

## 9.2 Community Grants Program - October 2022

REPORT BY THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTING & ANALYSIS  
TO 19 OCTOBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400098, FIN3000159

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

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

<b>Mudgee Lions Club</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>Running Stream Recreation Reserve Trust</b>	<b>1,459</b>
<b>Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Mudgee Region MTB Incorporated (MRMTB)</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed Inc</b>	<b>1,182</b>
<b>Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Business Mudgee</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Country Women's Association Kandos Branch</b>	<b>1,700</b>

3. **decline to provide financial assistance to the following Mudgee Sports Advisory Group applicant, for the reasons provided in the report:**
  - **Molly Hensley**
  - **Sophie Perini**

### 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 except for those under the Youth Representative Grants and the Mudgee Sports Advisory categories 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.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Funding Request \$</b>	<b>Total Score out of 9</b>	<b>Recommended Amount \$</b>
Mudgee Lions Club	Mudgee Lions Community Twilight Market and festival 2022	2,500	8	2,500
Running Stream Recreation Reserve Trust	Replacement of existing BBQ and Installation of level concrete slab	1,459	8	1,459
Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated	Farmers and Makers Markets	6,050	7	5,000
Mudgee Region MTB Incorporated (MRMTB)	Mudgee Common Flood Damage Trail Changes	1,500	8	1,500
Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee	Gulgong Christmas Celebration	3,000	8	3,000
Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed Inc	MWRC Rate relief	1,182	6	1,182
Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc	Cultural Exchange Visit	410	7	410
Business Mudgee	Mind Body and Soul for Men	3,000	8	1,500
Country Women's Association Kandos Branch	Purchase and Instal Heating /Cooling System	3,400	6	1,700
Molly Hensley	Pacific Student Leaders Program	3,650	N/A	0
Sophie Perini	Natonal Youth League Hornets Touch Football	1,669.50	N/A	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>18,251</b>

## 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.

## **Mudgee Lions Club**

Mudgee Lions Club requests \$2,500 for Mudgee Lions Community Twilight Market and festival 2022. Combined market and fun festival for the whole community with a festive, Christmas theme. Held each year since 2014 (the 2020 and 2021 event was held in April due to COVID restrictions), the principal focus is on fun and activities for all of the family while keeping costs as low as possible and also to get the involvement of as many community groups as possible.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups 1.1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community health and safety*

### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 2,500

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.

## **Running Stream Recreation Reserve Trust**

Running Stream Recreation Reserve Trust requests \$1,459 for Replacement of existing BBQ and Installation of level concrete slab. The existing BBQ is in decrepid condition and the current site is sloping. The Hall has been nominated by the RFS as a safer place and this additional cooking venue will assist in feeding those who may seek shelter there and thereby increasing our communities resilience following the disastrous bushfire of 2019/20 which greatly impacted Running Stream. The purchase will be undertaken by the Reserve Land Managers as will the installation of the concrete slab.

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

\$ 1,459

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.

## **Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated**

Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated requests \$6,050 for Farmers and Makers Markets. Request for fee waiver of 12 Month ground hire fees or payment of \$ 6,050 to cover the fees.

*Link to Community Plan: 3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit*

### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 5,000

The Panel scored the application as 7 and there appear to be clear benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so partial funding was recommended. Based on a previous support of Mudgee Farmers Markets it is recommended that the funding be \$5,000.

**Mudgee Region MTB Incorporated (MRMTB)**

Mudgee Region MTB Incorporated (MRMTB) requests \$1,500 for Mudgee Common Flood Damage Trail Changes. The funding would be used to purchase materials for timber bridges and structures to prevent soil erosion in sensitive area.

*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, 1.3.1 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:**

\$ 1,500

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.

**Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee**

Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee requests \$3,000 for Gulgong Christmas Celebration. This is a community family event to celebrate Christmas for the residents of gulgong and surrounding areas.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community health and safety 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 3,000

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

**Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed Inc**

Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed Inc requests \$1,182 for MWRC Rate relief. By obtaining this rate relief will free up funds that can be used for day to day expenses related to the shed.

*Link to Community Plan: 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 - Inkind Grant: Cap \$ 5,000

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 1,182

The Panel scored the application as 6 and there appear to be satisfactory benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so the amount requested was recommended.

### **Rotary Club of Mudjee Sunrise Inc**

Rotary Club of Mudjee Sunrise Inc requests \$410 for Cultural Exchange Visit. They have booked the conference/Seminar Room at Mudjee Arts Precinct for a Meet and Greet Session of visiting Migrant & Refugee Women visiting Mudjee for the weekend of 10-11 September. Women are hosted by Rotarians and friends in their own homes. Various activities around Mudjee over the weekend.

*Link to Community Plan: 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups*

### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$410

The Panel scored the application as 7 and there appear to be clear benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so the requested amount was recommended.

### **Business Mudjee**

Business Mudjee requests \$3,000 for Mind Body and Soul for Men. They are planning a Men's Wellness event in November 2022 as part of Movember and an opportunity for businessmen to network. The event will be held at Kelly's Hotel, a Business Mudjee Member. Guest speaker will include a local real estate agent who is a great supporter of Movember and happy to speak about the mental health issues that he faces; a local male head nurse who is very involved in mental health.

*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*

### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 1,500

The Panel scored the application as 8 and there appear to be satisfactory benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so 50% of the requested amount was recommended.

### **Country Women's Association Kandos Branch**

Country Women's Association Kandos Branch requests \$3,400 for Purchase and Instal Heating /Cooling System. At CWA Kandos room to assist looking after the community of Kandos and Surrounding areas.

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

Capital Grants Category: Cap \$

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 1,700

The Panel scored the application as 6 and there appear to be satisfactory benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so 50% of requested amount was recommended.

**Molly Hensley**

Molly Hensley requests \$3,650 for Pacific Student Leaders Program. This is a week long advanced leadership course for young leaders in the Cook Islands. A project that includes enduring activities and leadership roles to learn how to positively influence and lead in the community and on a wider scale.

*Link to Community Plan: Not applicable for Youth Representative Grants Category applicants*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Youth Representative Grants Category: Cap \$ 1,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 0

This application does not meet the Youth Representative Grants Category criteria of being selected to represent Australia at an international competition so the applicant is not eligible for a grant.

**Sophie Perini**

Sophie Perini requests \$1,669.50 for the National Youth League Hornets Touch Football. This is an opportunity for Sophie to participate at a national level. The competition is for 4 days and a day of training.

*Link to Community Plan: Not applicable for Mudgee Sports Advisory Group applicants*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Mudgee Sports Advisory Group: Cap \$ 500

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 0

While we acknowledge that the competition is a national competition, Sophie is representing her region and not the state thus she is not eligible for this grant.

**Community Plan implications**

Theme	Good Government
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 \$118,912 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$26,250 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$92,662. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation of staff is to provide \$18,251 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$74,411 will remain.

## Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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7 September 2022

*Attachments:* 1. Community Grants. (separately attached)  
2. Sports Advisory Group Grants. (separately attached)

### APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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