

## **9 CONTRACT 18/47 - DEEP CREEK RESERVE PLANT NURSERY**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- Council accept the revised tender sum of \$950,000.00 (excl. GST) from Insight Construction Group Pty Ltd for Contract No. 18/47 Deep Creek Reserve Nursery,
- Shortfall in order to deliver this project be sourced from the recent Council's savings achieved through the success of the KWR football/cricket BBRF Round 3 grant application.
- The common seal of Council be affixed to the Contract documents.

### **Attachments**

1 Confidential memorandum, circulated to Councillors only 2 Pages

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the pavilion construction works required under Contract 18/47 - Deep Creek Reserve Plant Nursery.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Nursery Project is located on the Deep Creek Reserve 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham, Victoria 3810.

The Deep Creek Reserve masterplan has been developed to form a Regional Environmental Hub that will service Cardinia Shire and its neighbouring Councils Casey City Council, Baw Baw Shire Council and the entire Gippsland Region.

The Nursery Facility is part of the 48 hectare environment precinct located in Pakenham comprising of an Environmental Education Hub/Pakenham Golf Club, comprising of lecture rooms , large function room facility, café with views overlooking the golf course and wetlands areas, assessable , ambulant toilet facilities and changing place facility, an all abilities regional play garden with Barbeques/seating area , kick about recreation area and areas of wetlands and gardens interlinked by kilometres of shared pathways.

The Nursery Facility will comprise of two main buildings, one for sales, admin office, ambulant and assessable toilet and 'hands on' education facilities available for use by school children and general public groups.

The other building will provide working areas for propagation and climate controlled storage. The overall building footprint of around 375m<sup>2</sup>.

The Tender for the Deep Creek Nursery facility was advertised on January 26th 2019 and closed on February 19th 2019.

One Tender was received and assessed against a range of non-weighted selection criteria to ensure the viability of the tender submissions. Criteria comprised of Financial Viability, Insurances, Conditions of Contract, Conflict of Interest, and Occupational Health and Safety.

Despite an initial interest from 14 Contractors only one contractor submitted a tender price. Insight Construction Group Pty Ltd, with a tender price of \$1,180,000.00 (excl. GST).

The Contractors who expressed interest but did not submit were contacted in order to ascertain the reasoning behind their decision not to submit. The reasons for withdrawal ranged from complexity of works not suiting their experience, not receiving all sub-contractor pricing within required deadline, other more urgent priorities and current workload.

A project cost reduction process was conducted with the Architect, Services Consultants, Main Contractor, Heather Stewart and CEC representation in order to identify any project savings which would not compromise the outcomes from this project.

An agreed and revised Tender Figure has been achieved to the reduced total of \$ 950,000.00 + GST

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

The delivery of this project aligns with the Council's Plan objectives:

### **1 Our people**

- 1.1 Access to a variety of services for all
- 1.2 Access to support services and programs for your people
- 1.3 Learning opportunities for all ages and abilities
- 1.5 Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

### **2 Our community**

- 2.1 Our diverse community requirements met

## **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Extensive consultation has been undertaken in the development and design phases for this Nursery Facility project.

Council officers have consulted with the CEC (Cardinia Environmental Coalition) and have sought feedback and comments from relevant community/specialist groups, in particular, feedback was sought via specialist consultant in reference to providing all-inclusive access, educational function and use by multiple groups in their delivery of simultaneous activities and the connectivity of related community spaces.

In addition, there has also been broad internal consultation from related stakeholders such as Community Strengthening, Active Communities, Risk, Health & Safety, Governance, Buildings and Facilities, and Infrastructure Services.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Deep Creek Reserve Pavilion project budget is \$650,000 (excl. GST),

The shortfall of \$300,000.00 is required to achieve the recommended tender price of \$950,000.00 (excl. GST) sourced from the recent Council's savings achieved through the success of the KWR football/cricket BBRF Round 3 grant application.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Deep Creek Reserve Nursery Facility project is not only an important element of the overall site development and resource for the local community but is also integral to providing environmental education infrastructure servicing for the East of Melbourne. It is obligating the CEC Fund financial commitment and project timeline expectations in order to open as part of the overall development of the site.

It is recommended that Council award Contract No. 18/47, for the construction of Deep Creek Reserve Nursery Facility to Insight Construction Group Pty Ltd, for the tender sum of \$965,000.00 ex GST.