

Minutes of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee - 17 June 2024

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis (Deputy Chair), Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5.39pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillors Chan and Weldon were attending the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee concluded at 6.25pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee of Monday 6 May 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. is recommended for an Innovation and Ideas grant, shown at Attachment C to the Committee report.

The Lord Mayor has a close association with Jess Miller as she is a former Councillor and Clover Moore Independent Team (CMIT) candidate and is involved with Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. The Lord Mayor stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. is recommended for an Innovation and Ideas grant, shown at Attachment C to the Committee report.

Councillor Kok has a close association with Jess Miller as she is a former Councillor and CMIT candidate and is involved with Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. Councillor Kok stated that he would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that Blaq Aboriginal Corporation is recommended for funding as part of the Community Services Grant Program, and the Food Support Grant Program – Summer Round – 2024/25. During his time as an elected Councillor, Councillor Worling has met a number of times with the Directors of the Blaq Aboriginal Corporation and continues to stay abreast of the work they do in the community, particularly with members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this funding or grant with anyone from Blaq Aboriginal Corporation, and this will not have an affect or influence his ability to vote on the recommendation.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that the Inner City Legal Centre is recommended for funding as part of the Community Services Grant Program. As a Surry Hills local and during his work as an elected Councillor, Councillor Worling has met with the Directors of the Inner City Legal Centre and continue to stay abreast of the work they do in the Darlinghurst and Kings Cross community, particularly with members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this funding or grant with anyone from the Inner City Legal Centre, and this will not have an affect or influence his ability to vote on the recommendation.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Australian Fashion Council Ltd is recommended for funding as part of the Business Sector Support Grant Program – Summer Round – 2024/25. Councillor Worling has worked as a fashion publicist for 30 years which has meant there has been a lot of crossover with his clients and the Australian Fashion Council Ltd.

Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he had no prior knowledge about the grant application or its success until reading the committee papers, and he has not discussed the application or grant with anyone at Australian Fashion Council Ltd.

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. is recommended for an Innovation and Ideas grant, shown at Attachment C to the Committee report.

Councillor Worling has a close association with Jess Miller as she is a former Councillor and CMIT candidate and is involved with Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. Councillor Worling stated that he would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that:

- she was formerly a board member for Inner Sydney Voice, who is an applicant for the Community Services grant. Councillor Ellsmore has not discussed this item with them.
- she was previously been employed by an Aboriginal consultancy firm engaged by the NSW Government to review homelessness services. Several of the applicants for the Inner City Homelessness Services grants were mentioned in the report. Councillor Ellsmore has not discussed this item with any of the applicants.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed the grants with the applicants.

Councillor HY William Chan made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that he has been involved with the following organisations:
 - University of Sydney as a currently employed sessional academic in the School of Architecture, Design and Planning 2024; and
 - University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the above organisations has been separate to the organisations' grant applications and he was not aware of their grant applications.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda in that he has been involved with the following organisations:
 - University of Sydney as a currently employed sessional academic in the School of Architecture, Design and Planning 2024;
 - University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022;
 - University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney) as a guest lecturer in 2023;
 - Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT (SECNA) Ltd in its activities in 2021; and
 - Spark Festival Ltd as a speaker in 2020 and 2021.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the above organisations has been separate to the organisations' grant applications and he was not aware of their grant applications.

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. is recommended for an Innovation and Ideas grant, shown at Attachment C to the Committee report.

Councillor Chan has a close association with Jess Miller as she is a former Councillor and CMIT candidate and is involved with Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. Councillor Chan stated that he would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda (Food Support Grants), in that she has known and worked with people who still work within the following organisations through her community work within her scope as chairperson for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ):
 - Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited;
 - Blaq Aboriginal Corporation;
 - Food Ladder; and
 - Glebe Youth Services.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ASSIPJ has not engaged with these organisations since 2021.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that she has known and worked with people who still work within the following organisations through her community work within her scope as chairperson for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ):
 - Blaq Aboriginal Corporation;
 - Counterpoint Community Services;
 - Glebe Youth Services;
 - Kinchella Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation;
 - Redfern Legal Centre Ltd;
 - Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries (Larissa Minniecon);
 - The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW);
 - The University of Sydney; and
 - University of Technology Sydney

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ASSIPJ has not engaged with these organisations since 2021.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund), in that she has known and worked with people who still work within the Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation organisations through her community work as chairperson for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ).

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ASSIPJ has not engaged with these organisations since 2021.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that she has known and worked with people from Pymont-Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc through her community work as chairperson for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ).

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because ASSIPJ has not engaged with these organisations since 2021.

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. is recommended for an Innovation and Ideas grant, shown at Attachment C to the Committee report.

Councillor Davis has a close association with Jess Miller as she is a former Councillor and CMIT candidate and is involved with Finding Infinity Pty Ltd. Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Shauna Jarrett disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that through her business, she is a member of the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Jarrett considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is only a member like many other businesses.

Councillor Linda Scott made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that she, along with her husband, owns a house with a mortgage that is adjacent to one of the zones considered. She is also the Trustee of a Trust that owns a property for the benefit of a family member with a disability that is adjacent to one of the zones considered.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she applies her judgement to the decisions as a Councillor for the City of Sydney.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that she has met with and knows a large number of the recommended successful and unsuccessful applicants, including Directors of the Peace Prize (Joy Kyriacou). None have discussed their applications for Council grants with Councillor Scott.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she applies her judgement to the decisions as a Councillor for the City of Sydney.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Items 5 and 6 on the agenda, in that Councillor Scott has met with and knows a large number of the recommended successful and unsuccessful applicants. None have discussed their applications for Council grants with her.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she applies her judgement to the decisions as a councillor for the City of Sydney.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee.

Item 3

Public Exhibition - Review of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 24 June 2024.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee was as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces for a four year period as outlined in Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) write to the NSW Office of Local Government requesting the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free zones be revised to include provision for local governments to establish alcohol-free zones as timed sites where alcohol consumption is permissible within designated times as appropriate;
 - (ii) advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve the community's health and safety;
 - (iii) write to Homes NSW to take on responsibility and management of outdoor alcohol restrictions on their own land;
 - (iv) write to the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force to request NSW Police provide data on the use of enforcement under outdoor alcohol restrictions to inform the development and implementation of harm minimisation approaches to alcohol management within the community;
 - (v) write to NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics to notify them of those locations where outdoor alcohol restrictions have been removed and request they develop a methodology to appropriately assess the outcomes arising from those removals; and
 - (vi) continue to work with community legal centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, community groups, social housing residents, local business and NSW Government agencies to determine appropriate strategies for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on 17 June 2024.

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Speaker

Andrew Woodhouse addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 3.

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommended the following:

Item 4

Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash or value-in-kind grant for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve First Nations Response Ltd as the recipient of a City's Community Services Grant 2022/23 for the final year of their project (2024/25);
- (D) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Community Services Grant: Inner City Homelessness Services program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (F) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (G) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment F to the subject report;
- (H) Council approve a cash grant of \$100,000 per year for three years to the Inner City Legal Centre;
- (I) Council approve a cash grant of \$50,000 per year for three years to the University of Sydney as auspice for Animals in Need;
- (J) Council approve a cash grant of \$50,000 to Larissa Minneconn as auspice for Scarred Tree Indigenous Missionaries;
- (K) Council approve a cash grant to Glebe Youth Service Inc of \$349,448 in year one, \$356,500 in year two and \$363,566 in year three;
- (L) Council approve a cash grant of \$208,000 and \$53,000 value in kind to Access Sydney Community Transport Ltd;
- (M) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (N) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (O) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Larissa Minneconn (Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries) and Katie Green (Inner City Legal Centre) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 4.

Item 5

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation Grant leases and licences for the 70 lease holders that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2023 calendar year and are continuing in the Program;
- (B) Council note that Innovillage Pty Ltd (trading as Greenhouse) located at the Business Innovation Space, 180 George Street, Sydney were not required to complete an annual performance review as it had not been in the Program for a full 12 months and is continuing in the Program;
- (C) Council approve a lease for SDN Children’s Services at 60 Pine Street Chippendale from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2029 on the following rental subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025	\$153,000	100%	\$153,000	\$0
Year 2 1 January 2026 - 31 December 2026	\$157,590	98%	\$154,438	\$3,152
Year 3 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2027	\$162,317	96%	\$155,824	\$6,493
Year 4 1 January 2028 - 31 December	\$167,187	94%	\$157,156	\$10,031

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
2028				
Year 5 1 January 2029 - 30 June 2029	\$86,101	92%	\$79,213	\$6,888

- (D) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minniecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe for two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates outgoings and utilities:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$73,224	100%	\$73,224	\$0
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$75,421	100%	\$75,421	\$0

- (E) Council approve a lease renewal for Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd located at Space 1 and 2, Waterloo Town Hall, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo for five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 on the following subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$25,200	80%	\$20,160	\$5,040
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$25,956	80%	\$20,765	\$5,191

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 3 1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027	\$26,735	80%	\$21,388	\$5,347
Year 4 1 July 2027 - 30 June 2028	\$27,537	80%	\$22,029	\$5,508
Year 5 1 July 2028 - 30 June 2029	\$28,363	80%	\$22,690	\$5,673

- (F) Council approve a lease renewal for Hayes Theatre Co at Reginald Murphy Hall, Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street Elizabeth Bay, for five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029, on the following subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$95,000	75%	\$71,250	\$23,750
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$97,850	75%	\$73,387	\$24,463
Year 3 1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027	\$100,786	75%	\$75,590	\$25,196
Year 4 1 July 2027 - 30 June 2028	\$103,809	75%	\$77,857	\$25,952
Year 5 1 July 2028 - 30 June 2029	\$106,923	75%	\$80,193	\$26,730

- (G) Council approve a lease renewal for 107 Projects Incorporated at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland for two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 on the following subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	\$0
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$515,000	100%	\$515,000	\$0

- (H) Council approve the new subsidy and grant level for Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd at The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst for its current five year lease, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 on the following rental subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$208,669	100%	\$208,669	\$0

- (I) Council note that Darlinghurst Theatre Company has provided notice of their intention to vacate Suite 3.02 and Suite 3.03 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst and the property will be offered by an expression of interest application through the Accommodation Grants Program;
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the lease agreement with: SDN Children's Services at 60 Pine Street Chippendale; Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd. located at Space 1 & 2, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo; Hayes Theatre Co for Reginald Murphy Hall, Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street Elizabeth Bay; 107 Projects Incorporated at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland; Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd for The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst; and the licence agreement to Larissa Minniecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (K) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipients will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

Item 6**Grants and Sponsorship - Economic Grants**

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 24 June 2024.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee was as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value in kind recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 6 on the agenda of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on 17 June 2024.

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