

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council



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Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Council Chambers, Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre
68 Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale at 3:30pm

MEETING NOTICE

An Ordinary Meeting of Wingecarribee Shire Council will be held in Council Chambers at Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre, 68 Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 3.30pm.

The Public Forum will commence at 3.00pm.

Further information and details on registration process can be found on Council’s website, using the following link:

[Public Forum Application Form | Wingecarribee Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

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SA1.1 Community Resilience Small Grants Program

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend funds for local organisations for community resilience projects under the Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council provides a Community Resilience Small Grant to the following community organisations for the following amounts:
 - a. Bundanoon Folk Festival Association \$4,000
 - b. Bundanoon Community Association \$6,693.59
 - c. St Vincent de Paul Society NSW \$10,000
 - d. Hill Top Community Association \$5,000
 - e. Angels in Our Town \$10,000
 - f. Medway Community Association \$1,543.08
 - g. Berrima Residents Association \$4,700
 - h. Yerrinbool Village Group Incorporated \$6,810
 - i. River Road Creative Communities Inc, \$7,650
 - j. Quest For Life Foundation \$2,800
 - k. Penrose Community Association Inc. \$3,850
 - l. Wingello Village Association \$1,000
 - m. Burrawang Wildes Meadow Community Association Incorporated \$8,200
 - n. Country Women's Association of NSW – Exeter branch \$1,100
2. It be noted that a total of \$73,346.65 has been provided to successful applicants from the NSW Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF) project budget of \$73,360.
3. Successful applicants be advised in writing of the outcome of their application.
4. Unsuccessful applicants be advised in writing of the outcome of their application and provided feedback.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

In 2020/21 Council received funding to the sum of \$250,000 from the NSW Government under the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund following the Black Summer Bushfires. This funding was distributed across a range of projects such as Stakeholder Mapping to assist recovery support services, community connection events, a previous small grants program for community and a specialist rebuild service for those navigating the Development Application process due to house and outbuilding damage.

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A variation was submitted to NSW reconstruction Authority (formally Resilience NSW) in 2023 for the unspent funding of \$73,360 from the above projects to be re-invested into community-based projects that assisted in building resilience across the Wingecarribee by creating the Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 (The Program).

The Program was designed to offer financial assistance to not-for-profit community organisations and associations based in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area to deliver a range of resilience focused projects.

The Program will support collaborative efforts between community groups and organisations to deliver local and innovative projects that support the aim of the grant.

The Program provided one-off grants of \$500 - \$10,000. The Program opened via the Smartygrants portal from Monday 21 August 2023 and closed on Friday 29 September 2023. Projects must be delivered by Friday 1 December 2023.

The Program aimed to support bushfire impacted communities:

- With preparedness projects that are community led
- Provide opportunity for community connection
- Strengthen community resilience

REPORT

Applications were assessed by professional officers in accordance with the Policy against the criteria within Community Resilience Small Grants Program Guidelines. Staff recommendations were then reviewed by the relevant Manager to ensure transparency and probity.

The program received a total of 19 applications with a total request of \$108,000.

Table 1 below provides the Funding recommendations for the Community Resilience Small Grants Program

Application Number	Organisation Name	Project Title	Requested	Recommendation for funding
12023	Bundanoon Folk Festival Association	Living on Gundungurra Country	\$4,000	Supported - \$4,000
32023	Bundanoon Community Association	Bundanoon Resilience Ready EXPO	\$6,693.59	Supported - \$6,693.59
72023	Mittagong Community Playgroup	Young Families Month	\$10,000	Not supported – Does not support a new playgroup initiative, requires more engagement around preparedness and resilience opportunities for attendees
82023	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	Many Hands Make: A Community Resilience Project	\$10,000	Supported – \$10,000

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Application Number	Organisation Name	Project Title	Requested	Recommendation for funding
102023	Hill Top Community Association Inc.	The Hill Top Youth Initiative	\$5,000	Supported – \$5,000
112023	Angels In Our Town Ltd	Angels In Our Town Thank You Parade & Family Concert	\$10,000	Supported - \$10,000
132023	Medway Community Association Inc	Community Notice Board	\$1,543.08	Supported - \$1,543.08
142023	Berrima Residents Association	Bringing the Berrima Residents Together	\$10,000	Supported – Part payment \$4,700 to fund the proposed community event and partially fund the Newsletter over Bushire Season
152023	Balmoral Village Association Inc.	Balmoral Village Tennis Club	\$2,508	Not supported – Infrastructure projects not favourably considered
172023	Yerrinbool Village Group Inc.	Yerrinbool Bushfire Prevention and Well being activities	\$10,000	Supported – Part Payment \$6,810. The remaining requested amount of \$3,190 was not accounted for in budget breakdown within application
182023	River Road Creative Communities Inc	Wingecarribee Creative Youth Drop-In sessions	\$7,650	Supported
192023	Quest for Life Foundation	Your Life Matters - Building Peace & Resilience in the Wingecarribee Shire	\$2,800	Supported
202023	Penrose Community Association Inc.	Penrose Village Dinner	\$3,850	Supported

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Application Number	Organisation Name	Project Title	Requested	Recommendation for funding
212023	Wingello Village Association	Community High Tea	\$1,000	Supported
222023	Community Links Wellbeing	Queer Ball	\$4,865	Not Supported – Council is looking at other funding opportunities for this initiative
262023	Community Links Wellbeing	Adventure Therapy Program – Creating Connections through Adventure	\$5,000	Not Supported - Council are looking at other funding opportunities for this initiative
232023	Kangaloon Hall Incorporated	Defibrillator for Community Access	\$3,099	Not Supported – Infrastructure projects not favourably considered
242023	Burrawang Wildes Meadow Community Association Incorporated	Community Engagement and Resilience Events and Burrawang Herald	\$10,000	Supported – partially funded \$8,200 for two community events and partial funding of Burrawang Herald over bushfire season
252023	Country Women’s Association of NSW – Exeter Branch	Exeter Community Playgroup	\$1,000	Supported

COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

Community Engagement

Council actively engaged with community organisations to support the application process with one-on-one advice. All applicants are required to address how the applications align the Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 guidelines.

Internal Communication and Consultation

All applications were assessed against eligibility criteria as set out in the Guidelines. Council staff undertook the assessment of the applications.

- Community Resilience Officer
- Coordinator Community Development

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- Manager Community Life & Libraries

External Communication and Consultation

The Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 was promoted through a media release, radio and via Council's Community Update, newsletter and website. The Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 was also promoted through local networks and interagency contact lists.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Environment

There are no environmental issues in relation to this report.

Social

The Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 assists local not for profit organisations and community groups based in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area to deliver a range of resilience focused projects.

Broader Economic Implications

The Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 allows for community organisations to provide local projects and carry out works that benefit the local community, often sourcing local businesses and supplies.

Culture

There are no cultural issues in relation to this report.

Governance

There are no governance issues in relation to this report.

COUNCIL BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is recommended that a total of \$73,346.65 be recommended towards the Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 from the current 2023/2024 budget, funded by the BCRRF.

RELATED COUNCIL POLICY

The Grants, Donations and Sponsorships Policy

CONCLUSION

The Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 will support collaborative efforts between community groups and organisations to deliver local and innovative projects that deliver a range of resilience focused projects.

The applications for the Community Resilience Small Grants Program 2023 have been assessed by the relevant Council staff and relevant Manager and final recommendations for Council have been prepared.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil