

Corangamite Shire



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AGENDA**

Ordinary Council Meeting

7.00 pm • Tuesday 23 January 2018

*Killara Centre
210-212 Manifold Street, Camperdown*

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L.1 Quick Response Grants Allocation January 2018

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Declaration

Chief Executive Officer – Andrew Mason

In providing this advice to Council as the Chief Executive Officer, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author - David Rae

In providing this advice to Council as the Director Corporate and Community Services, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to approve the January 2018 allocation of funds under the Quick Response Grants Program.

Introduction

The Quick Response Grants Program is beneficial in supporting instances of community needs that are not readily able to be considered under the Community and Facilities Grants Program or Environmental Grants Program. Applications for Quick Response Grants are considered by Council as they are received.

Issues

The Quick Response Grants Program is a fixed budget that Council provides annually for the distribution of funds to Shire community groups. The Quick Response Grants Program has a rolling intake and this flexible approach allows Council to allocate small amounts to various community groups which results in positive outcomes.

Applications received for this allocation are attached under separate cover. Each application has been assessed against the following criteria as detailed in the Quick Response Grants Policy:

- a. Eligible recipient
- b. Council Plan alignment
- c. Community benefit
- d. Eligible expenditure.

The assessment has also been provided as a separate attachment to this report.

Policy and Legislative Context

Consideration of applications for the Quick Response Grants Program is in accordance with the Quick Response Grants Policy and the following 2017-2021 Council Plan commitments:

We are committed to working towards ensuring the safety, health and wellbeing of our communities.

Council will continue to provide and support a range of community and social support services.

Council will provide and support a range of opportunities that support people to engage in healthy and active lifestyles, the arts, recreation and sport.

Improved educational outcomes in Corangamite Shire.

Support our small towns and dispersed population.

Improve the health and wellbeing of our community.

Internal / External Consultation

Applications for the Quick Response Grants Program are available from Council's website or by contacting Council's Community Relations team. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with the respective Ward Councillor prior to submission. Applicants may also contact Council's Director Corporate and Community Services for further information. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application following the Council meeting. Successful applicants will also be requested to provide a grant acquittal following completion of the event or project, including return on unexpended amounts.

Financial and Resource Implications

The 2017-2018 Quick Response Grants Program budget allocation is \$14,000. Annual allocations for each Ward shall not exceed 1/7th of the fund's annual budget in the case of North, South West, Coastal and South Central Wards, and 3/7th of the fund's annual budget in the case of Central Ward. Should the allocations be approved as recommended in this report, the remaining allocation is as follows:

Ward	Annual Allocation	Previous Allocations	This Allocation	Remaining Allocation
Coastal	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
North	\$2,000.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$1,475.00
South Central	\$2,000.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$1,505.00
South West	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Central	\$6,000.00	\$3,127.90	\$500.00	\$2,372.10
	\$14,000.00	\$6,147.90	\$500.00	\$7,352.10

Options

Council can consider:

1. Allocating the funds as requested by the applicants.
2. Allocating the funds for a reduced amount.
3. Not allocating funds as requested by the applicants.

Conclusion

The Quick Response Grants Program provides financial assistance to community groups to undertake beneficial projects and activities. The applications recommended for funding in this allocation are in accordance with Quick Response Grants Policy and will result in positive outcomes for the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the following applications for funding from the Quick Response Grants Program for January 2018:

Applicant	Purpose	Ward	Amount
Farmer Power	Venue hire of Terang Civic Centre plus contribution towards catering for full day workshop launching Farmer Power's Power for Farms program, helping dairy farmers and other find the right energy solutions for their farms, including accessing grants and loans.	Central	\$500.00

Attachments

1. Quick Response Grants Assessment - January 2018 Allocation - Under Separate Cover
2. Application Council Quick Response Grant Venue Hire and Contribution to Catering - Under Separate Cover