



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
17 JUNE 2020 AT THE NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 77-79 NELSON  
STREET, NHILL COMMENCING AT 1:00PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Declaration of Interests**

**4. Reports Requiring a Decision**

4.1 Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program Grant Application

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**5. General Business**

**6. Meeting Close**

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**Present:**

Crs. R Gersch (Mayor), D Colbert (Deputy Mayor), R Ismay, R Lowe, D Nelson, T Schneider.

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Greg Wood (Chief Executive Officer), Ms. Angela Hoy (Director Infrastructure Services, Mrs. Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Miss. Shauna Johnson (Executive Assistant).

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER**

Cr R Gersch opened the meeting at 1:00pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community and offering the opening prayer.

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**2. APOLOGIES**

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**3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.**

- Direct; or
- Indirect interest
  - a ) by close association;
  - b ) that is an indirect financial interest;
  - c ) because of conflicting duties;
  - d ) because of receipt of an applicable gift;
  - e ) as a consequence of becoming an interested party; or
  - f ) because of an impact on residential amenity.

Declaration of direct or indirect interest must also be advised by Councillors at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

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**4. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION**

**4.1 COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

**Responsible Officer:** Director Corporate & Community Services

**Attachment Number:** 1

**Introduction:**

This report recommends that Council submits an application to the Sport and Recreation Victoria's, Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for the upgrade of infrastructure at Davis Park, Nhill.

**Discussion:**

Applications for funding through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program close on Friday 19 June 2020. Minimum grant applications of \$1,000,000 are available with funding ratios for co-contributions being 10%.

Over many years' infrastructure upgrades to Davis Park have been discussed. With demolition of the Davis Park Grand stand in 2019 upgrades to Davis Park are in need.

An application to Sport and Recreation's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program will allow for significant upgrades to infrastructure at Davis Park.

Previous discussions with the Nhill and District Sporting Club indicated they were unable to fundraise to meet a 3 for 1 contribution for previous available grants.

At the Council meeting held on 18 December 2020 it was noted that the club requested the redevelopment of Davis Park be prioritised for future funding.

Following discussions held with the mayor, council officers, and representatives of the Nhill and District Sporting Club on Wednesday 10 June 2020, the sporting club have indicated infrastructure upgrades are high priority, and the opportunity for a new project was supported.

The Nhill and District Sporting Club committee met on Tuesday 16 June 2020 and have provided confirmation of a commitment towards the Davis Park redevelopment and financial contribution of a minimum of \$50,000 towards the project.

The application through Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program will include upgrades to the facilities at Davis Park to facilitate increased participation in sports with AFL and Netball Victoria compliant change rooms.

Upgrading the infrastructure at Davis Park will provide opportunities for further events, including hosting both the Wimmera League Football finals, and Wimmera Hockey Association Hockey finals.

**Options:**

1. Council can submit a grant application through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for infrastructure upgrades to Davis.
2. Council can choose not to submit a grant application through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program at this time.

**Link to Council Plan:**

Strategic Objective 1.2: A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community.

Strategic Objective 1.3: A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.

Strategic Objective 2.1: Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.

Strategic Objective 3.2: A thriving tourism industry.

**Financial Implications:**

Council's contribution for the project will be included in the 2020/2021 budget.

**Risk Management Implications:**

Upgrading the Infrastructure facilities at Davis Park will reduce risk through modern compliant facilities meeting AFL and Netball Victoria standards.

**Conflict of Interest:**

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Author & Officer Responsible: Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services  
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council***

- ***submit a grant application through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for infrastructure upgrades at Davis Park in Nhill and,***
- ***allocate \$300,000 in council's 2020/2021 budget comprising:***
  - ***\$200,000 from the Federal Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure funding program; and***
  - ***\$100,000 from Council funds.***

**MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/D. Colbert**

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- ***allocate \$300,000 in council's 2020/2021 budget comprising:***
  - ***\$200,000 from the Federal Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure funding program; and***
  - ***\$100,000 from Council funds.***
- ***acknowledges the Nhill and District Sporting Club's commitment of a minimum contribution of \$50,000 for the project.***

**CARRIED**

*Attachment: 1*

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**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/D. Nelson**

***That Council write and thank the State and Federal Government for the Stimulus Packages that have been made available.***

**CARRIED**

**6. MEETING CLOSE**

There being no further business Cr R Gersch declared the meeting closed at 1:09pm.

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