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## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT ROUND 10**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Approves \$134,572 (ex GST) funding from the 2023/2024 Community Partnerships Grant stream and \$65,600 (ex GST) funding from the 2024/2025 Community Partnerships Grant stream to the following applicants:
  - a. Aloomba Primary P&C Association for the Aloomba State School Quasquicentennial to the value of \$3,500 (ex GST).
  - b. Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. for the Babinda Harvest Festival to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).
  - c. Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. for the Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2024 to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - d. Cairns African Association Incorporated for the Cairns African Festival 2024 to the value of \$12,700 (ex GST).
  - e. Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. for the Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship 2024 to the value of \$19,000 (ex GST).
  - f. Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association for Volkstanzfest to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - g. Cancer Council Queensland for Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024 to the value of \$20,400 (ex GST).
  - h. FNQ Volunteers Inc. for the FNQ Volunteer of the Year Awards to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - i. Freshwater Tennis Club for the Freshwater Festival to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST).
  - j. Fulfilling Dreams Inc. for PLAYGRND Showdown Quest Tour to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
  - k. GOPIO Cairns Inc. for the Cairns Indian Festival to the value of \$20,677 (ex GST).

- l. **Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc. for the Community Fun Day to the value of \$2,500 (ex GST).**
- m. **Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation for Edor Carnival to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).**
- n. **Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association for Youth Week After Dark Basketball and Finale to the value of \$6,000 (ex GST).**
- o. **Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. for the Redlynch Community Twilight Markets 2024 to the value of \$12,395 (ex GST).**
- p. **The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited for the All of us Festival – Celebrating Queensland Mental Health Week to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).**
- q. **UMI Arts Limited for Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival) to the value of \$16,000 (ex GST).**

**Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters relating to the above funding agreements.**

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### **INTERESTED PARTIES:**

See Attachment 1.

*Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council officers and may not be exhaustive.*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Seventeen applications were received for the Community Partnerships Grant Round 10, with a total of \$287,962 (ex GST) requested. Council officers recommend funding all applications to a total value of \$200,172 (ex GST).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The intent of the Community Partnerships Grant is to assist community groups and organisations with the delivery of events, activities and programs that enhance the lives of local communities, celebrate important community occasions, and provide opportunities to develop social cohesion and connection in the Cairns region.

The Community Partnerships Grant provides assistance through cash and the provision of Council venues and resources. The maximum amount per application is \$25,000 (ex GST).

The following applications for Community Partnerships Grant Round 10 have been received:

Applicant	Event	Event date	Amount requested (ex GST)
Aloomba Primary P&C Association	Aloomba State School Quasquicentennial	1 June 2024	\$10,000
Babinda Harvest Festival Inc.	Babinda Harvest Festival	7 September 2024	\$25,000
Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc.	Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2024	13 May-18 June 2024	\$5,000
Cairns African Association Incorporated	Cairns African Festival 2024	1 June 2024	\$21,150
Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc.	Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship 2024	18-21 July 2024	\$25,000
Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association	Volkstanzafest	19-20 April 2025	\$23,000
Cancer Council Queensland	Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024	13 July 2024	\$25,000
FNQ Volunteers Inc.	FNQ Volunteer of the Year Awards	24 May 2024	\$13,000
Freshwater Tennis Club	Freshwater Festival	19 April 2024 + 6 Sept 2024	\$10,000
Fulfilling Dreams Inc.	PLAYGRND Showdown Quest Tour	2-4 August 2024	\$20,000
GOPIO Cairns Inc.	Cairns Indian Festival	17 August 2024	\$20,677
Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre	Community Fun Day	11 May 2024	\$2,500
Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation	Edor Carnival	3-4 July 2024	\$25,000
Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association	Youth Week After Dark Basketball and Finale	8-13 April 2024	\$15,240
Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc.	Redlynch Community Twilight Markets	19 Apr, 7 Jun, 2 Aug, 4 Oct, 7 Dec 2024	\$12,395
The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited	All of Us Festival – Celebrating Queensland Mental Health Week	13 Oct 2024	\$10,000
UMI Arts Limited	Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival)	7 Sept 2024	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$287,962</b>

### **COMMENT:**

**Aloomba Primary P&C Association to the value of \$3,500 (ex GST) for the Aloomba State School Quasquicentennial.**

**Event Date: 1 June 2024**

The Aloomba Primary P&C Association is responsible for providing financial support to

students for excursions, school camping trips and equipment needed to improve learning outcomes. They also assist with various school events.

In May 1899, the Aloomba School opened with 32 students enrolled and this year the school will celebrate 125 years. The P&C Association is celebrating this milestone by hosting a celebratory event with 400 members of the local community expected to attend.

Held at the Aloomba State School, the celebrations will include live entertainment, yard games, table trivia, a pine car derby, historical displays, the launch of the 125 years History Booklet and the opening of their time capsule.

Council has not previously supported the Aloomba Primary P&C Association.

Aloomba Primary P&C Association is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$3,500 cash (ex GST).

**Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. for the Babinda Harvest Festival to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 7 September 2024**

The annual Babinda Harvest Festival, which this year celebrates 60 years, is an event of significance for the township of Babinda and the surrounding region. With a strong focus on supporting the local community, the Festival brings over 5,000 residents and visitors together to celebrate and enjoy activities, entertainment, food, arts, and culture.

This family friendly, affordable, and accessible festival is spread throughout the township. Bill Wakeham Park features the NQ Tractor Pull, vintage cars and farm equipment on display while the Grand Street Parade, market stalls and entertainment are highlights in Main Street. This year all past Harvest Festival Queens and their families will receive invitations to attend the Festival and will take part in both the Street Parade and the Harvest Festival Cabaret. Additionally, the week of the festival includes businesses in town decorating their premises, all vying for the prestigious Cane Knife Awards.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support the Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. to a total value of \$174,400 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Babinda Harvest Festival 2023	\$25,000
2022/2023	Babinda Harvest Festival 2022	\$25,000
2020/2021	Babinda Harvest Festival 2021	\$25,000
2019/2020	Re-facing of existing loading ramp	\$4,900
2019/2020	Babinda Harvest Festival 2019	\$25,500
2018/2019	Babinda Harvest Festival 2018	\$25,500
2017/2018	Babinda Harvest Festival 2017	\$25,500
2016/2017	Babinda Harvest Festival 2016	\$18,000

Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST) consisting of \$19,500 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$5,500 (ex GST).

**Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. for the Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2024 to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 13-18 June 2024**

The Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. is dedicated to the care, protection, and conservation of bats in the Cairns region. The purpose of the festival is to educate and foster an understanding of bats in our region, to cultivate an appreciation of the value of bats and to help create a culture of understanding with the purpose of enabling Cairns residents to live peacefully alongside them.

The Festival, which is part of the Australasian Bat Night program, is also a satellite event of Cairns EcoFiesta. Highlights of the Festival include a Flying Fox Trail throughout Cairns and a Gala Twilight Event at Wharf One Cafe. It is anticipated that 500 people will enjoy the Gala Twilight Event which includes local music, guest speakers, information stalls, wildlife art stalls, and children's activities.

Since 2018, Council resolved to support the Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. to a total value of \$60,649 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2023	\$4,000
2022/2023	Wildlife Carers Support	\$12,000
2021/2022	Bat Activity Booklet and Teacher's Resource	\$3,750
2021/2022	Cairns Bat Festival	\$4,600
2020/2021	Wildlife Carers Support	\$15,000
2020/2021	Bats and Trees Festival 2020	\$4,000
2019/2020	Wildlife Carers Support	\$15,000
2018/2019	Flying Fox Festival	\$2,299

The Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc is requesting \$5,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

**Cairns African Association Incorporated for the Cairns African Festival 2024 to the value of \$12,700 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 1 June 2024**

Since 2018, the Cairns African Association Incorporated has successfully hosted the Cairns African Festival 2024, which combines the International Day of the African Child

(16 June) and Africa Day (25 May) into a signature event celebrating the diversity, cultures and spirit of Africa and its peoples.

The Festival is an important cultural event for the African community of Cairns, encouraging a cross-section of the African community to showcase their diverse cultures and traditions to the broader community.

Approximately 1,500 people are expected to enjoy the Festival at Fogarty Park which will feature African craft and food stalls, fashion parades, African drumming workshops, performances, and dance by an array of talented local and interstate performers.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the Cairns African Association Incorporated to a total value of \$58,883. This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Cairns African Festival 2023	\$11,400
2021/2022	Cairns African Festival 2022	\$9,860
2020/2021	Cairns African Festival 2021	\$9,200
2019/2020	FNQACA Welcome Christmas BBQ at Sister Cities BBQ	\$225
2019/2020	Friendship Soccer Games	\$2,414
2018/2019	Multicultural Potluck Picnic	\$4,000
2018/2019	Cairns African Festival 2019	\$3,827
2017/2018	International Day of the African Child 2018	\$3,957
2016/2017	International Day of the African Child 2017	\$4,000
2015/2016	African Child Day 2016	\$5,000

The African Association is requesting \$21,150 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$12,700 (ex GST) consisting of \$4,500 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$8,200 (ex GST).

**Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. to the value of \$19,000 (ex GST) for the Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship 2024.**

**Event Date: 18-21 July 2024**

Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. is a community-based organisation for the Bhutanese people who resettled in Cairns under the Humanitarian Settlement Program in 2008. The aim of the organisation is to provide support and social inclusion for Bhutanese people and actively deliver several important events in the community.

The Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. will be delivering the Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship from 18 to 21 July 2024 at Endeavour Park. The Championship is expected to attract 11 teams from across the country, travelling from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Melton, Albury-Wodonga, Adelaide, Hobart, and Launceston to participate.

It is estimated that 3,000 people will attend the championship comprising of 500 interstate participants staying an estimated five nights. The direct and indirect visitor spend of the

event on the Cairns economy is estimated at \$538,000 to the Cairns region.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. to a total value of \$22,158. This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2020/21	Cairns Bhutanese Day 2021	\$8,000
2018/19	Events In-kind	\$252
2016/17	Local Community Events Grant	\$10,000
2016/17	Local Community Events Grant	\$3,500
2016/17	Community Development Grant	\$406

The Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$19,000 cash (ex GST).

#### **Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST) for Volkstanzfest.**

**Event Date: 19-20 April 2025**

Volkstanzfest, translated to 'peoples dance festival' is hosted biennially at various locations around the nation. The Edelweiss Dance Group is hosting Volkstanzfest with support from the Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association.

Held for the first time in Palm Cove, the event will provide an opportunity for various German, Swiss and Austrian dance and music groups to share the richness of Bavarian culture through performances. Whilst not a competition, it is a kind and supportive coming together of people, each passionate about keeping their culture alive and strong.

Held at the Surf Club Palm Cove, Volkstanzfest is anticipated to attract 800 people of which 170 participants are expected to travel and stay in the region. Entry is free.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support the Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association to the value of \$5,460 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	WinterFest	\$5,000
2016/2017	70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert	\$460

The Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association is requesting \$23,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

**Cancer Council Queensland to the value of \$20,400 (ex GST) for Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024.**

**Event Date: 13 July 2024**

Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024 is a vital fundraising event for Cancer Council Queensland. The event is of significance to families and groups in the community whose lives have been impacted by cancer and provides an opportunity for connection, understanding and reflection on the lives of loved ones.

Funds raised through the Relay will go toward supporting Cancer Council Queensland's services, research, and prevention projects, and will provide ongoing positive impact on the vulnerable persons of Cairns and the surrounding community.

800 people are expected to participate in the day, with activities including a Cancer Carers and Survivors Walk, a Candlelight Ceremony, a multi-hour relay around Barlow Park, live music and performances, market stalls and food vans.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support Cancer Council Queensland to a total value of \$120,961 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Event, Activity or Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2022/2023	Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2023	\$16,900
2021/2022	Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2022	\$9,650
2020/2021	Cairns Relay for Life 2021	\$24,000
2019/2020	Cairns Relay for Life 2020	\$24,000
2018/2019	Cairns Relay for Life 2019	\$24,000
2017/2018	Cairns Relay for Life 2018	\$7,470
2016/2017	Cairns Relay for Life 2017	\$7,470
2015/2016	Cairns Relay for Life 2016	\$7,471

Cancer Council Queensland is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application up to the value of \$20,400 (ex GST) towards venue hire and associated resources.

**FNQ Volunteers Inc. for FNQ Volunteer of the Year Awards to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 24 May 2024**

The 2024 Volunteer of the Year Awards acknowledges the invaluable contributions of dedicated volunteers. The event aims to honour their efforts, provide well-deserved recognition and contribute to raising the profile of volunteering in FNQ.

The Awards align with the National Volunteers Week theme 'something for everyone', and celebrates both the diversity of volunteers and the wealth of volunteer opportunities available in our community. Award categories include the FNQ Youth Changemaker (under 25 years), FNQ Community Champion (26 – 64 years), FNQ Wisdom Warrior (over



65 years), FNQ Legacy Builder, FNQ Innovator Impact and FNQ Excellence in Volunteer Management.

To be held at the Novotel Cairns Resort, it is anticipated that 150 people will attend and enjoy the Awards Ceremony with key speakers, entertainment, food, beverage and networking opportunities provided.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support FNQ Volunteers Inc. to a total value of \$30,300 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	VEXPO 2024	\$4,500
2023/2024	VEXPO 2023	\$4,700
2022/2023	VEXPO 2022	\$4,400
2021/2022	Volunteers Expo 2021	\$3,700
2019/2020	Volunteers in Action	\$4,000
2018/2019	VEXPO	\$6,000
2016/2017	Volunteers Expo	\$3,000

FNQ Volunteers Inc. is requesting \$13,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

#### **Freshwater Tennis Club to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST) for the Freshwater Festival.**

**Event Date: 19 April and 6 September 2024**

The Freshwater Festival, a bi-annual event hosted by the Freshwater Tennis Club and supported by the Freshwater CWA, continues to offer residents of Freshwater and surrounding neighbourhoods opportunities to meet, make new friends and strengthen connections to their community.

It is anticipated that over 1,000 people will attend each Festival which is to be held at Richmond Park over two days throughout the year, the Festival will feature music, children's activities and a variety of market and food stalls, many local to the suburb.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support Freshwater Tennis Club to the value of \$76,384 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Freshwater Festival 2023	\$6,000
2022/2023	Freshwater Festival 2022	\$6,000
2021/2022	Go Clubs Infrastructure Assistance Grant	\$22,714
2021/2022	Go Clubs Essential Grant	\$1,340
2021/2022	Freshwater Festival 2021	\$15,000
2019/2020	Go Clubs Infrastructure Grant	\$8,000
2018/2019	Go Clubs Infrastructure Grant	\$3,350
2017/2018	Go Clubs Essentials Grant	\$5,000

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2017/2018	Local Community Event	\$3,200
2017/2018	Community Services/ Community Development Disabled Inclusion	\$5,780

The Freshwater Tennis Club is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$7,000 cash (ex GST).

**Fulfilling Dreams Inc. to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST) for the PLAYGRND Showdown Quest Tour.**

**Event Date: 2-4 August 2024**

Fulfilling Dreams Inc. will host the PLAYGRND Showdown Quest Tour for the second consecutive year in August. The Tour is a fun, family friendly, healthy and active event which features FIBA 3 x 3 basketball with all-inclusive categories including Juniors, Mens, Women's, and wheelchair competitions.

Supported by Cairns Basketball, the Tour provides a streamlined pathway for Cairns locals to experience and be a part of the FIBA Olympic journey throughout the build up to Brisbane 2032.

The Cairns event is to be held adjacent to the 3 x 3 basketball court at the Northern Events Lawn. The competition will attract a small registration fee for those competing while all activations as part of the event are free and accessible to the local community.

Estimated to attract 1,300 people the event will feature E-Game stations, live music provided by a local DJ and approved food vans.

Since 2023 Council resolved to support Fulfilling Dreams Inc. to a total value of \$4,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	PLAYGRND Showdown Lite Quest Tour	\$4,000

Fulfilling Dreams Inc. is requesting \$20,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST) consisting of \$5,500 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$4,500 (ex GST).

**GOPIO Cairns Inc. to the value of \$20,677 (ex GST) for the Cairns Indian Festival.**

**Event Date: 17 August 2024**

The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) was founded in New York in

1989. GOPIO Cairns is the organisations newly created chapter and was inaugurated in August 2023 with the purpose of bringing the Cairns Indian community groups together.

Cairns is now one of the 76 chapters across 45 countries worldwide, each chapter has been actively engaged in promoting the interests of their people of Indian origin, with over 25 million Indian diasporas interested to engage with GOPIO activities and events.

The inaugural Cairns Indian Festival's purpose is to celebrate India's 77<sup>th</sup> year of Independence and will be held at Fogarty Park. The free event is expected to attract 3,000 people and will feature children's activities, a fashion show, dance and music workshops, cultural performances, handicraft and art stalls, food, beverage and fireworks.

Council has not previously supported GOPIO Cairns Inc.

GOPIO Cairns Inc. is requesting \$20,677 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application up to the value of \$20,677 (ex GST) consisting of \$8,977 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of up to \$11,700 (ex GST).

**Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc. for the Community Fun Day to the value of \$2,500 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 11 May 2024**

In celebration of National Neighbourhood Centre Week, the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc. (MCNC) will be hosting a Community Fun Day at their facility in Trinity Park.

This annual event, now in its fifth year, provides an opportunity for the northern beaches community to meet and socialise and promotes social inclusion and a sense of community.

The event is a free and inclusive fun day providing the community of the Cairns northern beaches an opportunity to see what programs and activities are offered at the Neighbourhood Centre, as well as enjoy a day of interactive activities for all ages.

The day includes children's activities which include a petting zoo, music and performances while a sausage sizzle will be on offer for all. It is anticipated that up to 350 community members will participate in the day.

Since 2019 Council resolved to support the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc. to a total value of \$6,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Community Fun Day 2023	\$2,000
2021/2022	Community Fun Day 2022	\$2,000
2019/2020	Community Fun Day 2020	\$2,000

Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is requesting \$2,500 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$2,500 cash (ex GST).

**Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation for the Edor Carnival to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 3-4 July 2024**

Edor is a traditional Indigenous game originating from Aurukun and modernised to be played on an oval area with two goals and OZ tags. The aim of the game is for the person who is the 'Edor' to pass through the goals with both their tags still on. The game is simple with no high level of sporting experience required.

Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation has successfully run two Edor competitions previously as well as delivering regular Edor matches at weekly youth outreach sessions in the Cairns West area. The game is also delivered in remote communities and as part of various events and celebrations.

After delivering a successful Carnival last year, the Corporation is looking to expand the 2023 event to a two-day competition held during NAIDOC Week. The Carnival is anticipated to attract up to 400 people to Jones Park and is free to participate. A Welcome to Country, traditional dancers and DJ are also feature throughout the day.

Since 2023 Council resolved to support Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation to a total value of \$14,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Edor Carnival 2023	\$14,000

Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$20,000 cash (ex GST).

**Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association to the value of \$6,000 (ex GST) for Youth Week After Dark Basketball and Finale.**

**Event Date: 8-13 April 2024**

PCYC Cairns is planning to deliver the After Dark Basketball and Finale in collaboration with Our Future Mentors and the Queensland Police Service as part of Youth Week. The purpose of the event is to build relationships between the Queensland Police and young people as well as providing a safe space for young people to improve physical health and wellbeing, emotional resilience and self-esteem.

Held at the Cairns PCYC, the event features 3 x 3 basketball games, music, art and kids activities, and a free BBQ for young people within the local community. The week concludes with a Finale celebration including a disco, DJ and prizes with a free shuttle service to Manoora, Manunda and Mooroolool for attendees.

Council has not previously supported Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association via the Community Partnership Grant Stream.

Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association is requesting \$15,240 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$6,000 cash (ex GST).

**Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc to the value of \$12,395 (ex GST) for the Redlynch Community Twilight Markets 2024.**

**Event Date: 19 April, 7 June, 2 August, 4 October and 7 December 2024**

The Redlynch Community Twilight Markets are held five times a year at Xavier Herbert Park in Redlynch from 5:00pm – 8:30pm. The markets, which attract approximately 500 attendees each evening, provide the opportunity for the residents of Redlynch Valley to gather and connect and feature a festival atmosphere with live music, food and beverage stalls and children's activities.

While Xavier Herbert Park is an ideal location to host these markets, the park does not have sufficient toilets or lights to support an evening activity and these items need to be hired for each market.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. to the value of \$48,587 (ex GST) for the following activities:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Redlynch Community Twilight Markets 2023	\$11,270
2022/2023	Redlynch Halloween "Tunnel of Terror" 2022	\$2,422
2021/2022	Redlynch Community Twilight Markets 2022	\$10,000
2021/2022	Halloween "Tunnel of Terror" 2021	\$1,400
2021/2022	Redlynch Christmas Fair	\$1,500
2020/2021	Redlynch Community Twilight Markets 2021	\$10,000
2020/2021	Redlynch Christmas Fair	\$1,500
2019/2020	Redlynch Christmas Fair	\$1,500
2018/2019	Halloween "Tunnel of Terror"	\$2,495
2017/2018	Redlynch Christmas Festival	\$3,500
2016/2017	Redlynch Christmas Festival	\$3,000

Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. is requesting \$12,395 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$12,395 cash (ex GST).

**The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST) for the All of Us Festival – Celebrating Mental Health Week.**

**Event Date: 13 October 2024**

The fourth annual All of Us Festival - Celebrating Mental Health Week, is to take place on Sunday 13 October as part of Mental Health Week.

Delivered by The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited, the event is designed to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and provide information and connection to mental health and support services.

Held in Fogarty Park, the family and diversity-friendly Festival is expected to attract 6,000 people. Highlights of the event include a variety concert featuring multicultural and school performances, food and market stalls, a costume competition, children's activities, and a low sensory tent for those with special needs. Mental health agencies and local support services will be invited to participate at this year's Festival.

Since 2017, Council resolved to support The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited to a total value of \$26,484 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2023/2024	All of Us Festival – Celebrating Mental Health Week	\$8,200
2022/2023	All of Us Festival – Celebrating Mental Health Week	\$9,326
2021/2022	All of Us Festival – Celebrating Mental Health Week	\$6,000
2017/2018	You're Not Alone – Suicide Awareness Concert	\$2,958

The Dr Edward Koch Foundation Limited is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application up to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST) consisting of \$2,500 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to \$7,500 (ex GST).

**UMI Arts Limited for Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival) up to the value of \$16,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 7 September 2024**

This year UMI Arts Limited's signature event, Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival), will celebrate 17 years.

The free family friendly event aims to highlight and promote the best of North Queensland's Indigenous culture and will feature a First Nation's Art Market, Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander business and information booths, a program of interactive art workshops and a Craft Corner for children.

To be held at Munro Martin Parklands, it is anticipated to attract 2,000 people. The program on the main stage to feature a concert with local Indigenous bands, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing and guest speakers.

Since 2017, Council resolved to support UMI Arts Limited to the value of \$64,510 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2023/2024	Big Talk One Fire Festival	\$16,800
2022/2023	Big Talk One Fire Festival	\$9,885
2021/2022	Big Talk One Fire Art Symposium	\$3,250
2019/2020	Disability Week 2021	\$3,689
2019 - 2021	Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival 2019-2021	\$21,316
2017/2018	Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival 2018	\$5,000
2017/2018	Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival 2017	\$4,570

UMI Arts Limited is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request and recommend supporting this application up to the value of \$16,000 (ex GST) towards venue hire and associated resources.

### **OPTIONS:**

#### **Option 1: (Recommended)**

That Council:

1. Approves \$134,572 (ex GST) funding from the 2023/2024 Community Partnerships Grant stream and \$65,600 (ex GST) funding from the 2024/2025 Community Partnerships Grant stream to the following applicants:
  - a. Aloomba Primary P&C Association for the Aloomba State School Quasiquicentennial to the value of \$3,500 (ex GST).
  - b. Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. for the Babinda Harvest Festival to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).
  - c. Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. for the Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2024 to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - d. Cairns African Association Incorporated for the Cairns African Festival to the value of \$12,700 (ex GST).
  - e. Cairns Bhutanese Community for the Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship 2024 to the value of \$19,000 (ex GST).
  - f. Cairns Municipal Band Incorporated Association for Volkstanzfest to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - g. Cancer Council Queensland for Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024 to the value of \$20,400 (ex GST).
  - h. FNQ Volunteers Inc. for FNQ Volunteer of the Year Awards to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).



- i. Freshwater Tennis Club for the Freshwater Festival to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST).
- j. Fulfilling Dreams Inc. for PLAYGRND Showdown Quest Tour to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
- k. GOPIO Cairns Inc. for the Cairns Indian Festival to the value of \$20,677 (ex GST).
- l. Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre for the Community Fun Day to the value of \$2,500 (ex GST).
- m. Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation for Edor Carnival to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).
- n. Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association for Youth Week After Dark Basketball and Finale to the value of \$6,000 (ex GST).
- o. Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. for the Redlynch Community Twilight Markets to the value of \$12,395 (ex GST).
- p. The Dr Edward Koch Foundation for All of us Festival – Celebrating Queensland Mental Health Week to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
- q. UMI Arts Limited for Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival) to the value of \$16,000 (ex GST).

Option 2:

That Council does not endorse the recommendations and adopts an alternative funding allocation.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Risk Management:

Community Recovery

Many of the proposed activities contained within this report broadly support community recovery efforts by enhancing community wellbeing, social connection and participation.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

The recommendations contained within this report will be funded in both Council's 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 operating budgets within the Community Partnerships Grant funding allocation.



## Budget considerations

### 2023/2024 Budget:

- The Community Partnerships Grant has an allocation of \$684,575 (ex GST) for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- \$523,463 (ex GST) of funds have already been allocated.
- \$134,572 will be funded in the 2023/2024 budget.
- The remaining balance available for distribution is \$26,540.

<b>2023/24</b>	
2023/24 Budget	\$684,575
Currently allocated	\$523,463
Recommended in this report	\$134,572
<b>Remaining Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>\$26,540</b>

### 2024/2025 Budget:

- The Community Partnerships Grant has an allocation yet to be approved for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- \$29,950 (ex GST) of funds have already been allocated.
- Recommended funding amounts to \$65,600 (ex GST). This is all in-kind assistance to be charged in the 2024/2025 financial year.
- The current proposed committed amount is \$95,550 (ex GST).

<b>2024/25</b>	
2024/25 Budget	TBC
Currently allocated	\$29,950
Recommended in this report	\$65,600
<b>Committed Budget 2024/25</b>	<b>\$95,550</b>

### Community and Cultural Heritage:

The events contained in this report celebrate an aspect of community life; they foster community pride and enhance the profile of Cairns. A successful event is one that is embedded within the local community, which fosters community pride outcomes. In particular these events:

- Support community activations that address Council's community resilience priorities.
- Seek to partner with and promote local hotels, restaurants, cafes and other traders.
- Seeks local volunteers to facilitate the operation and staging of the events.
- Brings people together, giving enjoyment and a sense of belonging.
- Builds capacity amongst local clubs and volunteer networks.
- Delivers programs that promote the event and community engagement.

Corporate and Operational Plans:

The applications recommended in this report align with Council's Corporate Plan 2021 – 2026:

- Focus One – Robust Economy  
Strategy: Optimise visitation and tourism opportunities.
- Focus Four – Community Culture  
Strategy: Support diverse sport, cultural and community groups that contribute to wellbeing.

Policy:

Council's Community Grant Policy has been applied in the assessment of these applications.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Interested Parties



Andrew Moore  
Acting/Executive Manager Community Life



Destry Puia  
Director Lifestyle and Community

## **ATTACHMENT 1: INTERESTED PARTIES**

### **Aloomba Primary P&C Association – Aloomba State School Quasquicentennial**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Meredith Hardwick
Treasurer	Kristina Cannon
Secretary	Jenny Bettini
Committee Member	Robyn Corbett (Principal)
Committee Member	Annette Hanigan
Committee Member	Michelle Stokes
Committee Member	Pat Hickling
Committee Member	Michele Koenig
Committee Member	Candice O'Connor
Committee Member	Narelle Rossi
Committee Member	Lisa Robertson
Committee Member	Greet Jansen
Committee Member	Debbie Anderson
Committee Member	Glen Anderson

### **Babinda Harvest Festival Inc. – Babinda Harvest Festival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Tanya Davey
Vice President	Courtney Sheehan
Treasurer	Jason Birch
Secretary	Chevelle Kingwill
Committee Member	Carly Francis
Committee Member	Frances Alley
Committee Member	Susan Cooper

### **Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. – Annual Cairns Bat Festival 2024**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Maree Treadwell Kerr
Vice President	Hilary Whitehouse
Treasurer	Brynn Mathews
Secretary	Sera Steves
Committee Member	Kathleen Ager
Committee Member	Cheryl Hudson
Committee Member	Noel Preece
Committee Member	Gaby Schierenbeck

### **Cairns African Association Incorporated – Cairns African Festival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Anna Jones
Vice President	Sylvia Ngunyi Whittaker
Treasurer	Vita Bayo-Aladejobi
Secretary	Jennifer Hakim
Committee Member	Kaleab Agegnehu

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Committee Member	Wendy Mpaso Robinson
Committee Member	Faila Assumani
Committee Member	Deborah Assumani

### **Cairns Bhutanese Community – Interstate Bhutanese Soccer Championship 2024**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Tej Man Monger
Vice President	Sumitra Gautam
Treasurer	Devi Gautam
Secretary	Prahlad Dahal
Committee Member	Jagan Pokharel
Committee Member	Khadga Mishra
Committee Member	Yub Raj Rai
Committee Member	Tek Maya Rai
Committee Member	Indra Maya Rai
Committee Member	Kamal Bhattarai
Committee Member	Krishna Karki

### **Cairns Municipal Band - Volkstanzfest**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Gary Turner
Treasurer	Noel Rumble
Secretary	Chris Wright
Committee Member	Andrea Leumann
Committee Member	Andrew Stevens
Committee Member	Fred Humphreys
Committee Member	Jo Wells
Committee Member	John Gibbs
Committee Member	John Sexton
Committee Member	Jude Friesen
Committee Member	Knobby Neilsen
Committee Member	Louise Williams
Committee Member	Ros Barrett
Committee Member	Patty Davie

### **Cancer Council Queensland – Far North Queensland Relay for Life 2024**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Christina George
Treasurer	Danielle Riethmiller
Secretary	Robin Piccolo
Committee Member	Tara Barnwell
Committee Member	Christina George
Committee Member	Joy Meaney
Committee Member	Peter George
Committee Member	Doris Jean Danes
Committee Member	Shalane Anderson

### **FNQ Volunteers Inc. – FNQ Volunteer of the Year Awards**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Annette Sheppard
Treasurer	Steve Aylward
Secretary	Doug Browne
Committee Member	Susanne Dale

### **Freshwater Tennis Club – Freshwater Festival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Brian Davis
Treasurer	Jane Doherty
Secretary	Ros Watteridge
Committee Member	Kane Brown
Committee Member	Karen Howser
Committee Member	Judith Sturgiss
Committee Member	Bruce Doyle
Committee Member	Don Carruthers
Committee Member	Margaret Linklatter

### **GOPIO Cairns Inc. – Cairns Indian Festival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Subash Chetry
Treasurer	Manish Mathew
Secretary	Jessica Kumar
Committee Member	Dr. Suresh Kesawan
Committee Member	Aju Mathew
Committee Member	Gurdeep Singh
Committee Member	Jeetinder Singh

### **Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre – Community Fun Day**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Nanette Hickebotham
Treasurer	Darrin Broadbent
Secretary	Geoffrey Roberson
Committee Member	Gail Winters
Committee Member	Beryl Broadbent
Committee Member	Loretta Lashmore
Committee Member	Mavis Dwyer
Committee Member	Irene King

### **Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation – Edor Carnival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Deanne Minniecon
Treasurer	Emma Harbrow
Secretary	Amy Ward
Committee Member	Esther Gaffney

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Committee Member	Duncan Seden
Committee Member	Lateesha Jeffrey

### **Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. – Redlynch Community Twilight Markets**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	James Michael Shean
Treasurer	Heung Joon Oh
Secretary	Vicki Shean
Committee Member	Shane Trimby

### **The Dr Edward Koch Foundation – All of Us Festival – Celebrating Queensland Mental Health Week**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Alan Griffiths
Treasurer	Julia Petersen
Secretary	Dulcie Bird
Committee Member	Neil Parsons
Committee Member	Graham Koch
Committee Member	Darren Smith
Committee Member	Chris Rouen
Committee Member	David Garozzo-Vaglio
Committee Member	Nicole O'Rourke

### **UMI Arts Limited – Big Talk One Fire (First Nations Cultural Festival)**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Carly Jia
Secretary	Erick Kasukulu
Committee Member	Priscilla Major
Committee Member	Constance Robina