

## Item 8

### Report of the Cultural and Community Committee - 4 March 2019

#### Item 8.1

##### Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 on the agenda, as a person involved with the Sydney Fringe Festival made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in respect of the recommended grant to Millers Point Community Garden Group, in that a member of the Group made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team for the 2016 election campaign. The Lord Mayor proposed that this grant be considered separately as she would not be voting on this grant item.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in respect of the following grant recommendations:
  - in respect of the recommended grant to City Recital Hall Ltd: a member of the board made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election.
  - in respect of the recommended grant to Mardi Gras Arts Ltd: the Lord Mayor has been a long time participant in the Mardi Gras Parade and has worked with past Mardi Gras boards on a range of issues to support the annual Mardi Gras season.
  - in respect of the recommended grant to Story Factory Inc.: The Lord Mayor's Trust made donations to the Sydney Story Factory project, including a donation of seeding funding which enabled the Story Factory to be established. Also, a person involved with Sydney Story Factory was a volunteer for the Clover Moore Independent Team's 2016 election campaign.

Councillor Robert Kok made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 on the agenda. A person involved with Sydney Fringe Festival made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda. A member of the board of one of the recipients (City Recital Hall) made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda as a person involved with one of the recipients (Sydney Story Factory) was a volunteer for the Clover Moore Independent Team's 2016 election campaign.

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4, as a member of one of the recipients (Millers Point Community Garden Group) made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections. Councillor Kok stated that he was not aware of this recommendation until committee papers were made available and would not be voting on this grant item.

Councillor Philip Thalís made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 on the agenda, in that a person involved with Sydney Fringe Festival made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that a member of the board of one of the recipients made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, as a person involved with one of the recipients was a volunteer for the Clover Moore Independent Team's 2016 election campaign.
- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4, as a member of one of the recipients (Millers Point Community Garden Group) made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections. Councillor Thalís stated that he was not aware of this recommendation until committee papers were made available and would not be voting on this grant item.

Councillor Jess Miller made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 of the agenda as a person involved with the Sydney Fringe Festival made non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election. Councillor Miller advised that she was not aware of this recommendation until the Committee report became available and has had no communication with the applicant about their proposal.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda in respect of the following grant recommendations:
  - in respect of the recommended grant to City Recital Hall Ltd: a member of the board made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election.
  - in respect of the recommended grant to Mardi Gras Arts Ltd: a member of the board is an acquaintance of mine, however we have had no communication regarding the application.
  - in respect of the recommended grant to Story Factory Inc. a person involved with Sydney Story Factory was a volunteer for the Clover Moore Independent Team's 2016 election campaign.

Councillor Miller stated that she was not aware of these recommendations until the Committee report became available and she has had no communication with the applicants about their proposals.

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda in respect to the recommended grant to the Millers Point Community Garden Group. A member of the Community Garden Group made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election. Councillor Miller stated that she was not aware of this recommendation until committee papers were made available and would not be voting on this grant item.

Councillor Linda Scott, disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary disclosure in Item 8.4 of the agenda as she was formerly the Chair of the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre.

Councillor Kerryn Phelps made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 of the agenda in that a person involved in the Festival made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team 2016 election campaign.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda regarding the City Recital Hall grant, as a board member made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team 2016 election campaign.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda regarding the Sydney Story Factory grant, as a person involved in the organisation was a volunteer on the Clover Moore Independent Team 2016 election campaign.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda regarding the grant to the Millers Point Community Garden as a member of that group made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team 2016 election campaign.

Councillor Phelps stated that she is no longer a member of the Clover Moore Independent Team Party, was not aware of these applications prior to the Committee papers being released, and has not spoken to any applicants about these matters.

Councillor Jess Scully made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 of the agenda as a person involved with the Sydney Fringe Festival made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election. Councillor Scully stated that she was not aware of this recommendation until it came to Committee and has had no communication with the applicant about their proposal.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda in respect of the following grant recommendations:
  - the City Recital Hall Ltd as a member of the board made a non-reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 election, and
  - the Sydney Story Factory where Councillor Scully has previously volunteered. Also, a person involved with Sydney Story Factory was a volunteer for the Clover Moore Independent Team's 2016 election campaign.

Councillor Scully stated she was not aware of this recommendation until it came to Committee and she has had no communication with the applicants about their proposal.

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 of the agenda, as a member of the Millers Point Community Garden Group made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Local Government elections.

Councillor Scully stated that she was not aware of this recommendation until committee papers were made available and would not be voting on this grant Item.

No other councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee.

The Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

## **Item 8.2**

### **Cultural and Creative Grants and Sponsorship - Fringe Hub Pilot at World Bar**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a one-off cash grant of \$50,000 (excluding GST), to the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association, from the 2018/19 General Contingency Budget towards establishing a trial multi-venue, open-access independent arts hub in Kings Cross; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer an agreement under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

(Note - At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried unanimously).

### **Speakers**

Ms Kerry Glasscock addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee) on Item 7.2.

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The Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

## **Item 8.3**

### **International Travel - Music Cities Convention, Chengdu**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse international travel to Chengdu for Councillor Jess Scully; and
- (B) note that Councillor Scully will provide a report to Council after the travel.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried unanimously.)

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The Healthy Communities Sub-Committee recommends the following:-

#### **Item 8.4**

#### **Grants and Sponsorship - Round Three 2018/19 - Matching Grants**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the recommendation as detailed in the subject report to the Cultural and Community Committee on 4 March 2019 except for the Matching Grant to the Millers Community Garden Group; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to determine the Matching Grant to the Millers Point Community Garden Group, in accordance with Clause 4.19 of the City of Sydney Code of Conduct.

(Note – at the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this alternative recommendation was moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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