



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA

8 May 2024

Council Chambers
257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

Presentations for items listed on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

On-site Inspections - Nil

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Open Attachments

Nil

Closed Attachments

Nil

7.1 **Mayoral Minute - Donation to HOME in Queanbeyan (Ref: ; Author: Winchester/Winchester)**

File Reference: 35.1.1

Recommendation

That Council approve the donation made to HOME at Queanbeyan for \$1,840; being the proceeds of the Garage Sale conducted on 4 May 2024.

Summary

Council conducted a Garage Sale to reduce the amount of material taken to landfill, on Saturday 4 May, and the beneficiary charity organisation selected by staff was HOME at Queanbeyan.

Council approval of this staff selection and request is sought.

Background

The Council offices on the corner of Rutledge and Crawford Streets have been contracted for sale with vacant possession. This includes seven buildings: the former library, and offices which housed: Land-use Planning, Finance, Digital, Records, and Community and Recreation teams.

Council staff vacated these offices in December 2023 and have progressively cleaned and rehomed furniture/office items and used as much as possible in alternative locations.

To reduce landfill, staff volunteered their time to conduct a Garage Sale, with the proceeds advertised to be donated to HOME at Queanbeyan.

The sale raised \$1,840.

Report

Since relocating to the new Council offices at the QCCP, staff have progressively moved office furniture and items to benefit a number of community groups and Council assets. This included the Bungendore Sports Hub, Regional Sports Complex, Jerrabomberra Community Centre, Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre, Queanbeyan Tennis Club, Majors Creek Recreation Reserve, Burra Hall and the Heritage Library. In addition, modern stand up desks were relocated to the Council Depot, Braidwood and Bungendore Offices; and Library shelving on wheels stored for future use.

Fridges were tagged and tested before relocated to various community buildings.

What was left included office chairs, desks, cupboards, level arch files, a piano and shelving of various sorts.

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The furniture was at least 10-15 years old, fixed and whilst functional, did not meet current office furniture WHS requirements. With the desire to reduce landfill, staff volunteered their time to conduct a garage sale which was held on Saturday 4 May.

Staff nominated HOME in Queanbeyan as the local charity which was advertised as the recipient of proceeds of the sale. The Piano was collected prior to the sale, and a regular flow of residents came through on Saturday, with some good finds. People donated willingly as the beneficiary of the Garage Sale was HOME.

Donations exceeded expectations and the sale received \$1,840 in total, which has been donated to HOME.

HOME provides a long-term home for 20 people living with an enduring mental illness. Each resident lives in a self-contained unit in a safe, loving and non-institutional setting. HOME provides lunch each day cooked by volunteers. Residents come together to enjoy a meal, good conversation and friendship. We encourage residents to have active and fulfilling lives within their community.

HOME was officially opened in 2010, is governed by a local volunteer committee and does not receive any recurrent government funding; once rents are received, a further \$350,000 per year is required to pay wages, utilities and other expenses.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

As this is not part of a program which included in the draft or adopted Operational Plan, a Council resolution is required to approve the donation to HOME.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

This income was neither budgeted nor anticipated and has reduced landfill and the cost of removalists. It is estimated the reduction of landfill by the reuse and distribution to Council facilities and community groups, and Garage Sale was around four tonnes.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

QPRC Waste Management Strategy – increase diversion from landfill, recycling and reuse

QPRC Climate Change Action Plan – a significant reduction of waste and waste disposal

Community Strategic Plan Strategic Objective: Character, We acknowledge climate change and we work towards reducing our region's carbon footprint.

Conclusion

Staff nominated HOME in Queanbeyan as the local charity which was advertised as the recipient of proceeds of the Garage Sale held on Saturday 4 May 2024.

Donations exceeded expectations and the sale received \$1,840 in total. Council resolution is sought to approve this donation.

Attachments

Nil