

LATE REPORT

6.3.31 Financial Assistance Application Gulgong Christmas Celebration 2015

REPORT BY THE MANAGER FINANCE TO 21 OCTOBER 2015 COUNCIL MEETING
Financial Assistance Report to October 2015 late report1
GOV400043, FIN300052

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the Manager Finance on the Financial Assistance Application Gulgong Christmas Celebration 2015 be received;**
2. **Council provide financial assistance to the following applicant in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Financial Assistance Policy, subject to those requirements being met:**
Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee - Gulgong Christmas Celebration \$3,000
3. **Council provide an in-kind contribution to the following applicant in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Financial Assistance Policy, subject to those requirements being met:**
Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee - Gulgong Christmas Celebration \$58
4. **Council will not collect a facility hire bond from the following applicant for the event detailed in this report:**
Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee

Executive summary

This report is to consider a late request for financial assistance under Council's Financial Assistance Policy.

Detailed report

Provision is made in Council's Financial Assistance Policy for community not for profit organisations, groups and individuals which offer a significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental well-being of the Community.

GULGONG MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE - GULGONG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee has requested \$3500 funding for this year's Christmas Celebration, a community event for Gulgong. This event is aimed at children, with Carnival rides and other activities, and is the only venue in Gulgong where children can have their photos taken with Santa. It is to be held on the 12th of December from 5 to 9 pm.

Council staff recommend that this event be granted \$3,000 financial support, waiving of the Gulgong Memorial Hall hire fee for a half day at \$58, and waiving of the collection of bond for this facility. This would be in-line with previous years' financial assistance.

Link to Community Plan: *Strategy 1.4.2. Support arts and cultural development across the Region.*

Financial and Operational Plan implications

Funding of \$148,000 is provided in the 2015/16 Operational Plan for Financial Assistance. \$86,804 has been allocated, leaving a balance of \$61,196. Should Council approve the September quarter financial assistance applications as recommended, it will leave a balance of \$24,200. Should Council approve the additional request for support for the Nightrider bus in Gulgong, it will leave a balance of \$19,200.

Should Council approve the recommendations in this report, a balance of \$16,142 will then remain in the Financial Assistance Program.

Community Plan implications

The administration of the financial assistance program meets Community Plan Theme 5 - Good Governance:

Goal 3: An Effective and Efficient Organisation

Strategy 3.3: Prudently manage risks associated with all Council activities.

Each relevant assistance item is required to meet a strategy in the Community Plan, and each request has been linked to the relevant strategy in the Community Plan.

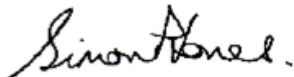


LEONIE JOHNSON
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14 October 2015

Attachments: 1. Applications for financial assistance

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



SIMON JONES
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**GULGONG MEMORIAL HALL
COMMITTEE**

The Secretary
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GULGONG 2852



General Manager
Mid Western Regional Council
Market St
MUDGEE
NSW 2850
12th October, 2015

Dear Sir

Re: Gulgong Christmas Celebration

We would like to apply for \$3500 funding for this year's Celebration, a significant community event for Gulgong. This event is aimed at children, with Carnival rides, and other activities and is the only venue in Gulgong where children can have their photos taken with Santa. It is to be held on the 12th of December from 5 to 9 pm. This is a well attended event by the community of Gulgong, and we appreciate your previous contributions to make past events financially viable.

I apologise for the lateness of this request.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Vassel

Secretary

Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee