

# Community Development Report

**Committee Consideration – 10 March 2020**  
**Council Resolution – 31 March 2020**

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| <b>CM01.20</b> | <b>Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund Application – Dalkeith Tennis Club and UWA Sport</b> |
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| <b>Committee</b>  | 10 March 2020                                       |
| <b>Council</b>  | 31 March 2020                                       |
| <b>Applicant</b>  | City of Nedlands                                    |
| <b>Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995</b> | Nil.  |
| <b>Director</b>   | Lorraine Driscoll – Director Corporate and Strategy |
| <b>Attachments</b>  | Nil.  |

## Executive Summary

This item seeks Council's endorsement of two grant applications to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) for the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) Small Grant Round. The applications are as follows:

- Dalkeith Tennis Club (DTC) – Reconstruction of four hard courts; and
- UWA Sport – UWA Athletics Club Storage shed.

All CSRFF applications to DLGSCI must be accompanied by a formal Council resolution. As the DLGSCI 2020 CSRFF Small Grant Round closes on 27 March 2020, it is important that Council makes a decision on this matter at the Council meeting on 24 March.

## Recommendation to Committee

### Council:

1. **Advises Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) that it has ranked and rated the application to the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund Small Grant Round as follows:**
  - a. **Dalkeith Tennis Club – Reconstruction of Four Hard Courts: Well planned and needed by the municipality (A Rating);**
  - b. **UWA Sport – UWA Athletics Club Storage Shed: Well planned and needed by the municipality (A Rating);**
2. **Endorses the above applications to Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries on the condition that all necessary statutory approvals are obtained by the applicants; and**
3. **Approves an amount of \$48,799 (ex GST) for Dalkeith Tennis Club for consideration in the 2020/21 draft budget, conditional on the project receiving DLGSCI funding.**

## Discussion/Overview

### Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

The Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries administers the 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. This fund has three categories, shown below:

Table 1: CSRFF Grant Categories

| Grant Category         | Total Project Cost Range | Standard DLGCSI Contribution | Frequency |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Small Grant            | ≤ \$300,000              | \$2,500 – \$100,000          | Bi-annual |
| Annual Grant           | \$300,001 - \$500,000    | \$100,001 - \$166,666        | Annual    |
| Forward Planning Grant | ≥ \$500,000              | \$166,667 - \$1,000,000      | Annual    |

For applications to be supported by Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, they must firstly be endorsed by the relevant Local Government Authority. For approved projects, DLGSCI will provide a grant of a maximum of 1/3 of the total project costs.

Ranking: The City is by required by Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries to rank in priority order the applications received for each CSRFF round.

Rating: The City is required by Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries to rate each application against 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 preliminary work needed
- F - Not recommended

Small grant rounds occur bi-annually, with the current round closing on 27 March 2020.

## Legislation/Policy

Council Policy:

Council's Capital Grants to Sporting Clubs Policy states that:

*To ensure the financial support it provides to sporting clubs is effectively targeted to achieve maximum community benefit, Council will consider the following key priorities:*

- 1. Multi-use: priority will be given to developing facilities that will be used by more than one sporting club or type, particularly where such clubs are not yet sharing facilities. This is to facilitate the intent of maximising efficiencies and encouraging clubs to share some facilities while still retaining each club's separate management and identity.*
- 2. Recreation Plan rating: priority will be given to supporting sports identified as a high priority in the City's Strategic Recreation Plan. The Strategic Recreation Plan provides a rating for each sport type, based on two factors: the demand to play that sport type and the facilities already provided for that sport type. These two factors result in a rating for each sport type as high, medium or low priority for facility development. Sport types with a high level of demand (growing membership) and a low level of existing facilities receive the highest rating.*
- 3. Other funding: priority will be given to projects that are eligible for funding for other government bodies such as the Department of Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Development Fund (CSRFF) or Lotterywest funding. This is to facilitate the overall financial viability of the project and contribute most effectively to the upgrade of community facilities.*
- 4. Level of community benefit: priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a high level of benefit to the local City of Nedlands community. This will include, but is not limited to, City of Nedlands resident membership of the applicant sporting club (total and proportional), support for junior sport and the level of community access (i.e. by non-club members and by community groups and organisations).*

DLGSCI Requirements:

In general, DLGSCI 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 sporting club or a combination of the applicant sporting club and the relevant local government authority.

## Overview of clubs and projects

An overview of the CSRFF applications for the next Small Grant Round are listed below.

Table 2: CSRFF Small Grant Applications 2019/20 Round

| <b>Applicant</b>     | <b>Project</b>                | <b>Total Project Cost (EX GST)</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dalkeith Tennis Club | Reconstruction of four courts | \$146,397                          |
| UWA Sport            | Construction of Storage Shed  | \$141,818                          |

### Dalkeith Tennis Club (DTC)

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| <b>Total Membership</b>                | <b>216</b> |
| <b>No. of City of Nedlands Members</b> | <b>135</b> |

DTC is located on the corner of Beatrice Road and Victoria Avenue in Dalkeith. It leases this building and the surrounding fenced tennis court area from the City. DTC has 24 courts with a mix of hard, grass and clay courts available. The Club and its facilities are used all year round.

DTC has a membership of 216 with 135 being City of Nedlands residents. As well as coaching and competitions, the courts are also used for school and casual bookings. During peak season over summer, the courts are used by an average 800 players per week. All courts are available to hire by members of the public through an online booking system.

DTC last received a CSRFF grant of \$49,024 from Council in 2016. This grant was for the upgrade to floodlights for four courts. The project was completed and acquitted in March 2017.

DTC is seeking a CSRFF small grant to assist in funding the reconstruction of four hardcourts. The courts are over 50 years old and reached their end of their life. The courts require the removal of the entire court surface, with a replacement of compacted road base, bitumen seal, asphalt, playing surface and court furniture. The courts will have shadow Hot Shots line marked and will have conduit laid for future lighting options.

The upgrade will have a high level of community benefit as approximately 63% of the Clubs members are City residents. Other community members also access the facilities at the Club by paying visitor fees.

This is not a shared facility because of the nature of tennis as a sport, which requires sport-specific courts (unlike sports such as football which can share ovals with other sports).

**UWA Athletics Club**

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| <b>Total Membership</b>                | <b>713</b>         |
| <b>No. of City of Nedlands Members</b> | <b>Unavailable</b> |

UWA Athletics Club is based at UWA Sports Park which is located adjacent to HBF Stadium in Mt Claremont and is home to 12 UWA sporting clubs and groups including Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, AFL, Soccer, Baseball, Cricket and Athletics. A masterplan for the sports park was finalised in February 2017 to provide a guide for its future development over the next 10 years. Storage was identified as a strategic priority in the master plan.

UWA Athletics Club has a membership of 713. UWA Athletics combines the biggest centre of junior athletes and the biggest and oldest club of senior athletes in the State and has recently celebrated its 90th anniversary.

The Club currently operates out of an old brick building adjacent to the athletics track and has to store overflow equipment in seven sea containers, located adjacent to the old brick building. The Club requires a purpose built, track-side storage facility at UWA Sports Park to house athletics equipment to replace the multiple sea containers with a single, large storage structure which would house all requirements for the track-side operations of the club.

The project is recommended for Council endorsement. However, it is not recommended that Council provides funds to this project. Council's policy prioritizes facilities on local government-controlled land. While the UWA Sports Park is located in the City of Nedlands, it is managed and controlled by UWA.

**Risk Management**

Funding available to DLGSCI for distribution throughout the state under the CSRFF program has been cut in recent years from \$20 million in the 2014/15 financial year to \$12 million in the current financial year. Therefore, it is anticipated that this round of CSRFF funding will be highly competitive, increasing the risk of not receiving funding approval from DLGSCI.

**Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:**

CM06.15 – 22 March 2016 Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund Application – Dalkeith Tennis Club Floodlight Upgrade

CM03.18 – 25 September 2018 Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund Applications –UWA Floodlight Upgrade

## Consultation

The applicants have completed formal applications to submit to DLGCSI for this grant round. The applications are available to Councillors on request from the CEO's office.

## Budget/Financial Implications

Table 3: Proposed Project Funding

| Project   | City     | Club     | DLGCSI   | Total Project Cost |
|---|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Reconstruction of Four Courts, Dalkeith Tennis Club | \$48,799 | \$48,799 | \$48,799 | \$146,397          |
| UWA Athletics Storage Shed                          | \$0      | \$94,546 | \$47,272 | \$141,818          |

The Dalkeith Tennis Club is requesting a grant of \$48,799 from Council, the same from DLGCSI with the Club providing the remaining 1/3. The overall cost of the project is \$146,397 (ex GST). The proposed works are within the Club's leased area. If Council approves this grant to the Dalkeith Tennis Club, funds for this project will be included in the draft 2020/21 budget for Council approval, as the grant would not be paid to the Club until the 2020/21 financial year. The City budgets an amount for any CSRFF Small Grant applications it may receive each financial year, so this project will be factored into that amount.

No budget consideration is required for the UWA project as it is recommended that Council endorses this project but does not provide it with financial support. This reflects Council's policy priorities, of supporting projects based on Council-controlled land. This policy priority has the advantage of upgrading the City's own facilities.

## Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorses these CSRFF applications for funding to Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries and provides a grant of \$48,799 to DTC on the conditions it receives state government support for this project and meets all necessary statutory approvals.

Council's support for these applications will reinforce Council's position that supporting and developing sport and recreation infrastructure is essential for creating healthy communities.

| <b>CM02.20 Arts Committee Membership</b>                                |   |
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| <b>Committee</b>  | 10 March 2020   |
| <b>Council</b>  | 31 March 2020   |
| <b>Applicant</b>  | City of Nedlands  |
| <b>Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995</b> | Nil.  |
| <b>Director</b>   | Lorraine Driscoll – Director Corporate & Strategy   |
| <b>Attachments</b>  | Attachment 1 – Luke Hollyock Resume CONFIDENTIAL<br>Attachment 2 – Alexandra Thompson Resume CONFIDENTIAL |

## Executive Summary

Council is requested to approve the Arts Committee’s recommendation on appointing two community member representatives to the Arts Committee. While the Arts Committee may make recommendations to Council on arts-related matters, only Council can appointment members to a Committee of Council, including to the Arts Committee.

## Recommendation to Committee

**Council appoints Luke Hollyock and Alexandra Thompson as community representatives on the Arts Committee.**

## Discussion

In October 2019, the City’s CEO called for Expressions of Interest from community members interested in being members of Council’s Arts Committee. This is consistent with the Arts Committee’s Terms of Reference. Two Expressions of Interest were received, being from Luke Hollyock and Alexandra Thompson.

Both Alexandra and Luke have previously served as community representatives on Council’s Arts Committee for six years. Both have contributed positively to the Arts Committee in the past. Luke and Alexandra are both residents of the City of Nedlands and therefore meet the criteria outlined in the Arts Committee’s Terms of Reference to be voting members of the Arts Committee.

Luke Hollyock has already served as a community representative member of the Arts Committee since 2014. He has now reapplied to do so again. When originally applying in 2014, Luke was a high school student studying art. Luke then studied science at university and although he has not pursued a career within the arts, he still has a strong interest in art, particularly in the visual arts. He has very much enjoyed his time on the Arts Committee and writes that continuing to be part of it will enable him to pursue his interest in art.



Alexandrea Thompson has also served as a community representative on the Arts Committee since 2014. She holds bachelor and master's degrees in Art History and is also a practicing lawyer. In 2008 Alexandria spent 9 months as a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School, researching legal issues related to art, museums and cultural heritage. Alexandria's academic and professional experience reflects her strong personal interest in art and art history.

The Arts Committee considered these two Expressions of Interest from community members at its meeting on 18 November 2019, and made the following recommendation to Council:

*That Council appoints Luke Hollyock and Alexandria Thompson as community representative members of the Arts Committee.*

The recommendation was carried unanimously.

## **Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions**

N/A.

## **Consultation**

The CEO called for Expressions of Interest from community members wishing to serve on the Arts committee by advertising locally. Previous community representatives on the Arts Committee were also contacted directly, as a courtesy.

The purpose of appointing community representatives as members of the Arts Committee is to involve local residents in the Arts Committee's recommendations to Council. It is in itself a consultative measure.

## **Budget/Financial Implications**

Nil.

## **Conclusion**

Therefore it is recommended that Council should appoint both Luke Hollyock and Alexandria Thompson as community representatives on the Arts Committee. They both have strong personal interests in art and have already demonstrated their commitment to and interest in advising Council through the work of the Arts Committee.