

12.3 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) - Small Grants - Application

Location	Bentley
Reporting officer	Manager Place Planning
Responsible officer	Manager Place Planning
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The purpose of the report is for Council to support the application for the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) for the replacement of the existing cricket training nets at Harold Rossiter Reserve.

Recommendation

That Council approves the submission of a Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) grant application by the Town for \$12,500 to replace the existing cricket training nets at Harold Rossiter Reserve, and ranks the application priority one of one application.

Background

1. The CSRFF is run by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DGLSC) to provide financial assistance to community groups and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. There is \$12.5 million available for allocation in the 2025/2026 funding rounds.
2. The CSRFF process requires LGAs to endorse, rank and submit applications to DLGSC upon Council approval. There is only the one proposed application this round, being the replacement of the existing cricket training nets at Harold Rossiter Reserve.
3. The netting of the existing cricket training nets at Harold Rossiter Reserve have perished and are severely limiting the use of the nets.
4. The Town has \$12,500 allocated in the 2024-2025 capital budget to upgrade the cricket wickets at Harold Rossiter Reserve.
5. The Town proposes to use this funding as matched funding for a CSRFF Small Grants Round application.
6. The CSRFF requires Council endorsement of the proposed application.

Discussion

7. The replacement of the netting of the existing cricket training nets at Harold Rossiter Reserve will significantly improve the quality of these training nets. They cannot and are not being used in their current state.
8. If successful in this grant application, works will include:
 - a. Demolition and removal of existing chain wire and damaged rails and fittings to existing 3 bay practice nets.
 - b. Retention of existing conveyer rubber.

- c. Supply and install new rails and fittings where necessary.
- d. New heavy gauge PVC black chain wire to existing cricket practice net framework. New mesh to be 3.15mm instead of current 2.5mm to ensure longevity.
- e. Chain wire to be 3.15mm gauge x 45mm nominal pitch diamonds PVC black.

Relevant documents

[Public Open Space Strategy](#)

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Not applying for this CSRFF grant will result in the Town not having sufficient funding to undertake proposed works.	Low	Low	Treat risk by applying for CSRFF grant.
Environmental	Not applicable.		Medium	
Health and safety	Leaving the existing netting which could result in injury due to the poor quality of the netting.	Low	Low	Treat risk by renewing the asset.
Infrastructure/ ICT systems/ utilities	Not applicable.		Medium	
Legislative compliance	Not applicable.		Low	
Reputation	Not replacing this netting may lead to reputational damage as it may appear the Town is not maintaining assets.	Low	Low	Treat risk by renewing asset.
Service delivery	Not maintaining this asset will mean we are unable to	Low	Medium	Treat risk by renewing asset.

provide appropriate cricket training facilities at this location.

Engagement

Internal engagement

Stakeholder	Comments
Parks	Parks are aware and supportive of this grant application.
Finance	Finance is aware and supportive of this grant application.

Strategic alignment

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN5 - Providing facilities that are well-built and well-maintained.	Continually maintaining and improving recreational assets in public open spaces is critical for the Town. Without this, our clubs will be at a disadvantage.

Further consideration

Not applicable.