



REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

9 MAY 2024

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells 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, Partnerships and Engagement, IT Infrastructure Specialist, Communication Services Team Leader, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Manager Environmental Compliance, the Manager Resource Recovery and Efficiency, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Regional Events, the Events and Partnerships Team Leader, the Manager Regional Experiences, and Cultural Development Coordinator.

Councillor J Gough assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:11pm.

CCC24/21 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/815)

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

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

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

Councillor M Dickerson attended via Audio-Visual link.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

CCC24/22 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/816)

The following Conflicts of Interest were declared:

CCC24/26 - Councillor S Chowdhury – Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant.

CCC24/28 - Councillor S Chowdhury – Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant.

CCC24/28 - Councillor P Wells – Non Pecuniary, Less than Significant.

CCC24/23 REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL - MEETING 16 APRIL 2024 (ID24/941)

The Committee had before it the report of the Youth Council meeting held 16 April 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 16 April 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

CCC24/24 REPORT OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 22 APRIL 2024 (ID24/942)

The Committee had before it the report of the Social Justice Advisory Committee meeting held 22 April 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the report of the Social Justice Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 April 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

CCC24/25 CONCEPT DUBBO INDOOR AQUATIC CENTRE (ID24/807)

The Committee had before it the report dated 24 April 2024 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Concept Dubbo Indoor Aquatic Centre.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black

MOTION

That the information contained within this report, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

CCC24/26 2023/2024 ROUND TWO - SPARC GRANT ASSESSMENT REPORT (ID24/802)

The Committee had before it the report dated 23 April 2024 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding 2023/2024 Round Two - SPARC Grant Assessment Report.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Black

MOTION

1. That Council allocate \$10,000 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:

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| • ORISCON Dubbo | \$2,500 |
| • Dundullimal Homestead | \$1,250 |
| • Dubbo Film Society | \$1,250 |
| • Kim V Goldsmith | \$1,000 |
| • Social Gain- | \$4,000 |

2. That all unsuccessful 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.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

Councillor S Chowdhury noted a conflict of interest in item CCC24/26 at the start of the meeting.

CCC24/27 SISTER CITY COUNCIL DELEGATION VISIT OVERVIEW (ID24/696)

The Committee had before it the report dated 15 April 2024 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding Sister City Council Delegation Visit Overview.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil.

CCC24/28 SUBMISSIONS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2024 DREAM FESTIVAL (ID24/959)

The Committee had before it the report dated 6 May 2024 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding Submissions Expressions of Interest 2024 DREAM Festival.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

- 1. That the DREAM Festival be placed in abeyance.**
- 2. That the \$40,000 funding allocated for the event in the draft 2024/2025 budget be re-allocated equally between the SPARC Support Grant Fund (\$20,000) and the Event Assistance Program (\$20,000) to support not-for-profit volunteer-run community events, activities and programs.**
- 3. That the Chief Executive Officer review the Financial Assistance Policy in time for the 2025/2026 budget process with the intent of simplifying that policy, investigating the benefits of creating a single funding channel to support community, cultural and event interests.**
- 4. That the Chief Executive Officer develop a Regional Event Strategy as proposed in the 2024/2025 Operational Plan outlining the levels of support available from Council to events with a clear intent of attracting and supporting both locally produced and flagship events.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Councillors S Chowdhury and P Wells

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Committee, and remained in the room during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury is a volunteer of ORISCON events, but does not hold an official position.

Councillor P Wells declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Committee, and remained in the room during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor P Wells had been contacted by Gargi Ganguly to participate in planning for the First Nation part if they were successful.

The meeting closed at 6:36pm.

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