

**ITEM 10 SPORTS GRANTS PROGRAM ASSESSMENT OUTCOME 2023-2024**

Council's Sports Grants Program aims to provide local sporting clubs and associations with the opportunity to apply for financial assistance to improve their facilities. The 2022 Sports Grants Program, for works to be completed in the 2023-2024 financial year, opened in July 2022. A total of 14 applications were received, requesting a combined total of \$525,000 for works across the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA). All applications were assessed by representatives of the Sports and Facilities Reference Group (SFRG) and ranked to determine the priority of each project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 Council endorse the allocated points, rankings, and recommendations of the Sports and Facilities Reference Group assessment panel.
- 2 A sum of \$423,735.95 from the Sports Reserve fund is allocated to fund 10 projects that have met the criteria as determined by Sports and Facilities Reference Group assessment panel.

**REPORT AUTHORISATIONS**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 2022-23 SFRG Sports Grants Assessment outcomes and Rankings spreadsheet

**BACKGROUND**

Wollongong City Council's Sports Grants Program seeks to provide financial assistance to sporting clubs and associations that utilise Council sportsgrounds. Council partly funds approved projects, allowing clubs and associations to apply for a minimum of \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000 to look after and improve their facilities. The Sports Grants Program supports our Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017- 2021 by funding small and medium-sized projects that:

- Increase opportunities for people to participate in sport
- Increase sportsground capacity and allow sites to be used for multiple sports and groups
- Renew and enhance existing sporting infrastructure with a focus on gender equity, accessibility, and storage
- Invest in infrastructure to support and accommodate emerging sports and independent recreational pursuits.

The program is open to sporting clubs and associations that are:

- Incorporated
- Not for profit
- Based or operating within the Wollongong LGA on land categorised as 'sportsground' under Section 26 (4) of the Local Government Act (1993).

**PROPOSAL**

Representatives of the Sports Facility Reference Group (SFRG) met to discuss and score applications received through the Sports Grant Program. It is proposed that the panel's recommendation of supporting the top 10 projects is endorsed by Council. The 10 projects are as follows:

Organisation	Project Summary	Grant Funding
1. Football South Coast	Change rooms and amenities	\$90,909.10
2. Illawarra Hockey	Electrical Distribution Board	\$30,670
3. Illawarra Hockey	Field Watering Cannons	\$38,316
4. Wiseman Tennis	Resurface of tennis courts	\$30,000
5. Helensburgh Off Road Cycling	Shade and seating	\$44,180.40
6. Dapto Rugby League	Amenities refurbishment	\$59,615
7. Russell Vale Junior Rugby League	Drainage	\$12,500
8. Figtree Junior Football Club	Drainage	\$54,545.45
9. Helensburgh Thistles	Carpark Fencing replacement	\$18,000
10. Northern Districts Cricket	Cricket Net renewal	\$45,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$423,735.95</b>

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

### Grant Assessment Process

The Sports Grants Program opened 6 July 2022 and closed 5 August 2022. The new SFRG met in October 2022 and identified a sub-committee to undertake the assessment of the grants that were received.

All applications were assessed by several representatives of Council’s SFRG and ranked to determine the priority of each project. A further meeting occurred on 22 December 2022 to discuss the proposed projects for funding with the broader SFRG.

Due to delays in the adoption of the SFRG Charter and the subsequent appointment of the new committee, finalisation of existing grant assessments was delayed noting the impact to assessment timelines.

All successful applicants will be required to sign a funding agreement with Council and all successful projects must be completed in accordance with the funding agreement requirements including the need to be delivered within 12 months of the funding agreement being signed.

At the conclusion and approval of this grant program, each applicant will be provided with an outcome and feedback will be provided to the clubs that were unsuccessful in funding within the 2022-23 grant program. Funding will be released to the clubs from July 2023 onwards.

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 Goal 5. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2032	Delivery Program 2022-2026
Strategy	Service
5.7 Provide an appropriate range of active and passive open spaces and facilities to cater for traditional and emerging recreational pursuits.	Parks and Sportsgrounds

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Sports Grants Program is funded via Council’s Sports Reserve fund which has sufficient funds available to support these grants at a total of \$423,735.95.

## CONCLUSION

This report proposes that \$423,735.95 is allocated from Council's Sports Reserve fund to a total of 10 projects as identified in this report.

Marking Guide Planning and consultation				Football South Coast Change rooms and Building	Illawarra Hockey Electrical DB	Illawarra Hockey Field Watering cannons	Wismans Tennis Resurface courts	Helensburgh Off Road Cycle Shade and seating	Dapto Rugby League Amenities upgrade	Russell Vale Jnr FC Drainage	Figtree Jnr FC Drainage	Helensburgh Thistles Carpark Fence replacement	Northern Districts Cricket net renewal	Corimal Rugby League Drainage	Wooloonah Jnr FC Fencing	University of Wollongong Portable goals	Port Kembla Cricket Roll out wickets				
Council Hierarchy	Local/community	District	Regional	10	10	10	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	0	3				
Level of Consultation with Council	Nil	Council Officers have limited knowledge	Council Officers fully briefed	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0				
Is the project aligned to either the Key Focus Areas, Goals, Strategies and Actions outlined in Council's Sportsground & Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017-2021				No	Yes	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	0	0			
If Yes, please provide details of its alignment to Council's Sportsground & Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017-2021 (Council Officers to provide guidance)				1 links	2-4 links	5+ links	5	15	20	15	5	5	5	15	5	0	5				
Project maturity	Concept design	Detailed design	Development Approval (DA)	DA and Construction Certificate (CC)	CC, Quantity Surveyors report (QS) or confirmed quotes	No DA required, QS estimate or 3 quotes	1	3	3	1	1	10	3	1	10	1	1				
Project	New infrastructure	Replacement "like for like" or enhancement	Renew for compliance	1	10	3	3	1	10	1	1	10	3	1	10	1	1				
<b>FUNDING</b>				90	95	98	89	94	98	87	77	88	81	80	88	31	39				
Confirmed Financial contributions by applicant	.5 for every % of contributions			26	14.1	12.3	10.3	0	10	0	26.4	9	8.5	6	5.3	0	0				
<b>Users Profile</b>				26	14.1	12.3	10.3	0	10	0	26.4	9	8.5	6	5.3	0	0				
Projected increase in participants	<5%	5-9%	10-20%	20%+	10	1	1	5	10	2	1	1	10	1	5	10	1				
Gender Ratio	90/10	80/20	70/30	60/40	50/50	20	40	40	40	20	30	10	20	5	20	30	10				
<b>Marking Guide Governance</b>				30	41	41	45	50	22	31	11	21	15	21	25	40	11				
Does your Club's Business plan note the nominated project as a high priority? If yes please attach a 3-5 year plan with your nominated priorities	No	Yes	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	0				
Does the application have Risk Management Procedures, Codes of Behaviour, Member Protection Policy and Skill development for players, coaches + match officials?	No	Yes	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
<b>Benefits</b>				15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	5	15	15	5	5				
				Not identified	Minimum evidence	Relevant evidence	High level evidence														
1. Will this project directly increase participation in your sport? Please nominate % and explain the increase.				0	1-2	3-4	5	3	0	0	4	3	3	4	1	0	4	1	1	1	0
2. Will this project directly increase safety for the players/ spectators/ officials / volunteers in your sport, please indicate how?				0	1-2	3-4	5	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	5	0	0
3. Will this project provide increased opportunities for gender equity participation?				0	1-2	3-4	5	3	0	0	2	3	3	4	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
4. Will this project provide increased participation opportunities for juniors, the ageing population or disadvantaged members of the community?				0	1-3	4-6	7-10	5	0	0	5	7	5	3	0	0	3	2	0	3	0
5. Will this project provide opportunities for shared use of facilities to other user groups to increase sportsground training and competition capacity?				0	1-2	3-4	5	2	0	0	2	4	4	3	0	4	3	1	1	0	2
				No impact	Minimal impact	Moderate impact	Major impact														
6. Will this project address an existing challenge / shortfall in your sport?				0	1-5	6-10	11-20	10	12	12	6	6	12	15	6	0	12	6	1	3	5
7. What will be the direct impact on your sport and participants at a local, district and regional level if the project doesn't progress?				0	1-5	6-10	11-20	12	12	12	10	5	8	12	6	6	6	6	1	3	5
<b>Sub total</b>				39	29	28	33	31	39	45	16	15	35	22	9	11	12				
<b>TOTAL</b>				206	194.1	194.3	192.3	190	184	178	148.4	148	144.5	144	142.3	87	87				
<b>RANKING</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
				Registered GST	Registered GST	Registered GST	Not	Not	Registered GST	Not	Registered GST	Not	Not	Not	Not	Not	Not				

Confirmed Contribution	215,370.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	15,562.00	0.00	14,903.84	37,500.00	60,964.55	3,967.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00
Other Confirmed funding	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,345.88	0.00	0.00	35,898.88	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Shortfall</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reserve	90,909.10	30,870.00	38,316.00	30,000.00	44,180.40	59,615.00	12,500.00	54,545.45	18,000.00	45,000.00	27,500.00	48,101.00	17,870.00	10,421.44
<b>Total project \$</b>	406,279.10	40,870.00	53,316.00	75,562.00	44,180.40	74,518.84	85,000.00	115,500.00	21,967.00	210,000.00	88,000.00	51,601.00	17,870.00	10,421.44
Project Management Cost +20%														
Contingencies + 10%														
Revised Impact on reserve	90,909.10	30,870.00	38,316.00	30,000.00	44,180.40	59,615.00	12,500.00	54,545.45	18,000.00	45,000.00	27,500.00	48,101.00	17,870.00	10,421.44
<b>Reviewed Cumulative impact on Reserve</b>	90,909.10	121,579.10	159,895.10	189,895.10	234,075.50	293,690.50	306,190.50	360,735.95	378,735.95	442,735.95	451,235.95	497,336.95	515,006.95	525,428.39
Associated risk for cost escalation	L	L	L	H	H	M	M	L	L	H	H	L	NA	L
Associated risk for project completion	L	L	L	H	H	M	M	L	L	H	H	L	NA	L