



City of Nedlands

Community and Organisational Development Report

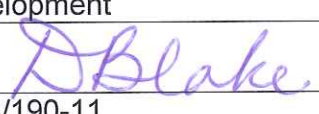
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Purpose

This item seeks Council's endorsement of two grant applications to the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), Small Grants Summer round, 2012/2013. The applications are from UWA Nedlands Football Club (Soccer) and Western Suburbs Cricket Club.

Recommendation to Committee

Council:

1. Advises the Department of Sport and Recreation that it has ranked and rated the application to the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, Small Grants Summer round, 2012/2013 as follows:
 - a. UWA Nedlands Football Club – lights: Ranking A - a well planned and needed by the municipality;
 - b. Western Suburbs Cricket Club – Cricket Practice Nets: Ranking A - a well planned and needed by the municipality.

2. **Endorses the above projects as CSRFF applications on the conditions that the applicants:**
 - a. **Obtain all necessary approvals, including Council planning and building approval as required;**
 - b. **Complete the project as per the CSRFF requirements.**
3. **Approves a financial contribution of \$30,713 to the UWA Nedlands Football Club and \$42,278 to the Western Suburbs Cricket Club, for inclusion in the draft 2012/13 Council budget (excluding GST).**

Strategic Plan

KFA 4: Community Wellbeing

To provide a Community where people have an opportunity to interact and enjoy a sense of belonging in order to promote:

- Healthy lifestyles;
- A safe and secure community; and
- Quality of life.

4.1 Provide and facilitate access to services and facilities required by the broader community, clubs and community groups.

4.2 Encourage, support and provide for a range of recreation and leisure opportunities, both active and passive.

The City's Strategic Recreation Plan sets priorities for facility funding for sporting clubs by taking into account two factors:

- Community demand to play a particular sport (participation rates and trends) and
- Availability of opportunity to play a particular sport, including availability of facilities.

Taking into account the above factors, the Strategic Recreation Plan has rated Soccer as a high priority and Cricket as a low priority for Council funding. This rating is not an assessment of the importance of the sport. Rather, it is a reflection of the current availability of facilities in relation to demand across the City.

The Strategic Recreation Plan identifies College Park as a major recreational reserve for future facility development.

The Strategic Recreation Plan also recommends the relocation of UWA Nedlands Football Club away from Paul Hasluck Reserve to Mount Claremont Oval due to environmental issues, (Council decision at meeting 23 February 2010).

Background

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) administers the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to sporting clubs, community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of sustainable, good quality, well designed and well utilised facilities.

The fund has three categories, as in the table below.

Table 1: CSRFF Grant Categories

Grant Category	Total Project Cost Range	Standard DSR Contribution	Frequency
Small Grants	\$7,500 - \$150,000	\$2,500 - \$50,000	Bi-annual
Annual Grants	\$150,001 - \$500,000 (maximum of this range increased from \$300,000)	\$50,001 - \$166,666	Annual
Forward Planning Grants	\$500,001+	\$166,667 - \$4 million	Annual

For applications to be supported by DSR, they must firstly be endorsed by the Local Government Authority. This endorsement may, or may not, include the provision of financial support by the local government authority. Local governments are also required by DSR to rank and rate each application.

Ranking: the City is required by DSR to rank each application in priority order, based on criteria set by DSR.

Rating: the City is also required by DSR to rate each application, against one of the categories below:

- A Well planned and needed by municipality
- B Well planned and needed by applicant
- C Needed by municipality, more planning required
- D Needed by applicant, more planning required
- E Idea has merit, more planning work needed
- F Not recommended

Proposal Detail

CSRFF Application for the summer small grants round 2012/13:

The City is considering two applications in this funding round, as shown in Table 2 overleaf:

Table 2: City of Nedlands CSRFF Application 2012/13

Applicant	Grant Category	Total Project Cost (excluding GST)	Council Contribution Requested (excluding GST)
UWA Nedlands Football Club	Small	\$ 92,141	\$30,713
Western Suburbs Cricket Club	Small	\$126,835	\$42,278

Summary of the applications

UWA Nedlands Football Club – lights

Club Membership - 1,093

% members who are City of Nedlands residents - 79% (874)

The UWA Nedlands Football Club is applying to DSR and Council for funding for lights at the Mt Claremont Oval to enable night training. Australian standard lighting is proposed to compliment the three existing lights at Mt Claremont Oval and double the capacity of the oval for night use. The project does not require an electrical upgrade, as this was included in the previously installed poles.

UWA Nedlands Football Club has utilized City reserves for over 60 years. For the last three years the City has been working with the club to re-locate them away from Paul Hasluck due to environmental concerns regarding the foreshore. To enable this relocation, the City has been progressively developing facilities.

Since October 2011, new change rooms and three floodlighting posts have been established at Mt Claremont Oval. The club contributed \$7,000 towards these new facilities at Mt Claremont Oval.

From the 2012/13 soccer season, the Club will no longer use Paul Hasluck Reserve, thus the importance of ensuring that the Mt Claremont reserve can accommodate the club. The club has 21 junior teams, making training under floodlights necessary.

The club is requesting funding as follows:

Council contribution:	\$ 30,713
Clubs cash contribution:	\$ 30,715
CSRFF grant:	\$ 30,713
Total Project Cost (excluding GST):	\$ 92,141

A condition of DSR funding is that the Club obtains all necessary funding and approvals and completes the project by 15 June 2013.

Western Suburbs Cricket Club – practice cricket nets

Club Membership - 220

% members who are City of Nedlands residents - 60% (132)

Western Suburbs Cricket Club (WSCC) is applying for DSR and Council funding to install five new cricket wickets and a bowling machine on College Park. The application is for funds for the installation of two synthetic cricket practice wickets, a block of pitch turf (clay and grass) for three further practice wickets and a bowling machine on College Park. The current practice wickets on College Park cannot cater for the number of people seeking to participate in the sport. The project requires a reticulation upgrade to the practice cricket wicket area, which is included in the application and has been integrated with the City's systems. The upgrade facility will be open to the general community as well as club members.

WSCC was founded in 2006 from two Western Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association (WASTCA) clubs. The club has twelve sides and 220 players, making them one of the largest cricket clubs in Perth. The club has teams that play in the highly competitive 1st grade of the Western Australian Suburban Turf competition to social one, two day, and t20 cricket.

The Club's main ground is College Park, with sides also training and playing on DC Cruickshank Oval, Mount Claremont Oval, McGillivray Oval, Melvista Park and Charles Court.

The Club has a strong relationship with Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club (CNJCC), which feeds most of the juniors through to WSCC. CNJCC train daily on six of the City's sporting grounds through the summer and play fixtures every weekend. The upgraded College Park facility would significantly benefit CNJCC as well as WSCC.

The club is requesting funding as follows:

Council contribution:	\$ 42,278
Clubs cash contribution:	\$ 42,279
CSRFF grant:	\$ 42,278
Total Project Cost (excluding GST):	\$126,835

A condition of DSR funding is that the club obtains all necessary funding and approvals and completes the project by 15 June 2013.

Consultation

Required by legislation:

Yes ☐

No ☒

Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes ☒ No ☐

Both clubs have been consulted and have submitted detailed formal applications. These applications are available for Councillors to view, through the CEO's office.

Both clubs have liaised with their respective sporting associations and have supporting statements from them.

Policy

Council funding for sport and recreation capital development is guided by Policy 10.20 Subsidies and Donations – Capital Development Grants to Sporting Clubs and Community Organisations. The guidelines associated with this policy state that:

- Priority will be given to sporting clubs and community groups located on reserves managed by the City of Nedlands.
- Priority will be given to projects identified in the City's Recreation Plan.
- Priority will be given to those sporting clubs and community organisations that can demonstrate that they are sustainable e.g. financial and membership.
- Priority will be given to those sporting clubs and community organisations that also receive financial support from other funding bodies (e.g. Department of Sport and Recreation's CSRFF).
- To facilitate the 'intent' of the policy Council shall give a higher priority to capital development projects that are designed to be used by more than one group or club, particularly where such bodies are not now sharing premises.
- Projects must be of a capital nature and financial assistance will not be provided for operational or maintenance purposes.
- The level of support will be based upon the benefit the project will provide to the City of Nedlands community. This will include, but not be limited to, resident membership (total and proportional), support for junior sport, and level of community access.
- The City of Nedlands will always retain the right not to provide funding in response to funding applications.

In general, DSR will fund up to 1/3 of the total cost of an approved project, with the remaining 2/3 to be funded by either the applicant or a

combination of the applicant and the relevant local government authority. The City's policy is to fund up to 1/3 of an approved project.

Legislation

Nil.

Budget/financial implications

Budget:

Within current approved budget: Yes ☐ No ☒

Requires further budget consideration: Yes ☒ No ☐

Financial:

Supporting these projects will require a contribution of \$72,991 (\$30,713 for UWA Nedlands Football Club and \$42,278 for Western Suburbs Cricket Club) from the City's 2012/13 budget.

Risk Management

The main risk identified is of the clubs not completing the project or not completing it to the required standard. The control in place is that completed projects are inspected and must be approved before the DSR or Council funds are released.

Discussion

UWA Nedlands Football Club – lights

Floodlighting is essential for clubs for night training. Those that have lighting generally see sustained or significantly increased membership as they are able to provide for night training and events.

The UWA Nedlands Football Club is one of the largest soccer clubs in Western Australia with 21 Junior teams. Teams range from aged 9 to 17 years. The club has strong links with local schools and the community. The 9 - 12 age range generally train from 4 to 6pm, with floodlighting needed for the 12 - 17 year age range who train from 6 - 7.30pm. To accommodate training for this large number of junior teams, floodlighting is essential.

This lighting project is a key component of the City and club's joint effort to re-locate the club away from the Paul Hasluck Reserve. Lighting to

Australian standards is the final component that will provide basic, usable sporting facilities on Mt Claremont reserve.

A further benefit of lights is the health benefit of night play, increasingly important as the community becomes more sun aware and temperatures increase due to climate change. Although soccer is predominantly a winter sport, lights will mean that this whole reserve will be able to be used all year around by a range of summer sports rather than only the part half field as at present. This increases further the range of sports the City is able to accommodate, and therefore physical activity levels.

It is recommended Council endorses this project and provides funds of \$30,713. The City's Strategic Recreation Plan rates soccer as a high priority for facility funding. The City's policy is to target its limited facility funding to projects that benefit multiple sporting clubs. The project will complete the relocation of the club from Paul Hasluck Reserve to Mt Claremont Oval.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City endorse this project for DSR approval and funding.

Project ranking: This application is ranked first of the two applications in this round, based on the high priority the Strategic Recreation Plan places on facility development for soccer; and on the number of City of Nedlands residents who are members of the club.

Project rating: A - a well planned and needed by the municipality.

Western Suburbs Cricket Club – practice cricket nets

Currently the demand to train and play cricket is greater than the facilities the City has to offer. While the City does have a number of facilities to play cricket matches, there is a lack of appropriate standard practice cricket nets. Practice nets are essential to generate the interest from training and coaching to match play.

The installation of the proposed practice cricket wickets will immediately lead to an increase in physical activity through the increased time and space available for social to competitive cricket training. This facility would allow more players to train each evening, increasing club numbers, and increasing player retention through a direct pathway from junior to senior cricket.

Western Suburbs will also be able to provide further direct coaching to the Claremont Nedlands Juniors, increasing the standard as well as participation rates.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City endorses this project for DSR approval and funding.

Project ranking: This application is ranked second of the two applications in this round, based on its priority rating in the City's Strategic Recreation Plan and the number of City of Nedlands residents who are members of the club.

Project rating: A - a well planned and needed by the municipality.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorses both applications for funding to DSR, and provides funding of \$30,713 for UWA Nedlands Football Club and \$42,278 for Western Suburbs Cricket Club. Council approval is conditional on the applicants securing all appropriate approvals, including Council planning and building approvals as required; and on the condition that the applicants meeting all DSR requirements.

Attachments

Nil.