

## 11.3 Community & Cultural Services Quarterly Update - April to June 2023

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
TO 19 JULY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING  
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### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Community & Cultural Services Quarterly Update - April to June 2023; and
2. note the recent services provided and activities coordinated by Council's Community & Cultural Services Team;

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### Executive summary

This report aims to familiarise Council with services and activities provided by its Community & Cultural Services Department and to inform it of issues and events of note that arose during the period April to June 2023 (inclusive). It also draws Council's attention to a recent request by *Cementa* for additional funding for its youth art/social club program, 'The Uncooperative'.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

Details of Community & Cultural Services quarterly activities, events, milestones and points of note are contained in the attachment to this report. Of particular interest:

- Community Transport could benefit from an increase in its volunteer team in order to reduce unmet requests and alleviate 'volunteer fatigue';
- Family Day Care continues to explore funding opportunities to ensure service sustainability; and
- Mudgee Arts Precinct was one of 424 applications that recently went to Create NSW for program funding, however, only 16% of applications were approved and Mudgee Arts Precinct's application was not one of these.

This report also notes a recent request by *Cementa* to extend funding to assist with delivery of its youth art program/social club. In March 2023, Council entered into an agreement with *Cementa* to contribute \$9,000 (ex GST) to assist in the coordination of *The Uncooperative*, which runs art-based activities for young people aged 13-19 years at the *Wayout* Artspace in Kandos between April and July 2023. The program is also funded by the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments under Disaster Recovery Funding. A copy of the acquittal report for Council is attached to this report, together with a formal request for additional funds in the amount of \$10,900.

## Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

## Strategic implications

### **Council Strategies**

Not Applicable

### **Council Policies**

Not Applicable

### **Legislation**

Not Applicable

## Financial implications

It is recommended that Cementa lodge an application through Council's Community Grants program to seek the additional funding to ensure equity and fairness in providing Council funds for this type of activity moving forward.

## Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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30 June 2023

*Attachments:*

1. Quarterly report from Community & Cultural Services - April to June 2023. (separately attached)
2. The Uncooperative Acquittal July 2023. (separately attached Book 1)
3. Funding Proposal to MWRC - The Uncooperative. (separately attached Book 1)

### APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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