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Subject: MARRICKVILLE RECREATION GRANTS 2016

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SUMMARY

Council is advised of applications received for the Recreation Grants Program 2016. Council received and assessed 25 applications requesting a total of \$62,571 and 17 projects are recommended for funding totalling \$30,000.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses funding for 17 grant applications as outlined in Attachment 1, totalling \$30,000 for the 2016 Marrickville Recreation Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

In April 2013 Council endorsed the Recreation Grants Program and Guidelines (File 4208/23501.13) to provide financial support to community sporting and recreation groups, and not-for-profit, non-government community and commercial recreation organisations that offer recreation programs and services to residents in the Marrickville local government area (LGA).

The key objectives of the Recreation Grants Program are to:

- promote an active and healthy community;
- increase and/or enhance regular and ongoing participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner;
- address barriers to participation in sport, recreation and structured physical activity;
- build the capacity of the organisation to enhance provision of sport and recreation services;
- provide accreditation or training to develop the skills of volunteers to enable sport, recreation and structured physical activity programs to be conducted in locations across NSW; and
- support the implementation of [Our Place, Our Vision – Marrickville Community Plan](#)

A total of \$30,000 is allocated in the 2016/17 budget and available under this program.

The Recreation Grants Program opened on Wednesday 27 April 2015 and closed on Wednesday 1 June 2015. The grants were promoted through advertisements in *The Inner West Courier*, the Council Column, Marrickville Matters, on Council's website, through networks such as Rec Post and existing recreation databases.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The grants will be funded from the current Culture and Recreation Operating Budget 2016/17.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

External information about the program was provided through various media, Council officer support was available by telephone, email and face to face as required throughout the application period.

CONCLUSION

Council received 25 applications requesting a total funding of \$62,571. Applications were assessed by a multi-disciplinary panel comprising Coordinator – Recreation Planning & Programs, Strategic Projects Officer – Access and Inclusion and two external panel assessors (current Marrickville Citizen of the Year and president of local netball club and a former representative of Marrickville Council’s Youth Council). The assessment was consistent with the guidelines adopted by Council including the following pre-determined selection criteria:

- how well the application meets the objectives and criteria for the grants program;
- the capacity of the individual, group or organisation to deliver a well-planned project, including the degree of measurable outcomes from the project;
- submission of a realistic budget;
- benefits for the Marrickville community through recreation related activities;
- previous assistance received by Council including grants and in-kind support in recent years;
- the merit of the application in comparison to the other applications; and
- being reportable within 12 months.

Of the 25 applications assessed, 17 applications, totalling \$30,000, are recommended for funding as outlined in **Attachment 1**. Not all projects are recommended to receive the total amount requested, however, the selection panel believe the projects are still achievable within the funding amounts recommended and this has been confirmed with all applicants. The recommended projects represent a range of recreation experiences and target a range of populations identified as priorities through the *Recreation Needs Research - Strategic Directions for Marrickville 2012* and the *Recreation Policy and Strategy 2013*. The projects take place in a range of locations across the former Marrickville Local Government Area (LGA). The panel noted the challenge in deciding the comparative value of each application and was impressed with the range of projects and service providers.

Eight applications are not recommended for funding as outlined in **Attachment 2**. The reasons for which applications were not recommended include:

- the applications were not as strong as the recommended applications in one or more assessment criteria – it was a highly competitive grant round;
- suggested outcomes did not strongly benefit the local community;
- the project is still viable without Council funding;
- organisations applied for multiple grants; and
- the project did not take place within the former Marrickville LGA and/or benefit Marrickville residents or the project represents the core business of the applying organisation.

Five applications were transferred to other Council Grants programs as they were deemed a better fit under selected criteria.

One additional application concerning improvements to a community venue was received and was not eligible for the Recreation Grant Programs and referred to the relevant area for follow up.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Recreation Grants 2016 - Recommended for Funding
2. Recreation Grants 2016 - Not Recommended for Funding

ATTACHMENT 1**RECREATION GRANTS 2016 APPLICANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

ID	Project Name, Applicant and Organisation	Sport/Category	Date and location	Description of project*	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	Recommendation
REC001	After School Drop In Mr Joy D'Agata PCYC Marrickville	Various	July – Dec 2016 Marrickville	To provide low cost after school drop in activities for local youth in the Marrickville area.	3,000	2,500	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC004	Mind.Body.Pedal. Mr Jeff McPhan Bicycle Network	Cycling	2016 (Subject to school availability) Marrickville	To provide a free cycling event targeting teenage girls, addressing key barriers that prevent participation in physical activity.	3,000	1,550	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC006	MYRC Basketball Program Ms Elizabeth Kruse Marrickville Youth Resource Centre	Basketball	Aug 2016 – June 2017 Marrickville	To establish a weekly program that gives young people a safe and free space to play basketball.	2,115	2,000	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC013	Horse Play Ms Kirsty Rose Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	Horse Riding	Aug – Dec 2016 Darkes Forest	To provide young people from Marrickville who experience mental health issues and the impact of complex trauma an opportunity to participate in a horse riding experience.	3,000	1,500	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC015	Training New Volunteer Coaches Mr Antony Sachs Marrickville Cricket Club	Cricket	Aug – Oct 2016 Marrickville, Petersham and Dulwich Hill	To provide capacity building workshops to new volunteer parents in the Cricket NSW Community Cricket Coaching Course.	2,500	2,000	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC017	Able Bodies Self Defence for the Disabled Mr John Cooksey Esprit Martial Arts	Martial Arts	July – Sept 2016 Marrickville	A five session training program to help break down stereotypes associated with people with a disability.	3,000	1,400	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.

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REC019	No to Bullying, Ministry of Dance Planet Mr Bishop Danjuma Marrickville West Public School Association	Dance	Sept – Dec 2016 Marrickville West	To provide a dance program designed to engage young people in a creative and structured environment.	1,300	1,000	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC020	Adults with Autism Yoga Class – Phase 2 Ms Claire Havey Half Moon Yoga	Yoga	July – Dec 2016 Marrickville	Through partnership with Autism Australia, to provide weekly lyengar yoga classes for adults with severe autism (ASD).	3,000	3,000	Full Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC021	Flaming Devils All Abilities Program Ms Sharon Field Marrickville FC	Soccer/Football	July 2016-May 2017 Marrickville	To provide support for the All Abilities Team ('Flaming Devils') including registration, uniforms and gala day events.	3,000	\$1,510	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC022	Project Come and Play Mr George Tatarakis Stanmore Hawks	Soccer/Football	Oct 2016 – Jan 2017 Marrickville	To implement a promotional campaign designed to attract more female players from the local community to the club.	3,000	800	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC023	Let's Kick It For Diversity Mrs Claire Mannion Youth Off the Streets	Soccer/Football	Aug 2016 – June 2017	To deliver a soccer program targeting disadvantaged young people (CALD specifically) to remove barriers to participation and creating positive and meaningful involvement in physical activity.	3,000	2,000	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC027	Marrickville Fencing Dr Jess Brooks Marrickville Marauders Fencing Club	Fencing	July – Dec 2016 Marrickville	To provide primary school students access to a unique sport through regular programming and scholarship opportunities	3,000	3,000	Full Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.

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REC030	Health and Fitness for People Seeking Asylum Ms Jenny Tracey Asylum Seekers Centre	Fitness	Oct 2016 – June 2017 Newtown	To assist local marginalised and disadvantaged asylum seekers to participate fully in sports for health, fitness and social engagement by expanding the existing program offerings.	2,511	1,500	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC032	Creative Dance Therapy Program Miss Naomi Nicholson-Black New Dance Steps Therapy	Dance	Jan – Dec 2017 Newtown	To provide monthly dance workshops targeting young people and designed to foster mental and emotional wellbeing through movement, creativity and collaboration.	1,440	1,440	Full Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC033	Skate, Create, Empower Mr Nigel Cameron Totem Skate School	Skateboarding Dulwich Hill	Aug – Dec 2016	To provide five local learn to skate workshops for local youth and families, breaking down negative associations of skate parks and their users.	3,000	2,000	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
REC035	Classic Hour Mr Ruben Rocha At Ruben's	Fitness	July 2016 Marrickville	To provide free weekly gym space, guidance and support for local seniors.	1,600	1,600	Full Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
CD2016051	Empowered Sports Clinics (Youth) Marie-Eunice Alarcon Empowered Sports Inc	Fitness	Nov-Dec 2016	To provide safe, fun supportive and inclusive spaces for young people to learn about specific sports/activities.	1,824	1,200	Part Funding: This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.
	TOTAL: 17				62,571	30,000	

ATTACHMENT 2
RECREATION GRANTS 2016 APPLICANTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

ID	Project Name, Applicant and Organisation	Sport/Category	Date and location	Description of project*	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Notes
REC003	Saturday Family Fitness Ms Vivienne Martin Connect Marrickville	Fitness	Aug – Dec 2016 Marrickville	To provide concurrent weekly adult and children's fitness programs engaging residents of Marrickville South.	\$3,000	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Applicant was not willing to proceed with Part Funding Recommendation
REC007	Marrickville Town Hall Stage Rejuvenation Dr Kurt Brinschwitz The Pollys Club	Dance/acting/social	June – Dec 2016	Proposed rejuvenation of stage facilities at Marrickville Town Hall.	3,000	Not Eligible: <i>This project is not recommended for funding through Council grants programs.</i>	Project has Capital Works implications. Referred to Recreation & Community Facilities team for follow up.
REC008	Polly's Recruitment Night Dr Kurt Brinschwitz The Pollys Club	Dance/acting/social	June – Dec 2016	To fund advertising and material to encourage new members to join the club.	800	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	Referred application to Community Grants round for assessment
REC009	Flying Bats Family Fun Day Ms Nadine Wild Flying Bats FC	Soccer/Football	Sept 2016 Tempe	To hold a family fun day aimed at LGBTI families as well as individuals from both within and outside the club.	\$1,213	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Project seen to be part of existing recruitment strategy, no specific strategy for reducing barriers to participation. Applicant has received multiple grants within the last two grant rounds.

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REC010	Basketball Uniforms Mr Geoff Howat Dulwich Hill Newtown Basketball Club	Basketball	July 2016 – June 2017 Stanmore	To purchase new basketball uniforms for use by players in the club who cannot afford to buy their own uniforms.	990	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Grant received in 2014 for the same project
REC012	Improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable youth with a targeted fitness program Mr Darryl Davies Stretch-A-Family	Fitness	Aug 2016 – Aug 2017 Stanmore	To purchase equipment required to implement the "Fit & Fun" program, targeting young people.	1,295	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	Referred application to VISY Grants round for assessment
REC014	Football Unites 2016 Mr Jebin Dhoj SHAHI Sydney Friendship Group Incorporated	Soccer/Football	Nov 2016 Tempe	To stage a local community football match, "Football Unites" with the purpose of bringing together local multicultural communities.	3,000	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Recurrent funding implications. Applicant received funding in 2014 and 2015 or the same project.
REC016	Meet, Dance, Live Program Miss Beatriz Occhiuzzi Salsa 4 Seniors	Dance	Sept-Dec 2016 Petersham	To provide a weekly Latin dance class (10 weeks) for CALD Seniors.	3,000	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Both activity and target group are well catered for in the local area. Opportunity to include activity in Council's Active & Connected program (Community Development and Recreation Officers to follow up).

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REC018	Dully Olympics Ms Angie Nazim Dulwich Hill Public School P&C	Various/Athletics	Aug 2016 Dulwich Hill	To host a one day event for students to participate in ten sporting activities.	2,500	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	No budget breakdown provided; Project considered low priority and able to be implemented through existing school resource/fundraising
REC024	External Club Trainer for Sydney Rangers FC Mr Joseph Roppolo Sydney Rangers Football Club Inc	Soccer/Football	Jan – Dec 2017 Birchgrove	To engage an external trainer to train club teams once per week during winter season to achieve club objectives.	\$3,000	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Non-local club; No clear indication of benefit to Marrickville community/residents; Project proposed outside local government area; Doesn't address grant guidelines/criteria.
REC029	Gig Buddies Sydney Marrickville Mr Tony Giles Assisted Community Living t/a ACL Disability Services & Gig Buddies Sydney	Music	July 2016 – July 2018	To address the imbalance of number of volunteers with participants in the Marrickville catchment through various promotional campaigns and media.	2,000	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	Referred application to Community Grants round for assessment
REC031	Majestic Players Classical Ensemble Mrs Sharrin Jessop Majestic Performing Arts Academy	Dance	Sept 2016 – March 2017 Marrickville	To cover costs of costuming the ensemble in full classical tutus.	2,758	Not Recommended: <i>This project is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	Project does not clearly identify/reduce barriers for participation; Small number of participants expected to benefit.

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REC034	Required Self Defence Workshop For The LGBTIQ Community Ms Penny Gulliver Team Sydney	Self Defence	Nov 2016	To provide a one day self-defence workshop to help prevent violence against LGBTIQ and local council residents.	2,450	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	Recurrent funding implications. Applicant received funding from 2013-15 for the same project. Referred application to Community Grants round for assessment
REC036	Public Art @MHS Ms Carla Stacey Marrickville High School Parents & Citizens Association	Community Art	2016-2017	To develop a design of public art to be placed on the Marrickville High School Fence (Sydenham Road).	3,000	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	Referred application to Arts & Cultural Grants round for assessment
	TOTAL: 8				19,461	Not Recommended For Funding	
	TOTAL: 5				12,545	Not Assessed under Recreation Grants Program	