



SERVICE DELIVERY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 10 February 2020

Council Chambers

126-138 Main Road Speers Point

6.30pm

Committees will be held in the following order:

Development and Planning Standing Committee
Planning for the Future Standing Committee
Organisational Services Standing Committee
Built and Natural Assets Standing Committee
Service Delivery Standing Committee
General Business Committee

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Service Delivery Standing Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday 10 February 2020, 6.30pm

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Key focus area	Connected Communities
Objective	We are a supportive and inclusive community
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Executive summary

This report recommends funding totalling \$7835 be provided to applicants for the Lake Macquarie Youth Week 2020 Grant Program.

Recommendation

Council authorises grants totalling \$7835 for Youth Week events to be held in Lake Macquarie as recommended by the Youth Week Grant Assessment Sub-Committee.

Discussion

Council has entered into a partnership with the NSW State Government – Department of Communities and Justice to make \$7835 in grants available to the community to celebrate 2020 National Youth Week from Wednesday 1 April to Thursday 9 April 2020. Council offers grants of up to \$1000 to eligible organisations to run a variety of community events and programs in line with the aim and objectives of Youth Week.

Youth Week celebrates young people and their contribution to their local communities. The aim of Youth Week is to provide young people with an opportunity to express their views and act on issues that affect their lives. Hence the funding provided through the Youth Week grant program must demonstrate young people's active involvement in the coordination of activities which:

- Raise the issues, ideas and concerns of young people;
- Develop strategies to address the issues important to young people;
- Increase the community's awareness of young people and the issues that are important to them; and
- Highlight young people's contributions to the community.

The funding round opened early November 2019 with applications closing on 18 December 2019. The grants were promoted through Council's online and printed channels, the local media and community service networks.

On 15 January 2020, the Youth Week Grant Assessment Sub-Committee met to assess eligible applications and make recommendations regarding funding. The Committee consists of three Councillors, three young people, the Lake Macquarie Youth Development Officer, and Council's Community Planner Youth and Safer Communities. The minutes of the Committee are attached.

Council received twelve eligible applications requesting a total of \$10,610. Attached is a summary of the committee recommendations as they relate to applications received.

The reason for the recommendation for some applications to receive full funding rather than partial funding relates to the quality of those applications, and the ability of the applicant to present a more comprehensive case for meeting the objectives of youth week in their application. Those recommended to receive partial funding relates to the applicant's ability to demonstrate how their activities are aligned with youth week objectives, but not to the same standard as those recommended to receive full funding. Those recommended for partial funding have indicated that their activity can proceed with reduced funds.

Council may choose to determine alternative levels of funding for the specific events. This option is not recommended as it may be contrary to the guidelines for this program.

Community engagement and internal consultation

Council established the Youth Week Assessment Sub-Committee which comprises Councillors, members of Council's Youth Advisory Council, the Lake Macquarie Youth Development Officer, and Council's Community Planner for Young People. The sub-committee members were provided with full details of applications received at the meeting of the sub-committee where applications were tabled and reviewed.

Key considerations

Economic impact	None
Environment	None
Community	Youth Week initiatives encourage engagement of young people, community education, mentoring / training, improved access to community facilities and reduction of social isolation
Civic leadership	Youth Week grant funding provides opportunity for young people to take an active role in decision-making while providing an opportunity for elected Councillors to mentor the young people involved regarding civic leadership.
Financial	Funds for Youth Week's annual events are provided by the NSW Office of Communities, Department of Education and Communities with Lake Macquarie City Council providing matching funds, and have been allocated in the current budget. The total funds available is \$7835, and the committee has recommended that grants totalling \$7835 be allocated to eligible applicants.
Infrastructure	None
Risk and insurance	Successful applicants are required to provide Council with copies of their public liability insurance (Certificate of Currency) prior to receiving any allocated funds. Applicants are also responsible for ensuring that all workers and volunteers that are associated with their activities have obtained Working with Children Clearance, or are not directly supervising young people.

Legislative and policy considerations

Lake Macquarie Youth Week Grants Committee – Committee Charter

Attachments

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| 1. Minutes of the Youth Week Grants Assessment Committee 15 January 2020 | D09599211 |
| 2. Youth Week Grants 2020 Committee Funding Applicants | D09588796 |

2020 Youth Week Grant Assessment Sub-Committee Meeting

15 January 2020

Agenda

1. Attendance / Apologies

Apologies from Councillor Pauling, Dylan Shoesmith, Councillor Belcher

Attended by Councillor Langford, Hayley Johns, Jack Antcliff, Sarah Berry, Anita Ziliotto and Tony Ellitt.

2. Welcome and acknowledgement

Tony conducted Acknowledgement of Awabakal people on behalf of the meeting and outlined the process for the meeting.

Councillor Langford volunteered to chair the meeting.

3. Actions from previous minutes

3.1 Tony reported that all actions identified from the previous Youth Week Grant Committee have been actioned and completed.

3.2 Tony also reported that Youth Council will be reviewing Charter and Terms of Reference as part of their annual planning day on 28 January 2020.

4. Declarations of interest

Councillor Langford declared the following interests; he is on the board of Headspace (and therefore will not participate in discussion regarding their application), and that he knows Rosmairi Dawson from Morisset PCYC.

Jack declared that he is a part of the bright minds project regarding CALM proposal for yoga sessions.

Sarah declared that she is an employee of CALM and will refrain from comment regarding CALM's applications for funds unless the committee seeks clarification regarding their applications.

5. Review of applications and make recommendations

Opening remarks –

\$7832 in total is available for funding which includes \$400 allocated to regional areas to assist with transportation costs. Tony advised that the committee consider including the \$400 regional subsidy in the total grant pool. Committee discussed and agreed unanimously these additional funds be included in total funding available. The committee also discussed the large number of applications and requests for funds that exceed the funds available. It was agreed that the committee may reach conclusion and recommend that some applications received reduced or no funding.

Southern Beaches Junior Rugby Club “Rugby introduction and skills” – Proposal to invite young people from across east Lake Macquarie to participate in a day of fitness drills, games, music and sausage sizzle to introduce youth to the game of rugby football. Program includes coaching young people to participate in fun rugby games and individual tuition.

Their proposal was discussed and it was agreed that if funded that they be required to make best endeavours to ensure that females be the focus, particularly those not already involved with the club. Funding requested is \$1000.

There was also concern about the non-specific nature of proposed evaluation and if in the event that the program is funded, they will be supported / assisted by Youth Development Officer and Council Staff with their evaluation method.

Recommendation - \$850

Belmont Neighbourhood Centre “Free skate boarding lessons for girls” – Partner with local business Skate Newcastle to provide free skating lessons at the Charlestown Chip Bowl for young people with a focus on increasing female participation in the sport. Funding applied for \$1000.

The committee is supportive of the activity having a focus on increasing the participation of young women in this sport. Tony reported that previous programs seeking to engage young women in this sport at this facility have been successful. The applicant to be encouraged to work with Eastlake Youth Centre who have successfully run similar program at this facility.

The committee also discussed the need for a contingency plan if the weather prevents the activity from being held on the proposed date. This to be communicated to applicant if successful in the grant application.

There was also some concerns that the time of the proposed activity falls within school hours. The committee requested that if successful in their application that they be required to hold at least part of the activity outside school hours.

Recommendation - \$800

PCYC Morisset “Local band music night” – Proposal to hold a band night for four local youth bands to encourage social interaction and cultural experiences for young people of the Morisset region. The application demonstrated excellent level of participation by young people in the development of the proposed event and application. The budget for the event demonstrates the need to raise \$1,500 in funding which will include \$1000 youth week grant funds if approved.

Recommendation - \$1,000

CALM “Friday night ice skating disco session” – Proposal to provide opportunity for up to 60 young people to attend a Friday night youth disco at Hunter Ice Skating Stadium at discounted rate.

The applicant has approached Ice Skating rink to negotiate pricing. May be possible to negotiate further reduction in entry fees but this is dependent on the success of the grant application. Applicant seeking \$1000 funding to subsidise the entry fee of 60 young people.

The committee discussed concerns relating to funds going to a commercial business but concluded that this is often the case as applicant organisation regularly 'by in services' from legitimate businesses for the delivery of their youth week activities.

Recommendation - \$950

CALM "Yoga Workshop Redhead and Toronto" – Proposal is to deliver yoga classes specifically for young people in two locations. The one-hour yoga classes are proposed to be held at Redhead Beach and Toronto Foreshore. Parents and careers will also be encouraged to participate in the event to promote connection with families and community. The programs will cost \$435 each site.

Committee discussed equitable distribution of funds across the LGA and reached the conclusion that the east side of the area will be well serviced by other applications received but that an additional activity held at Toronto will be a good outcome.

It was also discussed that Toronto Foreshore Park will have to be hired for use of the space which will require Council approval. CALM is prepared to subsidise any hire fees that may be applied to the hire of the park.

Recommendation – \$435 for Toronto activity only.

Headspace Newcastle "Wellbeing art workshop and competition" – Propose to host an art workshop in partnership with the Big Picture Program based at Hunter Sports High School to launch an interschools art competition. Being launched online and will be promoted using student and community networks. Funding requested is \$800.

Committee discussed concerns about the location for exhibition of the artworks that will result from the program but agreed that this is a secondary issue as the focus will be on the participation of students / young people in the initial workshop.

The committee also raised concern that there is no indication of level of participation in the application. As such, if successful, the applicant will be required to deliver a workshop to 25 young people (minimum).

Recommendation - \$650

Mt Hutton Tennis Club "Youth tennis fun day" – The proposal is for a Tennis fun day for young people. The applicant will invite local young people to participate a range of tennis related activities with the assistance of a qualified tennis coach. There also will be a BBQ provide along with participation prizes. Funding applied for \$1,000.

Committee discussed concerns relating to the need for the tennis club to partner with schools, youth services and other community organisations. There was also some concern about the specific methodology for evaluation proposed by the applicant.

The committee agreed that if funded, the applicant will be required to work with the Lake Macquarie Youth Development Officer to ensure partnerships are developed and undertake adequate evaluation of the activity.

Recommendation - \$800

Toronto High School “Bathroom redesign and design competition” – The High School proposes to use the grant funds to ‘beautify’ student bathrooms which will include information to students about social and service supports available to young people in the area. The activity will be conducted via a design competition to encourage student participation. Funding requested is \$1,000.

The committee was impressed with the application and specifically the involvement of young people in the development and delivery of the proposed activity. While the committee was concerned the limitations of the proposed activity with regard to exposure to the community outside the school, it was agreed that the substantial student body at the school warrants consideration of the proposal for reduced amount of funds.

Recommendation - \$500

Southlake Community Services Inc. “Raw Challenge” – Provides a free opportunity for approximately 20 young people of south lake Macquarie region to participate in the RAW Challenge program to promote self-development of young people and strengthen relationship with local service providers. The program will be a partnership between the youth service and Morisset High School. Funding applied for \$850.

The committee while having some reservations about the program venue being outside the LGA at Doyalson, were impressed that the application demonstrated that this activity is highly valued and desired by young people. On balance, and because no like facility exists in the Lake Macquarie area, the committee concluded that the positive outcomes that have been demonstrated by this activity in the past out-weigh concerns about the location of the venue.

Recommendation - \$850

Northlakes Youth Services “Feast Forward” – The proposal is to deliver an event called Fest Forward 2020 which will celebrate the creativity of young people through an open mic, art workshops, girls who skate workshops, scooter demonstrations and comp, food stalls and community group/service stalls. Applicant has applied for \$1,000.

It was noted by the committee that this event if supported will compliment the ongoing efforts of the North Lake Youth Service to increase positive engagement of young people with community facilities provided by Council in the Cameron Park area.

Recommendation - \$1,000

Centre for Hope “Youth music workshop” – Propose to deliver a music workshop for young people to participate in focusing on song writing to develop both a collaborative song and an individual song to be performed, recorded and posted on social media if consent is given by young people involved. Applicant has applied for \$1,090.

The committee was concerned about the lack of detail provided by the applicant regarding how, where and when this program will be delivered. The committee is also very concerned that the applicant indicated that they have no partnership for the delivery of this program. Given the limited funds available and the equitable coverage of the region for young people by the grants program, it was concluded that due to the weakness of the application the no funding be offered on this occasion.

Recommendation – No funding

6. General Business

6.1 It was discussed and agreed that as part of future grant application process that potential applicants will be required to provide more detail regarding target participation number, age groups and geographic coverage of the proposed activities.

6.2 It was also discussed and agreed that the information on the website will be very clear regarding the objective of youth week and that applicants will be required to address these in their application.

6.3 Tony indicated that the merger between Youth Council and the Youth Week Grants Committee will be discussed at part of youth council's planning day on 25 January 2020.

Applicant	Event	Amount sought TOTAL	Amount recommended by Assessment Panel	Date of event	Brief description
Southern Beaches Junior Rugby Club		\$1,000	\$850	3 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to introduce youth to the game of rugby union with a focus on both male and female participants. The club proposes to invite East Lake Macquarie youth to participate in a day of fitness drills, games, music, discussion and a sausage sizzle to encourage the values of pride, respect, inclusion and accountability which the club identifies are important both on and off the field. It is proposed that representatives from each team aged between 12 -24 years will be involved in organising and presenting the event and will include presentations by the Youth captains of the club addressing their experience as a rugby club member and how it has enhanced their lives.
Headspace Newcastle	Wellbeing Art Workshop	\$800	\$650	3 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to host a wellbeing art workshop at Hunter Sports High School through the Big Picture Art Program. This will be the initial activity in launching an interschools art competition which aims to encourage young people to focus on well-being. The art workshop will focus on youth wellbeing and will provide a forum to promote, discuss and practice wellbeing through creativity. The workshop will then launch the online art competition.
CALM	Subsidy for Friday Night Youth Ice Skating Disco	\$1,000	\$950	3 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to organise and provide a subsidised price for young people to participate in the Friday Night Youth Ice Skating Disco held at Hunter Ice Skating Stadium. The youth disco includes games on the ice, limbo competitions, music and disco lights. They propose to offer up to 60 young people to participate at a discounted cost of \$5.00 per person (usually \$20 per person). The aim of this event is to allow young people to connect with their peers and have fun in a safe environment on a Friday night, as well as give young people an opportunity to try a new skill if they haven't skated before.
Centre for Hope	Youth Music Workshop	1,090	Nil	3 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to hold a youth music workshop encouraging local youth to participate in a song writing work shop with a focus on being heard. They propose to give participants an opportunity to create a collaborative song and an individual song with the possibility of having the youth perform the songs, if they would like to, and to be posted on social media. The aim of the workshop is to give youth a voice to speak up, to support peer connection and have fun doing the performance.

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					The applicant requested \$1090 and the committee recommends no funding. The committee's decision to provide no funding for this workshop was determined on the basis that the application did not have sufficient detail to demonstrate delivery of proposed outcomes and the applicant indicated that they have no program partners.
Northlakes Youth Services	Youth Creativity Workshop	\$1,000	\$1,000	4 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to hold an event at the Pasterfield Complex that celebrates youth creativity including an open mic, art workshops, girls who skate workshops, scooter demonstrations and competition, food stalls and community group/service stalls. The event which is called <i>Feast Forward 2020</i> will celebrate how youth stay engaged and active with an emphasis on exploring how young people see their future and the development of stronger communities. The event seeks to involve young people and their families in positive social activity, celebrating their active voice for change and enhance community safety.
PCYC Morisset	Band Night	\$1,000	\$1,000	4 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to stage a band night for local youth bands which aims to encourage social interaction and a cultural experience for youth. They also propose to encourage young musicians to develop their professional performance while providing an event for the local youth.
Mt Hutton Tennis Club	Youth Tennis Fun Day	\$1,000	\$800	5 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to hold a youth tennis fun day including a professional tennis coach, BBQ and tennis prizes. Aims to give young people an opportunity to participate in a community activity that they would not normally experience or have access to.
Community Activities Lake Macquarie	Yoga Class on Redhead Beach	\$435	Nil	6 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in a yoga class on Redhead Beach in the natural environment exploring the themes of connection. They propose holding a one-hour yoga classes comprising of 20 participants. Parents and careers will also be encouraged to participate in the event promoting the theme of connection. The event will be facilitated by 'You in Yoga'. Participants will receive a yoga mat and wellness pack which will include water, yoga pose information, tips for a healthy headspace and local support contact information.

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					The applicant requested \$435.00 and the committee recommends no funding. The committee acknowledges that Community Activities Lake Macquarie have applied for, and it is recommended that they receive full funding for the same activity on Toronto Foreshore (see below) and that the eastern Lake Macquarie region will be adequately serviced by other applications received.
Community Activities Lake Macquarie	Yoga class on Toronto Foreshore	\$435	\$435	7 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in a yoga class on Toronto Foreshore in the natural environment exploring the themes of connection. They propose holding a one-hour yoga classes comprising of 20 participants. Parents and careers will also be encouraged to participate in the event promoting the theme of connection. The event will be facilitated by 'You in Yoga'. Participants will receive a yoga mat and wellness pack which will include water, yoga pose information, tips for a healthy headspace and local support contact information.
Southlake Community Services	Youth Raw Challenge	\$850	\$850	8 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to deliver the Youth Raw Challenge during Youth Week 2020. They propose taking twenty young people in partnership with Morisset High School to the Raw Challenge course at Doyalsen to engage them in a range of team building and personal challenge activities over the 7 km long course. The objectives of the activity are to overcome personal barriers through team building, personal achievement, willingness to take on new tasks and challenges, build positive memories, develop a positive can-do attitude and reinforce a positive relationship with peers and youth workers.
Toronto High School	Design Competition	\$1,000	\$500	8 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to hold a design competition for students to create artworks that will be displayed in the schools redesigned bathrooms. The artworks will need to include information about the support services and school and support services contact details. The proposal has been initiated by the Student representative Council who want to create a positive welcoming space for students and provide students with information and support that they can access in a safe and private environment which will support students to feel more comfortable and welcome in their school.
Belmont Neighbourhood Centre	Free Skating Lessons	\$1,000	\$800	9 April 2020	The applicant is proposing to provide free skating lessons for youth with the aim to teach basic skating skills to female youth in a sporting space largely dominated by males. Aims to build confidence in young women and increase their participation in sport which include the benefits of social participation,

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					and integration in the community, increased subjective well-being and increased sense of agency and self-determination. The proposal also aims to connect with youth who have barriers to accessing sporting opportunities.