

CITY OF ARMADALE

AGENDA

OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2009 AT 7:00 PM

A meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS:

IN ATTENDANCE:

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

QUESTION TIME

DEPUTATION

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2009 be confirmed.

Moved

MOTION CARRIED ()

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN – ISSUES NO. 7/2009

The following matters were included for information in the Community Services section – Issue No. 7/2009:

▪ **Outstanding Matters**

Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services CommitteeC-1

▪ **Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports**

Library & Heritage Services General Monthly Report – March 2009C-2

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▪ **Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees**

Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group – 24 March 2009C-17/“CA-3”-23

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If any of the items listed above require clarification or a report for a decision of Council, this item to be raised for discussion at this juncture.

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5 May 2009

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2009/10

WARD All
FILE REF: CD/A/1
DATE 29 April 2009
REF LH/NK
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community
Services

In Brief:

This item provides details and makes recommendations for Council's Annual Contributions to Community groups and organisations for the 2009/10 year in accordance with Council's Policy (COMD 1) Requests for Financial Assistance.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

To encourage community participation and responsibility.

To foster ownership, pride and a supporting and caring community.

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

COMD1 – Requests for Financial Assistance

Budget/Financial Implications

Council currently has a budget of \$103,625 in its 15 Year Financial Plan for Financial Assistance to community organisations. Of this, \$78,625 is available for Annual Contributions, \$10,000 for Donations and \$15,000 for Community Grants. With an anticipated CPI increase of 2.8%, the amount available for 2009/10 would be \$106,525 comprising allocations of \$80,825 for Annual Contributions, \$10,280 for Donations and \$15,420 for Community Grants.

A separate report to Council in April 2009 in regard to an annual contribution request from Armadale PCYC was considered and was resolved (C11/4/09) as follows:

- a. Support the application for an Annual Contribution of \$22,000 for the Armadale PCYC for the 2009/2010 year and offer support for 2010/11 and 2011/2012.*
- b. Refer for consideration in the 2009/10 Budget an increase of \$22,000 in the Annual Contributions budget.*
- c. That if the Annual Contribution is allocated that it be subject to not only the Requests for Financial Assistance Policy (COMD1) but that is be a condition that the Armadale PCYC formally surrender leases in regard to the Armadale Arena and the Champion Centre.*
- d. Authorise venue hire and office use for the Armadale Arena be waived for the 2008/09 financial year."*

If Council continues to support the PCYC annual contribution there will be a requirement for an additional \$22,000 allocation in the 2009/10 Budget, bringing the total annual contributions to \$102,826 as follows:

- \$78,625 2008/09 Annual Contributions allocation
- \$2,201 Anticipated 2.8% CPI increase
- \$22,000 Previously supported 2009/10 annual contribution to Armadale PCYC

Consultation

BACKGROUND

Council's COMD 1 Requests for Financial Assistance Policy states the following:

“3.0 Annual Contribution

- 3.1 Annual Contributions will be recommended to the Community Services Committee prior to the budget preparation each financial year.*
- 3.2 Selection Criteria*
 - a. An established organization and /or can demonstrate a high level of community support.*
 - b. Community groups or organizations based in the City of Armadale are non-profit community managed groups such as sporting, welfare, educational, arts/cultural, youth, seniors, children, ethnic and related groups.*
- 3.3 Contribution Criteria*
 - a. For services, projects and programs that Council recognize as being of benefit to a majority of Armadale residents.*
 - b. The services are identified in the City's Community Services Plans. i.e. Disability, Seniors, Youth, Safety, Cultural etc.*
 - c. Contributions will be for a determined period that will not be in excess of 12 months without review*
 - d. Contribution will be for a determined period and there is no obligation for Council to extend it beyond a 12 month period.*
 - e. Services that are active in sourcing / attracting other funding will be favourably considered.*
 - f. A written report will be required at the end of the funded period that details how the contribution has been utilised and the benefits / outcomes that have been achieved.*
- 3.4 Maximum per contribution: Discretionary depending on project.*
- 3.5 All Contributions will be referred to the Community Services Committee.”*

At its Ordinary Meeting of 10 March 2008, Council resolved (C4/3/08) and in accordance with the above, approved the following recommendation:

“That Council:

a) *endorse the following Annual Contributions for the 2008/09 financial year:*

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Endorsed 08/09</i>
Starrick House	4,200
Armada Information and Referral Service	6,000
Armada Neighbourhood Watch	4,000
Chaplaincy Program	18,500
Armada Youth Resources	28,000
Community Care	1,000
Cat Sterilisation Society	500
Drug Arm WA Inc	12,000
Crossways Community Services	325
Citizens Advice Bureau	550
Araluen Sponsorship	550
Armada/Kelmscott Mobile Meals	2,500
Karragullen Expo	500
	\$78,625

The following is a summarised report which provides a description of each organisation and information regarding existing and new requests for the 2009/10 financial year.

Starrick House – Armadale / Gosnells Women’s Refuge

Starrick House is located in Gosnells and is the venue from which the Armadale / Gosnells Women’s Refuge operates. Armadale / Gosnells Women’s Refuge provides a range of services including: Crisis Accommodation; Advocacy/Childcare; Court Support; Housing; Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Victim Support and Children’s groups.

The City of Gosnells owns the building and land and in 1985 Council contributed \$20,000 towards capital works on the acknowledgment that the Armadale / Gosnells Women’s Refuge provides a valued service to the Armadale community. Since 1995, Council has been contributing towards the ongoing general maintenance costs of the building and its grounds based on a contribution of up to one third of actual costs.

The amount requested has remained constant for a number of years. An increase of \$300 is recommended this year.

Officer Comment:

Council to contribute \$4,500 towards the ongoing maintenance of Starrick House.

Armadale Neighbourhood Watch (ANHW)

Armadale Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based organization that previously operated from the Armadale Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch Resource Centre with accommodation being provided by the Armadale Police Department. Due to the venue no longer being available, Neighbourhood Watch has moved into a shared office space at the Armadale District Hall where they are now required to pay for their own rent and utilities. When operating, the Centre is manned entirely by volunteers who maintain a database of members; design, print and hand deliver approximately 10,000 newsletters on a regular basis.

The amount requested of \$4,000 has remained constant for a number of years, but with a change in accommodation circumstances, ANHW has requested an increase \$5,000.

Officer Comment:

Council to contribute \$4,500 towards the ongoing administration costs of Armadale Neighbourhood Watch.

Chaplaincy Program - Youthcare

The Chaplaincy Program is a program that originated from the Christian Church Association and is a school-based initiative which has been implemented in many schools in Australia. The School Chaplains provide individual counselling, student mentoring and supplement a number of positive self-esteem programs. They also assist with crisis management, provide pastoral care, conduct after school activities and offer a variety of camps and excursions. Currently, the Chaplaincy Program offers services to Armadale Senior High School, Cecil Andrews Senior High School, Kelmscott Senior High School, Roleystone District High School and Kelmscott Primary School.

Support also helps cover the cost of transition booklets for Year 7 to Year 8 for three local primary schools.

The amount requested has not increased for a number of years.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$18,500 towards the ongoing programs of the Chaplaincy Program.

Armadale Youth Resources

Armadale Youth Resources (AYR) provides a broad range of locally-based youth services to address the needs of young people who may be at risk of offending. AYR conducts community-based education crime prevention and recreational activities to young people and families in the Armadale and surrounding areas. The service is open to young people aged 6 – 18 years, their family members, school environment and the broader community. The programs are based at local high schools, youth café Armadale Shopping Centre. The majority of programs run all year, 5 days per week.

In 2000, Council's contribution to Armadale Youth Resources was \$35,000, \$25,000 for the "Step-Up" program and \$10,000 for the Youth Internet Cafe at Armadale Shopping City. In 2005, that amount was reduced to \$25,000 and has remained at that amount since. (This was due to budget constraints and not a reflection on the service provided.)

Armadale Youth Resources requested a \$3,000 increase in 2008/2009, which was successful. No increase has been requested for 2009/2010.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$28,000 towards the ongoing programs of Armadale Youth Resources.

Cat Sterilisation Society

The Cat Sterilisation Society was founded in 1989 as a non-profit organisation with the objectives of promoting sterilisation of both male and female cats in order to reduce the

problem associated with feral cats and the over population of stray and unwanted cats and kittens.

The formation of the Society was conceived out of the need to support low income earners who would not normally have access to affordable cat sterilization. In the last financial year the Society financially supported the sterilisation of 188 cats within the City of Armadale.

The amount requested has remained constant for a number of years; due to the current demand for financial assistance from residents, the Society has requested an increase of \$500.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$500 towards the ongoing programs of the Cat Sterilisation Society and at this time not support the requested increase.

Drug Arm WA Inc

Drug Arm WA Inc has been in operation in Armadale since 1990 and provides alcohol and other drug-related counselling and education to those whose lives are impacted negatively by their use/abuse of alcohol and drugs. A number of services including a Time Out (sobering up centre for youth under 18 years), Street Outreach Service, Youth Options Program for young people under 18 considered “at risk” of offending, truancy or involvement with drugs and alcohol, Counselling and Education and they have a number of ‘Op’ Shops in Armadale.

Drug Arm WA Inc is funded by the State and Federal Governments, Corporate Bodies, Public donations as well as financial support from a number of local governments.

Drug Arm WA Inc requested and was successful in securing an increase of \$4,000 for the 2008/2009 period. Drug Arm WA Inc. has requested another increase of \$3,000 for the 2009/2010 period, bringing its request to \$15,000.

Officer Comment:

Due to Drug Arm’s Annual Contribution increasing by \$4,000 in the 2008/2009 year, it is recommended that Council continue to contribute \$12,000 towards the ongoing programs of Drug Arm and at this time not support the requested increase.

Crossways Community Services

Crossways Community Services is a not-for-profit charitable organization which provides a range of services to the local community. This includes emergency relief (food, vouchers, power and gas payments), a pantry support system for low income families (age and disability pensioners, health care card holders), counselling for life issues (depression, anxiety, grief etc), low cost nutritious cooked meals in the community café as well as low cost clothing and furniture through two (2)op shops in the community. Crossways also provides a transport service that picks up housebound residents within the City of Armadale to access their services, attend programmes or deliver their meals if for medical reasons they are housebound. They also coordinate and run a range of computer training and support programs for individuals and groups. The service is predominately run by volunteers.

In past years, the City of Armadale has provided an annual contribution to Crossways of \$325 which is the equivalent of the Café’s licensing fees. In 2008 /2009, Crossways relocated its services after the Kelmscott Church of Christ decided the Crossways public

benevolent association no longer fitted within its vision. Crossways received an emergency relocation grant from Lotterywest and is now located in the Westfield Shopping Town, Camillo. This relocation has in fact resulted in an increased level of service delivery as the new premises are in a more accessible location.

Crossways has requested an Annual Contribution of \$17,000, being \$12,000 towards the overall running costs of the service, including vehicle costs, rental of premises and coordination of services. The remaining \$5,000 component of its request will be towards direct emergency relief, assisting local residents in financial crisis with emergency food and essential services.

Officer Comment:

Crossways provides a much-needed service in the community and it is recommended that Council consider an increase from the historic figure of \$325 due to Crossways change in circumstances and increased level of service delivery.

Council to contribute \$2,000 towards the ongoing programs of Crossways.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Citizens' Advice Bureau is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers that offers free general advice including a mediation service, without prejudice to all members of the community regardless of race, class, associated sexuality or creed. Its principal sources of funding are donations and the fees for its legal services. Since 2006/07, Council has provided an annual contribution in the form of a \$550 subscription fee which is placed with a pool of funds contributed from other local governments towards the Bureau's Community Mediation Service based in Perth. The pool of funds enables residents from contributing local governments to utilise the service for free with some funds attributing to administration and operational costs. In the 2006/07 period, there were four referrals for mediation from Armadale, with one of these referrals actually utilising the service. During the same period in 2007/2008 (to date February 2008), there have been six referrals re neighbour disputes from residents in the Armadale area and one dispute proceeding to mediation. The Citizens' Advice Bureau has had a marketing strategy in place over the last twelve months to attract other Councils into the pool and to also promote the service through these Councils to the community that can utilise the service.

The amount requested has remained the same.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$550 towards the ongoing programs of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Araluen Botanic Park Foundation - Summer Events Sponsorship

For the past five years, Araluen Botanic Park has conducted a range of concerts, activities and events over the summer period. The events are complementary to the City's Cultural Events Program and provide a range of cultural activities for both local residents and visitors. Financial assistance has been provided towards advertising and administration involved with staging Araluen's summer series of entertainment.

As per the sponsorship package received from Araluen Botanic Park Foundation, seeking Council's support, it has been Council's practice to support the Summer Events sponsorship option of a \$550 annual contribution.

While the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation (ABPF) continues to negotiate its future at Araluen with the State Government, a decision has yet to be formally communicated to it. As a consequence, ABPF is not currently in a position to commit to any activities beyond its lease expiry. However, it is still prudent to consider its request for an annual contribution at this stage.

The amount requested has remained the same.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$550 towards the ongoing programs of the Araluen Summer Events package.

Hills Orchard Improvement Group - Karragullen Horticultural Expo

Previously called the Karragullen Field Day, this has been an annual event for the past 24 years. Attendances in recent years have been in the order of 3,000 but despite various promotional strategies, event organizers have been unable to increase that number. Event organizers advised City officers that in 2006 the Expo ran at a loss of approximately \$5,000. In addition to providing "in kind" advice and support to the organisers of the Expo, it is reasonable that Council also consider a contribution towards the Expo. Given the current contribution to the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation, it was recommended in 2008/2009 that Council make a similar contribution.

The amount requested has remained the same.

Officer Comment:

Council continue to contribute \$500 towards the Hills Orchard Improvement Group - Karragullen Horticultural Expo.

Armadale Kelmscott Mobile Meals

Mobile Meals has been in operation for 44 years and received a one-off funding from Council in 2003. Council financially supported the Armadale Kelmscott Mobile Meals in 2007/08.

Mobile Meals prepares and delivers approximately 17,800 meals per year and is subsidised by HAAC \$1.70 per meal. The meals are delivered by volunteers who receive a minimal fuel subsidy (\$2.00 per day) which has not increased for a number of years.

Armadale Kelmscott Mobile Meals received \$2,500 for 2008/09 and has requested an Annual Contribution of \$5,500 for 2009/10 towards their Relief Co-ordinator and to support an increased fuel subsidy to their volunteer drivers.

Officer Comment:

Council support an increase to \$3,000 towards the ongoing programs of Armadale Kelmscott Mobile Meals.

Communicare – (Previously funded under Armadale Information and Referral Service)

AIRS was established in 1988 and provided emergency relief, financial counselling, free legal information and referral services to the Armadale-Serpentine-Jarrahdale communities. During 2008/2009, Communicare was approached by AIRS to consider taking over the management of its services. The management transfer was finalised in June 2008, with the transfer of AIRS staff to the Communicare facility in Commerce Rd, Armadale.

Communicare has continued service provision by AIRS across three main areas and continues to function in the community as CAIRS.

1. Financial Counselling Service – funded by Department for Child Protection.
2. Emergency Relief –Continued support and information to families in disadvantage or crisis. Includes food vouchers, food parcels and hardship support (power, gas, fuel, back to school and medicines etc).
3. Legal Services – Part-time minor legal issues service to families in the Armadale region, funded via Law Society (discontinued).

The financial request to the City of Armadale is to support the continuation of the free legal service, as previously provided by AIRS. AIRS received financial support from the Law Society (\$14,000) but this financial support has been withdrawn by the Law Society to Communicare, who initially contributed \$7,000 towards maintaining the service. Advice from Communicare is that it is unable to underwrite the service due to the uncertainty of continuance and possible closure of other essential services. The free legal service will discontinue without financial support and Communicare has not been successful in a funding application to the Public Purposes Trust to maintain it.

Communicare has requested \$6,000 towards the continuation of the Free Legal Service previously provided by AIRS.

Officer Comment:

Council has been providing financial assistance to AIRS since 1996 to the sum of \$3,000 per annum towards rental costs and partial wages. The contribution was increased to \$4,000 in 2004/05 and approval was given for an increase to \$6,000 in 2008/09, however because of the transfer of management in 2008/09, this amount was not requested nor paid to AIRS.

Given that Council has previously contributed to AIRS, primarily in response to its general operating costs and these have been assumed by Communicare, it can be considered appropriate to contribute to the ongoing provision of a Free Legal Service. It is recommended that \$6,000 be allocated to Communicare for the Free Legal Service previously provided by AIRS.

Parkerville Children & Youth Care – School-Based Services - new application

Council may be aware that Parkerville Children and Youth Care is expanding its services in the Armadale area and is establishing a Child Advocacy Centre in Armadale on the corner of Wungong Road and Church Avenue, Armadale. Parkerville's application for an Annual Contribution is in relation to its School-Based Services which are already in operation.

Parkerville Children & Youth Care's School-Based Services is a community-based service facilitated by social workers within various primary schools in Armadale and neighbouring

communities. The service commenced in 2006 in the form of Protective Behaviours groups, aimed at vulnerable children in several Primary Schools in Armadale.

In 2007, it was expanded to encompass “Parent Support” which involves one-on-one counselling, information and referral services for parents who have children attending the various schools in which Parkerville is involved.

Protective Behaviours is a major part of the services provided through Parkerville Children and Youth Care’s Services and provides strategies to vulnerable and at-risk children in order to reduce and prevent the prevalence of abuse. This is facilitated in a small group setting to provide a safe and comfortable environment for children to discuss personal experiences and ideas. This part of the program has been partly funded by corporate bodies and thus it is the Parent Support component of the program in which they are seeking funding.

Parent Support has become the main component of School-Based Services, with schools recognising the need for accessible support for parents. In 2009, School-Based Services were facilitated at Challis, Seaforth, Grovelands, Gwynne Park and Willandra Primary Schools.

Officer Comment:

The Parent Support program that Parkerville Children and Youth Care provide is a worthwhile service and is located in those schools where Parkerville has a presence. At this time, given Council’s financial restrictions and the intention to review the Policy under which Annual Contributions are distributed, it is recommended that, as a new request, this application not be supported at this time.

Armadale Community Family Centre Inc - new application

Mobile Supported Playgroup (Playmobile) is a part of the Armadale Community Family Centre’s program that aims to provide Playgroup opportunities for parents and children who would not normally access a Playgroup. A Family Support Worker and Early Childhood Worker help to facilitate the Playgroup, working in conjunction with families to provide a positive, fun play experience for everyone. The mobile playgroup has the flexibility to operate at a variety of locations, indoor and outdoor, times and days to meet the needs of a variety of groups in a fun and supportive environment.

Mobile supported playgroups target families from one or more of the following groups within the community: Families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD), indigenous families, families with mental health issues or disability (either the parent or child), teenage and young parent families, families who are socially isolated or disadvantaged, families seeking parenting support as well as male parents (this particular area has been extremely successful).

The playmobile is currently funded under the Communities for Children program administered by Communicare and funded by FACHSIA. The funding was for a pilot program to run over three years and at the end of that period it was noted other funding would have to be sought if the service was to continue. Communities for Children was originally funded until June 2009 and continuation of funding beyond that time is unknown. Should any funding be forthcoming it will be after the project finishes in June and will result in a gap of service period. Armadale Community Family Centre has explored other avenues of funding, including Lotterywest but has not been successful.

It costs approximately \$8,000 to run one session per week during school term.

Officer Comment:

Communities for Children (CfC) was a Federally funded program that was provided to certain locations across Australia which were identified as being at a disadvantage and which were highlighted in research such as the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). It is of concern that such a proven project that fulfils a demonstrated need in the City of Armadale will be unable to continue as a result of discontinuation of funding, however there are a number of projects that have been initiated in Armadale through CfC and Council cannot be expected to maintain projects which are the responsibility of the Federal Government. Other Local Governments who do provide social and human services provide mobile playgroups, however given the City's limited financial resources and the uncertainty of the CfC funding, it is not recommended to support the request at this time.

Armadale PCYC – new application

Officer Comment:

As noted in this report, an application from the Armadale PCYC, under the Annual Contributions program, was considered separately at the 7 April Community Services meeting (C11/4/09).

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The table below summarises all requests that Council may consider under the Annual Contributions program for the 2009/2010 year. It contains two recommendations relating to allocations.

Recommendation 1 reflects the current budget allocation as well as Council's 7 April decision to refer for consideration in the 2009/10 Budget an increase of \$22,000 in the Annual Contributions budget to accommodate the Armadale PCYC request. This recommendation also reflects officer comments made in this report.

Recommendation 2 is presented should Council wish to consider fully funding all requests received under the Annual Contributions program.

Organisation	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 request	Recommendation 1	Recommendation 2
Starrick House	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,500	4,500	4,500
Armadale Information and Referral Service	4,000	4,000	N/A	N/A		
Armadale Neighbourhood Watch	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	4,500	4,500
Chaplaincy Program	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500
Armadale Youth Resources	25,000	25,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Community Care Programme	1,000	1,000	n/a	n/a		
Cat sterilisation Society	500	500	500	1,000	500	1,000
Drug Arm WA Inc	8,000	8,000	12,000	15,000	12,000	15,000
Crossways Community Services	325	325	325	17,000	2,000	17,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	500	500	550	550	550	550
Araluen Sponsorship	500	500	550	550	550	550
Hills Orchard Improvement Group – Karragullen Expo	-	500	500	500	500	500
Armadale/Kelmscott Mobile			2,500	5,000	3,000	5,000

Organisation	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 request	Recommendation 1	Recommendation 2
Meals						
Parkerville Children & Youth Care (new addition)				10,000	0	10,000
Armadale Community Family Centre (new addition)				25,317	0	25,317
Communicare				6,000	6,000	6,000
*Armadale PCYC				25,000	*22,000	25000
TOTALS	66,525	67,025	71,625	161,417	102,600	161,417
<i>* Previously supported at the 14 April 2009 Council Meeting (C11/4/09)</i>						

It is to be noted that Council's Policy COMD1 requires that all organizations receiving Annual Contributions be required to provide a written report at the end of the funded period that details how the contribution has been utilised and the benefits / outcomes that have been achieved. The organisations that received Annual Contributions in the 2008/09 year are due to submit reports at the end of June 2009.

The recommendations in this report for Annual Contributions for the 2009/10 year are subject to those organisations submitting satisfactory reports.

COMMENT

Analysis

It is anticipated that as the City continues to grow and develop, Council will receive increased requests for financial assistance and will either have to allocate additional funds or reconsider how it meets those demands, i.e. redistribution of existing resources. The Annual Contribution requests received for 2009 / 2010 total \$161,417 which exceeds the proposed budget allocation \$102,826 by \$58,591.

In addition to the above contributions, a number of community and charitable organizations are expected to also receive rate exemptions in the year 2009/10 to the approximate value of \$683,700.

Options

1. Note the 7 April 2009 Community Services Committee meeting decision to refer for consideration in the 2009/10 Budget an increase of \$22,000 in the Annual Contributions budget to accommodate the request from Armadale PCYC.
2. Support Recommendation 1 in the above table which is reflective of the proposed Annual Contributions budget and officer comments in this report.
3. Redistribute the 2009/2010 budget allocation to applicants.
4. Not endorse the allocations, as presented, at this time.

Options 1 and 2 are recommended.

Conclusion

Council will always receive requests for financial assistance from a range of services and organizations and the current *Requests for Financial Assistance Policy COMD 1* enables these requests to be determined according to specific criteria. Each organization is required

to provide a report that stipulates how the funds were used and how it met the criteria of the Policy.

Whilst there will always be groups and organizations that require financial assistance to be sustainable, the Community Development Department will continue to explore and discuss alternatives and options with community groups and organizations, so as to ensure that Council’s financial assistance is used for the maximum benefit.

RECOMMEND

That Council refer the Annual Contributions, as listed below, for consideration of inclusion in the 2009/10 draft Budget, subject to a satisfactory written report from each organisation that meets the conditions of Policy COMD 1.

Organisation	2009/2010
Starrick House	4,500
Armadale Neighbourhood Watch	4,500
Chaplaincy Program	18,500
Armadale Youth Resources	28,000
Cat Sterilisation Society	500
Drug Arm WA Inc	12,000
Crossways Community Services	2,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	550
Araluen Sponsorship	550
Hills Orchard Improvement Group – Karragullen Expo	500
Armadale/Kelmscott Mobile Meals	3,000
Communicare	6,000
Totals	\$80,600

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VACANCY – WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER – FESA FIRE & RESCUE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

WARD All
FILE REF: LE/L/24
DATE 20 April 2009
REF YW
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community Services

In Brief:

- WALGA is seeking nominations for appointment of a Member (Panel of 3) to the FESA Fire & Rescue Consultative Committee.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

Nominations are sought from Elected Members/Serving Officers for a Member (Ministerial Appointment - Panel of 3) on the FESA Fire & Rescue Consultative Committee. **The Closing date for the receipt of nominations for the vacancies is Wednesday, 13 May 2009 at 4.00 pm.**

Appointments are conditional on the understanding that nominees will resign when their entitlement terminates, that is, they are no longer Elected Members or Serving Officers of Local Government.

Equality	It should be noted that the Government is committed to providing equal selection opportunity for both indigenous and non-indigenous people and both genders and the WA Local Government Association encourages nominations accordingly.
Reason for Vacancy, Term and Commencement Date:	Resignation of incumbent Member. Commencement upon appointment with a three year term.
Meeting Details:	Meetings: As required – at least three times per year. Venue : Metropolitan Perth Duration: 4 hours. Sitting Fee: Nil. Travel Allowance: In accordance with Government policy.
Eligibility:	Open to all Elected Members.
Selection Criteria:	Nominee to address the following Selection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your relevant experience as an Elected Member/Serving Officer: Please provide examples. • What are your experiences, skills, attributes or qualifications to support the nomination? Please provide examples. • Please outline your demonstrated interest in the position. • If successful, what do you see as your role and how would you represent Local Government and the Association?
Terms of Reference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice to the FESA Board and Chief Executive Officer in relation to all matters concerning the operation of the Consultative Committee. • Facilitate communication, understanding and improvement in all Fire & Rescue activities.

For further particulars about the Committee please call:	Mr Lloyd Bailey FESA (08) 9323 9815
For further particulars about the Nomination process please call:	Tim Lane Governance Policy Officer WALGA Phone (08) 9213 2029 or email nominations@walga.asn.au

RECOMMEND

That Cr..... be nominated by Council for the position of WA Local Government Association Member to the FESA Fire & Rescue Consultative Committee.

OR, if there are no nominations at the Council Meeting of 11 May 2009, then the resolution be as follows:

That Council make no nomination for the position of WA Local Government Association Member to the FESA Fire & Rescue Consultative Committee.

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MOTION CARRIED/LOST ()

VACANCY – WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER – WA STATE GRAFFITI TASKFORCE

WARD ALL
FILE REF: CD/S/2
DATE 20 April 2009
REF YW
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community Services

In Brief:

- WALGA is seeking a Metropolitan Member and Non-Metropolitan Member to the WA State Graffiti Taskforce.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

Nominations are sought from Elected Members/Serving Officers for a Metropolitan Member and non-metropolitan Member to the WA State Graffiti Taskforce. **The Closing date for the receipt of nominations for the vacancies is Wednesday, 13 May 2009 at 4.00 pm.**

Appointments are conditional on the understanding that nominees will resign when their entitlement terminates, that is, they are no longer Elected Members or Serving Officers of Local Government.

Equality	It should be noted that the Government is committed to providing equal selection opportunity for both indigenous and non-indigenous people and both genders and the WA Local Government Association encourages nominations accordingly.
Reason for Vacancy, Term and Commencement Date:	Two additional positions have been created, at the request of WALGA, to increase the representation of Local Government on the Taskforce. One membership position is to be from the Metropolitan Area, and one membership position is to be from a non-metropolitan area. The Taskforce is ongoing, with no fixed term of appointment, with the commencement date upon selection.
Meeting Details:	Meetings: Approx. Every 6 weeks Venue : Office of Crime Prevention, 5 th Floor, 197 St George's Terrace, Perth Duration: Taskforce is of ongoing nature, no fixed term. Sitting Fee: Nil. Travel Allowance: Nil.
Eligibility	Open to Elected Members.
Selection Criteria:	Nominee to address the following Selection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your relevant experience in Local Government? Please provide examples. • What are your experiences, skills, attributes or qualifications to support the nomination? Please provide examples • Please outline your demonstrated interest in the position. • If successful, what do you see as your role and how would you represent Local Government and the Association?
Terms of Reference	The Terms of Reference for the Taskforce (still to be finalised) are: <i>Purpose of the Committee:</i> <i>To ensure that a 'whole of government' approach is taken in addressing graffiti issues across Western Australia; to provide direction and advice in the</i>

implementation of the State Graffiti Taskforce activities and initiatives; to provide better responses to the problem of graffiti vandalism and reduce the ongoing risk to communities through:

Prevention, Reduction and Research

- *Ensuring adequate education and planning information for communities, local councils, businesses and state agencies to increase the capacity of the stakeholders to effectively reduce incidence of graffiti vandalism.*
- *Assisting in the development of strategies to increase community and commercial involvement in graffiti removal from private and business properties, thus developing a sense of empowerment and ownership over graffiti issues within neighbourhoods.*
- *Identifying and utilising best practice and other graffiti research (including that of offender typologies, access to graffiti implements and incident counting rules) to inform the development and assessment of targeted graffiti prevention and reduction strategies.*

Rapid Removal

- *Increasing rapid removal through the delivery of Tough on Graffiti initiatives and the provision of funding grants to local government and community organisations.*
- *Increasing graffiti reporting through internal agency education, public promotion and support for Tough on Graffiti initiatives.*
- *Increasing identification of graffiti hotspots through information analysis and reporting.*
- *Decreasing graffiti in identified hotspots through coordinated removal, policing and intervention activities.*
- *Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of graffiti removal through the collective assembly and use of research, information and technology.*

Sanctions and Enforcement

- *Pursuing the development, provision and application of a range of appropriate sanctions and graffiti offenders.*
- *Working collaboratively to ensure the partnership based, intelligence led, targeting of graffiti offenders.*
- *Ensuring that sanctions for offenders are consistently and appropriately utilised.*
- *Identifying relevant legislation and where necessary, pursuing legislative change to address graffiti offending and its contributory factors.*

Supporting Local Government and Communities

- *Developing action plans, projects and initiatives in consultation with local governments and communities to address graffiti vandalism.*
- *Supporting Local Government and community-led action against graffiti vandalism.*

Roles of the Committee

1. *To provide leadership, advocacy and advice to the State and Local Governments on graffiti priorities.*
2. *To collaboratively develop key result areas and set clear graffiti policies and practices.*

	<p>3. <i>To manage and be accountable for the implementation and outcomes of the State Government’s commitment and reducing graffiti vandalism.</i></p> <p>4. <i>To raise community awareness about graffiti vandalism strategies and results.</i></p> <p>5. <i>To advise on future strategic directions for graffiti vandalism reduction and removal management in Western Australia.</i></p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p>The State Government is currently working through its 2008 “Tough on Graffiti” election commitments, which promise: <i>“A Liberal Government will implement a ‘whole-of-government’ approach to tackle this problem, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-establishing the Graffiti Taskforce;</i> • <i>Forcing graffiti criminals to clean up their mess;</i> • <i>Fines for sale of spray paint to minors;</i> • <i>Harsher penalties for graffiti vandals; and</i> • <i>A renewed focus on tackling graffiti on public transport.</i> <p>The State Government has announced increased penalties for graffiti vandalism offences, but is yet to introduce the legislation to State Parliament. The changes announced are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased penalties from 12 months’ imprisonment to two years’, with the maximum fine increasing from \$12,000 to \$24,000 for these offences. • Penalties will also be implemented for shop-owners who sell spray cans to minors resulting in fines of up to \$6,000 for a first offence and up to \$12,000 for a third. <p>The State Government has now re-established the State Graffiti Taskforce which met for the first time on Tuesday, 17 February 2009. WALGA has been invited to participate in the Taskforce, and the first meeting was attended by two WALGA staff members from the Community Policy Team. The Taskforce Chair is Ms Wendy Murray, Director of the Office of Crime Prevention. WALGA has since been successful in arguing for greater representation on the Taskforce in the form of an additional two membership positions for elected members (one metropolitan member, and one non-metropolitan representative).</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>The Taskforce membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Crime Prevention Graffiti Unit • Department of Education and Training • Public Transport Authority • WA Police Service • Department of Corrective Services • Department of Housing and Works • Main Roads WA • Department of Local Government and Regional Development • Department of the Attorney General • Western Power • Water Corp • Telstra • Western Australian Local Government Association • Office of Youth • Department of the Attorney General <p>The meetings are also being attended by Mr Michael Sutherland MLA, Member for Mount Lawley, and Mr Shane Hart Principal Policy Officer, Office of the Minister for Police.</p>

For further particulars about the Committee please call:	Mr Warren Pearce, WA Local Government Association – ph: 9213 2082, mobile: 0409 295 913 Email: wpearce@walga.asn.au
For further particulars about the Nomination process please call:	Tim Lane WA Local Government Association Phone (08) 9213 2029 or email nominations@walga.asn.au

RECOMMEND

That Cr..... be nominated by Council for the position of WA Local Government Association Member to the WA State Graffiti Taskforce (Metropolitan Member).

OR, if there are no nominations at the Council Meeting of 11 May 2009, then the resolution be as follows:

That Council make no nomination for the position of WA Local Government Association Member to the WA State Graffiti Taskforce (Metropolitan Member).

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MOTION CARRIED/LOST ()

***ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING – PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A BON
SCOTT THEME***

WARD All
FILE REF: CUL/E/7
DATE 28 April 2009
REF PGQ
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community Services

In Brief:

This report presents a proposal to include a “Bon Scott” theme in the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering and recommends that an amount of \$5,000 be listed for consideration of funding on Council’s 2009-10 draft Budget for this purpose.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

- Facilitate a wide range of social and cultural experiences

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

Funds are currently not available in Council’s 15 Year Financial Plan for this proposal, and would require a minimum additional budget allocation of \$5,000 in the 2009-10 draft Budget if Council wished to support the proposal

Consultation

- Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group

BACKGROUND

Following consideration of a matter raised by Cr Stewart at the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2008, Council resolved (CS132/12/08) as follows:

“That Officers investigate opportunities to include a Bon Scott theme into the 2009 Highland Gathering.”

The Armadale Highland Gathering was first held in 1994 and has become a feature on the City's annual calendar of cultural events. The event is a celebration of Scottish culture and attracts in the order of 5,000-6,000 locals and visitors each year. It is widely regarded as being the largest "Gathering" in Western Australia and attracts strong support from the Scottish community throughout the metropolitan area.

The main target audience for the event is local families and the Scottish Community.

Whilst the event does attract some interest and curiosity from young people, the various activities and entertainment do not specifically target a youth audience. The proposal aims to create an attraction for young people thereby broadening its appeal to another section of the community.

The content and format of the Armadale Highland Gathering has largely remained unchanged over the years however, the 2006 event did include an *AC/DC* tribute band as the feature concert in recognition of Bon Scott's Scottish origins and his involvement in the Coastal Pipe Band as a young boy living in Fremantle. The 2006 Gathering coincided with Bon Scott's 60th birthday had he still been alive. As a "one off" exercise, the concert was well received by the people who attended although it was not necessarily to everyone's taste and liking.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The proposal to include a "Bon Scott" theme in the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering has not yet been fully developed or costed, but might include activities such as:

Feature Concert

Similar to the 2006 Gathering, an *AC/DC* tribute band could perform a feature concert to conclude the Gathering supported on the bagpipes by pipers from some of the bands participating in the event.

Tee Shirt Competition

A competition for young people to design a Tee Shirt based on the theme of Bon Scott and/or the music of *AC/DC*. A potential sponsor of the competition might be Jeans West given that its founder was Alastair Norwood, a prominent business identity and member of the Scottish community.

Graphic Art Competition

A possible activity may be to run an art competition based on the theme of Bon Scott and Scottish Heraldry. Entries could be put on display in a prominent location e.g. shopping centre in the week leading up to the Gathering, with the winners to be given recognition and receive prizes on stage.

Best Pipe Band Drummer

The best pipe band drummer on the day could be given the “Bon Scott Medal” with a cash prize of say \$200.

Best AC/DC Tribute Band

So as not to conflict with the family theme of the Highland Gathering on the day of the event itself, a best AC/DC tribute band competition could be held on the Friday evening before the Gathering, with the winners to have the opportunity to perform 2-3 songs prior to the feature concert.

COMMENT

Analysis

The idea to include a “Bon Scott” theme in the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering has merit and is worthy of consideration. The activities listed in the previous section of the report are an example of the types of things that could be done, but there are no doubt additional and/or different activities that may be more suitable.

The event currently targets a family audience as well as the wider Scottish community. If Council did wish to support the proposal, it would need to ensure that it did not conflict with the Scottish theme and family oriented activities which make up the Gathering.

The main benefit of the proposal is that it would add a new element to the event that would be of interest to a different part of the community i.e. young people and AC/DC fans.

At this stage the proposal has not been costed and would depend on which activities are run. For the proposal to be worthwhile and have some impact however, an additional budget allocation in the order of **\$5,000** would be needed. Whilst it may be possible to attract sponsorship for some elements of the proposal, this is unknown and cannot be relied upon at this point.

Another consideration is that the proposal would require additional staffing resources to be allocated to plan and coordinate the various activities. The extent of the additional staffing commitment is not known at this time and would depend on the type of activities that are run. It is worth noting however, that the period leading up to the Armadale Highland Gathering is historically a very busy time for the City’s events staff.

Should Council decide to financially support the proposal, further discussions would occur with the Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group to determine the exact nature of activities to be conducted.

In summary, whilst there are some reservations and issues that require further consideration, on balance the proposal is considered to be worthy of Council’s support subject to funding being available.

Options

The following two options are presented for consideration:

1. Council support the proposal and an amount of \$5,000 be listed for consideration of funding on Council's draft 2009-10 Budget.
2. Decline the proposal.

Conclusion

Should Council be supportive of the proposal, it would be recommended that an amount of \$5,000 be listed for consideration of funding on Council's draft 2009-10 Budget to incorporate a "Bon Scott" theme in the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering.

RECOMMEND

That Council support in principle the proposal to include a "Bon Scott" theme in the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering, and an amount of \$5,000 be listed for consideration of funding on Council's draft 2009-10 Budget for this purpose.

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MOTION CARRIED/LOST ()

***LOTTERYWEST/DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION TRAILSWEST
GRANT APPLICATION***

WARD River
REF GS/RC/2
DATE 28 April 2009
REF JKM
RESPONSIBLE Manager
MANAGER Recreation Services

In Brief:

- This report recommends that Council endorse the application for \$10,000 grant from the Trailswest Grant Program administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

- Maintain and upgrade physical infrastructure for the economic and physical well being of the local community.
- Improve the Quality of Life in Our Residential Neighbourhoods
- Optimising the use of community buildings, facilities and reserves.
- Enhance the qualities and benefits of our natural and built environment.

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

The grant application nominates a \$5,000 cash contribution from Council. Should the application be successful, Council's cash contribution could be funded from existing consultancy budget allocations within the 15 Year Financial Plan.

Consultation

- Library and Heritage Services
- Parks Department
- Environment Officer
- Technical Services
- Planning Services

BACKGROUND

The Canning River Walk Trail is a concept envisaged to continue the theme of the 2005 redevelopment of the Rushton Park river foreshore by continuing it in a northerly direction to Turner Place in Kelmscott.

The Rushton Park redevelopment included the conversion of the old Kelmscott Pool site into an entertainment venue including a gazebo as well as a red asphalt walk path adjacent to the river, barbecues, shade structures, play equipment and a story wall depicting some of the Kelmscott area's history. The redevelopment has proven to be extremely successful with increased patronage from local families and visitors. It is one of the few remaining places in the metropolitan area where people can experience the natural fresh water river most of the year round with the added advantage of picnic facilities and play equipment.

The project proposal is to continue the walk trail along the river to formalise the existing ad hoc track where people are already walking by the river's edge. By creating a trail, direct access to the river setting will be provided and will also help to preserve the natural environment of the area by directing all users to one distinct trail. Currently walkers and bike riders are creating a variety of different and informal tracks through the vegetation.

The purpose of seeking the Grant of \$10,000 is to engage the services of a Landscape Architect/Designer to develop concept designs to incorporate all the aforementioned aspects and ideas beyond the basic outline that currently exists. The design will be used to provide initial cost estimates for the proposed trail. If Council wished to proceed with implementation, there are a number of avenues for external funding.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

It is proposed to submit an application to the Trailswest Funding Program for the amount of \$10,000 in the 2009 round of grants. The outcome of the City's grant application will be known at the end of June 2009. The Trailswest program is administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation but funded by Lotterywest.

The City of Armadale submitted an application in the 2008 round of funding for the same proposal but was unsuccessful. Since last year's allocation of funding, the Trailswest funding has been increased to a maximum of \$15,000 before a dollar for dollar allocation is required from the Local Government Authority. The 2009 application was not increased to the maximum amount as it was determined that a lesser amount of \$10,000 would enhance its chance of being successful. As a result of the unsuccessful 2008 application, it was also deemed that it would enhance the chances of the City's 2009 application if Council were to contribute \$5,000 in cash towards the project.

It is worthwhile noting that this application for funding is purely to undertake more detailed plans and analysis for the Canning River trail and but does not commit Council to undertaking the actual construction of the trail should any part of the project prove unfeasible.

Currently the WA Planning Commission is conducting an Environmental Review of the Canning River Precinct as part of the review of a proposed foreshore Reservation for Parks and Recreation and associated Urban Zone for balance of land in the Metropolitan Region Scheme. The outcomes of this review will be known by the end of 2009. As the application for the grant funding is for planning purposes only at this stage, the outcomes of the Environmental Review do not prevent the grant application being lodged or assessed. The information contained in the review may prove relevant to the next stage of the project.

COMMENT

Analysis

Although preliminary works and basic plans have been drafted internally by Council officers, the purpose of seeking the Grant of \$10,000 is to engage the services of a Landscape Architect/Designer to develop concept designs to incorporate all the aforementioned aspects and ideas beyond the basic outline that currently exists. This design will be used to provide initial costs for the possible staging of the project.

Options

The Council has four options available to them.

1. Not to endorse the application to the Trailswest Grant Program for \$10,000. This is not the recommended option.
2. Not to endorse the application to the Trailswest Grant Program for \$10,000 and fund the engagement of Landscape Architect/Designer entirely from Council budget.
3. To endorse the application to the Trailswest Grant Program for \$10,000 and *not* contribute an additional \$5,000 from Council's budget. This is not recommended as the additional contribution could enhance the success of the Trailswest application.
4. To endorse the application to the Trailswest Grant Program for \$10,000 and to contribute an additional \$5,000 from Council's budget. This is the recommended option.

Conclusion

The success of the redeveloped area on the river foreshore at Rushton Park is an indication that further development of the river foreshore through Kelmscott would also prove to be a great recreational asset to the City of Armadale. As the project will require further detailed planning, it is opportune to take advantage of potential external funding available from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

- a. **endorse the application to Trailswest Funding Program for \$10,000 for the purpose of engaging a Landscape Architect/Designer to develop concept designs and costs for the proposed Canning River Walk Trail.**
- b. **subject to the Trailswest application being successful, receive a further report on the proposed Canning River Walk Trail project.**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS
