
**MM14/19 RYDE CITY WORLD CUP STREET FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - Mayor,
Councillor Jerome Laxale****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP19/737**

Melrose Park Football Club is an incorporated non-for-profit small grassroots youth football club operating out of the grounds of Marsden High School. The club is committed to creating an atmosphere that is reflective of the spirit in which the global game of football is played regardless of someone's socio-economic circumstances. To support this commitment, the clubs Community Social Development Plan (CSDP) ensures social inclusion is integrated into all club activities.

As part of the clubs CSDP, it is proposed that a partnership with Ryde City Council be formed to host *the Ryde City World Cup Street Football Tournament and Community Festival*. The aim of this event is to positively contribute to the social dynamic of the Ryde community and surrounding area. This will be done by actively encouraging participation of local community groups such as;

- Refugee families
- Language groups
- Local public and private schools
- Members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- Youth groups
- Intercultural agencies
- Christian Community Aid
- Mahbooba's promise
- and other local community agencies

Through this proposed highly inclusive event, Melrose Park will positively contribute to community capacity building of Ryde and local areas, as well as increase community participation whilst raising awareness, understanding and appreciation of the diversity of Ryde.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council in principle support the concept of Melrose Park Football Club hosting a *Ryde City World Cup Street Football Tournament* in the City of Ryde and that the General Manager contact Mrs Julie Crane, President of the Melrose Park Football Club to discuss this Community Event to be held in late 2019.
- (b) That the Melrose Park Football Club, if eligible, be invited to apply for a grant through the community grants process, noting that this application may fall out

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of the existing grant rounds.

- (c) That subject to the grant application complying with assessment criteria outlined in the Community Grants Policy 2018, Community Projects Category, Council allocate at least \$5,000 from the 2019/20 Community Grants budget for the purpose of this event.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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