

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - DOOHAN RESERVE SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM: The Mayor
EDMS #: 24/176657

I was incredibly disappointed to see that Doohan Reserve in Oran Park was vandalised by vehicle access over the Easter long weekend.

The fields at Doohan Reserve, which are used by the Oran Park Rovers Football Club and many other members of our community, have undergone major works including the installation of sand slit drainage to improve the overall health and resilience of the turf.

Some of the recent actions Council has undertaken to give the fields the best chance of recovery include pesticide treatments, liquid and granular fertiliser treatments, top dressing and the returfing of the goalmouths. Council has also adjusted and increased the irrigation program to assist with watering during the establishment period of new grass and the club was re-located to another sportsfield so that they could continue their program during the major works and recovery period.

Unfortunately, through the actions of one or more individuals in this one incident, some of that hard work has now been undone.

Council expects its parks and facilities to be used with respect so they can be enjoyed by all, and I thank the overwhelming majority of our residents and visitors who do so.

Council has implemented the first stage of a program of tree planting and the installation of some sandstone blocks around the Reserve, which will provide canopy cover, shade and amenity for users of the space, while also helping to prevent vehicles from accessing the fields. Unfortunately, it appears more trees and sandstone blocks are required to prevent vehicles from gaining access to the sportsfields.

This is why I'm asking Councillors to agree to use Ward funds for this necessary work, which will include \$35,000 for sandstone blocks and \$25,000 for a ball stop fence extension which will also work as a barrier to prevent vehicles accessing the sportsfields. In addition, Council will also continue to plant additional trees around the facility to provide shade, while also being a natural barrier for vehicles.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. allocate \$60,000 in Ward Funds for Council to fund the installation of sandstone blocks and a ball stop fence extension at Doohan Reserve; and**
- ii. write to the Oran Park Rovers Club to advise them of the works that will be undertaken.**