No	Yes			
Oakleigh District Football Club	Princes Highway West	Yes	Yes		The cost of adequate floodlighting is unattainable, compared to the financial capability of most community-based Clubs. To indicate a set % is not the fair way to go. Clubs should be required to contribute something to the cost of the installation, however that contribution should take into consideration the financial capacity of the Club. The cost of maintaining an adequate standard of floodlighting can also be unattainable, compared to the financial capability of most community-based Clubs. To indicate a set % is not the fair way to go. Clubs should be required to contribute something to the cost of maintaining an adequate standard of floodlighting however that contribution should take into consideration the financial capacity of the Club.	The maintenance levy is considerate of the lighting levels and quality of lighting that exists across all venues, not based on financial position of each club.
South Oakleigh Bowling Club	Scammell Reserve	Yes	Yes		It is unfortunate that this survey was not conducted a few years back when our club scraped together enough funds to add to a grant to install our lights ourselves.	