



Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre, Eden Hills, Proposed Extensions

Proposal for Council to contribute funding to extend two buildings at the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre, Colebrook Drive, Eden Hills

Description

Proposal

To construct two extensions to the existing premises of the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre to increase capacity for this not-for-profit organisation to deliver services to the public.

Background

The minutes of the Council Meeting of Tuesday 8th March 2022 record the following decision of Council:

12.1 CR DARREN KRUSE - SUPPORT FOR BLACKWOOD LIONS
EXPANSION PROJECT

MOVED Cr Kruse

1. That Council provides in principle support for Blackwood LIONS proposed expansion of shed spaces, car parking and an online shop at the leased Council site on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills and advocates for this project as a matter of priority to the candidates for the seat of Waite in the forthcoming State Election to be held on 19 March and the candidates for the Federal seat of Boothby for the forthcoming Federal election in May.

2. That Council notes that Blackwood LIONS now estimate the cost of this project at more than \$100,000

3. Council notes this matter will be submitted for funding as part of the Council's 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

SECONDED Cr Bange

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Blackwood Lions have received a funding commitment of \$50k from Federal Government following the election in May 2022 (currently awaiting confirmation and funding agreement). The total project estimate from Blackwood Lions in March 2022 was \$100k.

It is likely that due to current inflationary pressures the Blackwood Lions previous project costs have escalated to an estimated \$150,000. This would therefore represent a current project funding shortfall of \$100k. The Blackwood Lions have previously indicated that they would be seeking a Council contribution of \$50k, however this was stated within the context of the total project value being \$100k. The Blackwood Lions have not yet confirmed any financial commitment to the project.

The Blackwood Lions are keen to progress their project, which is currently awaiting the outcome of community consultation and council approval of a new CLMP for the area containing the site in order to progress a development application. It is expected that a new lease with the Blackwood Lions will then be signed and landlord approval subject to the outcome of community consultation through the development application for the proposed works (Hills Face Zone).

The Blackwood Lions have reported a recent increase in the demand for the use of the services of the Bargain Centre due to the current economic situation (turnover stated as circa \$2000 per week). The centre provides a valuable not-for-profit service and reduces the amount of landfill, by recycling second hand items for sale to the community.

Community Benefits

- Support to the expansion of facilities for this not-for-profit community service
- Reduction of waste to landfill
- Provision of low-cost household items for the local community

Council Member request

Rate Impact:	0.01%
Capital (Council):	\$ 100,000
Ongoing (Council):	\$6,000

Primary Theme

Theme 3.3 Partnerships

Community Insight

I feel that businesses in the local area are thriving

Other Information

- ☐ Pending Grant Funding
- ☐ Future Grant Funding Request
- ☐ Priority Theme
- ☒ Non-Priority Theme

General Manager

Craig Harrison

Requestor

Cr Kruse – Council Decision