



Ordinary Meeting of Council

26 October 2016

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QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Local Representation Committee Meeting
held in Bungendore on 30 September 2016**

Present: Dr Pete Harrison (Chairperson)
Mr Peter Bray AM
Mr Paul Cockram
Mr Jamie Cregan
Mr Trevor Hicks
Mr Mark Schweikert
Mrs Sue Whelan OAM

Council Officers: Mr Peter Tegart (Interim General Manager)
Mr Peter Bascomb (Deputy General Manager)
Mrs Debby Ferguson (A/Manager Civic Support)

Apology: Mrs Trudy Taylor

The Chairperson opened the meeting with the following statement: "Before we start the proceedings, let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Indigenous community have been custodians for many thousands of years. We recognise their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 September 2016

RECOMMENDATION

LRC 016/2016 That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Whelan/Bray

The recommendation was carried unanimously.

3. Business Arising from Minutes – 13 September 2016

There was no business arising.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Sue Whelan declared an interest in Stronger Communities Fund applications numbered 23 and 91.

Peter Bray declared an interest in application numbered 94.

Pete Harrison declared an interest in applications numbered 43, 44, 53 and 69.

5. Stronger Communities Fund Program applications

Summary

The NSW Government provided funding of up to \$10 million under the Stronger Communities Fund to new councils created as part of the NSW Government's Fit for the Future reform program. The funding is being offered in two parts: \$1m for applications from incorporated, not-for-profit community groups and s.355 committees of Council; and \$9m for major infrastructure projects of Council. The LRC is asked to provide comments on the applications for the first round of \$1m before they are assessed by the Assessment Panel on 6 October.

RECOMMENDATION

LRC 017/2016 That the following comments from the Local Representation Committee be considered when assessing applications for grants from the Queanbeyan-Palerang Stronger Communities Fund:

1. Implications of over-subscription

The Committee noted the assessment criteria of the Stronger Communities Fund developed by the NSW Government. It was acknowledged a total of \$1m may be funded between the Stronger Communities Fund (for NFP proposals) and Asset Grant (for council assets proposals).

Given that the scheme is significantly over-subscribed, it may be beneficial to identify the style of application that will best generally address the intent of the Fund. In particular, the following type of applications may not be in the spirit of the Fund, whether or not they might be able to satisfy the letter of the selection criteria:

- (a) Applications for cash grants
- (b) Applications for contributions to projects that are not otherwise fully funded
- (c) Applications for funding for general ongoing support of an event that is already operational
- (d) Applications for funding for projects or programs with 'soft' deliverables, e.g. the delivery of a workshop or seminar, rather than the construction of a 'hard', capital asset
- (e) Applications that assume Council approval for either the use of Council land or the conduct of an event, without providing confirmation that this approval has been, or even might be granted

- (f) Applications that fail to recognise the need for ongoing maintenance of a public asset.**

2. Alternate funding sources

- (a) It is suggested that any application for \$1,000 or less might simply be considered as a request for a donation and dealt with under Council's Donations Policy**
- (b) The sponsors of applications that may satisfy the requirements for some other grant scheme or funding opportunity or solution (e.g. existing state or federal government grant schemes, or assistance from local service clubs) should be advised accordingly and encouraged to pursue that source of funding or support**
- (c) Applications for more than \$20,000 should be subject to more rigorous financial justification than those for lesser amounts**
- (d) Applications for up to \$50,000 that form part of a funding mix for a larger (unfunded and unmatched) project may be considered only for underwriting to that value once all matched funding is in place**
- (e) Where there are multiple applications, from different organisations, requesting funding for the same or similar infrastructure in the same location, sharing of a common asset should be encouraged**
- (f) Applications should demonstrate the highest possible level of volunteer input; in particular, applications should not be seeking payment for an applicant's services.**
- (g) Assets built on community (council) land should be funded from the \$9m asset grant, with a level of council management of those projects**

3. Funding distribution

- (a) If at all possible within the scope of the relevant merit assessment criteria, up to \$20,000 in funding should be allocated to each locality in the Local Government Area that is the source of an application**
- (b) In the context of 3(a) above, allow for the aggregation of grants from any particular locality to achieve the intended funding distribution**
- (c) Give consideration to the spread of community sectors that receive benefit from the Fund (i.e. sport, arts, community aid etc).**

Harrison/Cockram

6. Other Business

6.1 Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be advised as needs arise.

7. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.19pm.