

## Community Investment Program Summary of Assessment Panel Comment and Recommendation

Assessment held: Community Engagement Centre, 142 Goondoon Street, Gladstone

Date: October 2019

**Sport and Recreation – Community Projects** - Funding is to support sport and active recreation organisations that own, lease or control land to enhance their facilities to enable increased sporting participation.

### Field Light Pole Electrical Box Replacement

Location:	45 Gladstone Benaraby Road, Gladstone
Applicant:	Central Football Club Gladstone Inc
Sponsorship Request:	\$2,999.00 (cash) towards replacement of electrical boxes. The club is contribution 36% of the total project cost.
Project Summary:	The project is to replace the electrical boxes on the sports field light tower poles. The boxes have rusted out and fallen apart which has become a safety concern.
Assessment Score	63%
Comment and Recommendation	<p>The Panel scored this application highest on demonstrated evidence to create a safer, more accessible and user-friendly facility for participants, spectators and the wider community. The Panel noted that the nominal investment sought and acknowledgement of the club's cash contribution towards the total project cost is commendable.</p> <p>Fruition of the project will deliver benefit to numerous football clubs that attend fixtures at this facility. Whilst the application did not all score high against all criteria, in recognition of the club's proactive maintenance to remove all likely hazards for members and patrons to the grounds, the Panel recommends full funding sought of \$2,999.</p>

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**Sport and Recreation – Strategic Projects** - Funding is to support sport and active recreation organisations with funding to upgrade existing or build new facilities where the organisation has land tenure.

Upgrade Field 1 Lighting	
Location:	175 Dawson Highway, Clinton
Applicant:	Clinton Park Sports Association
Sponsorship Request:	\$35,200.00 (cash) towards the purchase of the LED Flood Lights. The club is contribution 20% of the total project cost.
Project Summary:	The project is to upgrade the lights on Field 1 at Clinton Park Sporting Association. New LED flood lights have been installed to 4 out of the 6 poles on Field 1. For the main field to be 100% compliant to Australian Standard, the remaining 2 poles are required to be replaced with LED flood lights.
Assessment Score	80%
Comment and Recommendation	<p>The Panel considered this application to score highly across several criteria specifically, creating a safer sporting environment through improved lighting standards, opportunity to increasing participation and generally provide better facilities for multi-use/shared capacity.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the favorable investment will benefit multiple sporting groups based at the project location. By transitioning to LED, the association and clubs will result in reduced running cost through improved lighting technology. These types of proactive improvements demonstrate club willingness to ensure community sport grounds aim to and uphold Australian Standards.</p> <p>The outcomes identified in the application generally align well with Council's open space and recreation strategic objectives. The Panel recommends full funding of \$35,200.</p>

Conversion of grass courts into all-weather courts	
Location:	35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island (Dennis Park Sport Complex)
Applicant:	Curtis Coast Dolphins Netball Association Inc
Sponsorship Request:	\$100,000.00 (cash) towards conversion of grass courts into all-weather courts. The club is contribution 41% of the total project cost.
Project Summary:	<p>The project is to convert 5x grass courts into all-weather courts.</p> <p>Conversion of the grass courts will allow for safer playing environments for introductory players (Netta Division) and junior players (Transitional) as well as reduce maintenance burdens on the volunteers.</p>
Assessment Score	75%
Comment and Recommendation	<p>The Panel has scored this application as having met and/or exceed expectations across all criteria. The application clearly demonstrated the importance of proactive facility (courts) improvement planning to ensure safe participation across all levels of capabilities specifically, the value of safe facilities to drive introductory and junior participation.</p> <p>The proposed improvements will open greater opportunities to host regional fixtures outside of the Gladstone creating opportunities for local economic advantages.</p> <p>Fundamentally, improvements will likely increase participation, encourage multi-use by other regional teams, create a safer, more accessible, and user-friendly facility</p>

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	<p>as well as increase the region's sport and recreation profile to host club and or/school carnivals.</p> <p>The outcomes identified align well with Council's open space and recreation strategic objectives and will be a complementary to existing netball facilities based in Gladstone. The application provided evidence of having sought preliminary approvals to undertake improvements on lease land.</p> <p>The Panel recognised favorably, the application seeking fair and reasonable cash support and demonstrating sound financial planning and management by contributing 41% of the total capital cost.</p> <p>Taking on board the overall assessment of the application, the Panel recommends full funding of \$100,000.</p>
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### Multipurpose function rooms

Location:	177 Jono Porter Dr, Benaraby ( <i>Lease with Council</i> )
Applicant:	Central Queensland Drag Racing Association
Sponsorship Request:	\$94,270.00 (cash) towards building materials and labour costs. The club is contribution 18% of the total project cost.
Project Summary:	The project is to build a 9m x 5m two story Besser Block building. The building is being built for multiple uses, including an area for meetings (safety and committee), area to use an office and store valuable items (e.g. Starting tree), stock and merchandise.
Assessment Score	30%
Comment and Recommendation	<p>The Panel score this application least meritorious across several criteria and considered the application demonstrated the least opportunity for multi-use/shared capacity. Whilst the benefits are evident for the club's specific needs, it was noted by the Panel that recent investment in the construction of a fit-for-purpose multi-use meeting and training room facilities at the Benaraby Motorsport Complex already offer the meeting/gathering facility functions similar to the facility needs sought.</p> <p>The Panel recognised that the application did not offer the minimum cash contribution required under the program highlighting financial risks should the project construction go over budget. The application did not provide evidence of having sought preliminary approvals to undertake improvements on the lease land.</p> <p>Overall, the Panel acknowledged the proposed project has some alignment to an overall future plan to develop the Benaraby Motorsport Complex however, other applications received in this round demonstrated opportunities for greater investment outcomes.</p> <p>The Panel recommends the applicant considered revising the scope of the project specific to improving safe storage of the specialised equipment mentioned and make future application taking on board the minimum cash contribution required of the total project cost.</p>