

AMENDED ITEM

13 May 2015
To the Ordinary Council Meeting

General Manager's Report
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 \$11,260 from the 2014-15 Councillors' Community Improvement Grants as follows:

1st Berkeley Vale Scout Group (\$1380)	To assist with the costs of the Construction Certificate and Inspection Fees for the renovations to the Scout Hall Project.	680
Bateau Bay PCYC (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Friday Night Youth Police Program costs.	500
Bateau Bay VIEW Club (\$1000)	Providing Monthly Newsletters to members.	1000
BreakThru People Solutions (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Introduction of iPads to Learning Program.	500
Camp Breakaway Inc. (\$3909) (\$2600 already allocated)	To purchase a Promethean Mobile Interactive Whiteboard System.	500
Central Coast Bombers (\$2244) (\$450 already allocated)	Purchase an Ice Making Machine for the treatment of injuries.	250
Central Coast CC Australian Italian Friendship Society Inc. (\$2000) (\$850 already allocated)	Social Gatherings and luncheons	150
Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee Inc. (\$1500) (\$450 already allocated)	To raise awareness of domestic and family violence, provide support and resources during 16 Days of Activism.	250
Chain Valley Bay Progress Association (\$3500)	To erect a shade roof structure over the wheelchair modified picnic table.	900
Future Achievement Australia (\$4000)	Funding 2 places in the Max Potential Scholarship Program.	450

Homeless No More Charity (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Recruitment Workshops.	500
National Seniors Australia, Central Coast Wyong Inc. (\$1211.50)	Design, creation and installation of a website.	700
North Entrance Surf Life Saving Club (\$3600) (\$2000 already allocated)	To purchase and place sandstone blocks along hedges of lawns to prevent vehicle access and provide seating for members.	500
Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club (\$4000) (\$3920 already allocated)	Associated costs in running a charity fundraising event.	80
The Entrance Junior Cricket Club (\$4000) (\$3800 already allocated)	Purchase each team a gazebo to be able to have shade for the children during the summer months.	200
Toukley Torchbearers for Legacy (\$1100)	Running costs to promote the annual event of the Harry Moore Legacy Golf Day at Toukley Golf Club.	700
Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Pistol Club Inc. (\$3000)	To purchase and install electronic training and coaching equipment.	1400
Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.(\$3701.47) (\$700 already allocated)	Sculptures at the Old School' event - provides sculptors a space to exhibit work and promote local art and home-grown produce.	200
YMCA Lake Haven on behalf of Autism Projects Central Coast (\$4000) (\$1750 already allocated)	Special Needs Christmas Party	500
YMCA Toukley Aquatic Centre (\$2000) (\$500 already allocated)	Teach disabled kids the lifesaving skills of being able to swim.	200
National Servicemen's Association Tuggerah Lakes (\$1100)	Purchase a freezer to store food for fundraising activities.	1100

- 2 That Council approve the allocation of funding to the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Pistol Club Inc., noting that it is the third application received from the group in the 14/15 financial year, as Council considers that public benefit arises from the outcomes of the allocation of its grant funding for this purpose.**
- 3 That Council approve the allocation of funding to the Toukley Torchbearers for Legacy., noting that it is the second application received from the group in the 14/15 financial year, as Council considers that public benefit arises from the outcomes of the allocation of its grant funding for this purpose.**

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.

The amount allocated in the 2014-15 Annual Plan is \$130,000 with a reallocation by Council of additional \$20,000 at its meeting held on 24 July 2013. The total amount allocated for 2014/2015 is \$150,000.

The proposed allocations are listed below:

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COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ALLOCATION		Beest	Eaton	Graham	Greenwald	Mathews	Nayna	Taylor	Troy	Vincent	Webster	SUB TOTAL	Previous Successful Application this financial year	
Allocation 01/01/2012 - 30/06/2013		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	150,000		
Expenditure up to and including Ordinary Council Meeting of 12 May 2015		7,740	8,290	6,500	6,400	4,700	7,050	4,584	10,210	5,950	10,412	71,836		
Available allocation as at 12 May 2015		7,260	6,710	8,500	8,600	10,300	7,950	10,416	4,790	9,050	4,588	78,164		
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1st Berkeley Vale Scout Group (\$1380)	To assist with the costs of the Construction Certificate and Inspection Fees for the renovations to the Scout Hall Project.	100	200	380								680	No	
Bateau Bay PCYC (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Friday Night Youth Police Program costs.					500						500	No	
Bateau Bay VIEW Club (\$1000)	Providing Monthly Newsletters to members.	100	200			200					500	1000	No	
BreakThru People Solutions (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Introduction of iPads to Learning Program.					500						500	No	
Camp Breakaway Inc. (\$3909) (\$2600 already allocated)	To purchase a Promethean Mobile Interactive Whiteboard System.					500						500	Yes - Community Development Grant - A Break Away for Children and young people with disabilities Status, "Declined" * Community Development Grant - Young Carers and Siblings Camp - Status, "Declined"	
Central Coast Bombers (\$2244) (\$450 already allocated)	Purchase an Ice Making Machine for the treatment of injuries.					250						250	No	
Central Coast CC Australian Italian Friendship Society Inc. (\$2000) (\$850 already allocated)	Social Gatherings and luncheons					150						150	No	
Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee Inc. (\$1500) (\$450 already allocated)	To raise awareness of domestic and family violence, provide support and resources during 16 Days of Activism.					250						250	No	
Chain Valley Bay Progress Association (\$3500)	To erect a shade roof structure over the wheelchair modified picnic table.	100			800							900	No	
Future Achievement Australia (\$4000)	Funding 2 places in the Max Potential Scholarship Program.	200				250						450	No	
Homeless No More Charity (\$4000) (\$250 already allocated)	Recruitment Workshops.					500						500	No	
National Seniors Australia, Central Coast Wyong Inc. (\$1211.50)	Design, creation and installation of a website.	100	200		200	200						700	No	
North Entrance Surf Life Saving Club (\$3600) (\$2000 already allocated)	To purchase and place sandstone blocks along hedges of lawns to prevent vehicle access and provide seating for members.					500						500	No	
Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club (\$4000) (\$3920 already allocated)	Associated costs in running a charity fundraising event.					80						80	No	
The Entrance Junior Cricket Club (\$4000) (\$3800 already allocated)	Purchase each team a gazebo to be able to have shade for the children during the summer months.					200						200	No	
Toukley Torchbearers for Legacy (\$1100)	Running costs to promote the annual event of the Harry Moore Legacy Golf Day at Toukley Golf Club - September 2015	100	200		300	100						700	Yes - Running costs to promote the annual event of the Harry Moore Legacy Golf Day at Toukley Golf Club - September 2014	
Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Pistol Club Inc. (\$3000)	To purchase and install electronic training and coaching equipment.	100	300	1000								1400	Yes - Extra baffle to be erected out from Shooting Bay, Status "Approved" (Amount requested \$4000, Amount Granted \$1600) - Improve wheelchair access to the ranges, Status "Approved" (Amount requested \$4000, Amount Granted \$1500)	
Yarralong School Community Centre Inc. (\$3701.47) (\$700 already allocated)	Sculptures at the Old School' event - provides sculptors a space to exhibit work and promote local art and home-grown produce.					200						200	Yes - CCIIG - Same event as last application in same financial year, Status "Declined". Community Benefit Grant - Community Centre Maintenance Project, Status "Declined".	

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COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ALLOCATION		Beest	Eaton	Graham	Greenfield	Mathews	Nayna	Taylor	Troy	Vincent	Webster	SUB TOTAL	Previous Successful Application this financial year	
Allocation 01/012/2012 - 30/06/2013		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	150,000		
Expenditure up to and including Ordinary Council Meeting of 12 May 2015		7,740	8,290	6,500	6,400	4,700	7,050	4,584	10,210	5,950	10,412	71,836		
Available allocation as at 12 May 2015		7,260	6,710	8,500	8,600	10,300	7,950	10,416	4,790	9,050	4,588	78,164		
13 May 2015														
YMCA Lake Haven on behalf of Autism Projects Central Coast (\$4000) (\$1750 already allocated)	Special Needs Christmas Party					500						500	Yes - Community Matching Fund - YMCA Brightside at Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Status "Approved" Allocated \$10,500. Community Matching Fund - Vibe, Status "Declined"	
YMCA Towkley Aquatic Centre (\$2000) (\$500 already allocated)	Teach disabled kids the life saving skills of being able to swim.					200						200	No	
National Servicemen's Association Tuggerah Lakes (\$1100)	Purchase a freezer to store food for fundraising activities.	100	200	500	100				200			1100	No	
Total Proposed Allocations for 12 May 2015		900	1,300	1,880	1,400	5,080	0	0	200	0	500	11,260		
Total Accumulated Allocations as at 12 May 2015		8,640	9,590	8,380	7,800	9,780	7,050	4,584	10,410	5,950	10,912	83,096		
Balance Uncommitted as at 12 May 2015		6,360	5,410	6,620	7,200	5,220	7,950	10,416	4,590	9,050	4,088	66,904		

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 2014/2015 year.

Group	Current Application	Previous Applications
Camp Breakaway Inc.	Submitted Date: 18 September 2014 Amount: \$3,909 (\$2600 already allocated) To purchase a Promethean Mobile Interactive Whiteboard System	Date: 27 February 2015 Type of Grant: Community Matching Fund Amount Requested: \$22,757 A Break Away for children and young people with disabilities Status: Declined Date: 19 September 2014 Type of Grant: Community Benefit Grant Amount Requested: \$10,685.00 Young Carers and Siblings Camp Status: Declined

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Toukley Torchbearers for Legacy	Submitted Date: 14 April 2015 Amount: \$1,100 Running costs to promote the annual event of the Harry Moore Legacy Golf Day at Toukley Golf Club held in September 2015	Date: 7 July 2014 Type of Grant: CCIG Amount Requested: \$1,000 Allocated: \$1,000 Running costs to promote the annual event of the Harry Moore Legacy Golf Day at Toukley Golf Club held in September 2014 Status: Approved
Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Pistol Club Inc.	Submitted Date: 23 April 2015 Amount: \$3000 To purchase and install electronic training and coaching equipment.	Date: 2 February 2015 Type of Grant: CCIG Amount Requested: \$4,000 Allocated: \$1,600 New extra baffle to be erected out from shooting bays in range 3 along entire 24 metres. Status: Approved Date: 17 July 2014 Type of Grant: CCIG Amount Requested: \$4,000 Allocated: \$1,500 Improve wheelchair access Status: Approved
Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.	Submitted Date: 5 August 2014 Amount: \$3701.47 (\$700 already allocated) 'Sculptures at the Old School' event - provides sculptors a space to exhibit work and promote local art and home-grown produce.	Date: 19 April 2015 Type of Grant: CCIG Amount Requested: \$3,969.20 'Sculptures at the Old School' event - provides sculptors a space to exhibit work and promote local art and home-grown produce. Status: Declined (same event as last application in same financial year) Date: 19 September 2014 Type of Grant: Community Benefit Grant Amount Requested: 15,999 Community Centre Maintenance Project Status: Declined.

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**

<i>Principal Activity</i>	<i>Strategy or Program</i>	<i>Financial Line Item No and Description</i>
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

<i>Priority Objective</i>	<i>How the proposal contributes or links to the Priority Objectives in Shire Strategic Vision and Annual Plan</i>
Communities - 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.
Facilities and Services - 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.

Financial Implications

Expenditure is approved until the end of the 2014-15 financial year. Unspent approvals lapse 31 May 2015.

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

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- 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