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ITEM: 16 **Richmond Park - Proposed Upgrading****FILE NUMBER:** P202 PT06/GMA/OGK04LAX.G11**REPORT:**

Richmond Park is a dominant and central feature to the town of Richmond and with the development of the Marketplace Shopping Centre provides an important link between this and the main street commercial premises.

Over recent years there has been considerable work undertaken in upgrading the grandstand and in maintaining the park's gardens and other amenities.

To reinforce its important position, it is considered that further works are needed, particularly in terms of lighting, extension of the irrigation system to the outer areas of the park, allowing for extension of the landscape features, trees and shrubs and at the same time reducing weekly maintenance costs, fencing of the oval and the provision of park furniture.

It is also possible to reduce the size of the existing oval and in doing so, allow for a substantial additional area to be used for landscaping and passive recreation.

The oval can be reduced to the west (towards the grandstand) still retaining national cricket standard size with this requiring relocation of the existing wicket. A plan indicating this will be available to the meeting. Works proposed and likely costs are as follows:

relocation of turf wicket	\$30,000
lighting - including relocation of existing flood lighting	\$60,000
oval fencing	\$40,000
pathways	\$45,000
extension of irrigation	\$50,000
rotunda	\$15,000
park furniture	\$20,000
horticultural work	\$25,000

It is proposed that the works be undertaken over two funding periods of 1997/98 and 1998/99. Funding for the horticultural works can primarily come from the park's maintenance budget. The sum of \$12,000 has been allocated from Section 94 to undertake lighting in the park this year. The lighting for the area is currently being designed by Integral and when this is completed will be incorporated into a master plan for the park's ongoing development. It is proposed to fund, this year, works that include relocation of the turf wicket, lighting, oval fencing and a first stage pathway linking Windsor Street with East Market Street (this will replace the existing narrow pathway) with funds that will be available from savings on street lighting. It is expected that funds in the order of \$120,000 would be available. It would then be proposed to fund the additional works in the 1998/99 budget. That can include consideration of the additional pathways required and other works following the completion of the lighting and master plan.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That funds of \$120,000 (being the saving in street lighting charges) be voted for works in 1997/98 with further funding for major works to be considered in the 1998/99 program in conjunction with the master plan of the park.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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