

11.5 Mudgee Town Hall Cinema Equipment

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY
TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400105, REC800016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Mudgee Town Hall Cinema Equipment; and**
2. **amend the 2023/24 budget to increase the Town Hall Cinema Operations budget by \$25,000, to be funded from the Asset Replacement Reserve, for equipment for the Town Hall Cinema.**

Executive summary

There has been a failure with the equipment used to show the movies at the Town Hall Cinema and we are not currently able to run our monthly program of new release movies. A budget of \$25,000 is required to purchase new equipment to allow the movies to continue.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Prior to the January 2024 movies, a failure was noted with the equipment for the Town Hall Cinema and the movies were not able to run. A specialist theatre equipment consultant was engaged to investigate the issue, service all of the existing equipment and report back on any requirements to ensure that the movies could be operational again.

John Coleman from Australian Theatre Supplies attended the Theatre and investigated the issue. It was found that that the GDC Media Server was faulty and would need to be replaced. Based on the cost estimates provided, a budget of \$25,000 will be required to pay for the replacement equipment to ensure that the movies can be operational again. It is hoped that we can get the equipment operation in time for the April movies.

It is noted that the Town Hall Cinema equipment was purchased in 2012 and installed as part of the Town Hall Renovation Project. Much of the sound, lighting and projector equipment is coming to the end of its useful life and further asset replacements will be required over the next few years.

The Town Hall cinema runs as an ongoing partnership between Council and the two Mudgee Rotary organisations. Thousands of tickets are sold each year with the Rotary clubs raising in excess of \$20,000 each year that is used to support worthy community events.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
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

Community Plan
 Cultural Plan

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

This report seeks a budget of \$25,000 for the immediate works required to ensure that the Town Hall Cinema can show movies again.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2023/24	-	-	✓
Future Years	-	-	-

Associated Risks

There is a risk that Council will not be meeting its commitments to the community if we are not able to provide the equipment to ensure that the Town Hall Cinema is operational.

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

13 February 2024

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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GENERAL MANAGER