



## **CD25/47 Provision Standard Bowling Green Shade Infrastructure**

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### Background and Key Context


- At the 13 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved to consider the inclusion in the John Connell Reserve Master Plan a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club and provide a report to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- The (draft) John Connell Reserve Master Plan has yet to be considered by Council includes a cover for the two bowling greens, subject to a business case; however, there is insufficient detail and guidance on how this would be implemented at John Connell and/or across the Melville community.
- **As a result, Officers have prepared a standard of provision unique to Melville, due to:**
  - There are four (4) bowling clubs that are on land under the care or control of the City, therefore equity and financial responsibility must be considered.
  - Bowls WA facility standards outline shade shelters are required at the end of greens and while full bowling green shades are supported, they are not mandatory.
  - Bowls membership in Melville is stagnant in recent years, however there is opportunity for growth due to the City's growing and ageing population, as well as social participation.
  - There is a developing trend across Australia where full bowling green shades are being constructed due to benefits of all weather play and reduced exposure to skin cancers/melanoma.
  - Eligibility for external funding through existing industry programs (e.g. CSRFF)
  - The City recognises the value that bowling clubs provide in keeping an ageing population active and socially connected.

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**Details**  
Three options have been detailed in the report that consider the upfront capital cost and ongoing lifecycle cost to cover two (2) bowling greens.

Option		Estimated Capital Cost	Annual Lifecycle Cost	
1.	Motorised retractable shade canopy	\$710,000	\$41,755	
2.	Steel undercover area	\$1,500,000	\$55,000	

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Option		Estimated Capital Cost	Annual Lifecycle Cost	
3.	All weather premium tensile structure	\$1,900,000 (PVC)	\$75,000	
		\$2,500,000 (PTFE)	\$91,250	

### Recommended Standard of Provision

- Up to one-third capital upfront funding to a motorised retractable shade canopy option (aligns to industry approach 1/3 Club, 1/3 LGA and 1/3 State Government CSRFF).
- Clubs will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance and renewal costs (including utilities)
- Funding is contingent on clubs preparing a Business Case for the City's consideration demonstrating the ability to fund maintenance and renewal costs over the lifecycle of the asset.
- Should clubs seek a higher level of provision, the City will only contribute a maximum of one-third of the retractable shade canopy to the alternative

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### Financial Implications

- Based on the recommended standard of provision, the estimated cost (current day) is ~\$236,000
- Should all four clubs be successful, total cost to the City is ~\$944,000
- It is difficult to predict when applications would be received and there are no funds allocated in the City's LTFP, however funding could be sourced from:
  - Utilising the City's annual budget allocation of \$300,000 to support successful CSRFF applications, or
  - Drawing from the City's Community Facility Reserve

### Officer Recommendation

That the Council:

1. Adopts the following standard level of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens:
  - a) The City of Melville (the City) may provide up to one-third funding on a motorised retractable shade canopy option for lawn bowling clubs that operate on land which is under the care and control of the City.
  - b) Funding is contingent on an application to the City including business case demonstrating an ability to fund the remaining capital cost as well as annual maintenance, renewal and utility costs over the lifecycle of the asset
  - c) All funding applications for shade infrastructure over bowling greens will be presented to Council for consideration
2. Notes the provision of a cover for two bowling greens at Leeming Bowling Club is included in the draft John Connell Reserve Master Plan and the standard of provision adopted in this report is applied to support any future implementation.
3. Requests the CEO to include the adopted standard of provision for shade infrastructure over bowling greens in the upcoming review of the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy
4. Requests the CEO to communicate with all bowling clubs within the City of Melville the adopted standard of provision and funding application process.



# Agenda Briefing Forum

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