9.8 Kids & Carers Support Group Kandos Rylstone - Request for Extension

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY OFFICER
TO 15 APRIL 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, P1985111

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Property Officer on the Kids & Carers Support Group Kandos Rylstone - Request for Extension of time;

2. Council approve an 18 month extension on the requirement to have the Kids & Carers premises to be constructed and operational within 5 years, bringing the deadline to November 2021; and

3. approve financial assistance to Kids & Carers Support Group for $15,000, funded from Financial Assistance.

Executive summary

At the 4 May 2015 ordinary meeting, Council adopted the report to sell 45 Dunn Street, Kandos to Kids & Carers Support Group Kandos Rylstone Incorporated for nil consideration but with certain conditions to be imposed in the contract of sale.

One of those conditions as stipulated in the contract of sale, and registered through a caveat registered on title, required that the proposed Kids & Carers premises be constructed and operational within a period of five years from the date of the Council resolution or the Title will revert back to Council.

Kids & Carers Support Group Kandos Rylstone are now seeking Council consent to an extension of time as they will not presently meet the 5 year deadline due to ongoing environmental influences.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The Kids & Carers Support Group Kandos Rylstone is a registered charity who source their primary revenue from donations and bequests, and receive community support from volunteers who donate their trade, time and labour.

Since the handover of 45 Dunn Street by Council to the charity they have made significant progress, with a house now erected although not quite finished. Please refer to attachment 1 which includes photos of the premises in its current condition.
Unfortunately due to significant events such as ongoing drought, fires and now the Covid-19 pandemic, the charity has been severely impacted over this time, as has the local community, who have previously been very proactive in providing continued support through financial contributions and volunteer labour.

It is recommended that Council grant an extension of 18 months to the initial deadline, with the premises to be built and operational by November 2021.

It is also recommended that Council provide a financial contribution of $15,000 to assist Kids & Carers Support Group in fulfilling their obligation to complete the building and all associated works on time, whilst also using this as an opportunity to stimulate local economy financially through employment of local trade and workers, rather than Kids & Carers Support Group relying on financial donations and volunteer labour which is now adversely impacted given the ongoing drought conditions, fires, and Covid-19 pandemic.

Community Plan implications

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Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**
Not Applicable

**Council Policies**
Not Applicable

**Legislation**
Not Applicable

Financial implications

Amend the 2019/20 budget to donate $15,000 to Kids & Carers Support Group funded from financial assistance, no budget variation is required

Associated Risks
Not Applicable

KELLY BARNES
PROPERTY OFFICER

LEONIE JOHNSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1 April 2020


*APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:*

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER
Mid-Western Regional Council
Attention Mr Brad Cam

Dear Mr Cam

I am writing to you in relation to the letter Kids & Carers received on the 24th March 2020 regarding item 10 of the Contract of Sale on 45 Dunn Street Kandos – Lot1 DP1192154 KAC’s house. We have been making great progress (see attached photos). It is hard to believe a house is now standing on what was once an empty unused/unsaleable block. This wouldn’t have been achieved without the help of our local community/businesses and some great volunteers.

Unfortunately due to the fires and extreme weather conditions we have experienced in our community, it looks like we won’t be able to meet certain deadlines that were set by Mid-Western Regional Council. As you can understand, our small committee is extremely disappointed, as we were looking forward to showing you the finished product.

In light of this current situation, we are asking Mid-Western Regional Council for an extension on the time frame given to have this house fully operational, as we are so close to having this project completed and fulfilling our commitment. Your understanding on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, Kids & Carers cannot thank you enough for the economic support you have shown to this very worthwhile project.

If you have any question, or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Maureen Phillips
President
Kids & Carers Kandos/Rylstone Inc