

AGENDA

UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 22 February 2022

To be held Swan Hill Town Hall
McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commencing at 1pm

COUNCIL:

Cr J Benham – Mayor

Cr B Moar
Cr A Young
Cr LT McPhee
Cr C Jeffery
Cr S King
Cr N McKay

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Open**
- **Acknowledgement of Country**
- **Prayer**
- **Apologies**
- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.22.13 BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND ROUND 6

Responsible Officer: Director Development and Planning
File Number: S17-0202
Attachments: 1 [↓](#) Reimaging Robinvale

Declarations of Interest:

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for an application to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 for Reimagining Robinvale.

Discussion

Council has submitted a funding application under the Australian Government Round Six of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) for three projects within the Robinvale Riverfront Precinct –the Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion, Robinvale Change Room and Centenary Park Nature/Active Play Precinct.

Applications to the BBRF, if successful require a Council funding contribution. The funding period is for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, with completion date 31 December 2024. Project details include:

- Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion (RLCE). Aimed at re-engaging and attracting new participants to the Leisure Centre for structured and informal activities, expansion works include a dedicated 290m² dry fitness space and an additional highball court facility. The development will provide the necessary infrastructure that will enable existing sporting organisations/clubs to continue and expand their level of services as well as attract new recreation and leisure based activities (post COVID 19). Implementation of the project includes:
 - New Gym
 - Provide additional 293m² space
 - Consider 24 hr access to gym
 - Highball Court
 - Provide an additional 945m² stadium court suitable for basketball, netball, futsal and volleyball
 - Provide 78m² seating configuration Court 2
 - Provide additional storage space 49m²
 - Meeting Room
 - Provide new meeting space 56m²
- Nature/Active Play Precinct (NAPP) The new play precinct focuses on nature and active based play elements that caters for all skill levels and abilities. This new playspace in Centenary Park will be inviting, family friendly and celebrate the local

Aboriginal heritage of Robinvale by incorporating a range of artistic elements. The size and characteristics of this site also provide opportunities for future expansion activities, including attracting/supporting local and regional events/carnivals. Project scope includes:

- 400m2 skate park
 - Public shelter
 - Flying Fox
 - High Playtower
 - Water Play zone
 - Landscape treatment
- Robinvale Sporting Hub (RSH). The proposed 430m2 recreational facility will transform the Recreation Reserve into a fully inclusive, accessible, sustainable, multi-purpose sport and recreation precinct, supporting over 200 participants annually in Robinvale. Project deliverables include:
 - Two change rooms (female friendly)
 - Umpires/referee change room
 - Meeting space
 - Medical rooms
 - Time keeper / score room
 - Public amenities
 - Storage
 - Level tier Grandstand

As per Council's 10 year Major Project Plan (MPP), Council's financial commitment towards these projects is \$885,000. A breakdown of this commitment is shown in following table

Project	Year 1-22/23	Year 2 – 23/24	Year 3 – 24/25	Year 4 - 25/26
RLC				
NAPP	60,000	540,000		
RSH				285,000

If successful with this grant application, Council's financial allocation for RSH of \$285,000 in Year 4, will need to be brought forward into Year 2. To support this process, a project to the value of \$285,000 or more would need to be reallocated from Year 2 to Year 4 (MPP). By way of example, the Lake Boga Change Facility currently sits in Year 2 - \$350,000 with limited likelihood of matching external funding in that year and no planning in place yet.

In addition, Council has secured funding of \$2.95M for the RLCE from the State Government. Indicative costings for all three components of the RLCE have been received which indicate the current budget for this project is likely to be insufficient. Additional funds from the BBR Round 6 fund will assist this project to proceed.

A cash contribution of \$50,000 has also been committed from Robinvale Euston Football Netball Club (REFNC) for the RSH. These two funding allocations, together with Council's commitment, will be used as leverage for the projects making up Reimagining Robinvale resulting in a very favourable financial outcome for the municipality, if the BBRF grant application is successful, as shown below;

Council	\$ 885,000
REFNC	\$ 50,000
State Gov't grant	\$ 2,950,000
Sub-Total	\$ 3,850,000
BBRF grant	\$ 3,850,000
TOTAL	\$ 7,770,000

Access to this Federal Government stream will enable Council to complete all stages of development for the Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion re:highball, dry fitness and meeting rooms.

Financial Implications

Council's commitment towards major projects is derived from the 10 Year Major Projects Programme budget. If successful in this funding application a total of \$7.7M in infrastructure will be built with an input of \$885,000 from Council funds.

Social Implications

The continued upgrade and development of sporting and recreational facilities will provide opportunities for community members to connect socially and become more physically active.

Economic Implications

Upgrading community and recreational facilities will lead to increase participation levels, support liveability factors, resulting in increased economic benefits for the region.

Supporting community and recreational groups helps the community overcome the impacts associated with the COVID 19 pandemic. Improved community infrastructure helps increase liveability factors and aids in attracting new businesses and residents.

Environmental Implications

Environmentally sustainable principles, Universal Design and Access for All will be considered as part of any new development or upgrade of recreation/sporting and leisure facilities.

Risk Management Implications

Allocated funds to meet project requirements.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Harmony - Communities that are safe, welcoming and inclusive.

Options

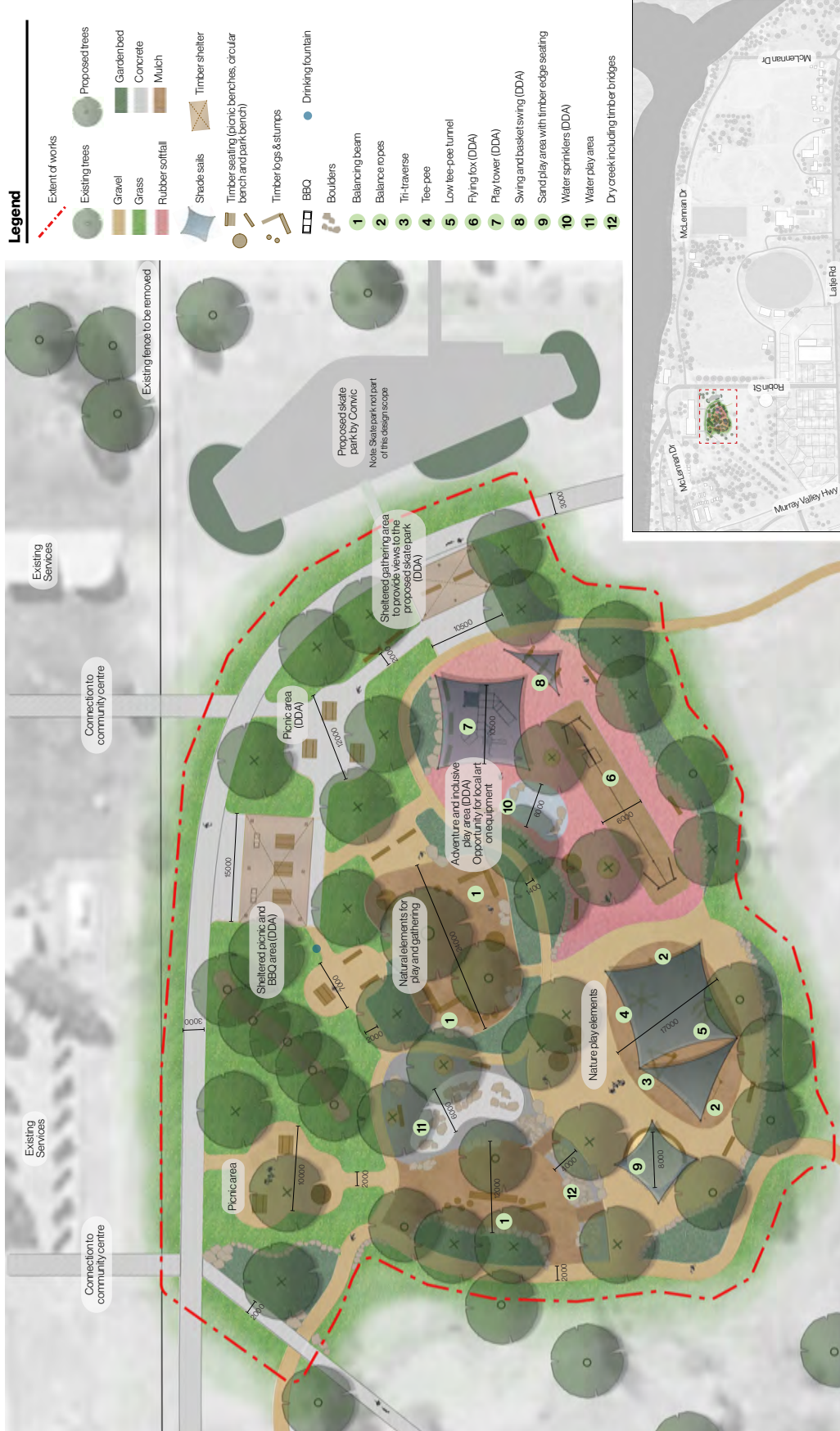
That Council:

- 1) Endorse the application to Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 for:
 - Reimagining Robinvale - including Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion, Robinvale Sports Hub and Nature/Active Park Precinct
 - Commit a contribution of \$885,000 from Council's 10 Year Major Projects Plan (Years 1-3) towards eligible costs for Reimagining Robinvale if successful
 - Relocate the Lake Boga Football Club Change Room project to Year 4 Council's Major Project Plan (currently in Year 2 - \$350,000).
- 2) Withdraw its application under BBRF Round 6 for Reimagining Robinvale.

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the application to the Commonwealth's Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 for:**
 - **Reimagining Robinvale- including Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion, Robinvale Sports Hub and Nature/Active Park Precinct**
- 2. Commit a contribution of \$885,000 from Council's 10 Year Major Project Plan (Years 1-3) towards eligible costs for Reimagining Robinvale, if successful**
- 3. Reallocate \$285,000 in funding from a Year Two project to ensure adequate matching funds if this application is successful.**



**Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan
Centenary Park - Active Nature Play**

Schematic Plan Proposal
for Swan Hill Rural City Council

Project No: 200275
Rev: A
Date: 04.02.22

Scale:
1:500 @ A3

North:



**Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan
Centenary Park - Active Nature Play**



01/ Balancing beam



05/ Low tee-pee tunnel



09/ Sand play area with timber edge seating



02/ Balancing ropes



06/ Flying fox
(DDA)



10/ Water sprinklers
(DDA)



03/ Tri-traverse



07/ Play tower
(DDA)



11/ Water play area



04/ Tee-pee



08/ Swing and basket swing
(DDA)



12/ Dry creek including timber bridges

DESIGN PROPOSAL



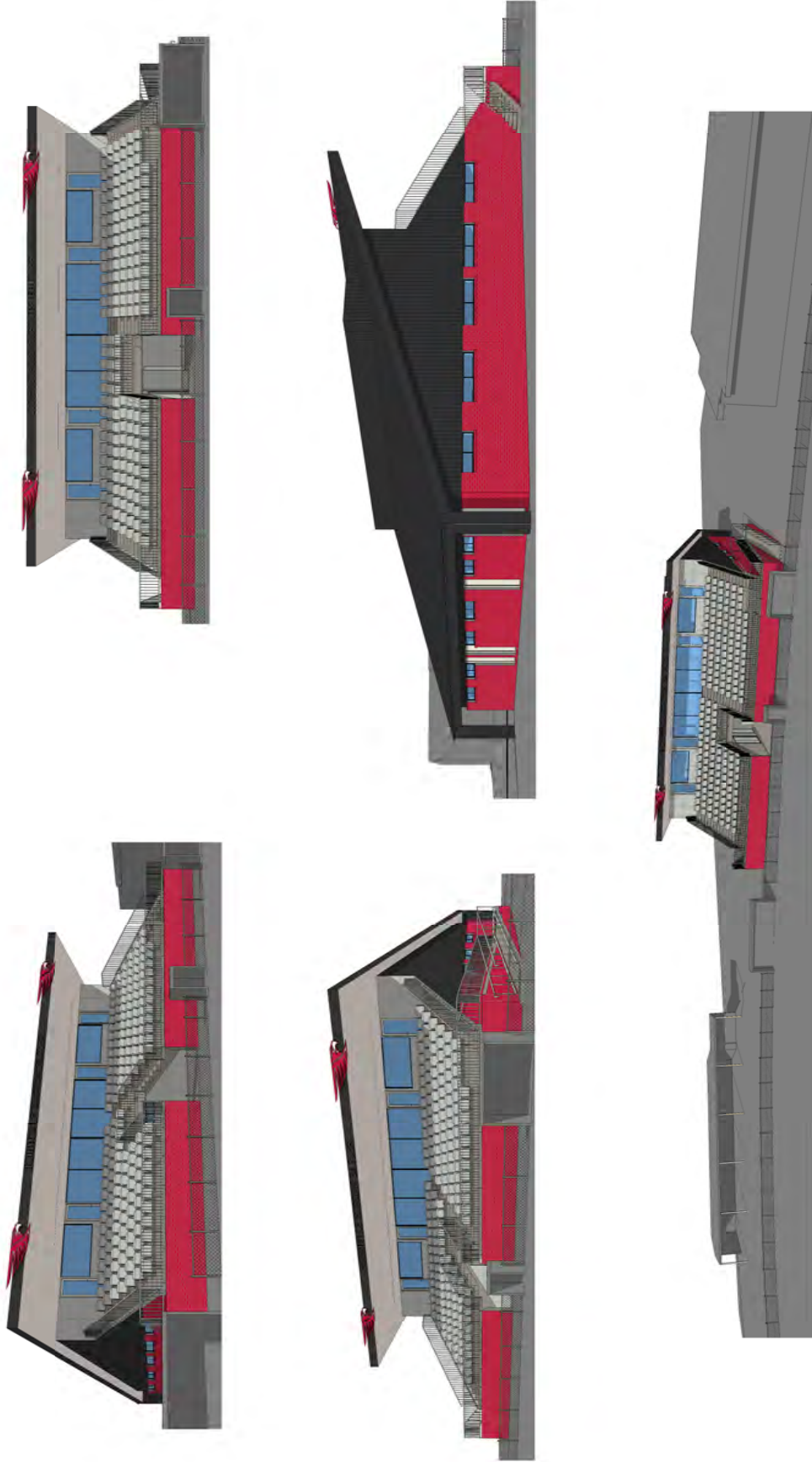
PERSPECTIVE - 01

DESIGN PROPOSAL



PERSPECTIVE - 03

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ISSUE (NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION)



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