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8 GROWING SUBURB FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the following list in priority order of applications for funding under the 2018 Growing Suburbs Fund:

1. Comely Banks Community and Sport Reserve Pavilion
2. Gembrook Recreation Reserve Playspace and Skate space
3. Shared path link along Soldiers Road between Lang Lang and new Lang Lang Community Recreation Reserve

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

The Victorian State Government 2018 Growing Suburb Fund (GSF) applications close on 7 July 2018. A Council resolution listing the applications in priority order is required. \$50 Million is available in the 2018 round of funding for Melbourne's ten interface Councils.

Announcements of successful funding will be made in August 2018 with funding agreements signed during September/October 2018. Applications for funding need to be for projects which are planned and ready to implement, not pipeline projects. Projects need to start construction within 12 months of the funding agreements being signed.

Council officers have met with DELWP officers four times to discuss the 2018 applications, including a joint meeting with DELWP and Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Officers. About ten potential projects for GSF funding have been discussed with DELWP officers.

The following feedback has been provided regarding GSF projects:

- Construction can't have commenced yet on projects;
- GSF won't fund sporting fields or pavilions without clear broader community benefit.
- GSF wants to fund complete sections of trail, not small sections or bits and pieces.
- Can't apply for an SRV and GSF grant for the exact same project, but can for different parts of the same overall project.

Based on the feedback provided by DELWP officers and guidelines for the 2018 GSF funding round the applications for Cardinia Shire Council for the 2018 GSF program in priority order is:

- Comely Banks Community and Sport Reserve Pavilion;
- Gembrook Recreation Reserve Playspace and Skate space; and
- Shared path link along Soldiers Road between Lang Lang and new Lang Lang Community Recreation Reserve.

No other eligible or viable projects for the 2018 GSF funding round have been identified.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed 2018 GSF applications are consistent with Council's current capital works program, current reserve Master Plans and planning framework.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

The application for funding through the Growing Suburbs Fund relates to the following sections of the Council Plan:

Our Environment

- Develop new and existing, parks, gardens and reserves in a sustainable manner
- Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs

Our People

- Support children, young people, families, older adults and people with disabilities by providing a range of accessible facilities and services
- Provide active and passive recreational facilities to meet the needs of our residents; and
- Increase opportunities for participation in a range of sport and leisure activities.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Consultation with officers from both DELWP and SRV has taken place to develop the list of recommended 2018 GSF applications. Extensive internal consultation has also taken place.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The GSF aims for \$1 for \$1 funding for successful projects, however, the matching funding can be part of the overall project and by parties other than Council.

It is proposed to apply for the following amounts of funding under the 2017 GSF:

PROJECT	AMOUNT OF FUNDING APPLIED FOR	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT
Comely Banks Community and Sports Reserve pavilion	\$4M	\$7.5M
Gembrook Recreation Reserve Playspace and skate space	\$500k	\$1.2M
Shared path link along Soldiers Road between Lang Lang and the new Lang Lang Community Recreation Reserve	\$1.2M	\$1.2M

CONCLUSION

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