

**Budget Requests 2023/24 - September**

Initiatives	Request	Proposal	Funding Requested 2022/23	Impact on 2022/23 Full Year Cash Surplus	Value for Money Rating: High, Medium, Low	Deliverability Rating: High, Medium, Low
<p><b>Port Melbourne Tennis Club Contribution</b></p>	<p><b>Community request from Port Melbourne Tennis Club Committee:</b>                      “The club is preparing to resurface the three tennis courts at the club early next year. The existing courts have starting to deteriorate as have been in place for many years. During the last eight months we have gone through a process with Council Property officers and Sport and Recreation Dept to work out what resurfacing the courts would involve exactly. With their input and collaborative discussions with court builders, we can now look forward to making the resurfacing happen.</p> <p>The cost will probably be in the order of \$150,000 for which we have carefully saved funds knowing that this time would come. We did hope we could get something from the Council Budget but the timing has not worked for us - either we were not 'shovel ready' for one budget or the timing of the resurfacing couldn't wait for the next possible budget.</p> <p>Consequently, we are now asking if the Council can contribute something towards this project as we would really like to be able to say to the 250 plus members that the Council is supporting us in this venture by making even a small contribution. We have surveyed members as to what sort of surface would be preferable and we have settled on Synthetic Grass as it is easy to maintain and use and therefore appears to suit the varying ages and playing abilities of many of our members.</p> <p>Port Melbourne Tennis Club has a wonderful history as has operated for well over 125 yrs. With new synthetic courts, this very welcoming community club will continue to give people of all ages and standards an opportunity to keep playing and enjoying tennis. Any assistance from COPP towards this continuing would be very much appreciated.”</p>	<p>This request was originally considered through the 23/24 budget process and was not supported. Instead, Council was to support the club through the feasibility and design process.</p> <p>Council officers have been working with the club over the last 3 months to provide advice for the court design and drainage requirements. Under the lease the club are responsible for upgrades</p> <p>Council contributes \$25k to the construction cost                      The Club delivers the works and Council is provided with the full set of construction plans showing drainage and pit locations</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>High</p>