

### 18.3 Sports Lighting Project - LRCIP Funded

<b>Report Reference</b>	GC210914R18.3
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### CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) (b), (i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Office of the Chief Executive, Manager City Property, Unit Manager Sport and Recreational Community Facilities, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, and Governance Officer, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to Sports Lighting Project LRCIP Funded, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to options and costs of the sports lighting project.

### REPORT OBJECTIVE

To seek a decision on options for the scope and funding of the federal sports lighting project.

### REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
GC210127R09	Sports Lighting Projects

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the General Council Meeting held 27 January 2021, Council (GC210127R09) endorsed the delivery of lighting upgrades at four sports facilities:

- Marion Oval
- Glandore Oval
- Marion RSL Bowling Club
- Marion Tennis Club

The project cost was estimated at \$869,400 with endorsed funding consisting of \$774,616 (allocated from Round 2 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP)) and a \$94,784 commitment from Council.

Following the Council meeting, detailed designs were completed which have identified the need for additional lighting poles at one site and switchboard, supply and cabling upgrades at three sites. These additional requirements plus increases in material costs have increased the total project cost by \$257,250 to \$1,126,650.

Currently there is \$415,506 remaining unallocated from the LRCIP Round 3 that could accommodate the unfunded amount for this sports lighting project, as well as accommodating

additional funds required for the Lander Road//Young Street upgrade, an item also being considered in the agenda. This would result in both projects being funded and an unallocated balance from the LRCIP for Council to consider for other priorities.

At the Elected Member Forum on 31 August 2021, Elected Members asked if a revised project scope could be an option to minimise total project cost escalations. In order to keep the lighting project close to the current allocated budget of \$869,400, the Marion Tennis Club lighting upgrade would need to be removed from the delivery program. The total project cost for the three remaining sites would then be reduced to \$926,310, still leaving an additional funding requirement of \$56,910.

It should be noted that there is a reputational risk of not completing all four lighting upgrades, as the Federal Member for Boothby was notified of the projects endorsed as required under the LRCIP grant guidelines and it is understood that communication has been made to various clubs by the Federal MP. Furthermore, the upgrades at the four locations were outlined in the Annual Business Plan 2021/22 as key projects.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the existing project funding allocation of \$869,400 consisting of \$774,616 from round 2 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP), and \$94,784 allocated in Councils 2021-22 budget.**
2. **Endorses:**
  1. **Option 1 - Proceed with all four sites**

**The four sports sites lighting upgrades being completed (Glandore Oval, Marion Oval, Marion RSL Bowling Club, Marion Tennis Club) with \$257,250 additional funding allocated from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Round 3 to provide a total budget allocation of \$1,126,650.**

**OR**
  2. **Option 2 - Proceed with three sites**
    - a) **Three sports sites lighting upgrades being completed (Glandore Oval, Marion Oval, Marion RSL Bowling Club) with \$56,910 additional funding allocated from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Round 3.**
    - b) **Notes the removal of the Marion Tennis Club lighting upgrade from this project.**
3. **In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that Attachment 18.3.1 to the report, *Sports Lighting Project LRCIP Funded*, having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3) (b), (i) and (ii) of the Act, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2021.**

## DISCUSSION

At the General Council Meeting held 27 January 2021, Council (GC210127R09) endorsed the delivery of lighting upgrades at four sports facilities:

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- Marion RSL Bowling Club
- Marion Tennis Club

The project cost was estimated at \$869,400 with endorsed funding consisting of \$774,616 (allocated from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Round 2) and a \$94,784 commitment from Council.

Following the Council meeting detailed designs were completed which have identified the need for additional lighting poles at one site and switchboard, supply and cabling upgrades at three sites. These additional requirements plus increases in material costs have escalated the total project cost to \$1,126,650.

In the Members Unfunded Initiatives discussion at the 24 August Elected Members Forum it was suggested that two options be presented to Council that refer to the increased costs along with an option to reduce the scope of the project.

As such, Council are being presented with two options to consider:

### **Option 1 – Fully fund all four identified sports sites lighting upgrades**

In order to deliver the four sports sites lighting upgrades as announced earlier in 2021, Council will need to consider approving an additional \$257,250 (refer attachment 18.3.1), which could be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Round 3 funding.

This would provide a significant community benefit through four well utilised community sports sites and address issues with existing lighting at these sites that would need to be addressed in the near future (improve light spill, greater energy efficiency, comply with sports lighting standards).

### **Option 2 – Revise scope of lighting upgrade delivery**

Under this option, Council could elect to not proceed with the lighting upgrade at the Marion Tennis Club, which is estimated to cost \$190,800 plus contingency. This would reduce the overall sports lighting project cost to \$926,310 (refer attachment 18.3.1), but still require an additional funding allocation of \$56,910 to complete the other three sports sites lighting upgrades.

The reason that the Marion Tennis Club lighting upgrade has been put forward for potential omission is based on a combination of a number of factors:

- The project cost.
- The participation benefits from the upgrade.
- Current discussions on future planning for that site (tennis clubroom upgrades).

Ideally, this lighting upgrade would not be omitted, as:

- The Marion Tennis Club has shown positive growth in its membership in recent years,
- The lighting upgrade was identified by Council more than 3 years ago,
- The project has already been publicly announced through Councils Annual Business Plan, City Limits and to the local MP for Boothby.

Given the public interest generated through announcements to the clubs as well as the opportunity for additional funding to support the project through the LRCIP Round 3, it is proposed that Council endorse Option 1.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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