

## 6.2.6 Financial Assistance Applications

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT TO 5 MARCH 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

140305 Council

GOV400038, A0100056, A0140201

### 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:**

<b>Botobolar Community Committee</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Painters@Mudgee</b>	<b>\$39</b>

### 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.

#### *BOTOBOLAR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE*

The Botobolar Community Committee has recently installed a new community information sign at the Botobolar Fire Shed. The purpose of the sign is to inform locals about forthcoming events and local fire information. The sign has cost in the vicinity of \$2,200 to build and install and they are seeking a small contribution towards the cost. We recommend that Council approve the amount of \$500.

#### *PAINTERS@MUDGE*

From the 6th to the 13th of April a group of landscape artists will be visiting the region for the course of a week. At the end of the week of painting, on Friday 11th April, a group show has been organised to be held at The Stables which will be open to all, artists and locals alike. They are asking for support by way of waiving the Stables hire fee and we recommend that Council approve the amount of \$39 for the use of the Stables.

#### Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod Committee

The Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod Committee are in the process of organising the 34th Prince of Wales Eisteddfod. It is with the support of the local community and business that the

Eisteddfod has been able to run for 33 years and beyond. They would welcome any donation that Councillors may be able to make from their discretionary funds towards this year's event.

### Financial and Operational Plan implications

Funding of \$152,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for Financial Assistance. An additional \$30,000 has been allocated to the budget giving total funding of \$182,000. \$181,223.48 has been allocated to date, leaving a balance of \$776.52. Should Council approve the donations in accordance with the recommendation, the financial assistance budget balance will be \$237.52.

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Remaining Funds</b>
Cr Thompson	\$1,600.00
Cr Shelley	\$1,450.00
Cr Walker	\$1,217.44
Cr Webb	\$1,200.00
Cr Martens	\$1,300.00
Cr Kennedy	\$2,000.00
Cr Weatherley	\$2,000.00
Cr White	\$450.00
Cr Cavalier	\$1,700.00

### Community Plan implications

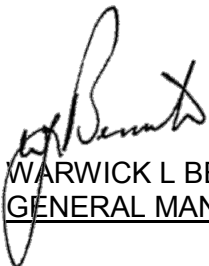
Council's Financial Assistance Policy applies.

NEIL BUNGATE  
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

21 February 2014

*Attachments:* 1. Applications for financial assistance

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



WARWICK L BENNETT  
GENERAL MANAGER



Cr John Webb  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Mudgee

Dear Cr Webb,

The Botobolar Community Committee has recently installed a new community information sign at the Botobolar Fire Shed. The purpose of the sign is to inform locals about forthcoming events and local fire information.

The sign has cost in the vicinity of \$2,200 to build and install. The work has been coordinated by John MacDonald and he has been able to secure good local support. The sign was designed and manufactured by Complete Steel at or near cost. Printing for the sign was done by Image Signs at no cost.

The Cooyal Fire Brigade has agreed to make a contribution towards the cost and the Committee would like to seek your support for MWRC to also make a small contribution towards the cost. I have discussed this with Neil Bungate and he has indicated he would put something before the Council at a forthcoming meeting. The Committee has asked the Council consider making a contribution of \$500.00 towards the cost.

The sign was recently installed by a few locals -John MacDonald, Jim and Judy Lynch, Matt Lynch, Gavin Gardner and Judy Rogers and myself. The Committee firmly believes that the new sign will serve the Botobolar community well for many years to come.

Any support you can lend would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

David Sargeant  
Secretary  
Botobolar Community Committee

February 18, 2014

Mid-Western  
Regional Council  
Mudgee



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17-02-14.

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 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. 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.

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

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## GULGONG PRINCE OF WALES EISTEDDFOD

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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Councillor Des Kennedy  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
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MUDGEES NSW 2850



Dear Des

### RE: 34<sup>th</sup> PRINCE OF WALES EISTEDDFOD

It is hard to believe that our Eisteddfod has been going for over 30 years. Since its inception and through the hard work and dedication of many volunteers, the Eisteddfod has provided the children of the district (and beyond) with a unique opportunity to perform and grow as performers in a competition setting. Many of these children have gone on to establish careers in the fields of dance, music and drama.

In addition, the Eisteddfod has in recent years provided important funds for the on-going maintenance, conservation, enhancement and promotion of the Prince of Wales Opera House as a centre of excellence for the performing arts throughout the region. Its reputation is such that it has attracted widespread attention from many established performers such as: Jane Rutter, Co-Opera, The Sydney Mandolin Orchestra, Alturas, The Melbourne Scottish Fiddlers, Simon Tedeschi, Roger Woodward and James Morrison – to mention but a few and all of whom have performed here. In order to continue this good work, 2014 funds have been earmarked for the external painting of the building.

The success of the Eisteddfod in recent years has been due in no small part to the generous sponsorship of local businesses and individuals. To this end, the Eisteddfod Committee would welcome any donation you may be able to make from your discretionary fund towards this year's event. In so doing, you too will be helping to make sure that The Prince of Wales Eisteddfod continues to support local youth as well as the conservation and promotion of our wonderful theatre which is a recognised item of national heritage significance.

Thanking you most sincerely in anticipation of your support.

Yours truly,

Gerald Rowles  
(For: Prince of Wales Eisteddfod Committee)