

OFFICERS REPORT**6.2 MOUNT WAVERLEY RESERVE MASTERPLAN**

Submitting Councillor: Theo Zographos

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the \$3 million and \$4 million commitments from the opposition and federal government for the redevelopment of Mount Waverley Reserve*
- 2. Commits the required funding to proceed and complete this project.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council has committed \$365,040 for the design of the pavilion upgrade and \$41,720 for the design of the new playground at the Mount Waverley Reserve as part of the draft 2022/23 capital works program and in accordance with the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan endorsed by Council in November 2021.

It is noted that both Federal funding announcements focus on improving the facilities to ensure that they cater for the needs and increased participation of women and girls in particular. It is unclear if the \$3m announcement from the Federal Opposition should it be elected will be in addition to the \$4m committed by the Federal Government, although this is considered unlikely.

The Masterplan identifies a number of stages/packages which will provide improvements to the pavilion and associated infrastructure to enable increased levels of participation, particularly by women and girls. The funding that has been announced will inform the design works to occur over coming months and enable the subsequent schedule of works to be implemented.

Any Council contribution will be the subject of future budget considerations.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Council has already committed funding for the design of two separate projects at Mount Waverley Reserve including the proposed pavilion upgrade.

In this regard, the proposed resolution will have a minimal impact upon internal resources

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The upgrade and extension of the existing pavilion at Mount Waverley Reserve is consistent with the Masterplan adopted by Council at its meeting of 30 November 2021. The masterplan includes the provision for an additional funding contribution to facilitate an enhanced pavilion development.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Council adopted a masterplan for the redevelopment of Mount Waverley Reserve on 30 November 2021.

The masterplan was aspirational in nature and its implementation was subject to Council budget approval and/or club and external funding for up to nine works packages.

The masterplan identified that a modest renovation of the main pavilion was required to improve gender neutral facilities, unisex umpire change rooms and publicly accessible toilets to service oval users and spectators when being used for sport. Options for additional storage and club meeting and administration space will be explored in any redevelopment, along with improved external spectator viewing areas.

Other important elements of the masterplan include:

- Improving the sports ground lighting to enable fixturing of night matches.
- Re-shaping of the oval and oval redevelopment to improve the quality of the surface.
- Renewal of the existing cricket practice facilities.
- Installation and activation of a community hub including a new playground and multipurpose court at the southern end of the reserve; and,
- Installation of community plaza and upgrade / expansion of car parking.

Based on previous experience, funding commitments are generally formalised through funding agreements between Council and the relevant funding body after an election. It is at this time that the project scope and any proposed contribution from Council can be clarified.