11.3 Hargraves and District Progress Association Inc. Financial Assistance

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

TO 15 JUNE 2022 ORDINARY MEETING GOV400098, A0060040

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. receive the report by the Director Community on the Hargraves and District Progress Association Inc. Financial Assistance; and
- 2. provide financial assistance to the Hargraves and District Progress Association Inc for an amount of \$6,310.00

Executive summary

Hargraves District and Progress Association Inc. requested \$12,619.00 for the replacement of a lawn mower. As part of the Village Subsidy scheme, the Hargraves and District Progress Association carry out open space maintenance activities in the area.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Hargraves District and Progress Association Inc. applied for \$12,619 for a replacement lawn mower under Council's Community Grants Program in 2021. As per the Capital Grants Category under Council's Community Grants Program Policy, a maximum of \$25,000 or 50% of the total project cost, whichever is the lower may be provided. A total of \$6,310 was provided via resolution at the Council meeting on 16 June 2021.

The Association has since contacted Council to request further funding toward the lawn mower as they do not have the capacity to raise further funds.

It is reccommended that Council provide financial assistance to the Hargraves and District Association for the remaining \$6,310 to purchase the lawn mower in order to continue to maintain the open space areas and uphold the aesthetic of the town.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Vibrant towns and villages
Strategy	Maintain and promote the aesthetic appeal of the towns and villages within the Region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Community Plan

Council Policies

Community Grants Program Policy

Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Financial implications

There are sufficient remaining funds in the Community Grants financial assistance budget for this financial year to cover this cost.

Associated Risks

The open space areas at Hargraves will go unmaintained, unless further Council resources are provided. This will cause an impact on safety as well as the aesthetic appeal of the township.

SIMON JONES DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

3 June 2022

Attachments: 1. Hargraves and District Progress Association Inc Letter.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY



12th October 2020

Hargraves & District Progress Association Inc



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The General Manager
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Dear Sir/Madam.

On behalf of the Hargraves and District Progress Association and Hargraves Village we would like to take this opportunity to ask when and if there will be an Official naming and opening day for our Louisa Park, and if so what day and time would this take place. We also thought that a wooden name plaque would be appropriate to continue the theme of the area involved.

We would also like to enquire whether there would be an opportunity for Council to supply us with a new second hand ride on mower to replace the old, old mower that we have now. The mower we are using is still in reasonable working order a few problems that seem never to go away even after an arranged service has been done, and as the mower is a lot larger than the mowers Council use it would not fit on the trailer that Council sent out to collect it for its annual service. We now have to wait for a longer trailer to be made available. We hope Council will consider our request so that we may continue to keep our grounds neat and tidy.

Yours faithfully,

Jone & Elliott

Irene E Elliott Hon. Secretary