

ORDINARY MEETING	20
22 NOVEMBER 2023	

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT ROUND 9

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approves \$88,600 (ex GST) funding from the 2023/2024 Community Partnerships Grant stream to the following applicants:
  - a. Cairns African Association Incorporated for Women Empowerment Day to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - b. Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc. for The Chinese Zodiac - Celebrating 20 Years Cairns - Zhanjiang Sister Cities up to the value of \$3,200 (ex GST).
  - c. Cairns Basketball Inc. for the Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championships to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
  - d. Cairns Indian Association Inc. for Holi Festival of Colour up to the value of \$6,900 (ex GST).
  - e. FNQ Volunteers Inc. for VEXPO - Volunteering Expo up to the value of \$4,500 (ex GST).
  - f. Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc. for the Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST).
  - g. Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated for Survival Day Knockouts/Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
  - h. North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated for Thunder in the Canefields 2024 to the value of \$15,000 (ex GST).
  - i. Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. for the Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games 2024 up to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).
  - j. Smile with Kids Inc. for Japan Day of Hope to the value of \$2,000 (ex GST).
2. 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.

**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:**

Twelve applications were received for the Community Partnerships Grant Round 9, with a total of \$155,930 (ex GST) requested. Council officers recommend funding ten applications to a total value of \$88,600 (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 9 have been received:

Applicant	Event	Event date	Amount requested (ex GST)
Cairns African Association Incorporated	Women Empowerment Day	9 March 2024	\$8,500
Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc.	The Chinese Zodiac - Celebrating 20 Years Cairns – Zhanjiang Sister Cities	19 January – 25 February 2024	\$3,430
Cairns Basketball Inc.	Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championships	23-26 June 2024	\$25,000
Cairns Indian Association Inc.	Holi Festival of Colour	23 March 2024	\$12,500
FNQ Volunteers Inc.	VEXPO - Volunteering Expo	30 June 2024	\$5,000
Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc.	Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair	8 June 2024	\$20,000
Meredith Anne Rundell Inc.	MAR Inc. Dance Extravaganza Weekend	23-26 February 2024	\$20,000
Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated	Survival Day Knockouts/ Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival	26-28 January 2024	\$10,000
North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated	Thunder in the Canefields 2024	2-10 August 2024	\$20,000

Applicant	Event	Event date	Amount requested (ex GST)
Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc.	Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games 2024	16-18 May 2024	\$25,000
Smile with Kids Inc.	Japan Day of Hope	23 March 2024	\$3,000
Sri Lankan Society Cairns Inc.	Year-End Sri Lankan Community Get-Together	25 November 2024	\$3,500
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$155,930</b>

### **COMMENT:**

The following applications are recommended for funding through the Community Partnerships Grant stream.

#### **Cairns African Association Incorporated for Women Empowerment Day to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 9 March 2024**

The Cairns African Association Incorporated provides a support network for newly arrived African refugees and migrant families. The Association aims to raise awareness on issues directly affecting African communities and provide assistance regarding local support services available.

Women Empowerment Day is an annual event held during International Women's Month in March. The purpose of the event is to celebrate and empower migrant women from Africa while sharing their rich culture with the wider Cairns community.

Approximately 200 people are expected to attend this free event at Brothers Leagues Club Cairns. Activities include cultural performances, guest speakers, women's health workshops and a small business expo.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the African Association to a total value of \$53,883 as 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

Cairns African Association Incorporated is requesting \$8,500 (ex GST) towards the delivery of Women Empowerment Day.

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

**Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc. for The Chinese Zodiac - Celebrating 20 Years Cairns – Zhanjiang Sister Cities up to the value of \$3,200 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 19 January - 25 February 2024**

The 2024 Chinese Zodiac – Celebrating 20 Years Cairns – Zhanjiang Sister Cities is an art exhibition which celebrates 20 years of strong cultural ties, exchange and friendship between sister cities, Cairns, and Zhanjiang.

Since the sister city friendship was established in 2004, Cairns and Zhanjiang have maintained strong cultural ties with trade missions and cultural exchanges between the two cities.

Held at the Tanks, the exhibition will feature original artworks of the twelve animals of the Chinese Zodiac calendar from local Cairns's artist Haylee Gillespie and the Zhanjiang Calligraphy Association.

Over 3,500 people are anticipated to attend the exhibition, which will run from 19 January - 25 February 2024 at the Tanks Arts Centre - Tank 4.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support the Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc to the value of \$260,000 (ex GST) as detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	2024 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$20,000
2022/2023	2023 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$20,000
2021/2022	2022 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$25,000
2020/2021	2021 Cairns Chinese New Year	\$25,000
2019/2020	2020 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$25,000
2018/2019	2019 Great Barrier Reef Chinese New Year	\$25,000
2017/2018	2018 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$35,000
2016/2017	2017 Cairns Chinese New Year Festival	\$35,000
2016/2017	Arts and Culture Infrastructure Grant	\$50,000

Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc. is requesting \$3,430 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the exhibition.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend the provision of venue hire and its associated resources at the Tanks Art Centre up to the value of \$3,200 (ex GST).

**Cairns Basketball Inc. for the Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championships to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).**

**Event date: 23-26 June 2024**

The Basketball Queensland State Basketball Championships is the premier representative basketball competition available to junior players in Queensland, with Division 1 winners earning the right to compete in the Australian Under 14 Club Championships held later in the year.

Cairns Basketball Inc. has won the right to host the 2024 Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championships which will be held over four days at the Early Settler Stadium from 23-26 June 2024.

The Championships are expected to attract 40 teams throughout Queensland including three teams from Cairns. It is estimated that 2,000 people will attend the competition comprising of 811 intrastate participants staying an estimated five nights.

The direct and indirect economic impact of the event on the Cairns economy is estimated at \$787,504 to the Cairns region.

Aside from a home court advantage, the Championships benefit local teams by negating travel expenses and providing the opportunity to compete in front of friends and family.

Since 2016, Council has resolved to support Cairns Basketball Inc. to a total value of \$522,200 (ex GST) as detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2022/2023	Basketball Qld U 14 Girls State Championships	\$10,000
2019/2022	Basketball Qld U 14 Boys State Championships	\$5,000
2019/2020	Repairs to carpark	\$1,700
2017/2018	Upgrade to air conditioning	\$500,000
2016 - 2021	Young People in Sport	\$5,500

Cairns Basketball Inc. is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivering of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).

**Cairns Indian Association Inc. for Holi Festival of Colour up to the value of \$6,900 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 23 March 2024**

Holi Festival of Colours, also known as the festival of love, is a popular and much celebrated ancient Indian festival which is celebrated in almost every part of India.

For many, it is a festival where friends and families meet, mend relationships, share conversations, enjoy Holi delicacies, food and drink. People gather in streets and parks and throw coloured powder and water over each other which according to Hindu legend, is a way of expressing love to one another.

The objective of the Cairns Indian Association Inc. is to foster positive relationships with

diverse communities to promote multiculturalism, diversity and a sense of belonging within the Cairns region. Holi festival of Colours achieves this objective with the association successfully delivering the annual event since 2016.

This year's event is expected to attract approximately 1,000 people at the McKenzie Street Parklands, Cairns Esplanade, where participants will enjoy traditional music, dance, food and the throwing of coloured powders and water in celebration.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the Indian Association Inc. to a total value of \$24,094 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Holi Festival of Colour	\$6,200
2021/2022	Holi Festival of Colour	\$5,000
2020/2021	Festival of Colours – Holi	\$6,750
2019/2020	Festival of Colours – Holi	\$3,144
2016/2017	CIA Annual Cultural Program	\$3,000

The Cairns Indian Association Inc. is requesting \$12,500 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend providing support up to \$6,900 (ex GST) consisting of \$2,000 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$4,900 (ex GST).

**FNQ Volunteers Inc. for VEXPO - Volunteering Expo up to the value of \$4,500 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 30 June 2024**

FNQ Volunteers Inc. recruits and refers volunteers to roles within not-for-profit community organisations across Far North Queensland. On Sunday 30 June, the organisation will be holding their annual VEXPO - Volunteering Expo in conjunction with the June Tanks Markets.

VEXPO - Volunteering Expo provides a platform for community organisations to promote volunteering to the wider community and is a forum for residents of all skills, ages and cultures to learn about what volunteering opportunities are available in the region. Over 30 stallholders from a diverse selection of volunteering organisations are anticipated to participate next year.

Being held in Tank 3 at The Tanks Art Centre, the event provides an additional reason to attend the Tanks June market day. It is anticipated that over 2,000 people will attend this free and accessible event which features a photographic exhibition, entertainment and interactive workshops.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support FNQ Volunteers Inc. to a total value of \$25,800 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
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. are requesting \$5,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend the provision of venue hire and its associated resources at the Tanks Art Centre up to the value of \$4,500 (ex GST).

**Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc. for the Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 8 June 2024**

The Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair was created to celebrate the start of the sugar cane crushing season and to bring the local community together while showcasing the historical significance of Gordonvale and surrounds; particularly how agri-business has shaped the foundation of the community.

Now in its fifth year, the Country Fair has grown to become an important community event for Gordonvale and surrounds and is supported by local businesses, schools, and sporting groups. It is anticipated that over 2,400 local residents will enjoy the free and accessible celebration in Norman Park.

The Sugar Solstice Country Fair commences with a street parade and includes a Mosaic Walking Tour by the Mulgrave Historical Society, fruit and vegetable competitions, baking competitions, children's art competitions, a variety of market and food stalls and full entertainment program in the rotunda in Norman Park. The Fair will conclude with a fire show finale.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the Gordonvale Chamber of Commerce Inc. to the value of \$36,500 (ex GST) as detailed in the table below:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair 2023	\$6,000
2022/2023	Gordonvale Carols in the Park	\$3,500
2021/2022	Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair 2022	\$7,500
2021/2022	Gordonvale Carols in the Park	\$3,500
2020/2021	Gordonvale Sugar Solstice 2021	\$7,500
2019/2020	Gordonvale Carols in the Park	\$3,500
2016/2017	Animal Education Day	\$5,000

Gordonvale Chamber of Commerce 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 \$7,000 (ex GST).

**Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated for Survival Day Knockouts/Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).  
Event date: 26-28 January 2024**

The Survival Day Knockouts/Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival will be held on 26-28 January 2024 at Jones Park. Sanctioned by Queensland Rugby League, the event is being held in Cairns due to the availability of accommodation and superior game facilities available in the region.

The Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated has created the event with the goal of highlighting the awareness of reconciliation and understanding while bringing all nationalities together.

It is estimated that over 8,000 people will attend the 3-day competition from Australia and beyond, with 52 teams competing in the Open Men's Teams, 20 in the Open Women's Teams and 15 Under 18 teams.

Council has not previously supported Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club.

Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) towards the delivering of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).

**North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated for Thunder in the Canefields 2024 to the value of \$15,000 (ex GST).  
Event date: 2-10 August 2024**

Thunder in the Canefields is a Pro-Sprint Car series held at Cairns Speedway from 2 to 10 August 2024. Delivered by North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated, the series commenced in 2021 and is quickly gaining a reputation on the Australian sprint car circuit.

The event is anticipated to attract 5,000 racing enthusiasts to enjoy nightly racing at the Arthur Strike racetrack in Edmonton as well having the unique opportunity to meet top level Australian pro-sprint car drivers.

Held over two weekends it is anticipated that the event will attract 788 visitors to the region who are intending to stay in Cairns for eight nights. This equates to a projected economic impact to the region of \$680,201.

Following on from this years' anticipated success, organisers are hopeful of being granted the Australian Championships as part of next year's event. With the event expected to continue to grow, organisers have an aim to apply for future funding applications through



Council's Economic Event Partnerships stream and Tourism and Events Queensland.

Since 2023 Council resolved to support North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated to the value of \$8,850 (ex GST) for one activity.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Thunder in the Canefields 2023	\$8,850

North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated 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 \$15,000 (ex GST).

**Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. for the Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games 2024 to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).  
Event date: 16-18 May 2024**

The Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. was formed in 1986 after the successful running of the 1984 Australasian Games in Melbourne. Since then, the Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. has organised the Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games annually until 1998 and then biennially from 2000.

The objectives of the Games are to bring police and emergency services personnel together under the banner of sport, to draw together police and emergency services personnel within the region to enrich inter-service relationships at a state level to better service the communities, enhance the image and standing of the Queensland Police and other emergency service personnel by successfully staging the event and to ensure all participants and their families enjoy and gain from the Games experience.

Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games will be held in Cairns for the first time from 16 to 18 May 2024. The Games is open to members of Queensland Police Services, Queensland Fire and Rescue Services, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Corrective Services, Australian Federal Police, Australian Customs Services, Department of Emergency Services, Crime and Corruption Commission, Australian Protective Service, Australian Crime Commission (Qld), Surf Lifesaving Society (Qld), Royal Life Saving Society (Qld), Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Volunteer Marine Rescue.

The competitions will be held over three days with over 20 sporting events being offered.

It is anticipated that more than 1,000 people will attend the Games with a minimum of 800 visitors to the region. It is estimated that visitors will stay in the region for a minimum of four nights, producing an estimated \$549,957 direct and incremental economic impact.

Council has not previously supported Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc.

Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request by providing support up to \$25,000 (ex GST) consisting of \$15,000 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).

**Smile with Kids Inc. for the Japan Day of Hope to the value of \$2,000 (ex GST).**

**Event date: 23 March 2024**

Smile with Kids Inc. came together with an intent to support children affected by the 2011 Fukushima Nuclear accident in Japan. Run by volunteers, the organisation partners with individuals, communities and local businesses to create opportunities for the children of Fukushima to play freely in nature and freely express their concerns, hopes and dreams.

Japan Day of Hope is held annually and provides the opportunity for the Community to come together, network, learn and enjoy a wide range of activities.

The event will be held at the Cairns Brass Hall on Saturday 23 March 2024.

Approximately 500 people are anticipated to attend the free event which include a Welcome to Country, cultural performances, an art exhibition, guest speakers on environmental topics, kids' activities and local food stalls.

Since 2019, Council has resolved to support Smile with Kids Inc. for one activity, to a total value of \$2,588 (ex GST) for one activity.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2019/2020	Cairns City of Hope	\$2,588

Smile with Kids Inc. is requesting \$3,000 (ex GST) towards the delivering of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$2,000 (ex GST).

**Applications not recommended for funding.**

The following applications are not recommended for funding:

Applicant	Event	Event date	Amount requested (ex GST)
Meredith Anne Rundell Inc.	MAR Inc. Dance Extravaganza Weekend	23-26 February 2024	\$20,000
Sri Lankan Society Cairns Inc	Year-End Sri Lankan Community Get-Together	25 November 2024	\$3,500

**OPTIONS:****Option 1: (Recommended)**

That Council:

1. Approves \$88,600 (ex GST) funding from the 2023/2024 Community Partnerships Grant to the following applicants:
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  - b. Cairns & District Chinese Assoc Inc. for The Chinese Zodiac - Celebrating 20 Years Cairns - Zhanjiang Sister Cities up to the value of \$3,200 (ex GST).
  - c. Cairns Basketball Inc. for the Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championships to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
  - d. Cairns Indian Association Inc. for Holi Festival of Colour up to the value of \$6,900 (ex GST).
  - e. FNQ Volunteers Inc for VEXPO - Volunteering Expo to the value of \$4,500 (ex GST).
  - f. Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc for Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair to the value of \$7,000 (ex GST).
  - g. Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club Incorporated for Survival Day Knockouts/Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
  - h. North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated for Thunder in the Canefields 2024 to the value of \$15,000 (ex GST).
  - i. Queensland Police Sporting Association Inc. for Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games 2024 up to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).
  - j. Smile with Kids Inc. for Japan Day of Hope up to the value of \$2,000 (ex GST)
2. 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.

**Option 2:**

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

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

### **Risk Management:**

#### **Visitation**

As the tourism economy recovers post-COVID, aviation routes are still disrupted and not at full capacity for domestic or international travel into Cairns. This capacity, along with increased airline and hotel pricing and consumer confidence may have an impact on visitation numbers, though it is noted that a conservative approach has been taken when assessing potential event visitation and economic benefits.

### **Council Finance and the Local Economy:**

The recommended funding can be accommodated within Council's 2023/2024 operating budget within the Community Partnerships Grant funding allocation.

#### **Budget considerations**

- The Community Partnerships Grant has an allocation of \$684,575 (ex GST) for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- \$376,081 (ex GST) of funds have already been allocated.
- Recommended funding in this report amounts to \$88,600 (ex GST).
- The remaining balance available for distribution is \$219,894 (ex GST).

<b>2023/24</b>	
2023/24 Budget	\$684,575
Currently allocated	\$376,081
Recommended in this report	\$88,600
<b>Remaining Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>\$219,894</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



Brett Spencer  
Executive Manager Community Life



Destry Puia  
Director Lifestyle and Community

**ATTACHMENT 1: INTERESTED PARTIES****Cairns African Association Incorporated – Women Empowerment Day**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Anna Jones
Vice President	Sylvia Whittaker
Treasurer	Vita Bayo-Aladijobi
Secretary	Jennifer Hakin
Committee Member	Faila Kimanda
Committee Member	Wendy Robinson
Committee Member	Kaleab Agegnehu
Committee Member	Deborah Assumani
Committee Member	Lena Bwami

**Cairns & District Chinese Association Inc. – The Chinese Zodiac Exhibition Celebrating 20 years – Cairns – Zhanjiang Sister Cities**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Mrs Lai Chu Chan
Vice President	Mr James Sing
Treasurer	Mr Peter Weatherley
Secretary	Mrs Janie Edwards
Committee Member	Mrs Mary Low
Committee Member	Mr Jim Turnour
Committee Member	Mrs Ann Kreger
Committee Member	Mrs Maggie Zhao
Committee Member	Mrs Jacqui Heidke
Committee Member	Mrs Melanie Kingsley

**Cairns Basketball Inc. – Under 14 Boys State Basketball Championship**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Mark Beecroft
Treasurer	Cristy Bathe
Secretary	Catherine Ardern
Committee Member	Christopher Van Dorssen
Committee Member	Peter O'Connor
Committee Member	Dean Morzone
Committee Member	Bernard Dent

**Cairns Indian Association Inc. – Holi Festival of Colour**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Dr Rashmi Ajjavara
Treasurer	Pradeesh Sivasankar
Secretary	Dr Prasanth Sivasankar
Committee Member	Dr Nirjhar Nandi
Committee Member	Dr Puneet Jindal
Committee Member	Vandana Samy

Committee Member	Mrs Veenu
Committee Member	Shibani Sinha
Committee Member	Dev Rao
Committee Member	Gurpreet Gulati

### **FNQ Volunteers Inc. – VEXPO Volunteering Expo**

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

### **Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc. – Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Susan Byrne-Callaghan
Treasurer	Fran Moore
Secretary	Dalitta Wright
Committee Member	Dave Chalk
Committee Member	Lyn Anderson
Committee Member	Michael Roadley

### **Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club – Survival Day Knockouts/Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Jason Fasano
Treasurer	Nichola Casey
Secretary	Danielle Daddonna
Committee Member	Noel Underwood
Committee Member	Davin Crampton
Committee Member	Brian Murgha
Committee Member	Gavin Addo
Committee Member	Elija Ware
Committee Member	Anthony D'Addona
Committee Member	Jodi Stevens (QRL)

### **Meredith Anne Rundell Inc. – MAR Inc. Dance Extravaganza Weekend**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Tina Milanovic
Treasurer	Kevin Loccisano
Secretary	Kevin Loccisano
Committee Member	Meg Takegami
Committee Member	Joanne Fairbairn
Committee Member	Paula Greer
Committee Member	Jacinta Netto
Committee Member	Kerry Marr

Committee Member	Chika Sands
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### North Queensland International Motor Raceway Association Incorporated – Thunder in the Canefields 2024

Committee Position	Name
President	Glen Underwood
Vice President	Rob Goodwin
Treasurer	Chris Gartner
Secretary	Gordon Greaves
Committee Member	Jason Barnard
Committee Member	David Keating

### Queensland Police Sporting Association – Queensland Police and Emergency Services Games 2024

Committee Position	Name
President	Senior Sgt Rebecca Dale
Vice President	Senior Sgt Gary Tobin
Treasurer	Trevor Wendt
Secretary	Sergeant Belinda Patrick
Committee Member	Sergeant Stu Benfield
Committee Member	Mal Farrow
Committee Member	Phillipa Sesaga
Committee Member	Senior Constable Rapati Nasalio

### Smile with Kids Inc. – Japan Day of Hope

Committee Position	Name
President	Maki McCarthy
Treasurer	Junko Inayoshi
Secretary	Maki Walker
Committee Member	Kokoro Watanabe

### Sri Lankan Society Cairns Inc. – Year-End Sri Lankan Community Get-Together

Committee Position	Name
President	Buddhika Naotunna
Treasurer	Sujeewa Samaranayake
Secretary	Chathuranga Munasinghe
Committee Member	Tharaka Sandanayake
Committee Member	Ranga Bannaheka
Committee Member	Dushan Amarasekara
Committee Member	Chamali Walgampaya
Committee Member	Tharindu Perera
Committee Member	Dinush Senarathna