

## 12.5 Higgins Park Tennis Club CLNP Application

<b>Location</b>	East Victoria Park
<b>Reporting officer</b>	Coordinator Events, Arts and Funding
<b>Responsible officer</b>	Manager Community
<b>Voting requirement</b>	Simple majority
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Recommendation

That Council approves submission of a \$14,115 (ex Gst) grant application by Higgins Park Tennis Club (HPTC) to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) through the Club Night Light Program (CNLP) Small Grant Fund to replace the existing metal halide on courts 13-16 with new energy efficient LED's.

### Purpose

To seek Council approval for the Higgins Park Tennis Club (HPTC) to submit a Club Night Light Program (CNLP) grant application for \$14,115 (ex Gst) to Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC). The DLGSC application will be submitted by HPTC by the closing date of 31 March 2022 on the condition that the project is supported by the Town of Victoria Park at the March 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM). If the HPTC CNLP application is successful, HPTC will receive the funds and not the Town of Victoria Park.

### In brief

- The CNLP, which is administered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), provides financial assistance to community groups and Local Government Authorities (LGA) to develop sports floodlighting infrastructure, capped at one-third of the total infrastructure cost (excluding GST).
- LGAs are required to review, rank, prioritise and submit CSRFF grant applications to DLGSC, upon approval by Council. The Town has received a CNLP Grant application from HPTC.
- HPTC has resolved to provide its own cash and other funding sources to meet its grant obligation, supplemented by the federal government (\$12,000) and the requested CNLP Funds (\$14,115).
- The CNLP application is to upgrade existing lighting to new LED lights, to be consistent with the lighting installed over additional courts in September 2021.
- There are no upfront or ongoing financial implications associated with Council supporting HPTC's application.

### Background

1. The CNLP 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.
2. CNLP Funding is for projects up to \$300,000.

3. It is anticipated that the upgrade of the club's court lighting at Higgins Park will help ensure the club is able to cater for the diverse nature of its membership base and continue to provide a strong community contribution and presence. The lighting upgrade will assist in attracting and retaining players, allowing for an increase in the number of people who can undertake physical activity at the location.
4. Total project cost \$42,350 (ex Gst).

## Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL03 - Well thought out and managed projects that are delivered successfully.	Renewed facilities which meet current standards and maximised facility usage, through a well planning project management framework.

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN05 - Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.	New and upgraded facilities, keeping them well maintained, modern, fit for purpose to allow for 'all' community use.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S01 - A healthy community.	Facilitate an active lifestyle for members of the Victoria Park community through the provision of quality recreation facilities.  Promote participation in community sport through the provision of high-quality playing facilities.

## Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Events, Arts and Funding (Bookings / Club Development)	Support submission of the HPTC application.
Infrastructure Operations / Parks and Gardens	Support submission of the HPTC application.
Assets	Support submission of the HPTC application.
Property Development and	Support submission of the HPTC application.

## Legal compliance

Not applicable.

## Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Consequence rating	Likelihood rating	Overall risk level score	Council's risk appetite	Risk treatment option and rationale for actions
<b>Financial</b>	Not applicable.				Low	
<b>Environmental</b>	Not applicable.				Medium	
<b>Health and Safety</b>	Not applicable.				Low	
<b>Infrastructure / ICT Systems / Utilities</b>	Not applicable.				Medium	
<b>Legislative Compliance</b>	Not applicable.				Low	
<b>Reputational</b>	Not approving the application will impact the Town and Elected Members reputation and relationship with HPTC	Moderate	Almost certain	High	Low	Treat: Council approves the application for submission to DLGSC
<b>Service Delivery</b>	Not applicable.				Medium	

## Financial implications

<b>Current budget impact</b>	Nil. The project will be fully funded by HPTC and grant funding.
<b>Future budget impact</b>	Nil. The project will be fully funded by HPTC and grant funding.

## Analysis

- The DLGSC will assess the total eligible cost of each project (excluding GST) from the information provided as part of the application process.

6. The CNLP aims to provide financial assistance to community groups and local governments to develop sports floodlighting infrastructure. The program aims to maintain or increase participation in sport and recreation with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of good quality, well-designed and well-utilised facilities.
7. The current lights are at the end of their life-cycle and are constantly breaking down. This is costing the club not only in repair and replacement costs but also loss of revenue, reputational damage, and loss of physical activity opportunities for the community.
8. It has been assessed that without replacing the existing metal halide (courts 13-16) the club will not be able to continue to grow nor will it be able to provide the appropriate level of inclusive facilities that are needed.
9. Higgins Park Tennis Club holds a license with the Town. The term of the license is 3 years from 9 August 2021 to 8 August 2024 with an option for a further 3-year term from 9 August 2024 to 8 August 2027.
10. Under the License Agreement the Town is required to maintain the building; however, the Club is responsible for repairs, maintenance and replacement of 'Sporting Facilities.'
11. The installation of LED lights on the original four hardcourts would ensure that the courts are always available for hire by the community and members. Currently due to the age of the lights they are constantly breaking down and blowing globes forcing the cancellation of social tennis, competition tennis and limiting the number of courts available for hire.
12. Town Officers have been liaising with the Higgins Park Tennis Club with regard to the potential works that will be undertaken ensuring compliance and approval of the works at the facility.
13. Should the application be successful Town officers will work with the HPTC to ensure successful delivery of the infrastructure.
14. Should the CNLP grant be unsuccessful, the works will not proceed.
15. Should the application be successful, HPTC will receive these funds. The Town will not be contributing any funds to this project.
16. Works will not commence until July 2022 and this project will be managed by HPTC.

## **Relevant documents**

Not applicable.

## **Further consideration**

17. The following information was requested at the Agenda Briefing Forum held 1 March 2022.
18. Provide information in the report on the positive synergy with the Town's Climate Emergency Plan and Environment Plan that energy efficient LED's creates.

Priority Area 2 of the Climate Emergency Plan focuses on reducing the emissions of all Town facilities and assets through better energy management and energy efficiency measures. Together the facilities and assets (including fleet and lighting) account for 15% of the Town's overall emissions.

It is estimated that improvements in efficiencies can create a 10% reduction in facility and asset emissions. The implementation of energy efficiency measures can also result in a cost saving for facilities and assets with previous examples indicating a 25-50% saving in costs by switching to LED street, park and carpark lighting.

The lighting upgrade of Higgins Parks helps the Town to achieve our goal to reduce the emissions of Town of Victoria Park facilities and assets by 10% by 2030 through improved energy management and energy efficiency measures.