

## 6.4 Financial Reports

### 6.4.1 Contract 20/23 - Comely Banks Recreation Reserve Civil Construction

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#### Recommendation(s)

That:

- The tender submitted by to Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd for \$7,607,779.08 (excl GST), excluding the bowling green construction, be accepted by Council for Contract 20-23 Comely Banks Recreation Reserve Civil Works.
- On condition of Council be successful in receiving the additional grant funding through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program grant application for \$1,151,280, the contract with Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd be increased from \$7,607,779.08 (excl GST) to \$8,604,236.78 (excl GST) to reflect the tender submitted by Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd including the bowling green construction, be accepted by Council for Contract 20-23 Comely Banks Recreation Reserve Civil Works.
- The remaining Tenderers be advised accordingly; and
- Council execute the contract documents.

#### Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Confidential Memorandum - Circulated to Councillors only [6.4.1.1 - 6 pages]

#### Executive Summary

The proposed multi use four rectangular pitches (rugby union & league), cricket and bowling playing facilities are located in the Comely Banks Recreation Reserve on Bridge Road, Officer. Comely Banks will be one of a number of community sporting facilities being planned within the South East growth area. Significant population growth and the arrival of several families per day into the Shire continue to increase the demand for accessible, multi-use and well-designed community infrastructure.

The reserve will have, four rectangular pitches (rugby union & league), which can be repurposed to become two cricket pitches, along with two bowling greens, playground, access roads and car parking and the associated facilities catering for the district communities. The reserve also provides passive recreation elements including pathways, a playground and open space areas.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a suitably qualified civil contractor to undertake construction works of the sports fields, car park and associated open space infrastructure.

The tender for the Comely Banks civil construction submitted by Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd is the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money and excellent service through their experience and innovation in sports field and civil construction.

It is therefore recommended that Contract 20-23 for the civil construction of Comely Banks be awarded accordingly.

### **Background**

In 2016, community consultation was undertaken, the information that was collected during this consultation feed into the development of a masterplan, which has been endorsed by Council. The master plan identifies all the key elements including sports play, buildings, traffic and infrastructure

Key components of the total project include:

- Four senior rugby pitches
- Two cricket wickets
- Two bowls greens
- 251 sealed car spaces with additional bus parking and through road
- Additional sealed car parking for the Bridgewood Primary School
- Passive open space areas
- Play space with accessible paths and linkages

Comely Banks is proposed to be the home to the new Pakenham Eels Rugby league club. The facility will also be home to a new cricket team and bowls complex.

Tenders were advertised on 28 March 2020 and closed on 21 April 2020 at 2.00pm.

Tenders were evaluated against the criteria of compliance with the specifications, financial viability, risk and insurance, compliance to conditions of contract, conflict of interest, OHS, quality systems, quality of previous work, project plan, pricing and value for money, compliance with the specifications, capability, relevant experience and past performance of the tenderer,

A shortlist of four tenderers were invited to provide a Best and Final Offer to seek further savings and innovations that would allow the project to be constructed within the budget constraints.

### **Policy Implications**

The works have been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plans, Open Space Strategy, Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy, Cultural Heritage Assessment, Developer Landscape Guidelines, Recreation Facility Guidelines and Community Facility Guidelines.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

Nil.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Nil.

### **Consultation/Communication**

In 2016, two rounds of community consultation were undertaken as well as consultation with key stakeholders such as Rugby League Victoria, Bowls Victoria, Cricket Victoria and Council

stakeholders such as Community Services, Passive Reserve, Active Reserves and the Development team. This consultation provided Council with an endorsed master plan.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There is a capital works budget allocation for this project over the next two financial years, 2020/21 and 2021/22 of \$7,715,000.

Council Officers have also applied for a grant from the State Government Community Sports Infrastructure Covid Stimulus Program for \$1,151,280, specifically for the construction of the bowling greens. If this grant application is successful, it would mean a revised budget of \$8,866,280.

Is it recommended that the contractor be awarded to Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd and that the extent of works be determined in relation to if Council is successful in obtaining the additional Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

If Council are successful in obtaining the grant, then the tender be awarded to Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd for \$8,604,236.78, which would be within the available budget of \$8,866,280

If Council are unsuccessful in obtaining the grant, then the tender be awarded to Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd for \$7,607,779.08, excluding the bowling greens construction, which would be within the available budget of \$7,715,000

### **Conclusion**

The tender submitted by to Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd for \$7,607,779.08 (excl GST), excluding the bowling green construction, be accepted by Council for Contract 20-23 Comely Banks Recreation Reserve Civil Works.

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