

8.7. 2022/23 Community Grants & Subsidies - Post Exhibition

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Council Report 23 May 2022 - Draft Grants and Subsidies 2022-23 [**8.7.1** - 25 pages]

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to adopt the Community Grants & Subsidies 2022/23 recipients following public exhibition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Earlier this year Council invited community organisations to apply for a donation from the Council to assist in the provision of services for the North Sydney community. Applications closed early March 2022.

All applications received were assessed in accordance with the following criteria outlined in Council's *Community Grants and Subsidies Policy*:

- the type of need being met;
- the uniqueness of the project;
- its level of innovation and the degree to which it meets the objectives of Council's social planning programs;
- the financial status of the organisation or service provider;
- the quality of its management and organisational structure;
- its funding levels and sources; and
- its ability to account for funding sources, fund applications and outcomes.

The purpose of the exhibition period was to advise the proposed recipients for 2022/23 and invite submissions. The 28-day public exhibition ran from 25 May to 21 June 2022, concurrent with the exhibition of the draft *Operational Plan & Budget 2022/23*. No submissions were received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As previously reported to Council, cash grants to community services total \$1,066,323. These amounts have already been incorporated into the draft estimates for 2022/23. The main elements are:

- Council's Community Centres - \$575,000
- Community Services not in Council Buildings - \$238,050

- Childcare - \$32,100
- New and innovative projects - \$24,000
- Food Grants - \$14,700
- Sport and Wellbeing - \$3,000
- Arts Grants - \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Community Grants & Subsidies 2022/23 recipients be adopted.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

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BACKGROUND

North Sydney Council's method of delivery in community services is a combination of:

- Direct service (minimal)
- Contract management
- Stimulating the not-for-profit and volunteer sector (particularly the volunteer Boards of the community centres and childcare centres) through Joint Strategic Plans, professional support and a grants program.

Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes how a council can provide financial assistance to others:

(1) A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

(2) A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.

(3) However, public notice is not required if –

(a) the financial assistance is part of a specific program, and

(b) the program's details have been included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and

(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and

(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant group of persons within the area.

(4) Public notice is also not required if the financial assistance is part of a program of graffiti removal work.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*.

DETAIL

The draft 2022/23 Community Grants & Subsidies report was endorsed for exhibition by the Council at its meeting of 23 May 2022.

Each year Council invites community organisations to apply for a donation from the Council to assist in the provision of services for the North Sydney community. Council's objectives in helping to fund selected projects and services are to:

- help organisations meet high priority needs within the local government area and to avoid reductions in prevailing levels of community support; and
- provide financial contributions in recognition of the value of selected services to the community.

Note: Council's contribution is not intended to be the sole source of funding for any project or service. The grants have made possible an important spread of services benefiting residents of the North Sydney local government area. The projects they support represent community initiatives displaying creativity, co-operation, originality and access and equity principles.

Applications are assessed in accordance with Council's Community Grants & Subsidies Policy. All groups seeking financial support have valid roles to play in extending the reach and variety of services available to the community. Over the period the program has existed, Council has maintained a balance between groups in supplying funding.

All grants are acquitted annually, either through the Joint Strategic Plan reviews or through specific acquittal forms.

1. Public Exhibition

The 28-day public exhibition ran from 25 May to 21 June 2022, concurrent with the exhibition of the draft *Operational Plan & Budget 2022/23*.

The public exhibition was promoted via Council's website and the YourSay North Sydney site, to all active Precinct Committees via memo and the weekly Precinct E-news (item ran weekly during exhibition period); and via A3 signage at the following locations - Customer Service Centre and Civic Park.

During the exhibition period there were 16 views on the YourSay page (compared to 57 in 2020/21); of these, 7 visitors downloaded the report of 23 May 2022.

No submissions were received.

**DECISION OF 3759th COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2022**

8.6. Draft Grants and Subsidies 2022-23

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This item was adopted by exception (see page 6)

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1. D 4-07 Community Grants Subsidies Policy [8.6.1 - 4 pages]

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CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

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DETAIL

1. Introduction

Council provides buildings and spaces to not-for-profits who provide much needed services to the community, particularly in areas where council doesn't provide direct service. Council's community centres and cultural facilities run by not-for-profit boards are:

1. Crows Nest Centre
2. The Kirribilli Centre
3. North Sydney Community Centre
4. Neutral Bay Community Centre
5. May Gibbs' Nutcote Museum
6. Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre
7. North Sydney Men's Shed

Between them, the Centres provide a wide range of valuable services and activities such as:

- Services for older people (linen service, Meals on Wheels, shopping support, meal preparation, assistance attending medical appointments)
- Adult education courses, workshops and community choir
- support for people who are homeless
- Respite program
- Fortnightly markets (Produce and Arts & General markets)
- Health and wellbeing classes (yoga, exercise classes for older people, Pilates, walking groups)
- Language classes
- Markets
- Museum

The community centre boards pay a peppercorn rent and council maintains the building and provide parking subsidies.

Every 3-4 years Council works with each centre to develop a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) which describes the vision and strategic direction for each of the centres. Each year the JSP is reviewed by council, and the review informs the annual grants and subsidies budget process.

There are two Community Centres owned by council that provide extensive casual venue hire: Neutral Bay Community Centre and McMahon's Point Community Centre, Upper Level. Forsyth Park and Kendall Community Centres (upper level) are available for casual hire on weekends only. Casual hires are overseen by Council's Customer Service team.

Council enables and facilitates access to children's services by leasing nine of its facilities to eight not-for-profit children's services providers. The providers deliver long day care, pre-

school, occasional childcare, after-school and vacation care. Where there is capacity the childcare centres pay rent as detailed in this report.

At its meeting on 25 October 2021 Council endorsed its **Children's Services Review** and adopted the recommendations. Throughout Australia, private children's services receive proportionally lower quality ratings than not-for-profit community managed services. The review found that quality service delivery is higher in North Sydney with all not-for-profit providers being rated as either Meeting or Exceeding NQS and 80% of private providers are rated as either Meeting or Exceeding NQS.

Four of Council's Community Centres lease out parts of the centres to five not-for-profit childcare organisations:

1. McMahons Point Community Centre Lower ground floor, leased by McMahons Point Preschool.
2. Forsyth Park Community Centre, leased by Montessori Preschool
3. Kendall Community Centre, lower level leased by KU Preschool and the upper level by Cammeray Children's Centre.
4. Crows Nest Centre, leased by Kidsnest Occasional Care

Council's standalone childcare centres are Kelly's Place Long Day Care, Grandstand Kindergarten and Greenwood Long Day Care.

Small Grants Program

Each year Council invites community organisations to apply for a grant from the Council to assist in the provision of services for the North Sydney community. Council's objectives in helping to fund selected projects and services are:

- To help organisations meet high priority needs within the local government area
- To provide financial contributions in recognition of the value of selected services to the community.

Council's contribution is not intended to be the sole source of funding for any project or service.

The grants benefit the residents of the North Sydney community as the grants provide support to a wide variety of community services dispersed across the North Sydney local government area. The projects the grants support represent community initiatives displaying creativity, co-operation, originality and access and equity principles.

All funding requests submitted to Council are evaluated in terms of:

- The type of need being met, the unique qualities of the project, its level of innovation and the degree to which it meets the objectives of Council's social planning programs.

- The financial status of the organisation or service provider, the quality of its management and organisational structure, its funding levels and sources and its ability to account for funding sources, fund applications and outcomes.
- Council's Community Grants and Subsidies Policy and criteria.

All groups seeking financial support have valid roles to play in extending the reach and variety of services available to the community.

The categories of funding, responding to community needs and priorities as set out in the Community Strategic Plan and sub-plans, is expressed in the following breakdown:

- Category A: Community Centres and Cultural Facilities (2.2 Tables 1-3)
- Category B: Child Care Centres (2.2 Tables 4-8)
- Category C: Centres of local & sub-regional importance (2.2 Table 9-10)
- Community Housing (2.2 Table 11)
- Aged Care Accommodation (2.2 Table 12)
- Recreational Facilities Program (2.2 Table 13)
- Subsidies for individuals (2.2 Table 14)
- Ongoing North Sydney community services not in Council buildings (2.2 Table 15)
- Internet/telephone support for seniors (2.2 Table 16)
- Small Grants: new and innovative and health and well-being (2.3)
- Sports Grants (i)
- Food Grants: (2.3) (ii)
- Arts Grants (iii)

All grants are acquitted annually, either through the Joint Strategic Plan reviews or through specific acquittal forms.

2. Service Infrastructure

2.1 Joint Strategic Plans Model

The Joint Strategic Plan informs Council's annual Grants & Subsidies budget in which each of the community centres receive an annual grant as well as subsidies. The purpose of the grant and subsidies is to provide support to each of the individual centres to enable them to continue to provide much valued services and programs to the North Sydney community.

A Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) with Council has been developed for each of the community centres. The plan is reviewed annually and provides a detailed picture of the community centre's financial and operational progress. Though the centres have struggled over the past years due to Covid-19, they have also risen to the challenge and have not only managed to keep running essential services but have been able to adapt services and have continued to develop and improve the services they provide.

The Joint Strategic Plans also assist the Community Centres to align their planning with the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

2.1.1 Crows Nest Centre (CNC)

The Centre's current lease has been renewed and will expire in June 2025. Excluded from the lease are:

- The joint Council/NSW Health's Early Childhood Centre (Level 4)
- Studio A, a not-for-profit organisation that works with artists with a disability (Level 4)
- Lower North Shore Community Transport Office (Level 3)
- Occasional Care Centre (KidsNest) (Level 2)

For the 2020/21 financial year Council provided CNC with grants totaling \$415,600. Federal and State Government support provided a further \$809,556. The increase is due to Job Keeper payments (\$389,000) and other grant opportunities (\$100,000) made available to ageing and disability services due to Covid-19. Together these account for a higher surplus for the year of \$454,066. CNC reported a shortfall in hall and room hire income over 2019/20 which amounted to \$62,000 and this continued into 2020/2021 with a shortfall of \$75,000.

From 2023/24 CNC expects a significant reduction in Commonwealth aged care funding and with the proposed redevelopment of the Holtermann Street Carpark, a marked reduction of venue hire income during 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The surplus will help to provide a buffer against these eventualities.

Council supports the Centre in-kind through nominal rent, parking and trade waste services.

The total recommended cash subsidy for 2022/23 for this Centre (North Sydney's principal agency for delivering services to the aged and disabled) is \$418,750.

Crows Nest Centre's Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities After Tax

Year	Result	Reserves (Equity)	Funded Liabilities
2014/15	\$39,362 surplus	\$369,022	
2015/16	\$5,947 surplus	\$374,969	
2016/17	(\$7,929) deficit	\$367,040	
2017/18	(\$8,440) deficit	\$358,600	\$421,892
2018/19	\$8,488 surplus	\$367,088	\$409,017
2019/20	\$235,095 surplus	\$658,107	\$451,378
2020/21	\$454,066 surplus	\$1,112,172	\$362,705

2.1.2 North Sydney Community Centre (NSCC)

The Centre's lease expired in 2021 and has been renewed for another 5 years. NSCC continues to provide a strong suite of programs in the newest building in Council's community services portfolio. Following near insolvency during the Centre's demolition phase in 2006 and a reduced subsidy initiated by the Centre itself to \$67,514 (a reduction of \$20,166) in 2010/11. The Centre delivered a surplus for 9 years in a row followed by two successive deficits due to Covid-19. For 2020/21 the Centre has delivered a surplus of \$261,757 due to \$434,150 in Job Keeper payments and an ATO tax cash boost of \$50,000.

Council supports the Centre in-kind through nominal rent, parking and trade waste services.

The total recommended cash subsidy for 2022/23 for this Centre (North Sydney Council's principal agency for adult education classes and operator of the Northside Produce Markets) is \$65,000.

North Sydney Community Centre's Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities After Tax

Year	Result	Reserves (Equity)	Funded Liabilities
2014/15	\$33,247 surplus	\$302,208	
2015/16	\$42,697 surplus	\$344,905	
2016/17	\$44,912 surplus	\$389,817	
2017/18	\$39,836 surplus	\$429,683	\$120,945
2018/19	(\$11,672) deficit	\$417,981	\$119,084
2019/20	(\$77,205) deficit	\$340,776	\$120,166
2020/21	\$477, 977 surplus	\$621, 912	\$143, 935

2.1.3 The Kirribilli Centre (TKC)

The Centre's lease has been renewed for another five years. In 2022, TKC resumed leasing the former scout hall in Forsyth Park (Centre in the Park).

Some of TKC's activities were funded in recent years by a Federal Government (Department of Social Services) grant which has expired. This grant was aimed at caregivers who provide support and respite for people suffering from a mental illness. For 2019/20, The Kirribilli Centre received the last of the Federal Government payments (May 2020) for the Carers program. This resulted in a reduction of \$256,073 in income for 2020/21.

Job Keeper payments \$130,950 and the ATO tax boost (\$50,000) helped provide a small surplus of \$25,662 in 2020/21.

TKC have been planning for the above reductions in funding by steadily increasing its room hire charges in recent years and in December 2020 increased its stall holder fees. In addition, TKC reduced staff hours in 2020/21. Despite this, in 2022/23 TKC will need to manage a deficit.

Council supports the Centre in-kind through parking subsidies, trade waste services and the use of Bradfield Park Central for the Kirribilli Markets.

The total recommended cash subsidy for 2021/22 for this Centre (North Sydney Council's only significant community facility on the eastern side of the Warringah Freeway, the centre provides adult education classes and operates the Kirribilli Markets) is \$64,000.

The Kirribilli Centre's Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities After Tax

Year	Result	Reserves (Equity)	Funded Liabilities
2014/15	\$57,673 surplus	\$298,096	

Year	Result	Reserves (Equity)	Funded Liabilities
2015/16	\$1,582 surplus	\$299,678	
2016/17	\$68,206 surplus	\$367,884	
2017/18	\$150,575 surplus	\$518,460	\$131,229
2018/19	\$81,459 surplus	\$599,919	\$194,674
2019/20	\$125,058 surplus	\$724,977	\$149,149
2020/21	\$25,662 surplus	\$750,639	\$193,083

2.1.4 Neutral Bay Community Centre

At its meeting 22 June 2021, Council resolved to increase Neutral Bay Community Centre's annual grant to support the employment of a part time coordinator and for Council to enter into a Joint Strategic Plan with Neutral Bay Community Centres consistent with other Council-owned community centres.

Neutral Bay Community Centre has experienced a period of significant change and growth in the past two years. The community has been consulted, membership has increased by 400%, a new volunteer board of directors has been elected and a comprehensive schedule of activities has been implemented.

Neutral Bay Community Centre has been receiving an annual grant through Council's Grants and Subsidies program of \$4,000 which increased to \$8000 in 2021/22.

The Centre receives no other recurrent funding and derives modest contributions from membership fees, fitness classes and low-cost computer lessons.

The total recommended cash subsidy for 2022/23 for the Neutral Bay Community Centre is \$50,000. This Centre is Council's only community facility (excepting the Family and Children's Health Centre at Cremorne) serving residents and workforce in the north of the LGA.

Year	Result	Reserves (Equity)	Funded Liabilities
2020/21	(\$5,265) deficit	13,123	\$3,419.50

2.1.5 May Gibbs' Nutcote

Nutcote ended 2020/21 with its third successive surplus, \$13,738. During this period Nutcote received \$62,441 in government grants (Job Keeper and other COVID related payments) as well as a grant from Council.

In 2020/201 rent from the Trust-owned residential flat at 2A Wallaringa Avenue contributed \$24,541 towards Nutcote's operations (staff wages), a reduction of 43% due to vacancy. As The Nutcote Trust wholly owns 2A Wallaringa Avenue, it is not part of Council's lease of Nutcote (5 Wallaringa Avenue) to the Trust. Revenues from all activities were down due to closures arising from Covid.

Nutcote's cash donation each year is towards operating costs and to sharing the cost of business and public liability insurance premiums (approximately 50%). Council supports the Centre in-kind through rates, parking subsidies and trade waste services.

The total recommended cash subsidy for 2022/23 for the Nutcote House Museum (North Sydney Council's only property listed on the National Heritage Register) is \$32,000.

Nutcote's Financial Position

Year	Result	Reserves/ Endowment	Funded Liabilities
2013	(\$12,429) deficit	\$319,898	
2014	(\$24,879) deficit	\$335,279	
2015/16	(\$15,781) deficit	\$346,833	
2016/17	(\$10,793) deficit	\$352,428	
2017/18	(\$6,265) deficit	\$360,209	\$13,490
2018/19	\$21,342 surplus	\$366,940	\$20,800
2019/20	\$27,687 surplus	\$373,537	\$10,649*
2020/21	\$13,738 Surplus	\$376,697	\$21,160

*Accrued Employee Benefits

2.1.6 Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre

Under its Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-19, Council approached the Board in early 2017 with a proposal to refurbish the Art and Craft Centre interior, installing a lift and accessible amenities, as well as enhancing the building's heritage fabric and relocating and widening the entrances. The Board agreed and, after considerable preparations commencing March 2018, granted Council vacant possession on 25 June 2018. The Centre was reopened by the Mayor on 27 April 2019.

During the renovation period contribution levies were suspended. Insurance was maintained. Post renovations, tenant storage changes and restocking amounting to \$3,600 was incurred, additionally \$1,000 was contributed towards supporting the NSC Art Awards. These costs were met from accumulated reserves.

The Centre's lease expired December 2020 and has been renewed for another 5 years.

Direct Grant	NSC	Other		
	Nil	Nil		
Turnover	Year	Income	Expenditure	
	2018/19	\$2,649	\$9,086	
	2019/20	\$9,326	\$12,156	
	2020/21			
Sustainability	Year	Result	Equity	Liabilities

Direct Grant	NSC	Other		
	2018/19	(\$6,447) deficit	\$16,684	N/A
	2019/20	(\$3,190) deficit	\$13,494	N/A
	2020/21	\$3,691 surplus	\$17,186	N/A

2.2 Contributions and Subsidies

Category A: Community Centres and Cultural Facilities

1: Direct Grants	(\$)
Crows Nest Centre	418,750
North Sydney Community Centre	65,000
The Kirribilli Centre	64,000
Neutral Bay Community Centre	50,000
May Gibbs' Nutcote House	32,000
Nutcote – contribution to public liability and insurance premiums	6,800
North Sydney Men's Shed	6,400
Primrose Park Art & Craft Centre	Nil

2. Service Subsidies	(\$)
Crows Nest Centre - parking (permanent spaces guaranteed under lease (Centre; including Meals on Wheels and other Volunteers))	57,200
Crows Nest Centre - daily trade waste	19,656
Crows Nest Centre - 4 event banners per year	800
North Sydney Community Centre - parking (children's services discounts)	11,000
North Sydney Community Centre - daily trade waste;	5,824
Northside Produce Markets (twice per month): 14 waste and 12 recycling bins per month + 2 banners per month	12,096
Kirribilli Centre - daily trade waste;	5,096
Kirribilli Markets (twice per month) 40 waste and recycling bins per month+ 2 banners per month	28,000
Kirribilli Centre - on street parking - volunteers (7)	2,000 (est.)
Nutcote Museum - rates and maintenance	18,500
Kelly's Place Child Care Centre - parking subsidy (permanent spaces)	9,273

3. Rates, insurance, gardening, building maintenance (estimates)		(\$)
Crows Nest Centre (Includes whole building but Level 4 tenanted by NSW Health Children's Health service and Studio A who pay rent)		198,000
North Sydney Community Centre		67,200
Kirribilli Centre (TKC) (Fitzroy Street)		38,600
North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre Complex		218,800
Primrose Park Arts and Craft Complex		38,600
TKC's Centre in the Park (Forsyth Park Scout Hall)		8,100
Men's Shed (Smoothey Park Scout Hall)		7,400
Kelly's Place Child Care Centre		26,900
Neutral Bay Community Centre (includes Seniors Room)		105,900
McMahons Point Community Preschool (includes Community Hall with stage on Level 2)		68,500

4. Kelly's Place Long Day Care Centre*		Equity	
Year	Result		
2016	(\$3,517) deficit		Lease ends Dec 2022
2017	\$17,257 surplus		
2018	(\$13,463) deficit		
2019	(\$58,298) deficit		
2020	\$294,285 surplus		
2021	\$61,452 surplus	\$394,551	
Direct Grant	\$9,500		
Rent	Nil		

*Founded by Council

5. McMahons Point Community Preschool**		Equity	
Year	Result		
2016	(\$9,861) deficit		Leased until 2025
2017	(\$37,538) deficit		
2018	(\$1,681) deficit		
2019	\$34,557 surplus		
2020	\$85,864		
2021	(\$7,007) deficit		
Direct Grant	\$9,600	\$91,597	
Rent	Nil		

**Founded by Council.

6. KidsNest Occasional Care*		Equity	Lease is in process
Year	Result		
Yr. end October 2016	(\$7,615) deficit	\$67,335	
Yr. end October 2017	(\$19,730) deficit		
Yr. end October 2018	(\$4,996) deficit		
Yr. end October 2019	\$2,415 surplus		
Yr. end October 2020	\$59,560 surplus		
Yr.end October 2021	(\$19,641) deficit		
Direct Grant	\$9,000		
Rent	\$6,400		

*Founded by Council: the only dedicated occasional care facility in North Sydney

7. Cammeray Children's Centre*		Equity	Leased until 2025
Year	Result		
2016	(\$9,860) deficit	\$194,052.08	
2017	\$43,454 surplus		
2018	\$22,764 surplus		
2019	**(\$53,813) deficit		
2020	\$78,834 surplus		
2021	(\$8,895) deficit		
Direct Grant	Nil		
Rent	\$13,028		

*Originally an offshoot of Kidnest, it is now a parent-managed Long Day Care centre.

**One-off improvements to the centre plus additional outdoor cleaning from bushfire smoke: year of Rating and Assessments: costs won't be incurred in coming years.

Category B (ii): Child Care Centres operated by not-for-profit organisations

8. Facility	Maintenance p.a.	Rent p.a.
Forsyth Park Community Centre (Preschool; Vacation Care; Playgroup)	\$65,100	\$21,429.96
Kendall Community Centre (KU Preschool)	\$78,500	\$12,501
Kendall Community Centre (Cammeray Children's Centre) Parent run		\$13,020.96
Grandstand Kindergarten	\$27,500	\$12,181.56

Category C: Centres of Local and Sub-Regional Importance

9. Service Subsidies		(\$)
Children's & Family Health Centre (Crows Nest) - parking		27,000
Children's & Family Health Centre (Cremorne) - parking		11,000
Early Ed Clinic - parking		1,800
St Mary's Refuge – parking subsidy		21,200

10. Facilities	Maintenance p.a.	Rent p.a.
Early Ed Clinic - Cunningham St North Sydney	\$16,900	Nil
Children's & Family Health Centre - Cremorne	\$54,500	Nil
Children's & Family Health Centre – Crows Nest Centre	Included in Crows Nest Centre maintenance	Nil

Community Housing

11. Managers/Co-owners	Expenditure July 2020 – June 2021	Surplus to 31 March 2022	Accumulated Surplus 31 March 2022
Link Housing -131 tenancies & 23 addresses	(\$99,138)	\$82,458	\$269,178
*Taldumande Youth Services – 1 tenancy, 1 address	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Council doesn't incur expenditure on this refuge.

Aged Care Accommodation

12. Co-owner and Operator	Value of Lease	Revenue forgone by NSRT for supported and partially supported residents
North Sydney Retirement Trust (NSRT) James Milson Village	\$707,200	\$1,270,000

Recreational Facilities

13. Service Subsidies		(\$)
North Sydney Tennis Centre – parking		2,000
North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre (NSBA) - parking		6,000
North Sydney Olympic Pool - pensioner, seniors and benefit card discount		Nil
North Sydney Olympic Pool - crèche subsidy		Nil
North Sydney Olympic Pool - Park'n'swim: totally offset by parking meter revenue		Nil

13. Service Subsidies		(\$)
Cammeray Public School – free use of playing fields		Nil
Neutral Bay Public School – free use of playing fields		Nil
North Sydney Demonstration School – free use of playing fields		Nil

Subsidies for Individuals

14. Service Subsidies		(\$)
Voluntary pensioner rate rebate (there is also a statutory rebate; but this is reimbursed to Council by the State Government and not reported here)		\$151,200
Graffiti removal: private properties (383.0 Sq. m 232 jobs)		\$32,028 Ex GST

Ongoing Support for North Sydney Community Services not in Council Buildings

15. Direct Grants		(\$)
Ensemble Theatre - contribution to rates		4,000
Royal Art Society - contribution to rates		5,600
North Sydney Symphony Orchestra – operational		4,600
Story to Screen (youth arts program with local schools managed by Council's arts team)		18,000
Pensioner Christmas Relief		12,700
Pensioner Christmas dinners		3,700
Baptist Care (formerly Constant Companion): North Sydney residents		2,000
Phoenix House Youth Services		3,200
Taldumande Youth Refuge		4,000
Aboriginal Projects		5,000
Community Groups Insurance (Live Poets, Greenway Tenants, Neutral Bay Seniors)		4,000
North Sydney Australia Day Celtic Festival		3,000
Waverton Hub		3,300
Crows Nest Fair – fully funded from Streetscape Levy – includes 50% contribution to clean-up		73,000
North Sydney Sub-branch PA hire for ANZAC & Remembrance Days		3,000
Centre Playgrounds – play equipment and tree inspections contribution		22,000

Internet/Telephone Support for Seniors

16. Service subsidies		(\$)
Neutral Bay Seniors - annual Internet connection		500
McMahons Point U3A - annual Internet connection		500
Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre - annual Internet connection		500
Cammeray Croquet Club - annual Internet connection		500
Waverton hub – message bank in Don Bank		500

16. Service subsidies		(\$)
Greenway Tenants Union annual Internet connection		500

2. 3 Small Grants Successful Applicants

ORGANISATION	PROJECT NAME	DETAILS OF PROJECT – FUNDS USED FOR	\$ MONEY REQUESTED	\$ MONEY AWARDED
Taldumande Youth Services	Food Vouchers for Homeless Youth	Supermarket grocery vouchers provided to homeless young people in our care when work is affected due to COVID restrictions. \$50 each to go towards food and essential items when required.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
St Vincent de Paul Society	EMERGENCY RELIEF	Purchase of gift cards from supermarkets, to distribute to those seeking assistance with essential household items enabling them to eat and purchase a few essentials.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
North Sydney Community Centre	Men's Health & Wellbeing	A series of short talks & events for Men, in October 2022. Men In Conversation: to inspire action against & prevention of domestic violence; promote gender equity, better relationships, reinforce positive ways of thinking & behaving.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Lower North Shore Domestic Violence Network	DV Awareness Raising Project: Training Program	Victims of DFV often confide in hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, etc. Training for appropriate tools to respond without compromising client safety.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Early Education (EarlyEd) Inc.	Active Play - Active learning in local places	Provide families with digital information of learning opportunities in the local green spaces for toddlers and pre-schoolers to increase active play and use of open harbourside green spaces of North Sydney.	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 1,600.00
The Waverton Hub	Healthy Active Ageing - subsidised falls classes	Subsidise attendance fees for members participating in falls classes for members who have lost confidence strength and balance during isolation created by COVID lockdowns.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	Accessible Art Workshops in North Sydney LGA	Accessible Art Workshops for up to 20 adults and children living with low vision or blindness in North Sydney LGA.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,200.00

ORGANISATION	PROJECT NAME	DETAILS OF PROJECT – FUNDS USED FOR	\$ MONEY REQUESTED	\$ MONEY AWARDED
St Vincent de Paul Society	<i>Share Our Pantry</i>	Urgent relief for food, essentials toiletries, first aid products and underwear. Requests can be made at short notice, so a basic pantry is maintained.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Kidsnest Crows Nest Occasional Care	<i>Community Dance Classes</i>	Support for Zumba dance classes for families, needing respite to leave the house with their child, to recover mentally and physically.	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,100.00
Neutral Bay Senior Citizens Club Incorporated T/A Neutral Bay Community Centre	<i>Monthly Wellbeing Morning Tea</i>	Regular monthly morning teas inviting Community and Centre members, to presentations given by speakers conducting health and wellbeing program. Members' feedback suggest that they are more likely to benefit from these informative sessions.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
North Sydney Community Service Ltd t/a Crows Nest Centre	<i>Reach Your Potential: Podcasts</i>	Enhancing the “Reach Your Potential: Employability Program for Skilled Migrants” through the creation and use of contemporary, topical podcasts.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,300.00
Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre Inc	<i>PPACCI Good Governance and Sustainability</i>	After the shutdowns there is more interest in arts and crafts. Members want the recently renovated centre to be shared more broadly with the community through governance and sustainability plan.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Lower North Shore Multicultural Network Auspiced by Sydney Multicultural Community Services	<i>Deep Dive into Transform' al Ethical Storytelling</i>	After a successful workshop Transformational Ethical Story Telling (TES) another workshop was requested to build greater understanding and skills development.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Cremorne Probus Club Inc.	<i>Audio support for community meetings</i>	Professional audio will improve the quality of the existing sound system and, given the current COVID environment, ensure that relevant COVID safety protocols are addressed through elimination of the necessity for using shared microphones.	\$ 604.00	\$ 700.00

ORGANISATION	PROJECT NAME	DETAILS OF PROJECT – FUNDS USED FOR	\$ MONEY REQUESTED	\$ MONEY AWARDED
The Kirribilli Centre	<i>Seniors Stimulation and Morning tea</i>	For purchase of board games to bring vulnerable members of our community together, to socialize, talk and connect	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 800.00
Lower North Shore Child and Family Interagency	<i>Videography for a series of free webinars</i>	To deliver webinars that are informative and helpful to parents, children, and families in the Lower North Shore. The funding would be used to edit webinars to ensure they look professional and accessible for viewers in the local area.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
The Sydney Library of Things Inc	<i>Promotion of TSLoT to increase membership</i>	Hosting a community workshop and look to participate in local sustainability events to help further promote TSLoT.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Greenway Tenants Group Inc	<i>Greenway Community Centre Phone Costs</i>	Telstra wireless System that operates for the Benefit of Greenway residents. The system provides Internet and Email facilities daily for residents who would otherwise be unable to afford internet services.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 35,014.00	\$ 24,000.00

Sports Grants

ORGANISATION	PROJECT NAME	DETAILS OF PROJECT	\$ MONEY REQUESTED	\$ MONEY AWARDED
North Sydney Scout Group	Safety Equipment for Community Kayaking	Free kayaking sessions from Sawmillers Reserve for community with all equipment provided Grant is to purchase new paddles and two handheld marine radios, increasing safety of the group.	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Cammeray Croquet Club	New Equipment Chest	Outdoor cabinet with lockable double doors of our own design to house hoops, balls and other Croquet equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL				\$ 1,400.00

Food Grants

Grant	\$ Contribution
Food Grants	\$ 11,000
Pensioner Christmas Dinner	\$ 3,700
TOTAL	\$ 14,700.00

Arts Grants

Grant	\$ Contribution
Individual Creative Grants	\$ 10,000



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Policy Owner: Director Community and Library Services

Category: 4. Our Social Vitality

1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 1.1 To provide clarity and direction to North Sydney Council and the community, on the equitable investment of resources and funds to strengthen the capacity of the community, to address identified social needs.
- 1.2 Council supports the provision of community services through financial assistance by way of small grants and subsidies to not for profit community organisations. Dollar allocations are determined according to a project review, the project's capacity to address areas of high priority social need and the organisation's financial capabilities.
- 1.3 Grants and subsidies will be seen as a contribution rather than a commitment to fund the entire service.
- 1.4 A key objective of Council's small grants and subsidies program is to support the provision of projects or services that are principally for the benefit of residents of North Sydney local government area.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Grants will only be awarded to:
 - a) incorporated not for profit organisations based in and/or servicing the North Sydney local government area; or
 - b) community groups in the North Sydney local government area auspiced by an incorporated not-for-profit organisation.
- 2.2 The organisation must undertake the project for which the grant has been awarded within the specified time frame.
- 2.3 Previous grant funding gained through this program must have been acquitted.
- 2.4 One-Off Funding - one-off funds may be provided to service organisations experiencing financial difficulties or to assist funding of particular projects.
- 2.5 Bulk Mail Requests - The General Manager, on delegated authority, will reply in the negative to bulk mail donation requests.

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- 2.6 Activities which promote or advance a specific religious or political belief system will not be considered for funding under this program.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Grants - generally are cash grants from Council, though they may include services on which a dollar valuation is placed.
- 3.2 Small Grants Program - new and innovative projects which target defined needs aligned to the *North Sydney Community Strategic Plan*.
- 3.3 Subsidies - are ongoing support for to community services/organisations operating in the North Sydney local government area.

4. PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Determinations will be made annually (usually May) for the following financial year, as part of Council's budget process.
- 4.2 In accordance with Council's financial year (1 July to 30 June), applicant organisations will be asked to forward submissions by the first week in March each year.
- 4.3 Applications, using the specified Application Form, must be submitted to Council by the closing date to be eligible for consideration.
- 4.4 Applications will be assessed in accordance with the following assessment criteria:
- a) The project/or service contributes to the goals within the *North Sydney Community Strategic Plan*;
 - b) The project outcomes are a priority for the community and are aligned with demonstrated community needs or aspirations;
 - c) The project fosters innovative, creative ideas and solutions to community need(s);
 - d) The project stimulates community or cultural development in North Sydney;
 - e) The project contributes to community connectedness, reduces social isolation or engages previously disengaged members of the community;
 - f) The project promotes social equity or justice;
 - g) The project enhances the quality of service delivery.
 - h) Organisational Capacity:
 - the applicant has the experience and expertise to deliver the activity effectively; and
 - a history of appropriate financial management; and

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- i) Project Budget - the proposed budget includes income and expenditure targets.
- 4.5 Council will determine the level of funding according to:
- a) The applicant's financial status:
- Income and expenditure details for the preceding financial year;
 - previous, current and projected budget details;
 - monies in reserve;
 - services planned; and
 - impacts of previous funding;
- b) Service needs, as regards:
- maintenance of service viability;
 - alternative funding sources; and
 - financial difficulties for the service provider.
- c) Organisational management:
- soundness of structure;
 - legal status (incorporated, non-profit organisations);
 - provision of a statement of funds in the event of an organisation ceasing to function;
 - provision of award conditions for staff;
 - provision of equal employment opportunities, anti-discrimination and affirmative action policies in staffing matters; and
 - encouragement of (service) user participation
- 4.6 An annual *Plan of Management* review applies to Community Centre subsidy Allocation.

5. RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.1 Requests will be referred to Council's Manager Community Development in the first instance, and in some cases may be referred to Council.
- 5.2 Recipient organisations will participate in community forums or interagencies, assist in service planning and continuously evaluate their service.
- 5.3 Recipient organisations will be able to nominate an identifiable outcome in the project/service program; organisations will be asked to provide expenditure information at the end of the project year.

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6. RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS/LEGISLATION

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the following Council policies and documents:

- Community, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy
- Community Strategic Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents/legislation:

- Local Government Act 1993 (Section 356 Financial Assistance)

Version	Date Approved	Approved by	Resolution No.	Review Date
1	16 February 2009	Council	61	2012/13
2	18 February 2013	Council	61	2016/17
3	25 June 2018	Council	214	2020/21

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**DECISION OF 3759th COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2022**

8.6. Draft Grants and Subsidies 2022-23

AUTHOR: Rebecca Aukim, Director Community & Library Services

To provide clarity and direction to North Sydney Council and the community on the equitable investment of resources and funds to strengthen the capacity of the community and to address identified social needs.

The Grants and Subsidies Program for 2022/23 is presented as follows:

- Category A: Community Centres and Cultural Facilities
- Category B: Child Care Centres
- Category C: Centres of local & sub-regional importance
- Community Housing
- Aged Care Accommodation
- Recreational Facilities Program
- Subsidies for individuals
- Ongoing North Sydney community services not in Council buildings
- Internet/telephone support for seniors
- Small Grants: new and innovative & health and well-being
- Sports Grants
- Food Grants (recipients to be confirmed)
- Arts Grants (recipients to be confirmed)

Council's total cash subsidy for community services in 2022/23 is \$1,066,323 of which \$137,473 is for parking subsidies, \$575,000 for the community centres, \$32,100 for parent-run childcare and \$238,050 for small group support. Additional subsidies in kind are made as detailed in the report, the most substantial of which are trade waste removal (\$70,672) and building maintenance and rates (\$796,500).

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the Draft Community Grants and Subsidies 2022/23 report be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, aligning with the Amended Delivery Program/Draft Operational Plan 2022/23.
- 2. THAT** a further report be prepared for Council's consideration at the submissions closing period to facilitate adoption of the final Grants & Subsidies 2022/23 by 30 June 2022.

This item was adopted by exception (see page 6)

149. RESOLVED:

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