

9.5 Community Grants Program - December 2019

REPORT BY THE MANAGER FINANCIAL PLANNING
TO 11 DECEMBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400067, FIN300159

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Financial Planning on the Community Grants Program - December 2019;**
2. **provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy; and**

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce	\$4,000
Mudgee Historical Society	\$1,600
Back to Gulgong Weekend Incorporated	\$5,000
Mudgee Triathlon Club	\$1,113
Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Smallbore Club Inc.	\$500
Mudgee Bushwalking and Bike Riding Club Inc.	\$948

3. **decline to provide financial assistance to the following applicant, for the reasons provided in the report;**

- **Kandos Returned Services Community Club Ltd**

Executive summary

This report considers requests for financial assistance under Council's Community Grants Program Policy.

Provision is made in Council's Community Grants Program Policy to provide financial assistance to not-for-profit community-based organisations, groups and individuals that offer a significant contribution to community outcomes and goals as provided in the Towards 2030 Community Plan.

All applications were first reviewed for eligibility and then assessed by a panel of three staff against the following criteria relative to the amount of funding requested:

- Degree of benefit to the community aligned with the community plan
- Level of consultation and collaboration with other local groups
- Organisational capacity to deliver the program or project

Even though an application meets the criteria it may be judged that there is not a significant enough benefit to the community in order to fund or fully fund the request.

A summary of each application is shown below, together with panel recommendations.

Applicant	Project/Activity	Funding Request (\$)	Total Score out of 9	Recommended Amount (\$)
Gulgong Chamber of Commerce	Mudgee Regional Community Magazine	10,000	6	4,000
Kandos Returned Services Community Club Ltd	Sanding Of Stage & Auditorium Floors	5,000	3	-
Mudgee Historical Society	Construction of Accessible Toilet at the Mudgee Museum	1,600	6	1,600
Back to Gulgong Weekend Incorporated	Back to Gulgong 150th Anniversary weekend	5,000	8	5,000
Mudgee Triathlon Club	Mudgee Pool Fees Wavier	1,113	6	1,113
Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Smallbore Club Inc.	Land Rates Reimbursement	1,500	4	500
Mudgee Bushwalking and Bike Riding Club Inc.	Central West Cycle - Marker Post	948	7	948
Total				13,161

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The information provided below gives more detail on each application and the scoring against the policy criteria. Copies of all applications are provided as attachments to the report.

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce requests \$10,000 for Mudgee Regional Community Magazine. The Gulgong Chamber of Commerce is intending to start up a month (possibly fortnightly) magazine along the lines of the current Gulgong Gossip to cover the Mudgee region. This magazine will hopefully in future be fully funded by advertising but in the interim they will require some assistance to fund the first few issues.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 4,000

Kandos Returned Services Community Club Ltd

Kandos Returned Services Community Club Ltd requests \$5,000 for sanding and polishing of the stage and auditorium floors. The club has recently started holding monthly talent quest nights, free for the community to attend.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups, 1.4.3 Provide equitable access to a range of places and spaces for all in the community

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 0

The panel believes that the request to sand and polish floors project did not demonstrate additional benefits to the community as Council facilities are available for hire in Kandos and Rylstone at a low cost that would meet the needs of these events.

Mudgee Historical Society

Mudgee Historical Society requests \$1,600 for Construction of an Accessible Toilet at the Mudgee Museum. The Mudgee Museum currently lacks an accessible toilet - the two existing toilets are not suitable for visitors with mobility limitations such as a needing a cane, a walker, or a wheelchair. They have recently submitted a DA to council to construct a new accessible washroom, which has been approved. They are now seeking funding assist with construction.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.3 Provide equitable access to a range of places and spaces for all in the community, 1.2.1 Respect and enhance the historic character of our Region and heritage value of our towns, 1.3.1 Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 1,600

Back to Gulgong Weekend Incorporated

Back to Gulgong Weekend Incorporated requests \$5,000 for Back to Gulgong 150th Anniversary weekend. Easter weekend 2020 is the celebration of 150 years since gold was found on Red Hill 1870. On Friday 10th April 2020 there will be an old time tennis game with players dress in all whites playing with wooden rackets and afternoon tea served. Saturday will be a family fun day on Red Hill and Sunday evening there will be a Grand Colonial Ball. The previous Back to Gulgong weekend attracted over 4,000 people, including visitors and residents.

Link to Community Plan: 1.2.1 Respect and enhance the historic character of our Region and heritage value of our towns

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 5,000

Mudgee Triathlon Club

Mudgee Triathlon Club requests \$1,113 for Mudgee Pool Fees Wavier. The requested amount above is based on pool hire. The Club holds 7 club races a year including 1 interclub race (against Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo and Orange). Last year the club had between 50-120 competitors at each of the races.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 1,113

Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Smallbore Club In

Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Smallbore Club Inc. requests \$1,500 for Land Rates Reimbursement. The Club believes the in the community benefits of having a shooting range in easy access for members and visitors. The club presently has over 30 members.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 500

Mudgee Bushwalking and Bike Riding Club Inc.

Mudgee Bushwalking and Bike Riding Club Inc. requests \$948 for Central West Cycle -Marker Post. The project involves establishing a back-roads cycle around the central west from Mudgee to Orange. The roads will be marked with a small cycling sign placed on roadside white posts. The trail has been investigated over the past 6 months.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 948

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Governance
Goal	An effective and efficient organisation
Strategy	Pursue efficiencies and ongoing business improvement

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not Applicable

Council Policies

Recommendations are made under the Community Grants Program Policy.

Legislation

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Section 356 granting of financial assistance must be approved by a Council resolution.

Financial implications

Funding of \$110,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$65,122 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$44,878. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation is to provide \$13,161 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$31,717 will remain.

Associated Risks

Not applicable

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27 November 2019

Attachments: 1. Community Grant. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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