Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Sports and Open Space Enhancement and Access Capital Improvement Program forming the West Gate Tunnel Community Legacy Package to be submitted to the Victorian State Government.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Endorse a Sports and Open Space Enhancement and Access Capital Improvement Program forming the West Gate Tunnel Community Legacy for the following areas:**
   a. Brooklyn
   b. Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood
   c. WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North

2. **Review the confidentiality status of this report and release the report following the state government decision on this matter.**

Summary

On 27 November 2017 the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Richard Wynne announced his assessment of the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) EES through a detailed report which is publically available. Following the release of the Minister’s assessment, the Victorian State Government as a part of the WGTP, agreed to partner with Hobsons Bay City Council to fund the delivery of capital improvements to its sport and recreation reserves and facilities up to the value of $5M on appropriate projects. This report details the items proposed in the package of works and seeks Council support of these projects for submission back to the State Government.

Background

Through the design development of the WGTP a number of Council priority projects were identified and formed a part of Council’s advocacy and formal submission to the Inquiry and Assessment Committee (IAC). The criteria for projects to be included for consideration in the WGTP included:

- projects that are endorsed by Council through strategic plans including reserve master plans
- projects that are located within or in close proximity to the WGTP corridor
- security for existing community groups and clubs operating within or in close proximity to the Project to continue to operate safely and efficiently
- issues or opportunities to be resolved through the WGTP providing quantifiable and quality local community legacy
The Minister’s Report following the IAC review confirms a commitment to a number of such projects and specifically with regard to sport, recreation and open space facilities or improvements. These include:

- the redevelopment of the Donald McLean Reserve Pavilion consistent with the Master Plan and consistent with Council’s specifications
- Stage 1 of the Kororoit Creek Trail establishing the shared pathway from Hosken Reserve, Altona North to north of Geelong Road Brooklyn to connect with the existing trail at the Hobsons Bay and Wyndham Cities boundary
- landscape improvements to northern boundary of Crofts Reserve, Altona North by way of a noise and air quality buffer in response to the increased width of the Freeway

Discussion

The following locations have been identified for consideration in the Sports and Open Space Enhancement and Access Capital Improvement Package and primarily comprise new and upgraded facilities at Donald McLean Reserve in Spotswood, WLJ Crofts Reserve in Altona North and various locations in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn

A number of reserves in Brooklyn have been identified in Council’s Draft Open Space Strategy requiring upgrades. Specifically for inclusion within this package these reserve upgrades include:

- Brooklyn Reserve, Cypress Avenue
- DN Duane Reserve, Primula Avenue
- Rowan Avenue Reserve

Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood

Council endorsed the Donald McLean Reserve Master Plan in 2013 which also includes a concept design for a redeveloped pavilion. This package would contribute to the continued implementation of the master plan and key priorities. Consultation with Reserve tenants and the community would be undertaken to inform the prioritisation of works.

WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North

The development of the WLJ Crofts Reserve Master Plan was scheduled within Council’s capital works program for 2017-18 however this was rescheduled to 2018-19 to align with the WGTP to ensure design impacts to the reserve were resolved. This package will contribute to new and redevelopment works within the reserve.

Summary of allocation of estimated costs

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It is proposed that Council would contribute $2,860,000 towards the $5,000,000 State Government contribution to complete the package of works.

**Strategic Alignment**

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

Priority 1: Visionary, vibrant, accountable urban planning

Priority 6: An accessible and connected community

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

**Goal 1: An inclusive and healthy community**

1.3 Ensure all community members will have access to quality community, sport and recreation facilities, cultural experiences and open spaces to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle

**Goal 2: A great place**

2.4 Deliver, support and promote arts, cultural, heritage, recreational and sporting events and programs that foster a sense of belonging and contribute to the liveability of the city

2.5 Work with all levels of government and other stakeholders to improve our transport network and to address gaps and capacity in public transport, our roads, foot paths and cycle routes

**Goal 3: A well designed, maintained and environmentally sustainable place**

3.1 Work with all levels of government, key stakeholders and the community to ensure urban development is appropriate and considers neighbourhood character and heritage

**Goal 4: A Council of excellence**

4.1 Collaborate with all levels of government, service providers, not for profit organisations and the private sector to address the concerns of our community

**Policy and Previous Council Reports**

Council has received numerous reports regarding officer assessments of the WGTP design development, community engagement and advocacy activities undertaken in response to the Project. More recently Council, through the draft Sports Facility Needs Analysis and the Open Space Strategy has received reports which continue to support the further development of open space and specifically Donald McLean and Crofts Reserve for the purposes of formal sport and informal recreation activities.

**Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk**

Legal and statutory obligations and risks have been identified and monitored throughout Council’s review and input to the WGTP. These obligations and opportunities will continue to be monitored and assessed through the further development and delivery of these packages of works.
Financial and Resource Implications

The projects included in this agreement have been scheduled within the Council’s ten year capital works program and as a result of this funding support from the State Government $5M can be reallocated to other priority projects as outlined in the draft Sport Facility Needs (SFN) and Open Space (OS) Strategies. It is proposed that $5M be reallocated within the Council’s Draft Ten Year Capital Works Program in 2018-19 and 2019-20 for specific projects.

Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

Council officers continue to monitor the environmental, social and economic impacts and opportunities throughout the WGTP and specifically in response to these packages of works there are several opportunities to improve environmental and social impacts as a result of the project. Local procurement will be a key objective for the further planning and delivery of the works.

Consultation and Communication

A communication and engagement plan will be established to ensure all respective key stakeholders are engaged with the process for the planning and delivery of the works as outlined in these packages. Representatives from all the clubs operating at both the Crofts and Donald McLean Reserves have been consulted on the WGTP and have requested improvements to the Reserves, in line with the recommended package above, as a community legacy by the Project.

Council officers continue to have regular deputations with the WGTP and the respective State Government department representatives.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.