

# AMENDED REPORT (2)

14 October 2015

General Manager's Report

To the Ordinary Council Meeting

General Manager's Unit

## 5.3 Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants

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### SUMMARY

Councillors propose the following allocation of funds for expenditure from Councillors' Community Improvement Grants (CCIG).

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council allocate an amount of \$10,738 from the 2015-16 Councillors' Community Improvement Grants as follows:

<b>Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre Ass Inc. (\$910)</b>	<i>The purchase of 17.5 cubic metres of quality organic garden soil to fill newly created garden beds for the Berkeley Vale Community Garden.</i>	910
<b>Central Coast CC Australian Italian Friendship Inc. (\$2500)</b>	<i>Facilitating social contact for a group of elderly Italian Nationals for integration within the general community.</i>	2,500
<b>Charmhaven Tennis Centre Inc. (\$4000)</b>	<i>Provide security lighting for night time when locking up and the purchase of additional seating for parents/players.</i>	2,200
<b>Chittaway Bay Public School P&amp;C Association Inc. (\$754)</b>	<i>Repair storm and severe weather damage to the Anzac Memorial Garden that the students of the school proudly created.</i>	520
<b>Good Grief Limited (\$158)</b>	<i>To cover the cost of books for children participating in the program who are experiencing grief and loss through the loss of a loved one either through divorce or death.</i>	158
<b>Norah Head Ratepayers and Coast Care Association Inc. (\$1000)</b>	<i>Administration Costs.</i>	600
<b>San Remo Community Environment Project Inc. (\$4000)</b>	<i>To build new raised garden beds at the Community garden in San Remo for members and non-members to grow their own fresh vegies and flowers.</i>	1,600
<b>Toukley Neighbourhood Centre (\$3840)</b>	<i>To provide subsidies art classes after school for children aged 7-14 years.</i>	1,250
<b>Wyong Dog Training Club Inc. (\$3699)</b>	<i>To purchase a laptop computer to run and manage the club on a daily basis.</i>	1,000

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### Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants (contd)

#### BACKGROUND

Provision has been made in Council's Annual Plan for each Councillor to recommend to Council the donation of funds to individuals, local service, charitable or community organisations that operate in the Shire or provide a benefit specifically to the residents of the Shire.

Funds may also be allocated for emergency assistance in the event of natural disasters such as bushfires, flood or drought anywhere in Australia, subject to CCIG Policy. The funds are granted subject to approval of the Council as a whole.

#### THE PROPOSAL

Under Council's Policy, all proposed allocations are subject to the approval of the Council as a whole.

Each Councillor is allocated a one tenth share of a total amount identified annually in Council's Annual Plan.

In the financial year preceding a Local Government election, the allocation to the individual Councillors will be 75% of the allocation identified above and will be available to Councillors from 1 July to 31 May of the 2015-16 year.

The amount allocated in the 2015-16 Annual Plan is \$112,500. In addition Council resolved to 'carry over' the unallocated balance for the 2014-15 financial year, being the amount of \$42,943.

The total available allocated funding for the 2015-16 financial year is \$155,443.00.

The proposed allocations are listed below:

COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ALLOCATION		Best	Eaton	Graham	Greenwald	Matthews	Nayna	Taylor	Troy	Vincent	Webster	SUB TOTAL
Allocation Allocation 01/07/2015 - 31/05/2016		15,536	14,833	16,806	16,459	12,436	18,808	20,466	14,115	11,710	14,274	155,443
Expenditure up to and including Ordinary Council Meeting of 12 August 2015		900	2,050	2,000	700	1,400	0	800	1,850	0	4,300	14,000
Available allocation as at 9 September 2015		14,636	12,783	14,806	15,759	11,036	18,808	19,666	12,265	11,710	9,974	141,443
<b>Proposed Allocations for 14 October 2015</b>												
Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre Ass Inc. (\$910)	The purchase of 17.5 cubic metres of quality organic garden soil to fill newly created garden beds for the Berkeley Vale Community Garden.	100			210	500			100			910
Central Coast CC Australian Italian Friendship Inc. (\$2500)	Facilitating social contact for a group of elderly Italian Nationals for integration within the general community.	250	800			500		450			500	2,500
Charmhaven Tennis Centre Inc. (\$4000)	Provide security lighting for night time when locking up and the purchase of additional seating for parents/players.	200			500	1,000			500			2,200
Chittaway Bay Public School P&C Association Inc. (\$754)	Repair storm and severe weather damage to the Anzac Memorial Garden that the students of the school proudly created.	100				350			70			520
Good Grief Limited (\$158)	To cover the cost of books for children participating in the program who are experiencing grief and loss through the loss of a loved one either through divorce or death.	25			83				50			158
Norah Head Ratepayers and Coast Care Association Inc. (\$1000)	Administration Costs.	200	200						200			600
San Remo Community Environment Project Inc. (\$4000)	To build new raised garden beds at the Community garden in San Remo for members and non-members to grow their own fresh vegies and flowers.	300			300	500			500			1,600
Toukley Neighbourhood Centre (\$3840)	To provide subsidies art classes after school for children aged 7-14 years.	200			500	250			300			1,250
Wyong Dog Training Club Inc. (\$3699)	To purchase a laptop computer to run and manage the club on a daily basis.	500							500			1,000
Total Proposed Allocations for 14 October 2015		1,875	1,000	0	1,593	3,100	0	450	2,220	0	500	10,738
Total Accumulated Allocations as at 14 October 2015		2,775	3,050	2,000	2,293	4,500	0	1,250	4,070	0	4,800	24,738
Balance Uncommitted as at 14 October 2015		12,761	11,783	14,806	14,166	7,936	18,808	19,216	10,045	11,710	9,474	130,705

## 5.3 Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants (contd)

In April 2015 Council reviewed the Councillor Community Improvement Grant Policy in relation to the number of applications a group may be permitted to submit across all WSC grant programs in one financial year. The amended policy (Clause D15) requires that should a group submit two or more applications for any of Council's grant programs within the same financial year, then Council must consider the public benefit that would arise prior to approving the funding recommended for the second or subsequent application.

Staff have commenced applying this clause from 27 April 2015 and reviewed the list of applications not yet fully allocated.

The following is a list of applications that are for consideration in this report that are subsequent applications from the same group in the 2015-2016 year.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Current Application</b>	<b>Previous Applications</b>
Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc.	Submitted Date: 13 August 2015 Amount: \$910  Purchase 17.5 cubic meters of organic garden soil	Date: 14 August 2015 Type of Grant: Community Benefit Grant Amount Requested: \$4210 Allocated: \$N/A 'First Aid Essentials for Parents and Carers' Status: Undecided

*Note: The second application from this group will be determined under the Community Benefit Grant process at which time Council will consider the public benefit that would arise from approving both projects.*

### OPTIONS

- 1 Approval of applications as submitted will provide a community benefit to residents of the Shire.
- 2 Non approval could result in assistance not being provided to the community.

### STRATEGIC LINKS

#### Annual Plan

<b>Principal Activity</b>	<b>Strategy or Program</b>	<b>Financial Line Item No and Description</b>
A More Sustainable Community	Enhance the quality of life of the Shire's residents	1.1.11 – Community Financial Support

#### Contribution of Proposal to the Principal Activity

The Councillors' Community Improvement Grants were developed to help charitable community groups and in doing so helping the broader community.

**Link to Shire Strategic Vision**

<b>Priority Objective</b>	<b>How the proposal contributes or links to the Priority Objectives in Shire Strategic Vision and Annual Plan</b>
<b>Communities</b> - Communities will be vibrant, caring and connected with a sense of belonging and pride in their local neighbourhood.	Funding is available to projects not specifically nominated in Council's Annual Plan that contribute to the priority objective.
<b>Facilities and Services</b> - Communities will have access to a diverse range of affordable and coordinated facilities, programs and services.	Funding is available to projects not specifically nominated in Council's Annual Plan that contribute to the priority objective.

**Principles of Sustainability**

The CCIG program is aligned with the principles of sustainability in that it would:

- Improve and maintain safety, wellbeing and sense of community
- Use locally available resources to increase our self-reliance
- Support local and regional economic prosperity
- Build and strengthen partnerships and alliances

**CONSULTATION**

Applications that met the criteria were distributed to Councillors for their consideration.

**GOVERNANCE**

All expenditure recommended is permissible under Section 24 and 356(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**CORPORATE RISKS**

Nil Impact.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed allocations contained in this report are permissible under the Council's policy on Councillors' Community Improvement Grants. The process has been correct and Council may confirm the grants at its option.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.