



MINUTES

Community Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 14 February 2023

at 4:00 PM

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1. Present

Mayor Statham, Cllr Coleman, Cllr Bryce, Rachael Young, Glenda Anthes, Leanne Walding and Gaye MacFarlane.

Staff: Matthew Johnson and Kylie Blakemore

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Declaration of Interest

Nil

4. Previous Minutes 8 November 2022 and 17 January 2023

The Minutes of the 8 November 2023 CDC meeting were ratified by the Committee and reported to Council on 28 November 2022.

The Minutes of the 17 January 2023 CDC meeting were ratified by the Committee and will be reported to Council on 27 February 2023.

4.1 Business Arising

8 November 2023

- Nil

17 January 2023

- Australia Day Awards. The 2023 Australia Day Awards were presented by the Mayor and Ambassador at the Queen Elizabeth Park ceremony.

4.1 Business Arising

The Committee discussed the Lithgow Australia Day event and commented that it went very well including the Award presentations which showcased the achievements of local people. It was agreed that for the 2024 Australia Day event there be more Australian music content and recognition of multicultural Australia. This will be discussed further at a future meeting of the Committee.

Action

That the discussion under Business Arising be noted.

Moved

Glenda Anthes

Seconded Cllr Bryce

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Financial Assistance Requests

Summary

Three financial assistance requests are presented for the Committee's consideration.

Commentary

Requests have been received as follows:

1. Lithgow and District Family History Society

\$1,200 to purchase an overhead scanner to allow digitisation of their records to allow easier access for the community.

2. Allegri Singers c/o Mitchell Conservatorium

\$2,400 to hold a Vivaldi Gloria orchestral and choral concert

3. Wolgan Valley Community Association

\$7,000 to purchase two emergency defibrillators and associated materials and training for residents isolated by the Wolgan Rd landslip.

Approximately \$12,000 of the financial assistance budget is unallocated.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT \$10,600 Financial Assistance be provided to the following three applicants:

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Moved

Mayor Statham

Seconded Clr Coleman

5.2 Disaster Recovery Community Development Officer Report

Summary

A report was provided on recent activities by the Disaster Recovery Community Development Officer.

Commentary

The Disaster Recovery Community Development Officer report included the following:

- The term of this project, funded by the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network, has been extended to 31 March 2023.
- A networking and information sharing 'Community Showcase' event will be held on Saturday 11 March at Portland Golf Club for members of community groups that the project has worked with and that have received or are actively applying for funds. This will be the final activity of the Disaster Recovery Community Development Officer project.
- A training and networking event for community groups and enterprises will be hosted at the Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra Transformation Hub Lithgow on Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th March.
- A number of groups have been assisted with grant applications and collaborative partnering on their project ideas.
- A Community Planning Day will be held with the Glen Alice community group on 4 March on place based, needs based, strengths based precinct planning by and for community.

Action

THAT The report on recent activities by the Disaster Recovery Community Development Officer be noted.

Moved

Clr Bryce

Seconded Rachael Young

5.3 2023 Opera Gala Event

Summary

The Committee discussed the potential holding of this event at the Union Theatre in April 2023.

Commentary

Gaye MacFarlane spoke to the committee about discussions with her contacts in the Opera industry who would be available to perform a one act opera ("Rita" by Donizetti) on two nights – Friday 21

and Saturday 22 April 2023. The cast will include a soprano, tenor and baritone plus pianist Sharolyn Kimmorley who played at the 2022 Union Theatre Opera gala event.

Based on the performer fees of \$13,000 and estimated other costs for staging the event, it is anticipated that the total cost would be around \$18,000 to \$21,000. These costs need to be confirmed.

Ticket prices of \$70 and \$65 concession were suggested. The theatre has a two-night seating capacity of nearly 600. Ticket prices will include complimentary drink and canapes.

Council will need to make a decision very soon if the performers are to be secured for the 21 and 22 April dates.

Staff Comment

Before a commitment can be made by Council to stage this event, the estimation of likely costs will need to be confirmed and a decision taken by the Council Executive to include organisation of the event in Council's work program and the event expenditure in Council's budget.

Recommendation

THAT The Committee support the staging of the Opera Gala in principle with further investigations on cost to be undertaken.

Moved Clr Bryce

Seconded Glenda Anthes

5.4 Update on Current Projects

Summary

An update was provided on current and planned projects within the Community and Culture Department

Commentary

The Committee asked if LithGlow is to be held in May this year and if so which date. Staff will investigate and confirm with the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the naming of the planned Festival of Fire event, promotion of the Reconnecting Regional NSW funded performances and the Live n local music program

Action

THAT The discussion on current projects be noted.

Moved Leanne Walding

Seconded Rachael Young

6. General Business

Nil

Meeting Closed 5:00pm
