

9.6 Community Grants Program - July 2022

REPORT BY THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTING & ANALYSIS
 TO 20 JULY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
 GOV400098, FIN3000159

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Financial Planning Coordinator on the Community Grants Program - July 2022; and
2. provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy:

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.	\$10,000
Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc. and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc.	\$5,000
Western Region Academy of Sport Inc. (WRAS)	\$1,134
Business Mudgee	\$5,690
Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy	\$893

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 2040 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	Funding Request \$	Total Score out of 9	Recommended Amount \$
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.	Monthly Community Newsletter Community Capers	12,000	8	10,000

Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc. and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc.	Mudgee Showground Carols 2022	9,875	9	5,000
Western Region Academy of Sport Inc. (WRAS)	Annual operation of the Western Region Academy of Sport	1,512	7	1,512
Business Mudgee	Heart of Cudgegong - Defib Project	5,690	9	5,690
Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy	Purchase replacement battery and pads for Defibrillator & replace fire extinguishers	893	8	893
Total				22,717

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 Rylstone Community Radio Inc.

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc. requests \$12,000 for Monthly Community Newsletter Community Capers. The funding is requested for publishing, printing and distribution of the Rylstone Kandos Monthly newsletter. This newsletter has benefited the Mid-Western Region Community for over two decades through publicising new and existing businesses, community events, items of interest, community announcements and services across a range of providers each month.

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

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$10,000

The Panel scored the application as 8 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so the maximum Cap amount under the community grant category was recommended.

Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc. and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc.

Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc. and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc. requests a total of \$ 9,875 (\$5,000 cash, \$ 1140 fee waiver for Mudgee Showground, \$ 3,400 in-kind support for the erection and removal of show banner and \$ 335 fee waiver for bins hire) for Mudgee Showground Carols 2022. Project/activity is annual celebration of Christmas for Mudgee community. The event gives Mudgee families and others the opportunity to come together to celebrate Christmas in an alcohol-

free family environment. Santa lands on Showground in a Commercial Helicopter sponsored helicopter. The event comes to a conclusion with a fantastic fireworks spectacular.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups, 1.4.2 Support arts and cultural development across the Region

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Community Events: Cap \$ 5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 5,000

The Panel scored the application as 9 and there appears to be significant link to the Council Community Plan so the maximum cap amount under the community grant category was recommended.

Western Region Academy of Sport Inc. (WRAS)

Western Region Academy of Sport Inc. (WRAS) requests \$1,512 for Annual operation of the Western Region Academy of Sport. MRAS provides regional athletes and coaches with pathways to progress to higher levels of sports representation. Athletes receive intensive training sessions, education, sports performance support and elite level competition. WRAS members receive opportunities not necessarily available to regional sportspeople.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community, 1.3.1 Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 1,512

The Panel scored the application as a 7, however it is noted that this is an annual contribution and therefore it is recommended to fund the full amount.

Business Mudgee

Business Mudgee requests \$5,690 for Heart of Cudgegong - Defib Project . The Heart of Cudgegong - Defib project will promote the location installation of Defibrillators or Automated Defibrillators (AEDs) in all communities including Kandos, Mudgee and outlying villages to positively impact cardiac arrest survival rates. To start we wish to install two 24/7 public accessible defibrillators in the Mudgee CBD and Caerleon areas.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community 1.1.2 Work with key partners and the community to lobby for effective health services in our Region, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 5,690

The Panel scored the application as 9 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so the full amount requested was recommended.

Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy

Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy requests \$893 for Purchase replacement battery and pads for Defibrillator & replace fire extinguishers. Mudgee legacy offers a range of support for dependants of deceased and incapacitated veterans and their families. Each month there is a meeting/ luncheon for the widows of the Mudgee community.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community 1.1.2 Work with key partners and the community to lobby for effective health services in our Region, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 893

The Panel scored the application as 8 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so the full amount requested was recommended.

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 \$110,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$0 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$110,000. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation of staff is to provide \$23,095 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$86,905 will remain.

Associated Risks

Not applicable

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9 June 2022

Attachments: 1. Community Grants. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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