



REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

12 OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officer, the Director Strategy Partnership and Engagement, the Communications Partner, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the Director Development and Environment (S Jennings), the Manager Resource Recovery and Efficiency, the Organisational Sustainability Coordinator, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Community Culture and Places, and the Events and Partnerships Team Leader.

Councillor M Dickerson assumed chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.38 pm.

CCC23/79 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON (ID23/2453)

At this juncture, the Mayor invited nominations for the election of Chairperson Culture and Community Committee for the remainder of the Mayoral term with the following nomination received:

Councillor J Gough nominated by Councillor M Wright and Councillor R Ivey.

Councillor J Gough accepted their nomination.

The Mayor advised that as only one nomination was received for the position of the Chairperson of Culture and Community Committee that Councillor J Gough be duly elected for the remainder of the Mayoral term.

Councillor J Gough assumed the chair of the meeting.

CCC23/80 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID23/2330)

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor P Wells who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor L Burns and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That such request for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillor P Wells be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

CARRIED

Councillors D Mahon and R Ivey attended via audio visual link.

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC23/81 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID23/2331)

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Councillor L Burns – Pecuniary, Significant in CCC23/84
- Councillor M Dickerson – Non Pecuniary, Significant in CCC23/84
- Councillor S Chowdhury – Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant in CCC23/84
- Councillor J Gough – Pecuniary, Significant in CCC23/85
- Councillor S Chowdhury – Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant in CCC23/85

CCC23/82 REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES TREE COMMITTEE - MEETING 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 (ID23/2297)

The Committee had before it the report of the Public Spaces Tree Committee meeting held 13 September 2023.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

MOTION

That the report of the Public Spaces Tree Committee meeting held on 13 September 2023, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC23/83 REPORT OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COMMITTEE - MEETING 4 SEPTEMBER 2023 (ID23/2299)

The Committee had before it the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held 4 September 2023.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor L Burns

MOTION

That the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held on 4 September 2023, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC23/84 COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND 2023/2024 - ROUND 1 - COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 356 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 (ID23/2233)

The Committee had before it the report dated 7 September 2023 from the Manager Community Services regarding Community Services Fund 2023/2024 - Round 1 - Community Benefit Funding in Accordance with Section 356 Local Government Act 1993.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That Council allocate \$101,800.99 to the community based organisations in accordance with Section 356 of The Local Government Act 1993 and notification to be sent to each recommended applicant:

• Orana Education & Training Co Operative -	\$ 993.89
• Dubbo Legacy/Division of Orange Legacy -	\$ 5,000.00
• Orana Arts Inc -	\$15,556.00
• Boys to the Bush Ltd -	\$12,800.00
• Creative Community Concepts -	\$16,000.00
• Tubba-Gah Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation -	\$11,220.00
• City of Dubbo Turf Club -	\$16,859.80
• Orana Broadcasters Inc -	\$ 8,716.60
• Comobella Hall Trust -	\$ 3,307.70
• Orana Support Services -	\$ 4,726.00
• Dubbo Rivercare Group -	\$ 1,856.00
• Dubbo View Club -	\$ 1,395.00
• Western Region Academy of Sport -	\$ 3,370.00

2. That all not recommended applicants be advised of Council's Grants Hub, as well as other funding opportunities and any advice to assist future applications for council financial assistance.

3. That surplus funds remaining from the 2023/2024 Round One be rolled over to 2023/2024 Round Two of the Community Services Fund.

CARRIED

For: Councillors S Chowdhury, V Etheridge, J Gough, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Councillors J Black and R Ivey.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

AMENDMENT

1. That Council allocate \$84,941.19 to the community based organisations in accordance with Section 356 of The Local Government Act 1993 and notification to be sent to each recommended applicant:

• Orana Education & Training Co Operative -	\$ 993.89
• Dubbo Legacy/Division of Orange Legacy -	\$ 5,000.00
• Orana Arts Inc -	\$15,556.00
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• Western Region Academy of Sport -	\$ 3,370.00
2. That all not recommended applicants be advised of Council's Grants Hub, as well as other funding opportunities and any advice to assist future applications for council financial assistance.	
3. That surplus funds remaining from the 2023/2024 Round One be rolled over to 2023/2024 Round Two of the Community Services Fund.	

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

LOST

For: Councillors J Black, V Etheridge, and R Ivey.

Against: Councillors J Gough, M Wright, D Mahon and S Chowdhury.

Councillor L Burns declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor L Burns sits on the board of the Tubba-Gah Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation.

Councillor M Dickerson declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor M Dickerson is a volunteer board member of Orana Education and Training Co Operative (OEC), who have applied for funding from Council.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was previously part of the ORISCON INC community group, but is no longer part of this group.

CCC23/85 2023/2024 EVENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ID23/2347)

The Committee had before it the report dated 21 September 2023 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding 2023/2024 Event Assistance Program.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That each applicant be advised of the outcome of their application in accordance with the Financial Assistance Policy.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

Councillor J Gough declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Gough owns a business which has applied/will be applying to trade at these events.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury volunteers for the Stuart Town Multicultural Festival and the Cross Cultural Carnivale events.

Councillor M Dickerson assumed the chair of the meeting for this matter.

CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

I move to defer the Confidential item CCC23/86 Two Year Partnership Proposal – Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club to the conclusion of the Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The item listed comes within the following provisions of the Act:

- *CCC23/86 – Two Year Partnership Proposal - Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club (Section 10A(2)(c)) - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business.*

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for this item.

At this juncture the Council resolved into closed session, the time being 6.25 pm.

The open session resumed at 6.28 pm.

The Manager Corporate Governance read out the following resolutions made in the closed session in Council.

CCC23/86 TWO YEAR PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL - WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB (ID23/2362)

The Committee had before it the report dated 25 September 2023 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding Two Year Partnership Proposal - Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

MOTION

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

MOTION

- 1. That given the low economic return and the high financial risk to Council that it not accede to the proposal based on the current hosting fee structure.**
- 2. That, at no cost to Council, an offer be put to support the communications and marketing of Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club's club engagement activities and school holiday clinics to help bolster awareness and attendance at clinics and coaching sessions held in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.**
- 3. That Council continue to negotiate with Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club to secure fixtures over multiple years that will attract a greater return on investment.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON