REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TO 18 OCTOBER 2017 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Acting Chief Financial Officer on the Community Grants Program - Quarter 2; and

2. provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Program Policy, subject to those requirements being met;

   The Business Concierge Ltd $2,000
   Cudgegong Valley Public School P & C $3,000
   Mudgee Triathlon Club $1,680
   BreastScreen Greater Western $1,655
   Mudgee Civilian Rifle & Small Bore Club Inc. $1,000
   Rylstone & Kandos Men’s Shed $1,015
   Rotary Club of Rylstone – Kandos $3,000

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
- Amount of resident participation
- 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 recommendation.
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**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 application are provided as attachments to the report.
The Business Concierge Ltd

The Business Concierge Ltd operates for the charitable purpose of supplying the Survivor Life Skills programs to the youth of Australia through visits to high schools and primary schools. The program provides students with finance literacy skills, interview employment, career skills and other life skills not covered in the school curriculum. Based on the previous 11 years of experience in the region they anticipate 500 to 800 students will participate in the program.

**RECOMMENDATION**  $2,000

*Link to Community Plan: 3.3.2 Build strong linkages with institutions providing education, training and employment pathways in the Region.*

Cudgegong Valley Public School – P & C

Cudgegong Valley Public School P&C along with the Garden Club will be organising the Cudgegong Valley Public School Garden Fair on 5th November 2017. All fundraising will be halved between Cudgegong Valley Public School P&C and Garden Club to be allocated towards the proposed items:
- P&C - Multi-purpose all weather sports court
- Garden Club - Composting system

**RECOMMENDATION**  $3,000

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

*Link to Community Plan: 2.1.3 Raise community awareness of environmental and biodiversity issues*
Link to Community Plan: 2.3.1 Educate, promote and support the community in implementing waste minimisation strategies

Link to Community Plan: 2.3.3 Support programs that create environmental awareness and promote sustainable living

**Mudgee Triathlon Club**

Mudgee Triathlon Club request the waiver of pool hire and entry fees for their seven club races during the 2017/18 season. The estimated value is $2,100. Races are open to all to participate and not exclusively for members, which is in line with community plan strategy 1.1.3 noted below. Each year the club hosts an interclub race against Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo and Orange which last year attracted over 60 visitors and their families to the region.

**RECOMMENDATION** $1,680

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

**BreastScreen Greater Western**

BreastScreen will be offering screening in Mudgee from 24 October and request assistance to meet the costs of transporting the unit from Maitland to Mudgee. BreastScreen offers a free screening mammogram service to women over 40 years (specifically targeting women aged 50-74). The mobile unit travels across Western & Far West NSW, more than 50% of all regional & rural women receive their screens on the mobile van.
RECOMMENDATION $1,655

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.2 Work with key partners and the community to lobby for the effective health services in our region.

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

**Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Small Bore Club Inc.**

The Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Smallbore Club Inc provide facilities for licenced shooters to take part in target shooting activities, for hunters to sight in their rifles and run firearms safety training and assessment courses. The club has about twenty members with at least half of these taking part in weekly shoots. Next year at the Easter shoot event it is anticipated that at least forty shooters will take part.

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Benefits and link to the community plan

1 ★

Amount of resident participation

2 ★★★

Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2 ★★★

Capacity to deliver the program or project

RECOMMENDATION $1,000

Link to Community Plan: 1.3.1 Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

**Rylstone & Kandos Men’s Shed**

The Rylstone & Kandos Men’s Shed has 27 members which offer support to many community organisations. Some examples include Kandos/Rylstone Show, Rotary Christmas Events, Historical Society, Kandos High School and Kandos Charity Shop. The Men’s Shed request a rate reimbursement of $1015.

3 ★★★

Benefits and link to the community plan

2 ★★

Amount of resident participation

3 ★★★

Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2 ★★

Capacity to deliver the program or project
RECOMMENDATION  $1,015

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles.
Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups
Link to Community Plan: 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

Rotary Club of Rylstone - Kandos

The Rotary Club of Rylstone – Kandos request funding for the annual Christmas Carnival celebrations. The event provides the entire community the opportunity to gather and celebrate Christmas whilst also involving many other local organisations the opportunity to fund raise and promote themselves. It is anticipated to attract in excess of 500 residents.

3 ★★★
Benefits and link to the community plan

3 ★★★
Amount of resident participation

3 ★★★
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

3 ★★★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

RECOMMENDATION  $3,000

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

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

Community Plan implications

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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 in accordance with a Council resolution.

Financial implications
Funding of $120,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for Financial Assistance. $45,825 has already been allocated for ongoing commitments, leaving a balance of $74,175.

Should Council approve the recommendations in this report, a balance of $60,825 will remain.

Associated Risks
Not applicable.

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ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
29 September 2017

2. Community Grants - Cudgegong Valley Public School P & C. (separately attached)
3. Community Grants - Mudgee Triathlon Club. (separately attached)
4. Community Grants - BreastScreen Greater Western. (separately attached)
5. Community Grants - Mudgee Civilian Rifle and Small Bore Club Inc. (separately attached)
6. Community Grants - Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed Inc. (separately attached)
7. Community Grants - Rotary Club of Rylstone & Kandos. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER