

6.2.7 Financial Assistance Applications

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT TO 2 APRIL 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Financial Assistance report to council 02 April 2014

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the Financial Accountant on the Financial Assistance Applications be received;**
2. **Council provide financial assistance to the following applicants in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Financial Assistance Policy, subject to those requirements being met, with the funding from the general financial assistance vote:**

Cudgegong Country Ball Committee	\$749
Painters@Mudgee	\$39
Mudgee Support Group, Guide Dogs NSW	\$246.14

Executive summary

This report considers requests for financial assistance under the Council's Financial Assistance Policy.

Detailed report

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

Following are excerpts from submissions for financial assistance, together with staff comments on the applications.

CUDGEGONG COUNTRY BALL COMMITTEE

The 2nd annual Cudgegong Country Ball will be held on the 30th August 2014. Last year's event raised \$8000 for local schools. The request is for financial assistance by way of waiving the Rylstone Hall hire fee between 25/08/2014 to 31/08/2014.

We recommend that Council approve the amount of \$749.

PAINTERS@MUDGE

Further to the request of Painters@Mudgee from Council Meeting 20th February, Council agreed to waive the Stables Hire Fee for a group show being held on Friday 11th April. The booking is also for the Saturday 12th April which was not noted on the first letter.

They are asking for further support by way of waiving the Stables hire fee for the Saturday and we recommend that Council approve the amount of \$39 for the use of the Stables.

MUDGEES SUPPORT GROUP, GUIDE DOGS NSW

Mudgee Support Group of Guide Dogs NSW is a not-for-profit organisation and is organising a fundraising event at the Mudgee Showground on the 1st May 2014. The request is for Council to consider decreasing the hire fee for the Showground and waiving the bond. The hire fee is \$525/day and a bond of \$850 is applicable.

We recommend that Council contribute the remaining financial assistance general funds to Mudgee Support Group, Guide Dogs NSW. However, should the prior recommendations be approved the remaining funds available for this request are \$246.14.

Due to the full allocation of financial assistance funds, it is recommended that Councillors consider using their discretionary funds to assist in raising a further \$1,128.86 to meet this request.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

Funding of \$152,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for Financial Assistance. An additional \$32,636 has been allocated to the budget giving total funding of \$184,636.

Surplus funds which were approved in the Operational Plan have been returned to the budget and are outlined below:

- \$1500 from Kandos/Rylstone Swimming Club as the event in did not proceed.
- \$796.62 unspent from the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days allocation.

\$180,965.86 has been allocated to date, leaving a balance of \$1,034.14. Should Council approve the donations in accordance with the recommendation, the financial assistance budget will be fully spent.

The Councillor's Discretionary vote for 2013/14 is \$2,000 per Councillor. The balances are detailed below:

Councillor	Remaining Funds
Cr Thompson	\$1,300.00
Cr Shelley	\$450.00
Cr Walker	\$1,217.44
Cr Webb	\$700.00
Cr Martens	\$1,300.00
Cr Kennedy	\$2,000.00
Cr Weatherley	\$2,000.00
Cr White	\$450.00
Cr Cavalier	\$800.00

Community Plan implications

Council's Financial Assistance Policy applies.

NEIL BUNGATE
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

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DIRECTOR, FINANCE & AMINISTRATION

21 March 2014

Attachments: 1. Applications for financial assistance

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:


WARWICK L BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

24/2/14

To Mid - Western Regional Council,

I am writing on behalf of The Cudgegong Country Ball Committee.

We are holding our 2nd annual Cudgegong Country Ball on the 30th August 2014, and request the hall from 25/8/14 to the 31/8/14.

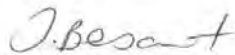
Last years ball was a great success as we raised \$8000 dollars for local schools.

We are hoping like last year you will waiver the hall fees to aid our fundraising efforts.

As per last year we would like to also confirm that we will be covered by council's public liability insurance.

We thank you for taking the time to consider our request and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours Sincerely
Tanya Besant



Cudgegong Country Ball Committee.
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Regional Council
Mudgee



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Dear Councillors,

From the 6th to the 13th of April a contingent of renowned Australian landscape artists will be converging on the township of Mudgee and surrounding areas for a week of Plein Air painting. Plein Air meaning to go out into our beautiful region to paint the local landscapes.

We currently have thirty four visiting artists confirmed to attend, each bringing their respective partners, as well as a troupe of local artists. All will be staying at various places in and around town, which will be a boost to the local tourist economy, something which I am sure you will agree is beneficial to all the region.

At the end of the week of painting, on Friday the 11th April 2014, a group show has been organised to be held at The Stables which will be open to all, artists and locals alike. I have already booked this venue for that event for April 11th and 12th. As all of the organisation for the entire week long event has been done on a voluntary basis, by myself, and with the influx of tourist dollars into the region, I feel it would be beneficial if the Mid-Western Council could show their support by at least waiving the hire fee of the Stables for the event. In return I would be pleased to advertise your generosity through use of your logo on our exhibition poster. You have already waived the fees for Friday night could you please waive the fees for Saturday 12th of April.

As this is an annual event, with more artists coming to the region each year, purely from word of mouth or from interest generated by the beautiful artworks which are created during the week. What better way to explore the beauty of our region than through the eyes of landscape artists. Any support you would be able to show us would be greatly appreciated by all.

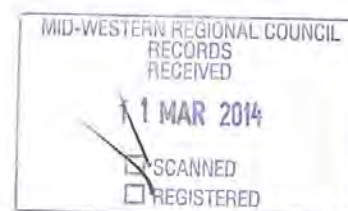
With regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Merilyn Burch Carney'.

Merilyn Burch Carney

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Zola Spurr

From: Sue Ann White [sueannwhite@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, 10 March 2014 3:32 PM
To: Council
Subject: Hire of Pavilion with kitchen at Mudgee Showground.

Kate Power.
Community Services,
Midwestern Regional Council
Mudgee.

Dear Kate,

I am representing the Mudgee Support Group of Guide Dogs NSW and would like to know if our group would be eligible for a council grant if we hired the Main Pavilion and Kitchen at the Mudgee Showground for a fundraising event. We require a venue on 1st May this year. I have spoken to MWRC and understand that the hire fee is \$525.00/day and there is also a bond of \$850.00.

I am wondering if the council would consider decreasing the hire fee and waiving the bond for our group as we are raising money for the Guide Dogs and are a not-for-profit organisation.

I hope to hear back from you soon.

Kind regards,
Sue Ann White.
President

Mudgee Support Group, Guide Dogs NSW.

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