

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
28 NOVEMBER 2005**

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

A6	ST KILDA SKATE PARK
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	ADDRESS OR LOCATION THAT THE REPORT DEALS WITH, IF APPLICABLE
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ATTACHMENTS:	ATTACHMENT 1 – LETTER FROM VICTORIA POLICE ATTACHMENT 2 – INDICATIVE PLAN OF LEASE AREA ATTACHMENT 3 – INDICATIVE PLAN OF DESIGN

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report is a supplementary report to the St Kilda Skate Park report.
- 1.2. This report provides information on the costs associated with the maintenance and management plan, the police report and planning permit process.
- 1.3. The proposed expenditure to implement the maintenance and management plan is 50K. This is comprised of:
 - 16K for the youth support program,
 - 10K graffiti removal,
 - 12K for minor facility maintenance and
 - 11.5K for major facility maintenance.
- 1.4. The letter received from Victoria Police (dated 16 November 2005) supports the selection of the Albert Park Reserve, Fitzroy Street site.
- 1.5. The City of Port Phillip will become the public land manager for the site to be known as 'St Kilda Skate Park'.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 2.1. At the Strategy and Policy Review Planning Committee meeting on the 7th of November Council recommended that a supplementary report detailing the costs associated with the implementation of the maintenance and management plan be presented to Council.
- 2.2. At the Strategy and Policy Review Committee meeting on the 7th of November Council recommended that Senior Management and the Mayor meet with the St Kilda Primary School Council to brief the school on the proposed implementation of the St Kilda Skate Park project and the associated Management Plan and seek their involvement in ongoing monitoring.
- 2.3. At the Strategy and Policy Review Committee meeting on the 7th of November the current position of the Victoria Police was unclear and required resolution.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 3.1. The following table has been compiled with reference to other skate facilities in metropolitan Melbourne. The details the proposed maintenance and management plan expenditure for the St Kilda Skate Park are as follows.

SERVICE	SERVICE LEVEL	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	BUDGET
Supervision and Community Support	18 hours per week Community Support Program supervision from local Youth Service provider.	Maintain adequate surveillance for the protection of primary school children and facility users at critical times. Minimise anti-social issues for users, neighbours and park users. Establish rapport and credibility with facility users.	16K
Graffiti Removal	Unwanted graffiti should be removed in 24 hours.	Maintain the skate park relatively free of unwanted graffiti.	10K
Minor Repair	Respond to minor repairs and/or vandalism within 7 days or as soon as possible - (e.g. damage to skate elements, drinking fountains, rubbish bins, seating etc).	Maintain the physical quality and safety of the facility	6K
Minor Cleaning	Regular cleaning of facility including cleansing and drainage maintenance.	Maintain the ongoing appearance of the facility	6K
Major Repair	Respond to Major Repair as soon as possible.	Maintain the physical quality and safety of the facility	8K
Major Cleaning	Annual - deep cleaning of facility.	Maintain the cleanliness of the facility.	3.5K

- 3.2. During the investigative analysis the planning requirements were considered. Convic reported to the community reference group for St Kilda Skate Park that;

The Fitzroy Street site is zoned PPRZ - Public Park and Recreation Zone. Under the conditions of this zone, a permit is not required provided:

- a. That a skate park falls within a table of acceptable uses*
- b. That the skate park is conducted by or on behalf of the Public Land Manager.*
- c. That the skate park must not be on coastal Crown land under the Coastal Management Act 1995.*

A skate park falls into "informal outdoor recreation" or "minor sports and recreational facility" (which includes "open sports ground") both of which come under the "Leisure and Recreation" nesting which is one of the acceptable uses under PPRZ.

The only remaining condition to be met under the permit not required list is that the skate park is conducted by or on behalf of the Public Land Manager

This site is within Heritage Overlay 3. A permit is required for all development and works in all Heritage Overlays with the issue being whether the proposal would adversely affect the heritage significance of the area.

There are no substantial issues with regard to the Heritage overlay on the Fitzroy St site, with no registered heritage buildings or landscapes within close proximity

- 3.3. On 9 November 2005 officers contacted the St Kilda Park Primary School to arrange a meeting of senior management and the Mayor, however a meeting was unable to be arranged prior to the Council meeting on 28 November. Should the Council resolve that it still requires this meeting to occur officers have been advised by the principal that this could occur on the 12th December at the next scheduled school council meeting.
- 3.4. The Victorian Police have clarified their position via a letter dated 16 November 2005 (refer attachment 1). Notably, point 1 of the letter states – *"The location chosen at the intersection of Fitzroy St and Lakeside Dve is a good choice for this proposal".*

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1. That the Council notes the process of assessment was thorough and balanced in establishing and addressing the design and management criteria, which was developed in conjunction with the St Kilda Skate Park Reference Group and Skater User Group.
- 4.2. The Council notes that neither sites were without constraints.
- 4.3. That the Council notes that both sites were assessed against the design and development criteria developed by the St Kilda Skate Park Reference Group.
- 4.4. That the Council endorses the recommendations of the Independent Chairperson's final report, November 2005 (Attachment 1), being that the Albert Park Reserve – Fitzroy St is the most appropriate site to develop St Kilda Skate Park, subject to:
 - 4.5. Providing necessary resources to implement the proposed maintenance and management plans including supervision.
 - 4.6. Monitoring the facility particularly within the first 12 months is imperative to ensure that any issues are identified early and that appropriate action is taken.
 - 4.7. That the skate park development is not considered in isolation of the surrounding parkland and that Parks Victoria address further landscaping at this end of the park in addition to that contained in the proposed design.
 - 4.8. Council developing a consultative mechanism with key stakeholders, including the School Council and residents to review the facility on an ongoing basis.
 - 4.9. That Council authorizes a budget of \$380,000 for the development of a skate facility at Albert Park Reserve.
 - 4.10. Council notes the original budget of \$230,000 for this project, the anticipated contribution of Sport and Recreation Victoria for \$105,000 and refers the outstanding balance of \$45,000 to the 2005/2006 mid-year budget review process with a view to utilizing savings in the capital budget, or reallocating existing landscaping budget to this project.
 - 4.11. Council note the extensive final draft maintenance and management plan and request a supplementary report detailing the costs associated with its implementation, for referral to the 2006/2007 Council budget process.
 - 4.12. That the Council extends its appreciation and thanks to the members of the St Kilda Skate Park Community Reference Group and independent chairperson for their diligence and contribution to the process.

- 4.13. Council request Senior Management and the Mayor meet with the St Kilda Primary School Council to brief the school on the proposed implementation of the St Kilda Skate Park project and the associated Management Plan and seek their involvement in ongoing monitoring.
- 4.14. Council notes the letter from Victorian Police in support of the St Kilda Skate Park being located at the intersection of Fitzroy St and Lakeside Drive.
- 4.15. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with Parks Victoria for an area of land, generally consistent with that area denoted in attachment 2, for the purpose of constructing and operating a facility to be known as 'St Kilda Skate Park', the design of which will be generally consistent with attachment 3 to this report.