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PRESENT Clr K O’Ryan (in the Chair), J Jones, A Pearson.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Leader Community & Economy, Department Leader Community Services, Executive Support Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Weaver.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT the apology tendered on behalf of Clr Weaver be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

CEC 25/12 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT it be noted there were nil Declarations of Interest.

CEC 25/13 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of political donations.

CEC 25/14 Carried

ITEM - 4 ALEX AMBROSE ARTWORK

Proceedings in Brief

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services raised the opportunity for council to establish a collections policy.

Discussions were held surrounding the background of the artwork, the artist and the significance of the donation.

Clr O’Ryan to request that council provide a letter of thanks to the donator of the painting.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT council accept the offer of four Alex Ambrus paintings for permanent display in council's offices.

CEC 25/15 Carried

ITEM - 5 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Leader Community and Economy presented the committee with a draft of the Cabonne map and an update of the project.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT the information in the report be noted.

CEC 25/16 Carried

ITEM - 6 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Proceedings in Brief

Clr O'Ryan spoke to the Canowindra New Vogue dance event stating that it is a very popular event that attracts a lot of people from out of town.

Leader Community and Economy advised the committee that just over \$5000 of Events Assistance Funding would remain for the rest of this financial year if council approves these two applications.

Discussions were held surrounding potential future funding for the remainder of the financial year.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT the Cabonne Community, Economy and Culture Committee endorse to Council under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program:

1. \$2,000 for the Canowindra New Vogue and Social Dancing Group 12-hour dance event, and
2. \$5,000 for the Cumnock Family Fun Day Event

CEC 25/17 Carried

ITEM - 7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ROUND 2

Proceedings in Brief

Leader Community and Economy spoke to budget figures and noting that there is just under \$24,000 of funding remaining for this round and \$35,000 worth of eligible applications.

Clr O'Ryan declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to the application from Canowindra Connections Centre.

Leader Community and Economy made the following suggestions for the committee's consideration:

- Could suggest that some applicants apply for the next round of Community Assistance funding, opening in August/September 2025;
- May be appropriate to suggest that the progress associations that have identified Village Enhancement Funding as a co contribution use this as a complete source of funding.
- Look at those that have received funding in round 1 and suggest they hold off.

Discussion were held surrounding the possibility of council automatically considering current applications in the next round of funding instead of groups being required to re-apply.

Application 1 – Canowindra Connections Centre - Introduction to Digital Safety for Parents Sessions

It was noted that a priority of council for this term is a focus on youth. As a result of a question from Cllr Jones, Department Leader Community Services advised the committee that council is undertaking other activities in conjunction with the Connections Centre as part of youth week.

Application 2 - Canowindra High School P & C for Driving Community Connection:

As a result of comment from Cllr O’Ryan, discussions were held surrounding guidelines in relation to government agencies. Department Leader Community Services advised that the bus is owned by the P&C, not the school.

Application 3 - Canowindra Showground And Racecourse Land Manager for Canowindra Showground Entrance Beautification

As a result of a suggestion from the General Manager, Leader Community and Economy advised that the progress association have already provided Village Enhancement Funding to the showground this financial year. It was noted that council would require further information to establish what/if consents may be required.

Application 4 - Cudal Central Incorporated for Cudal Community Centre Upgrade

It was suggested that the applicant approach the progress association to fund entire project. Cllr Jones provided context around the application, stating that Cudal Central have a priority in their masterplan to upgrade the hall and have received funding from various sources to do so. This application would finish the project off.

Application 5 - Cumnock Funday Park Improvements

Cllr Jones advised that given investment from the community, council should be also be supporting.

Application 6 - Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association for Swim Club Starting Buzzer

Given the nature of the application, being for a starting buzzer for use during the pool season, it was suggested that this application be considered in the next round of funding.

Application 7 - Manildra and District Improvement Association for Montana Park BBQ

Leader Community and Economy advised that this project has received upgrades under the Stronger Country Communities fund. It was noted that council has undertaken a substantial amount of work at this park with MADIA and private funding contributing to additional work. Cllr Jones identified this project as a key project of MADIA. Department Leader advised that MADIA have advised council of this project as their primary focus in relation to the Village Enhancement Fund.

Application 8 - Yeoval Historical Society for Concreting - Buckinbah Park/ Heating, Cooling and Security at Yeoval Museum

It was noted that Yeoval Historical Society received funding in round 1 of the Community Assistance Program.

Application 9 - Yeoval Preschool Incorporated for Yeoval Preschool Nature Playground.

Committee in support of this.

As a result of a question from Cllr Jones, Department Leader. Community and Economy advised the committee of the program objectives.

General Manager suggested that there may other funding streams available for applications 1 and 2.

Department Leader Community Services advised that the Community Services Department could look to revisit youth week funding for project 1.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT:

1. The Community, Economy and Culture Committee recommends to council the following under its 2024/25 Community Assistance Program:
 - a. \$1,500 to Cudal Central Incorporated for Cudal Community Centre Upgrade;
 - b. \$5,000 to Cumnock and District Progress Association for Cumnock Funday Park Improvements;
 - c. \$3239.50 to Manildra and District Improvement Association for Montana Park BBQ;
 - d. \$3,560 to Yeoval Historical Society for Concreting - Buckinbah Park/ Heating, Cooling and Security at Yeoval Museum;
 - e. \$5,000 to Yeoval Preschool Incorporated for Yeoval Preschool Nature Playground.
 - f. \$5,000 to Nashdale Lidster Public Hall Incorporated for the Replacement of the Nashdale information sign.
2. Due to funding constraints of the 2024/25 Cabonne Community Assistance Program, the following projects be automatically included for consideration of funding in Round 1 of the 2025/26 Cabonne Community Assistance Program:

- a. \$3,575 to Canowindra High School P & C for Driving Community Connection: Canowindra Bus Signage Renewal;
 - b. \$5,000 to Canowindra Showground And Racecourse Land Manager for Canowindra Showground Entrance Beautification;
 - c. \$1,870.21 to Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association for Swim Club Starting Buzzer.
3. Council provide funding of \$1,940 to Canowindra Connections Centre for Introduction to Digital Safety for Parents Sessions from Youth Services budget allocation, under the Community Services Department.

CEC 25/18 Carried

ITEM - 8 COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Department Leader Community Services advised that council will be supporting a volunteer expo to be hosted at the Canowindra Creative Centre as part of promoting volunteer opportunities.

It was advised that council's finance department will be providing an update on the cost of libraries at next committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 25/19 Carried

ITEM - 9 REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Proceedings in Brief

Department Leader Community Services advised that the donation request for Melissa had come via Clr Pull.

Clr Jones expressed his support of Molong St John's Cadets, he advised that they have approximately 30 students attend each week and are considered to be one of the strongest Cadet divisions in Regional NSW. It was noted that this group are always volunteering their time at local events.

Clr O'Ryan expressed the value of these groups for young people and their sense of belonging.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT council donate:

1. \$400 to Melissa Bonnici for costs to attend this international event.
2. \$800 to St Johns Molong Cadet division to support the cost of bus hire.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:58pm.