

7.4 Contract No. 2023/36 - Dorothy Laver West Reserve - Playing Surface Renewal

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the award of Contract No. 2023/36, Dorothy Laver West Reserve - Playing Surface Renewal.

Background

Council requires a suitably qualified organisation to provide works for the playing surface renewal of Dorothy Laver West Reserve, Glen Iris, as incorporated in the 2023/24 Capital Works Program and in accordance with the requirements of the technical specifications.

The works include:

- Demolition of existing playing field surface;
- Bulk earthworks including installation of additional sand slit drainage lines and new sand carpet soil layer;
- Adjustments to existing irrigation system; and
- Turf resurfacing works.

The works are expected to be completed by May 2024. Further works will be completed prior to the 2025 winter season, via a separate contract, to reinforce sections of the playing surface with an advanced reinforced turf system.

Key Issues

For these works to be completed, Dorothy Laver West Reserve will be closed to the public including use by the allocated clubs, Alamein Football Club (AFC) and Ashburton United Soccer Club (AUSC).

Due to the impact of the closure, Council Officers will offer support to both clubs in the form of an alternative training venue within the City of Boroondara.

Next Steps

Upon award of the contract, Council will oversee the management of the principal contractor engaged to deliver the works.

Confidentiality

Confidential information is contained in **Confidential Attachment 1**, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda attachments. The information in this attachment is deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definition of 'confidential information' in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020. The information relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—(i) relates to trade secrets; or (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required for Council to make a decision, Council may resolve to discuss the matter in a confidential session or to defer the matter to the confidential section of the agenda.

Officers' recommendation

That Council resolve to:

1. Award Contract No. 2023/36, Dorothy Laver West Reserve - Playing Surface Renewal, to Hendriksen Contractors Pty Ltd (ABN 98 093 866 758) for a total cost of \$858,023.10 (including GST). The cost to Council after the return of GST Input Credits is \$780,021.00
2. Authorise the Director Places and Spaces to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the Council and to authorise invoices to an amount not exceeding \$780,021.00 excluding GST.
3. Approve the allocation of a separate contract contingency as detailed within the attached confidential Attachment 1 and delegate authority to the Contract Superintendent to expend this contingency to ensure the successful completion of the contract works.
4. Note that expenditure under this contract is in accordance with Council's 2023/24 adopted budget and expenditure in future years will be in accordance with the approved budget allocations.

Responsible director: Daniel Freer, Director Places and Spaces

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support to award Contract No. 2023/36, Dorothy Laver West Reserve - Playing Surface Renewal.

2. Policy implications and relevance to community plan and council plan

This contract aligns with the following themes and strategies in the Boroondara Community Plan (2021-31) and Council Plan (2021- 25):

Theme 1 - Community, Services and Facilities

Strategy 1.1: Neighbourhoods and community spaces facilitate social connections and belonging by providing, maintaining and activating places for people to meet, organise activities and celebrate events.

Strategy 1.4: Facilities and sports precincts encourage equal access through social planning, delivery, asset maintenance and renewal activities.

Theme 2 - Parks and Green Spaces

Strategy 2.1: Parks and green spaces enable sport and recreation opportunities by maintaining and improving recreation spaces and equipment.

Strategy 2.3: Parks and green spaces are accessible and appealing through maintaining, improving and increasing amenities.

This procurement process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25.

3. Background

Each calendar year the Council sportsgrounds including associated assets are audited and scored against an asset condition scale. Additional data collected on community and sports club usage assists to develop a priority list for the Capital Works Program which determined Dorothy Laver West Reserve, Glen Iris is a high priority for a playing surface renewal.

Council allocated a budget for works at Dorothy Laver West Reserve and now requires a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the playing surface renewal to be completed by May 2024.

Invitation to tender

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25, Council invited public tenders from suitably qualified organisations to provide works for the playing surface renewal of the sports oval at Dorothy Laver West Reserve, Glen Iris.

An Invitation to tender was advertised in the Local Government tender section of "The Age" newspaper on Saturday 9 September 2023 and on Council's e-tendering portal, VendorPanel. The closing date for submissions was 2pm, Monday 2 October 2023.

In response to the advertisement, Council received two (2) submissions:

- Green Turf Pty Ltd; and
- Hendriksen Contractors Pty Ltd.

4. Outline of key issues/options

The specification has been developed to ensure that all work under this contract is to be performed by an experienced Contractor, with safe work practices a clear priority.

It is anticipated that some disruption to material supply may occur. To avoid delay of works, the successful tenderer will be requested to secure supply of key materials as a priority action upon award of the Contract.

For the duration of the contract works, Dorothy Laver West Reserve will be closed for use. Council Officers will work with the Alamein Football Club and Ashburton United Soccer Club to provide alternative training options during this time.

Further works will be undertaken prior to the 2025 winter season. These works will reinforce sections of the playing surface using a new grass stitching technology (SISGrass). SISGrass is an advanced reinforced turf system, which is a 95% natural grass surface with high performance polyethylene fibres inserted into the surface, offering more playing hours and faster pitch recovery than 100% natural surfaces. By incorporating this technology into high wearing areas of the playing surface, recovery and performance of the turf in those areas will be significantly improved. This process is not to be included under Contract No. 2023/36 as it needs to be undertaken after the turf surface is fully established. A separate procurement process will be undertaken for these works.

5. Collaborative Procurement Opportunities

Due to the specialist nature of the works, there is no opportunity for collaborative procurement for this Contract.

6. Consultation/communication

An Information letter about the proposed project will be distributed to all surrounding residents of Dorothy Laver West Reserve during November 2023. Signage displaying information of the project will also be installed around Dorothy Laver West Reserve throughout the project construction.

Both Dorothy Laver West Reserve allocated clubs (Alamein Football Club and Ashburton United Soccer Club) were consulted on the project and were supportive. The clubs will also be provided with the information letter.

Due to the required closure of Dorothy Laver West Reserve during the scheduled works, Council Officers will continue to engage with Alamein Football Club and Ashburton United Soccer Club to provide an alternative training venue within the municipality during the sportsground closure.

7. Financial and resource implications

Council's 2023-24 adopted budget contains a total allocation of \$1,000,000.00 for the playing surface renewal at Dorothy Laver Reserve West.

The Project Budget allocation is available from the following 2023-24 Adopted Budget as follows:

73079. Dorothy Laver Reserve	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
Total Project Available Budget	\$1,000,000.00

Proposed Project Expenditure:

Construction Cost (Contract No. 2023/36)	\$ 692,541.00
Plus additional recommended sand slit drainage works (Optional Item)	<u>\$ 87,480.00</u>

Total Construction Cost	\$ 780,021.00
Other Project Costs	<u>\$ 78,002.10</u>

Total Project Expenditure	\$ 858,023.10
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Total Remaining Budget Allocation after Construction Costs:

Remaining budget allocation	\$ 141,976.90
Minus construction design costs	<u>- \$ 990.00</u>
Total Remaining Budget allocation	\$ 140,986.90

The balance of this budget allocation (\$140,986.90) will be carried forward into financial year 2024/25 and utilised to reinforce sections of the playing surface with SISGrass.

8. Governance issues

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have a general or material conflict of interest requiring disclosure under chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Boroondara City Council.

The recommendation contained in this report is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006 as it does not raise any human rights issues.

This tender process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25.

9. Social and environmental issues

The Dorothy Laver West Reserve playing surface renewal will have a significant positive impact for both of the allocated sporting clubs by improving the condition of the playing field. The playing surface renewal will also play a vital role in improving and maintaining the health and wellbeing of the wider community in the Dorothy Laver West Reserve area who are able to use the oval for informal activities outside of allocated sporting times.

10. Evaluation and review

The evaluation report is provided as **Confidential Attachment 1.**

As a result of the evaluation, the evaluation panel recommends that Council award Contract No. 2023/36, Dorothy Laver West - Playing Surface Renewal to:

- Hendriksen Contractors Pty Ltd (ABN 98 093 866 758)

Manager: **David Shepard, Manager Environmental Sustainability & Open Spaces**

Report officer: Steven Vernon, Project Planning and Delivery Officer