



Minutes

Community Development Committee
Tuesday 9 March 2021
4:00pm

Item	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Business arising from previous minutes
4	Australia Day Awards
5	Council Led Bushfire Recovery small grants program
6	Community Recovery Officer Update
7	Dementia Alliance Update
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9	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Coleman, Cllr Statham, Glenda Anthes, Kas Hilton, Leanne Walding, Bryan Williamson, and Rachael Young.

APOLOGIES: Gaye MacFarlane

OFFICERS: Rachel Nicoll, Ali Kim and Matthew Johnson

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Leanne Walding and Rachael Young declared an interest in Item 5 Bushfire Small Grants Program in relation to applications from LINC and Rydal Showground. They left the room during discussion of these applications.

ACTION

THAT The Present, Apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

MOVED: Kas Hilton **SECONDED:** Bryan Williamson

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the 9 February 2021 meeting were endorsed by three people present and were reported to Council on 22 February 2021.

ACTION

THAT The endorsement of the Minutes of the 9 February 2021 meeting by three people present and their reporting to Council 22 February 2021 be noted.

MOVED: Glenda Anthes **SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Australia Day Awards – a Mayoral reception was held on 23 February 2021 to present an Australia Day award to George and Fay Quinell.

Council staff will prepare a report to the May CDC meeting on proposals for improving and streamlining the Australia Day Award nomination process.

2. Mayoral Minute on Bullying - The Mayor tabled a Mayoral Minute, copy attached to this agenda, at the 22 February 2021 Council meeting. The committee asked that thanks be passed on to Summar Hipworth for her work on this matter.

3. Signage: The adequacy of signage to Evans Crown and Ida Falls be investigated by Council staff.

ACTION

THAT The discussion under Business Arising be noted.

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Bryan Williamson

ITEM: 4 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

SUMMARY

The Committee is asked to consider development of a policy on the nomination and the selection processes for future Australia Day Awards.

COMMENTARY

The Committee discussed ways of attracting a greater number of Australia Day Award nominations, streamlining the nomination process and clarifying eligibility criteria.

ACTION

THAT

1. Direct approaches be made to local community and sporting organisations seeking nominations.
2. Council staff review the nomination form and bring to a future CDC meeting.
3. Council staff review the Council Code of Conduct and seek the advice of Council's General Manager on the eligibility of CDC Committee members to receive an Australia Day Award and report this advice back to a future CDC meeting.

MOVED: Kas Hilton

SECONDED: Clr Statham

ITEM: 5 COUNCIL LED BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The Committee considered applications received by the 21 February 2021 closing date.

COMMENTARY

\$62,500 has been allocated by Council for community groups, joint organisations and not-for-profit groups to undertake projects that enhance social recovery and preparedness activities. The program has been made possible by funding from the Federal Government's National Bushfire Recovery Agency and the NSW State Government's Resilience NSW.

Sixteen (16) applications were received to a value of approximately \$142,000 with ten (10) applications to the value of \$62,500 recommended for approval. Applications were first reviewed by Council's Community Recovery Officer for eligibility and given an assessment score based on a number of assessment criteria.

The Committee reviewed the summary of applications and made the following recommendations to Council. The Committee was advised that a number of the applications not recommended may be eligible for funding through Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network and that Council will provide a letter of support to the PHN for these applications. Council will also be calling for 2021/22 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance applications in April 2021 for allocation in July 2021. Unsuccessful applications will be encouraged to apply for this financial assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide \$62,500 Bushfire Recovery funding to the following ten (10) projects:

Organisation and Project Name	Project Outline & Key Elements	Amount requested	Amount Recommended
Mingaan Cultural Healing	A 2 day cultural healing retreat delivered over 2 days (4 days total). Includes healing ceremony, camp fire yarns, cultural activities and Aboriginal mental health first aid training	\$10,000	\$10,000
Wolgan Valley Assoc Inc Community Based Website	Development of a community-based website with information on disaster preparedness, critical information, natural environment and tourism.	\$4,859	\$4,859
Rydal Showground Land Managers Neighbourhood Safer Place Upgrade	Electrical upgrade and safety improvements for ongoing service delivery to the community. Plans to build resilience and responsive capability for future disasters as a Neighbourhood Safer Place or Community Recovery Centre	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre Community Capacity Builders (Proposal A)	Community connection through social capital links and activities through an events calendar and community directory to provide the community information on wellbeing programs, referral pathways and key contacts.	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre Community Capacity Builders (Proposal B)	Community connection through social capital links and activities through an events calendar and community directory to provide the community information on wellbeing	\$12,000	\$0

Organisation and Project Name	Project Outline & Key Elements	Amount requested	Amount Recommended
	programs, referral pathways and key contacts.		
Hartley Reserve Land Managers Hartley Reserves	Install 22,500 L water tank and connections to building to secure water supply for the reserve and back up supply for next door RFS Shed. Improved water catchment, improved use of facility for community health and engagement. Infrastructure supports drought, fire and emergency outcomes.	\$9,859	\$5,641
Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum Outdoor recreation and improvements	Creation of an outdoor recreation area, with landscaped gardens, and under cover seating for visitors	\$7,840	\$4,000
Lithgow Greyhound Racing Club Ltd Club upgrades and sustainability	Three part project: 1. Facility Water Capture and Sustainability, 2: Improve the offer and user-experience for visitors providing heating for outdoor eatery, 3. Community Survey for future planning	\$9,350	\$5,000
Australian Ecosystems Foundation Working Bee Weekends	Working bee weekends at Secret Creek Sanctuary to prepare the nature reserve for bush fire season	\$9,350	\$4,000
Lithgow Tidy Towns Weather Map Animal Project	Aims to commemorate native animals that died or were affected by the 19/20 bushfires and their rescuers and carers. Includes a permanent artwork installation, a wildlife event and a book.	\$5,874	\$0
Lithgow Community Projects Yoga for Wellbeing and Resilience	Yoga based personal and community development program for wellbeing and resilience. Yoga Program, Short Talks, Stories and Bushfire Display for participants	\$8,214	\$0
Trybal Productions White Box	An interactive video, sound and virtual reality performance installation	\$20,000	\$0
Gateway Family Services Art in Me	Art Space with Qualified Artist and Teacher every Friday afternoon from 3.30pm to 5.30pm from 28 May to 16 July 2020. An exhibition titled The Art In Me, art packs for students and production of a catalogue for families.	\$9,876	\$0

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Lithgow & District Community Nursery Enhancement of Nursery premises	Improve the appearance and safety inside and outside the Nursery grounds.	\$5,000	\$4,000
Lithgow Valley Archers Inc Fire Recovery	Purchase Water tank and pumps for future preparedness. Repair to access road for members and emergency services.	\$9,500	\$5,000
Restoration of Doctors Gap Road First Australian Muzzle Loading Gun, Rifle and Pistol Club	Restoration of Doctors Gap Road (road improvement works)	\$10,000	\$0
Total Funding Requested		\$142,372	\$62,500
Total Pool Available		\$62,500	

MOVED: Glenda Anthes

SECONDED: Bryan Williamson

ITEM: 6 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

SUMMARY

An update was provided on the Community Recovery Project.

COMMENTARY

- Lithgow City Council is working with the EPA's Bushfire-Generated Green Waste Clean-Up and Processing Program. Registrations will open this week for residents to alert of outstanding issues and clean up surrounding dangerous trees on public and private land. Properties will then be assessed for funding to complete works.
- Community events – Recovery events will occur on Saturday 13 March at Clarence/Dargan and Saturday 20th March at the Lithgow Show will a number of recovery services in attendance.
- Andrew Colvin the National Bushfire Recovery Coordinator will be meeting with the Mayor and General Manager on Thursday 11 March to discuss the recovery effort. This follows a week-long tour through Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains and Lithgow (visited the Zig Zag last Friday).
- The BCRRF grants and projects are being rolled out. This includes the Youth Drop in being led by Ali Kim and Get grubby – both in the media in recent weeks.
- Lithgow is piloting mental health resources with Resilience NSW for the Greater Sydney Region.

ACTION

THAT The Community Recovery Project update be noted

MOVED: Leanne Walding

SECONDED: Kas Hilton

ITEM: 7 DEMENTIA ALLIANCE UPDATE

SUMMARY

An update was provided on the Creative Dementia Workshops.

COMMENTARY

Kas Hilton gave an update to the Committee on the Creative Dementia Workshops. Five workshops have been held to date and have received very positive feedback from participants and their carers. The Dementia Alliance is investigating funding possibilities for future programs.

ACTION

THAT The update on the Creative Dementia Workshops be noted.

MOVED: Kas Hilton

SECONDED: Clr Statham

ITEM: 8 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

SUMMARY

A report was given on current projects in the Community and Culture Department.

COMMENTARY

An update was given on the following projects:

International Women's Day event – a successful event was held at the Portland Foundations on Monday 8 March 2021.

A well-attended weekly Youth Drop in space has started at the Hometown Café.

Council staff are working with Portland Central School staff and students to setup a Portland Youth Council.

Concept designs for the Pump Track are currently on exhibition on Council's website.

Works have commenced on construction of replacement boardwalks at Lake Pillans.

ACTION That the update on current projects in the Community and Culture Department be noted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council write to Paul Toole MP asking for his assistance in having the RMS install directional signage on the Great Western Highway to the Adventure Playground.

MOVED: Clr Statham

SECONDED: Rachael Young

ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:15pm

Next Meeting:

4:00-5:00pm Tuesday 13 April in the Committee Room