



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Lord Mayor  
Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **RATE CHARGES FOR COUNCIL SPORTING FACILITIES**

**Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee Meeting date: 18 February 2020**

**Raised by:** Alderman Behrakis

#### **Question:**

- (a) Does the Council have a consistent rate charged to each sport to use Council facilities?

In answering this question, could the General Manager please also inform the Council on:

- (i) Council capital expenditure towards each sport played in the municipality over the past five years;
  - (ii) An estimate of recurrent annual Council expenditure towards each sport (including in-kind); and
  - (iii) An estimate of Council expenditure per player by sport.
- (b) Does Hobart City Council provide any funding to organisations for the delivery of school sporting programs?

If so, could the General Manager please provide a breakdown by sport of the funding Hobart City Council has given to organisations to deliver school sporting programs over the past five years, and outline the method in which sports can access such funding?

#### **Response:**

- (a) **Does the Council have a consistent rate charged to each sport to use Council facilities?**

Yes, the Council charges an hourly rate for usage of each of its facilities, no matter which sport is being played. Different hourly rates are determined across

different facilities, however the charge is based on the quality of the facility rather than the sport being played.

As an example North Hobart Oval is charged out at a much higher rate than Mt Nelson Oval due to the differing quality of the facilities and costs to maintain to them. Consideration is also given to a hirers ability to use facilities at the venue (e.g. kiosks, function room, charging entry) to make money a result of the hire.

**(i) Council capital expenditure towards each sports played in the municipality over the past five years.**

The Council manages 20 sporting facilities – 19 are managed by City Amenity, plus the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC) managed by Community Life. As 17 of these facilities are used for more than one sport, it is difficult to determine the quantum for each, as any improvements generally benefit more than one activity or sporting code.

A table has been included here to show the expenditure per facility, and the main sporting activities that take place at each location:

Facility	CAPITAL Expenditure (since 16/17)	Sporting activity
Clare St Oval	\$34,114	Soccer, Cricket,
Cornelian Bay	\$18,173	Cricket, Hockey, Soccer
Domain Crossroads	\$195,517	Soccer, Cricket
Soldiers Memorial Oval	\$306,712	Soccer, Cricket, Athletics
Domain Athletic Centre	\$355,601	Athletics, Soccer
John Turnbull Oval	\$4,934	Athletics, AFL
Mt Nelson Oval	\$6,310	Soccer, Cricket
New Town Oval	\$39,850	Cricket, AFL
North Hobart Oval	\$1,205,956	AFL
Parliament St Oval	\$7,800	Soccer, Cricket
Lower Queenborough Oval	\$678,758	Soccer, AFL, Cricket
Queenborough Oval	\$220,878	Cricket, AFL
Queens Walk Oval	\$34,511	Soccer, Cricket
Sandown Park (1 and 2)	\$407,347	Soccer, Athletics

South Hobart Oval	\$208,524	Soccer
TCA Ground	\$1,410,035	Cricket, AFL
Wellesley Park	\$47,702	Soccer
West Hobart Oval	\$869,090	Soccer, Cricket
<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,051,812</b>	
DKHAC	\$3,954,633	Swimming, diving, aqua aerobics, gym activities, group fitness, water polo, finswimming, water basketball, underwater hockey, underwater rugby
<b>TOTAL CAPEX</b>	<b>\$10,006,445</b>	

It should be noted from the above that greater expenditure has naturally occurred on the grounds with the highest value in assets (TCA Ground, North Hobart Oval) as well as facilities that have had a masterplan endorsed in recent years (Queenborough, Lower Queenborough and West Hobart Oval).

Expenditure for DKHAC represents a total across Centre activities, including general public access, school events, lessons and leisure activity. The majority of capital expenditure for DKHAC includes smaller projects associated with and in preparation for the overall redevelopment of the Centre.

**(ii) An estimate of recurrent annual Council expenditure towards each sport (including in-kind)**

Due to the multi-purpose nature of the City's facilities a table has been included below showing the cost of maintenance for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years.

Facility	Recurrent Expenditure 2017/18	Recurrent Expenditure 2018/19	Sporting Activity
Clare St Oval	\$65,128	\$61,898	Soccer, Cricket,
Cornelian Bay	\$37,417	\$40,887	Cricket, Hockey, Soccer
Domain Crossroads	\$19,262	\$12,590	Soccer, Cricket
Soldiers Memorial Oval	\$58,743	\$78,995	Soccer, Cricket, Athletics

Domain Athletic Centre	\$40,567	\$43,241	Athletics, Soccer
John Turnbull Oval	\$31,453	\$22,546	Athletics, AFL
Mt Nelson Oval	\$27,806	\$20,176	Soccer, Cricket
New Town Oval	\$86,566	\$74,604	Cricket, AFL
North Hobart Oval	\$72,529	\$110,823 *	AFL
Parliament St Oval	\$26,261	\$17,159	Soccer, Cricket
Lower Queenborough Oval	\$33,488	\$9,960 **	Soccer, AFL, Cricket
Queenborough Oval	\$79,418	\$80,772	Cricket, AFL
Queens Walk Oval	\$25,001	\$21,459	Soccer, Cricket
Sandown Park (1 and 2)	\$50,402	\$41,042	Soccer, Athletics
South Hobart Oval	\$35,172	\$25,211	Soccer
TCA Ground	\$96,379	\$140,588 ***	Cricket, AFL
Wellesley Park	\$61,543	\$40,802	Soccer
West Hobart Oval	\$31,492	\$16,660	Soccer, Cricket
<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$878,627</b>	<b>\$859,413</b>	
DKHAC	\$5,512,170	\$5,541,501	Swimming, diving, aqua aerobics, gym activities, group fitness, water polo, finswimming, water basketball, underwater hockey, underwater rugby
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,390,797</b>	<b>\$6,400,914</b>	

\*Expenditure increased in FY18/19 at the North Hobart oval due to AFLW match preparation (costs reimbursed from the AFL).

\*\* Expenditure decreased at the Lower Queen borough ground FY18/19 as it was closed following 2018 floods and then was refurbished.

\*\*\* Expenditure increased at the TCA as the ground had a new playing surface installed the previous season and as such additional maintenance was required.

Higher expenditure is also noted on grounds that have turf wickets for cricket (TCA, New Town, Queenborough, Clare St and Soldiers Memorial Oval). These assets require substantial works to maintain them during the summer season of cricket.

Expenditure for DKHAC represents a total across Centre activities, including general public access, school events, lessons and leisure activity.

**(iii) An estimate of Council expenditure per player by sport**

Due to facilities being multi-purpose this is a difficult question to answer and there is no way of obtaining accurate data from within the financial or bookings system to provide this information.

**(b) Does Hobart City Council provide any funding to organisations for the delivery of school sporting programs?**

At this point in time the Council does not provide any funding to organisations for the delivery of school sporting programs.

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



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