Applicant: Dampier Tennis Club
Project Title: Dampier Tennis Club Upgrade

Description of organisation - Dampier Tennis Club is a volunteer-run sporting club established in 1974 that provides opportunities for tennis, recreation and social connection for the Dampier and wider City of Karratha community. The Club currently has 77 members, including 28 juniors, and offers weekly social tennis, court hire and community activities. In 2026, a newly elected committee commenced a program of facility improvements, including painting and signage upgrades.

Description of project – The project seeks funding to improve the functionality and usability of the Dampier Tennis Club through installation of a new kitchen, purchase of an ice machine, dishwasher, oven and rangehood, and an outdoor table tennis table. Other proposed expenditure (cyclone rated window shutters, landscaping, outdoor fairy light tree kit, and small power works) was not sufficiently addressed within the body of the application to establish the need, anticipated community benefit or value for money required to support funding through the Large Community Grants Program. The project aims to create a more welcoming and functional community facility that can support sporting participation, social activities and community use.

Project Budget – Income (includes donations, volunteer labour, additional grant funding, organisations contribution)

City of Karratha Large Community Grant	Not Confirmed	$50,000
Dampier Tennis Club Cash Contribution	Confirmed	$8,552.70
	INCOME TOTAL	**$58,552.70**

Project Budget – Expenditure

Undercounter Ice Machine	$3,248.28
Outdoor Table Tennis Table	$10,727.00
Dishwasher	$992.00
Oven and Rangehood	$3,288.00
Outdoor Fairy Light Tree Kit	$2,078.00
Cyclone Rated Window Shutters	$4,234.42
Landscaping	$15,000.00
Tennis Courts, Alfresco Lighting and Small Power Works	$18,985.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	**$58,552.70**

City of Karratha Funding Received Last 3 years

	$0

Key Considerations

- The Club has 77 members, including 28 junior members, and provides opportunities for sporting participation, recreation and social connection.
- Since March 2026, the new committee has invested approximately $17,500 into facility improvements, including painting and signage upgrades.
- The project is reliant on City funding and would likely be delivered in stages if full funding is not received.
- A number of other expenditure items (cyclone rated window shutters, landscaping, outdoor fairy light tree kit, and small power works) were included in the project budget but were not sufficiently detailed within the application. The application did not establish a clear need, anticipated community benefit or sufficient value for money for these components to support a funding recommendation.
- Funding only the adequately substantiated components provide better value for the City's investment and ensures grant funding is directed towards expenditure with a demonstrated connection to community benefit.
- Funding is conditional on building owner approval and Environmental Health clearance for kitchen-related works.

Community Benefit

- Improves the functionality and usability of the clubhouse for members and community users through the addition of an ice machine and kitchen facilities.
- Creates opportunities for additional social, recreational and community activities through the installation of a permanent outdoor table tennis table.
- Supports increased community use of the clubhouse and creates opportunities for local groups and organisations to utilise the facility.
- Enhances a volunteer-run sporting facility that contributes to participation, community connection and recreation opportunities within Dampier.
- The funded items were assessed as providing the strongest link to community benefit and the intended outcomes described in the application.

Strategic Alignment

☐ **Goal 1 - We resect Aboriginal peoples' Cultural Authority and Connection to Ngurra (Country)**
☒ **Goal 2 - Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe**
☒ **Goal 3 -. Everyone is included**
☐ **Goal 4 - Our places and spaces are functional, attractive and reflect our unique identity**
☐ **Goal 5 - We respect and care for the natural environment**
☐ **Goal 6 - The local economy is diverse and thriving, with opportunities for all**
☐ **Goal 7 - Our civic leaders are innovative, listening and balanced in meeting community needs.**

Project Total	$58,552.70	**Aggregated Assessment Panel Score (%)**
Amount Requested From City of Karratha	$50,000	57%
Amount Recommended	***$18,255.28***	

RECOMMENDATION:
Officers recommend funding $18,255.28 representing approximately 37% of the amount requested, towards the purchase of an ice machine and outdoor table tennis table. The recommendation also includes funding for the dishwasher and oven/rangehood, subject to the kitchen receiving Environmental Health clearance. Funding is conditional upon obtaining building owner approval and all required statutory approvals. These items have been identified as having a demonstrated need and community benefit by improving the functionality of the clubhouse and providing additional recreational opportunities for members and community users.

The project demonstrates alignment with Council Plan Goal 2 and 3 by supporting community recreation, sporting participation and social connection. The improvements will make the clubhouse and surrounding space more welcoming and functional for existing members and the broader community while creating additional recreation and social opportunities.

The Club has demonstrated capacity to deliver the project through its recent investment in facility improvements and engagement of local suppliers and contractors. However, some expenditure items included in the application, specifically the outdoor fairy light tree kit, small power works, cyclone rated shutters and landscaping were not considered to have a sufficiently clear connection to the project outcomes and community benefits presented within the application. Consequently, these items were excluded from the funding recommendation.

City officers will offer support to the Club to further develop the unfunded elements and consider future grant opportunities.