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1 PURPOSE

To define the level of assistance which Council shall provide to Committees of Management (CoM) of Major Recreation Reserves within Loddon Shire, in respect to the periodic replacement of "Oval Mowers".

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to the nine (9) Major Recreation Reserve CoM, being Mitiamo Recreation Reserve, Mitchell Park (Pyramid Hill), Boort Park, Donaldson Park (Wedderburn), Inglewood Sports Centre, Serpentine Recreation Reserve, Calivil Recreation Reserve, Newbridge Recreation Reserve and the Bridgewater Recreation Reserve.

3 POLICY

- Council will provide eligible CoM support of up to \$35,000 towards the purchase of replacement oval mowers.
- Assistance will only be given to Major Recreation Reserve CoM as recognised by Loddon Shire.
- Funding support shall be adjusted annually in line with the published National Consumer price Index (CPI).
- CoM shall be responsible for all costs associated with the ongoing maintenance and operation of Oval Mowers.
- CoM will only be eligible for this assistance once in every ten year period (exceptions to this condition shall be at the discretion of Council and will require justification as to the reasoning for early replacement of the nominated oval mower).
- CoM must provide Loddon Shire with proof of the net cost of their preferred mower, this must include full purchase price, trade in amount and be inclusive of GST.
- Identification of mowers needing replacement in any given year shall be undertaken by the Manager Community and Recreation Development, in consultation with the CoM.
- A maximum of two mowers shall be eligible for replacement in any given financial year and prioritisation will be determined by the Manager Community & Recreation.
- Prior to funding assistance being given for the replacement mower, Loddon Shire must first endorse the proposed make and model being sought by the CoM.
- Replacement program will be prepared based on priority and if required, CoM capacity to fund any component of the purchase price in excess to the allowance made by Council.

4 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS OR ABBREVIATIONS USED

Term	Definition
Major Recreation Reserve Committees of Management	Recreation Reserves that host North Central and Loddon Valley football, netball and hockey fixtures and that are located within the Loddon Shire.
COM	Committees of Management
Oval Mowers	Mowers that are specifically designed to cut large playing surfaces and that are specifically purchased for this purpose.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights Act (2007)*. Loddon Shire Council is committed to consultation and cooperation between management and employees. The Loddon Shire will formally involve elected employee Health and Safety Representatives in any workplace change that may affect the health and safety of any of its employees.

6 REVIEW

The Manager Community and Recreation Development will review this policy for any necessary amendments no later than 3 years after adoption of this current version.

7 ATTACHMENTS

Nil