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# Business Papers 2020

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020**



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## Item 8: Development

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### 8.3 Create NSW Grant Funding Acceptance

REPORT BY THE MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
TO 17 JUNE 2020 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400087, GRA600041

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Economic Development on the Create NSW Grant Funding Acceptance;**
2. **if successful, accept \$10,000 in grant funding from Create NSW to be utilised towards supporting local talent at the proposed Fermenta Festival;**
3. **amend the 2020/21 Budget and draft 2020/21 Operational Plan as follows:**
  - **increase grant funding received for Fermenta by \$10,000 and increase project expenditure by \$10,000; and**
4. **if successful, authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement with Create NSW for Fermenta Festival**

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#### Executive summary

In May 2020, Council applied for funding from Create NSW. The purpose of this report is to authorise the General Manager to accept funding and sign the funding agreement and other relevant documentation should Council be successful in obtaining grant funding.

#### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

#### Detailed report

At the June 2020, Council approved to accept \$30,000 Grant Funding, if successful, from the Australian Government's Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Fund to support the development and implementation of a new festival to be held in Kandos and Rylstone "Fermenta".

Fermenta is intended to support, recover and grow the economies of the Kandos and Rylstone townships whilst distinguishing the Kandos-Rylstone area as a unique, regionally located destination in NSW.

Funding from Create NSW has been made available to assist the employment of local musicians and talent in regional areas under the 19/20 Regenerate Regional Event Initiative (COVID-19

Quick Response) Fund. An application for \$10,000 has been made to this fund so that local musicians can be employed as part of the entertainment for the event. It is recommended, that Council accept the grant funding of \$10,000, if successful, and authorise the General Manager to sign the funding agreement with Create NSW.

## Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Building a Strong Local Economy</b>
Goal	An attractive business and economic environment
Strategy	Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit

## Strategic implications

### Council Strategies

Council's Towards 2030 Community Plan has a range of strategies supported by the projects proposed to be funded including providing infrastructure and services to cater for current and future needs of the community.

### Council Policies

Not Applicable

### Legislation

Not Applicable

## Financial implications

This grant acceptance will require an amendment to the 2020/21 Budget and draft 2020/21 Operational Plan with an increase of grant funding received for Fermenta by \$10,000 and an increase in project expenditure by \$10,000.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2020/21	-	✓	-
Future Years	-	-	-

## Associated Risks

The additional income will be used to employ local musicians and talent for the proposed event. There is a risk that there is not enough local musicians or talent available for this event, or that there are many that wish to participate. This will be managed through the adoption of a 'call for performers' whereby talent will submit their performance resume and a panel of key stakeholders including those on the Fermenta Advisory Committee will use an agreed criteria to select the appropriate artists.

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12 June 2020

*Attachments:* Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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