

9.4 Community Grants Program

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
TO 20 FEBRUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400067, FIN300159

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Financial Accountant on the Community Grants Program;
2. provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy;

Kandos Public School – Presentation Day	\$250
Mudgee Writers – Mudgee Valley Writers Biennial Competition	\$500
Riding for the Disabled – Showground Arena bookings	\$4,640
Gulgong, Mudgee, Rylstone Branch - National Trust of Australia (NSW) – Venue hire	\$90
Kanandah Retirement Ltd – DA Fees for new	\$2,714

3. do not provide financial assistance to the following applicants, for the reasons provided in the report;

Mandurah Studio – Arts and Crafts Mudgee

Deirdre Butler – Art, Craft and Textile Exhibition

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	Total Project Cost \$	Funding Request \$	Total Score out of 9.00	Recommended Funding \$
Kandos Public School	Kandos Public School Presentation Day 2018	1,010	1,000	5.00	250
Mudgee Writers	Mudgee Valley Writers' Biennial Competition	2,250	1,000	6.67	500
Mandurah Studio - Arts and Crafts Mudgee	Art and Craft Local Tourist Signage	Unknown	Not Provided	1.00	0
Deirdre Butler	Art, Craft and Textile Exhibition - Stables Hire	235	235	3.67	0
Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Mudgee Centre	Showground arena bookings x 32	N/A	4,640	5.67	4,640
Gulgong, Mudgee, Rylstone Branch - National Trust of Australia (NSW)	Stables booking x 1	100	90	5.00	90
Kanandah Retirement Ltd	DA fees for the Kanandah Wattle Café	67,741	2,714	5.00	2,714

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.

Kandos Public School

Presentation Day at Kandos Public School was held on the 12/12/2018. Presentation Day recognises the achievements and successes of students including ATSI students and students with disabilities from K-6 in English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Science and Sport. Students are awarded with scholarships, prizes and vouchers to acknowledge high levels of achievement, participation and development.

Kandos high have requested a contribution towards the presentation day of \$1,000.

1.67 ★★
Benefits and link to the community plan

1.33 ★★
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.00 ★★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.2 Supports arts and cultural development across the Region.

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

RECOMMENDATION

\$250

Mudgee Writers

Mudgee Valley Writers, (MVW) under the auspices of the State body of the Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc. wish to run a Biennial writing competition in 2019 for adult, novice and children's sections of prose and poetry. The funding is required for the administration costs of the project, such as advertising, postage, stationery and a portion will go toward the prizes. The competition runs from Jan 2019 to July 2019.

Mudgee Writers have requested a contribution from Council of \$1000.

1.67 ★★
Benefits and link to the community plan

3.00 ★★★
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.00 ★★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.2 Supports arts and cultural development across the Region.

RECOMMENDATION

\$500

Mandurah Studio - Arts and Crafts Mudgee

Mandurah Studio – Arts and Crafts Mudgee have requested that Council supply tourism signage situated on the State road network (Castlereagh Highway (roundabout at Horatio/Church intersection) to direct visitors to their art and craft shop. The Local Community Co Op Art and Craft Shop is just situated off the beaten track (at the old Railway Building), and they would love to bring it to more people's attention.

Please note that the Acting Manager – Works, also received the applicants request and they have responded to the applicant indicating that this request would need to be assessed and approved by the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC).

1 ★
Benefits and link to the community plan

0
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

0
Capacity to deliver the program or project

NOT RECOMMENDED

Deirdre Butler

Deirdre Butler has applied to have the booking fee of \$235 reimbursed to her for an Art, Craft and Textile Exhibition being held at the Stables Gallery Mudgee at Easter 2019.

1.67 ★★
Benefits and link to the community plan

0.00
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.00 ★★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.2 Supports arts and cultural development across the Region.

NOT RECOMMENDED

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Mudgee Centre

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Mudgee have applied for a fee waiver for the hire of the Showground Arena to be used on Wednesdays from 6am to 3pm, from the 1st of February 2019 to the 10th of December 2019, this equates to 32 bookings at \$145 per day, totalling \$4,640.

Riding for the Disabled is a not for profit organisation and we provide a fantastic service for our local residents with disabilities. This activity improves their confidence, communication, motor skills as well as having fun filled time with the horses and volunteers.

Please also note that at Councils meeting 1 February 2012 MN 28/12 it was approved for Riding for the Disabled to use the grassed area of the Showground at no cost effective from 1 July 2012.

3.00 ★★ ★
Benefits and link to the community plan

0.00
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.67 ★★ ★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

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

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

Link to Community Plan: Strategy 1.4.3 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups.

RECOMMENDATION

\$4,640

Gulgong, Mudgee, Rylstone Branch - National Trust of Australia (NSW)

A local event, focusing on “Stories of Gold” with static display, speakers and audiovisual input – all reflecting on the stores of gold across our Region. The event is open to the public and will be advertised locally.

The Gulgong, Mudgee, Rylstone Branch of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) have requested that the booking fee for the hire of the stables is waived, being a total value of \$90.

2.67 ★★ ★
Benefits and link to the community plan

0.00
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.33 ★★ ★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.2 Supports arts and cultural development across the Region.

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

RECOMMENDATION

\$90

Kanandah Retirement Ltd

Kanandah Retirement Ltd are requesting that Council waive DA fees to the value of \$2,714 for the establishment of the Wattle Café.

Kanandah’s vision is to create a warm, inviting and vibrant entrance to our aged care facility by creating a café for residents and their families serving high quality barista coffee, a selection of fine teas as well as cakes, muffins and treats for children. In addition, a dedicated reception office will be created to serve the immediate needs of residents and their families. The café is not a commercial venture.

2.67 ★★ ★
Benefits and link to the community plan

0.33 ★
Consultation and collaboration with other local groups

2.00 ★★
Capacity to deliver the program or project

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: Strategy 1.4.3 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups.

RECOMMENDATION **\$2,714**

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 \$121,800 is provided in the Operational Plan for Financial Assistance. \$73,312 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$48,488.

Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$40,294 will remain.

Associated Risks

Not applicable

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

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MANAGER FINANCIAL PLANNING

LEONIE JOHNSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

31 January 2019

- Attachments:*
1. Community Grant Application - Kandos Public School.pdf. (separately attached)
 2. Community Grant Application - Mudgee Writers_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)
 3. Community Grants Application Form - Tourist Signage_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)
 4. Community Grants Application Form - art craft and textile exhibition_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)
 5. Community Grant Application - Riding for the disabled_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)
 6. Community Grant Application - Gulgong, Mudgee, Rylstone branch National trust of Aust_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)
 7. Community Grant Application - Kanandah Retirement Ltd_Redacted.pdf. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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GENERAL MANAGER