

**Item 10**

**Report of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee - 6 November 2023**

**Item 10.1**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee of Monday 14 August 2023, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

## Item 10.2

### Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that he has been involved with:

- University of New South Wales (UNSW) as a guest lecturer in 2023;
- University of Sydney as a casual academic in 2022;
- University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022; and
- Remix Summit as a speaker 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 with these organisations has been separate to the organisations' grant applications and he was not aware of their grant applications.

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda in that:
  - she has engaged with Jodie Ann Choolburra from Brolga Dance Academy through her role as Chairwoman for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ) for the Different Colours One People Festival event held on 22 May 2021. Brolga were engaged as the dance presentation for the event.
  - she has known and worked with Dan Munro (under the auspice of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council: Biyanga (Father) Project – Healing Journey for our Men), and Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation (as auspice for Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated: Redfern All Black RLFC Cultural Health and Wellbeing) through her capacity as Chairwoman for ASSIPJ and Councillor for the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel. She has also previously engaged with these organisations in grass roots, cultural and community engagement and various events.
  - she has known and had professional interactions with: Australian Fashion Council as an acquaintance of Leila Naja Hibri (CEO); the University of Sydney as an interviewee of Professor Jude Philp and Director Museums and Cultural Engagement at Chau Chak Wing; Sydney Community Group Inc as a mentor having provided advice to Manjua Viswanath and Indu Ponnusamy on cultural and community engagement; UCA – Wayside Chapel, having met Dr Lilon Bandler who runs the inhouse Medical Practice as the local General Practitioner and she has been invited as a guest to tour the facilities; and University of Technology Sydney through her grass roots and community work. She has associated with staff from various departments at the university and completed her Masters with UTS.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because as a Councillor for the City of Sydney, she has not been involved in the grant application process or approval process for the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Innovation and Ideas Grant.

- a significant interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that this item recommends Council approve Blax Capital Pty Ltd grant application to launch Indigenous Gender Lens fund supporting female-led Indigenous with a cash grant. ASSIPJ has engaged Blax Capital as a business and financial consultant.

Councillor Davis stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

- a significant interest in Item 10.5 on the agenda, in that she has engaged with Scarred Trees Ministries (Pastor Ray Minniecon and Larrisa Minniecon) in her capacity as Chair for ASSIPJ for various ASSI community events and festivals.

Councillor Davis stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 on the agenda, in that she has attended meetings or events, or exchanged emails, as part of her normal work as a Councillor, with applicants for the Innovation and Ideas Grants, over the last 12 months. This includes with End Street Sleeping Collaboration Ltd (not recommended for a grant), Glebe Youth Service (not recommended for a grant), OFFICE AU Ltd (not recommended for a grant), Shelter NSW (not recommended for a grant) and Wayside Chapel (not recommended for a grant).

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she does not have any decision-making or financial connection with any organisations applying for a grant, was not aware of the grant applications before they were made and did not provide advice in relation to the grant applications.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 on the agenda, in that one of the hundreds of proposed outdoor alcohol restriction zones is adjacent to her home.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that she is a member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, one of the applicants recommended for funding.

Councillor Weldon considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are serving as an intermediary auspisor for the grant applicant. She has had no involvement in this grant application.

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

**Item 10.3****Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 20 November 2023.

**Officer's Recommendation**

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

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the public exhibition process for proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the matters raised in submissions as summarised in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) approve the establishment of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas listed in Attachment A to the subject report for a four-year period;
- (C) approve the establishment of the timed areas as outlined in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) approve the establishment of temporary alcohol-free zones outlined in Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (E) not approve the proposed alcohol-free zone at Harris Street, Ultimo and alcohol prohibited area at High Street Gardens, Millers Point for the reasons outlined in the subject report.

**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 6 November 2023.

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**Speaker**

Detective Brant James (A/Inspector at South Sydney Police) addressed the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on Item 10.3.

**Item 10.4****Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Innovation and Ideas Grants**

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 20 November 2023.

**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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 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) Council note additional funding of \$87,111 for the Innovation and Ideas grant program has been made available in the 2023/24 financial year as a result of an underspend in the Business Sector Support and Green Building grant programs and an approved Creative grant not being accepted by the grant applicant;
- (G) 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
- (H) 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 4 on the agenda of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on 6 November 2023.

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The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommends the following:

**Item 10.5**

**Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program - Beehive Industries and Scarred Trees Ministries**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an increased rental subsidy for Beehive Industries for 137 Palmer Street Darlinghurst for its current lease for the period of 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2026 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 3 (pro rata) 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2024 (213 days)	\$198,112.18	\$198,112.18	100%	\$0.00
Year 4 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025	\$349,672.64	\$349,672.64	100%	\$0.00
Year 5 01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026	\$360,162.82	\$360,162.82	100%	\$0.00

- (B) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe from 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024 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 (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 (pro rata) 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2024 (213 days)	\$9,915.88	100%	\$9,915.88	\$0.00

- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer any amendments to the lease to Beehive Industries required to incorporate the terms of this approval;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive officer to negotiate, execute and administer the licence agreement to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries for Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe on the terms consistent with this report and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and

- (E) 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 Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok and carried unanimously.)

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