

## **AGENDA**

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### **Community and Culture Committee**

**Monday, 11 May 2026**

**Committee Meetings commence at 6.00pm and run consecutively**

**Dragon Room  
Georges River Civic Centre  
Hurstville**



### **OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

## **COMMUNITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **OPENING**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledges the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

#### **APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** COM017-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2026

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2026, be confirmed.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2026

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## MINUTES

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### Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 13 April 2026

Dragon Room  
Georges River Civic Centre  
Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Chair), Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos and Councillor Ben Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Bryce Spelta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Technology Services Officer - Chris Stojanovski.

### **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 7:13pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao had not returned to the Chambers time being 7:13pm

### **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

### **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

**MOTION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

That a request from Councillor Stratikopoulos to attend the meeting remotely via audio visual link be accepted due to unforeseen medical reasons. Councillor Stratikopoulos provided a statutory declaration to support his request.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**COM012-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2026**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2026, be confirmed.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COM013-26 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026**  
(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

**COM014-26 Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 for Public Exhibition**  
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 07:15pm

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2026-2030 to be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days.
- (b) That Council receive a further report after the exhibition period outlining the feedback received before the DIAP is endorsed by Council to be submitted to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) by 30 June 2026.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was

CARRIED.

**COM015-26 Outgoing Sponsorship - Autism Community Network Gala Dinner**  
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$7,500 to become a Silver Sponsor of the Autism Community Network Gala Dinner, to be held on Friday 1 May 2026.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

**COM016-26 Indoor Multisport Stadium Feasibility Study – Funding and Project Direction**

(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Notes that \$120,000 was allocated in the 2025/26 Financial Year (FY) operating budget, to fund the development of a feasibility study for an Indoor Multisport Stadium, co-funded equally with Basketball NSW.
- (b) Endorses the progression of Stage 1 – Strategic Business Case and approve the reallocation of additional funding, as detailed in the confidential attachment, within the 2025–26 Operating Budget from existing operational projects.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7:25pm

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Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item:** COM018-26 Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2  
**Author:** Grants and Project Officer  
**Directorate:** Community and Culture  
**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopts the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Georges River Council holds an annual program of Community Grants funding to partner with community groups and help meet identified community needs, as outlined in the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.
2. The budget for Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 is \$129,000.
3. This report seeks approval for the allocation of community grant funding to not-for-profit community groups and community organisations to meet program objectives and address priority community needs in the Georges River Council local government area.
4. In Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2, 45 eligible applications for funding were received, with request amounts totalling \$607,781.
5. Funding is recommended for either full or partial support for 17 applications, with a total proposed allocation of \$129,000, assessed in accordance with the Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy (2025) and consistent with the program objectives and assessment criteria outlined in the Policy.
6. The funding recommendations are detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

7. The Georges River Community Grants Program allocates funds to meet program objectives and address priority community needs under Section 356 of the *Local Government Act (1993)* in an effective and equitable manner, based on the individual merits of each request.
8. These objectives, along with eligibility criteria and the assessment process, are governed by the Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy (2025), adopted by Council on 23 June 2025 (CCL049-25).
9. The total allocated budget for outgoing grants and donations in 2025-2026 is \$300,000, which includes funding for the Community Grants Program.
10. The total Community Grants 2025-2026 budget has been allocated as follows:

Grant/Donation Program	Paid or Allocated for Expenditure
Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 1	\$145,000

Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2	\$129,000
Micro Grants 2025-2026 Round 1	\$3,962
Micro Grants 2025-2026 Round 2	\$8,000
Quick Response Donations 2025-2026	\$5,200
Capacity Building Initiatives	\$8,838
TOTAL	\$300,000

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11. Council’s grant programs are supported by capacity building initiatives. These capacity building initiatives include grant writing and project development workshops delivered by external facilitators, and Council-led orientation and peer-to-peer reflection workshops, information sessions, and the development of support materials for community applicants. These initiatives involve operational costs including facilitators, resources, catering and venue hire.
12. Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 opened on 2 February 2026 and closed on 13 March 2026. The round was open for six weeks.
13. Council received 45 eligible applications, with funding requests totalling \$607,781.
14. Applications for funding were considered across two categories: Major Projects (up to \$25,000) and Small Projects (up to \$10,000).
15. Applications were assessed against a range of criteria including:
  - (a) the demonstrated community need of each project;
  - (b) the social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of each project;
  - (c) the organisation’s capacity to manage funds; and
  - (d) the organisation’s capacity to deliver and evaluate the project successfully.
16. Consideration was also given to projects that featured strategic alignment with the Community Strategic Plan and other Council plans and strategies, including the Social Justice Charter, Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026, Libraries 2030 - Georges River Library Strategy, Create Georges River Cultural Strategy, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy.
17. An assessment panel of Council officers assessed the 45 eligible applications between 9 April 2026 and 14 April 2026.
18. The panel recommended either full or partial support for 17 applications with a total proposed funding allocation of \$129,000. This consisted of eight (8) projects in the Major Projects category to the value of \$83,190, and nine (9) projects in the Small Projects category to the value of \$45,810.
19. No recommended applicants have outstanding audited financial statements, as per the requirement for organisations receiving grants, donations, sponsorships and/or subsidies above \$15,000 from Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

20. The total recommended funding allocation for Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 is \$129,000.

21. Recommended allocations are equal to the Georges River Council Community Grants Program Round 2 budget allocation of \$129,000.
22. Successful grant applicants will be reminded of the requirement for audited financial statements for organisations with documented grants, donations, sponsorships and/or subsidies above \$15,000.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

23. Strategic Risk 6 – Reputation: *The risk of Council's identity, brand and standing being negatively impacted, reducing Council's ability to engage in sound decision-making and being able to take strategic action whilst maintaining essential services and support for the community.* Council faces a reputational risk if a project not aligned with Council's plans and strategies is awarded a grant. This is mitigated through a rigorous assessment process where all applications are assessed against the criteria outlined in Council's Grants and Donations Policy (2025) and Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 Guidelines.
24. Strategic Risk 8 – Social Cohesion: *Failure to identify and/or respond to the changing socio-economic needs of our community. Social cohesion erosion and growing socio-economic gap negatively impacting social stability, individual well-being, and economic productivity.* Georges River Council's Grants and Donations programs support initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental, and economic life of the area. Council recognises and respects the vital contribution of community and business in developing and delivering projects that contribute to a vibrant and sustainable community. Through these programs, Council provides financial and in-kind support for a diverse range of projects that mitigate the risk of the erosion of social cohesion.
25. If Council proposes to amend the officers' recommendations for Community Grants funding, Council should indicate a reason in accordance with the criteria in the Grants and Donations Policy (2025).

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

26. Council's community engagement for Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 included information sessions, individual grant meetings, externally facilitated workshops, and online grant writing training.
27. Thirty-seven (37) prospective grant applicants engaged with the Grants and Project Officer through individual grant meetings to discuss grant project ideas, the application process, and eligibility criteria. Meetings were scheduled for 30 minutes and took place in-person, by phone or online.
28. Additionally, six (6) information sessions were held while the grant round was open to build grant skills, knowledge and capacity. Three sessions were held in-person at Hurstville Library and Clive James Library Kogarah. Two sessions were held online via Zoom. Sessions were held at a variety of times, within and outside of business hours. Thirty-eight (38) people registered to participate across all information sessions.
29. Council also offered a complementary grant writing training workshop delivered by an external facilitator. The Grants Guy's workshop allowed participants to ask project-specific advice of an experienced grant writing professional. Thirty-two (32) people registered to participate in the booked out workshop.
30. Council continues to offer free grant writing training, provided in perpetuity on Council's website. The training is a practical step-by-step guide with tools and checklists to apply for grants. Participants strengthen grant application skills, building community capacity to apply for grants with any potential funder. The 45-minute online training is provided by Win the Grant.

31. Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2, and capacity building information sessions, workshops, and individual grant meetings were promoted via:
  - (a) Council's website - Community Grants, Grants Help Hub and What's On pages;
  - (b) Council's social media platforms;
  - (c) Council's Community e-newsletter;
  - (d) advertisements in the St George & Sutherland Shire Leader newspaper;
  - (e) advertisements in the St George and Sutherland Shire human services e-newsletter (SGS News);
  - (f) one entry in the Councillor Information Bulletin;
  - (g) regular Grants Newsletters throughout the Round open period, distributed to opt-in subscribers;
  - (h) an email to Council's current Advisory Committee members; and
  - (i) an email to the professional networks of the Community Capacity Building team.
32. Unsuccessful grant applicants have the option to request feedback from Council's Grants and Project Officer, to build grant writing capacity for future grant applications.
33. All successful grant recipients are invited to further capacity building events, including an Orientation Workshop on receipt of funding and a Reflection and Storytelling event at the conclusion of the grant cycle.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D26/109436

**ATTACHMENTS**Attachment [↓](#)1 Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 - Summary of applications

Ref	App ID	Organisation	Category	Project	Project Description	Assessment Panel Comments	Total amount requested	Panel recommended funding amount
1	CG 25-26 R207	Sydney Sinophone Writers Society Inc.	Major Projects	Sinophone Voices: Community Literature and Migration Memory Program	A bilingual multicultural literature and community storytelling program featuring public talks, writing workshops, and a publication project.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 9,800.00	
2	CG 25-26 R221	Project Youth	Major Projects	Pennys Solar	A project to install a solar panel and battery storage system on a youth refuge in the Georges River area.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 23,540.00	\$ 15,000.00
3	CG 25-26 R223	St George Creative Art & Craft Centre Inc.	Major Projects	Community Ceramics Studio Renewal Project	An upgrade of ageing, donated equipment and improvement of studio space to meet demand.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 21,169.00	\$ 10,940.00
4	CG 25-26 R205	Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW (Botany Port Hacking)	Major Projects	Atrial External Defibrillator Replacement Project	An update of the current Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) of the Unit.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 14,480.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	CG 25-26 R217	Learning Links	Major Projects	Links at School: Empowering Children to Communicate and Thrive	A Learning Links Speech Pathologist will work at Hurstville Public School for two terms, delivering weekly evidence-based support to children with speech, language, and communication difficulties.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 23,940.00	
6	CG 25-26 R215	Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club Inc.	Major Projects	RSAC Presentation Day 2026 for People with Disability	An event bringing participants, carers, family members, and the wider community together to celebrate and recognise participants living with disability.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 20,000.00	
7	CG 25-26 R224	Koorana Child & Family Services Ltd	Major Projects	Strengthening Inclusive Early Childhood Practice Through Pyramid Model Scholarships	The delivery of Pyramid Model training scholarships to early childhood educators in Georges River, strengthening inclusive practice.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 25,000.00	
8	CG 25-26 R227	Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association Inc.	Major Projects	Hurstville Youth Lion Dance Leadership Program	A youth leadership program using lion dance, kung fu and percussion training to teach teamwork, discipline and responsibility.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 20,000.00	
9	CG 25-26 R239	Sutherland Shire Family Services trading as The Family Co.	Major Projects	Pathway of Change - Domestic Violence Support Group	An empowering education and support group designed to provide a safe and nurturing space for women to understand the complexity of Domestic and Family Violence.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 11,838.00	

10	CG 25-26 R233	Allawaw Aboriginal Corporation	Major Projects	Strong Paths - Early Intervention & Life Navigation Program	A co-designed and culturally-grounded program for Aboriginal youth, developing life skills and system-navigation capacity.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
11	CG 25-26 R246	Kurranelula Aboriginal Corporation	Major Projects	Gujagang - Connecting Kids To Culture	A weekly, culturally-grounded group for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children aged four to fifteen.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,250.00
12	CG 25-26 R206	Dance for Parkinson's Australia Ltd	Major Projects	Strong!! Bodies and Community	Weekly classes for the Georges River Parkinson's and seniors community, and four inclusive community classes aligning with the International Day of Older Persons.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 12,400.00	
13	CG 25-26 R238	Stride Mental Health Ltd trading as headspace Hurstville	Major Projects	Maker Space: Creative Third Space for Youth	A free, open monthly artspace for young people 17-25, offering artist-led activities, materials, and a safe third space for collaborative creativity.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
14	CG 25-26 R247	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) on behalf of Georges River Presbytery	Major Projects	Automated External Defibrillators	A project to ensure Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are available at all church locations.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
15	CG 25-26 R252	Share SMR Inc.	Major Projects	Stepping Up Falls Prevention: Strength and Balance Exercise Older Adults	A community exercise program for older adults focusing on strength and balance to prevent falls.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 24,000.00	
16	CG 25-26 R258	Moving Forward DFV Case Management Services Inc.	Major Projects	Ending Violence Together - Uniting Communities To Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence	A community forum on domestic and family violence and sexual assault.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 10,000.00
17	CG 25-26 R259	Shopfront Arts Co-op Ltd	Major Projects	Outside the Lines: (Young People with Disability/Mental Health Diagnoses)	A no-cost drop-in program facilitating visual arts activities for young people.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 22,080.00	
18	CG 25-26 R260	Blakehurst Primary School P&C Association	Major Projects	Share Our Space Upgrade	Transforming unused garden space into a welcoming, accessible area with native plants and pathways.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 25,000.00	
19	CG 25-26 R222	Hopewood Georges River Music Festival Inc.	Major Projects	Hopewood Autism Community Participation Hub	Establish an Autism Inclusive Day Activity Room delivering accessible community participation programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 24,950.00	
							\$ 398,097.00	\$ 83,190.00

20	CG 25-26 R203	Morris Children's Fund Inc.	Small Projects	Music Therapy at St George Hospital School	Funding for a specialist teacher to deliver music therapy to students with moderate to severe physical or intellectual disabilities at St George Hospital School.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 5,000.00	
21	CG 25-26 R214	Kingsway Community Care Inc.	Small Projects	Safe Foundations: Strengthening Crisis Support in Georges River	A project seeking accreditation to strengthen homelessness and after-hours domestic violence services in Georges River.	The panel recommends full funding	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
22	CG 25-26 R213	Oatley 101 Society of Artists Inc.	Small Projects	Improving Facilities, Enhancing Engagement, Accessibility, Learning and Enjoyment of Art	Enhancement of resources enabling greater accessibility and engagement, through the purchasing of materials and equipment.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 5,472.00	
23	CG 25-26 R236	Georges River Life Care	Small Projects	ArtsLife Creative Arts & Dance Program Expansion	A community creative program and a new dance class for children from families experiencing financial hardship.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 6,800.00	
24	CG 25-26 R226	Project Youth	Small Projects	Youth Homelessness Support for Young People in Georges River	Food relief and client support costs for young people experiencing homelessness.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
25	CG 25-26 R241	Share SMR Inc.	Small Projects	Art as Therapy	A community program offering guided art sessions for seniors in the Georges River area.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
26	CG 25-26 R244	The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	Small Projects	Listen & Learn: Life-changing Therapy for Deaf Children and Their Families	A program combining specialist audiology, counselling, and speech therapy for local deaf children.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 9,642.00	
27	CG 25-26 R208	Lions Club of Kogarah Inc.	Small Projects	Connected Minds - Digital Engagement for Aged Care Residents	A wellbeing-focused initiative designed to provide aged care residents with access to digital devices.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
28	CG 25-26 R209	Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)	Small Projects	Inclusive Learning Activities for Aspect South East Sydney School Students	An incursion program delivering educational, sensory-friendly and enriching experiences for students on the autism spectrum at Aspect South East Sydney School.	The panel recommends full funding	\$ 8,775.00	\$ 8,775.00
29	CG 25-26 R211	Endeavour Harmony Chorus Inc.	Small Projects	Growing Harmony In Our Community	A new member drive inviting local residents to experience vocal harmony through open rehearsals, coached workshops and community performances.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 5,000.00	
30	CG 25-26 R228	Diversity and Disability Inc.	Small Projects	Our Voice, Our Community - Multicultural Disability Peer Support	A project empowering CALD residents with disability to become active citizens through peer support.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 2,500.00

31	CG 25-26 R218	Resourceful Australian Indian Network Inc.	Small Projects	Volunteer Recruitment Training and Education	An active recruitment drive, providing training and education to help the specific skill set required of new volunteers.	The panel recommends full funding	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00
32	CG 25-26 R234	The Reconnect Project Ltd	Small Projects	Tech Help Desk: Digital Tech Made Easy	A fortnightly one-on-one support session for older people and residents who are struggling to use smart devices.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 5,000.00
33	CG 25-26 R235	Fair Fight Foundation Ltd	Small Projects	Supertee Community Packing Event for Children In Hospital	A project for local volunteers to participate in a community packing event to prepare specialised garments for hospitalised children.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
34	CG 25-26 R240	The Honeymakers Inc.	Small Projects	Band Shirts And A Double Bass	Purchase of shirts and an instrument for a local band.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 3,000.00
35	CG 25-26 R243	Moving Forward DFV Case Management Services Inc.	Small Projects	Trauma Sensitive Yoga - An Evidence-Based Treatment For Trauma Survivors	A project to provide free Trauma Centre Trauma Sensitive Yoga (TCTS) classes to women who have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual violence and suffer from symptoms of complex trauma and PTSD.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 9,350.00	
36	CG 25-26 R230	Janaranjani	Small Projects	Empowering Youth To Be Future Leaders	A project mobilising youth to design and produce broadcasts that reflect community values.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 3,500.00	
37	CG 25-26 R232	Chinese Australian Services Society Ltd	Small Projects	Golden Years Health and Wellbeing Expo	A health and wellbeing information expo for local seniors, providing a series of health and wellbeing booths and information sessions.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
38	CG 25-26 R242	Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc.	Small Projects	Ramp Up: Engaging Local Youth In Nature-based Volunteering	A project using art to engage younger people in nature-based volunteering.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 9,790.00	
39	CG 25-26 R250	2Connect Youth & Community Services Inc.	Small Projects	ReThink Project - Challenging Harmful Gender Attitudes & Toxic Masculinity	A project that aims to reduce the impact of harmful gender attitudes and toxic masculinity messaging among young people aged 12-18 years, by promoting respectful relationships, gender equity and critical media literacy.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
40	CG 25-26 R253	The Potters House Hurstville Inc.	Small Projects	Youth Boot Camp 2026	A program for youth that develops physical strength, emotional resilience and spiritual wellbeing.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	

41	CG 25-26 R254	Kogarah Community Services Inc.	Small Projects	Up & Coming Program	A program to support children in their final years of primary school to develop a stronger understanding of their local Kogarah community.	The panel recommends full funding	\$ 935.00	\$ 935.00
42	CG 25-26 R256	Epilepsy Action Australia	Small Projects	EarlyACT Georges River: Inclusion and Support for People With Epilepsy	A program to deliver epilepsy support, education and resources to individuals, families and community members in Georges River.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 7,050.00	
43	CG 25-26 R257	The Trustee For Top Blokes Foundation	Small Projects	Top Blokes Program Strengthening Young Male Resilience Across Georges River	A mentoring program supporting young males who show signs of disengagement, needing social support and positive role modelling.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
44	CG 25-26 R261	Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association Inc.	Small Projects	Inclusive Lion Dance Movement Program	Inclusive lion dance movement workshops designed for children with disabilities in the Georges River community.	The panel does not recommend funding	\$ 10,000.00	
45	CG 25-26 R216	Bus Stop Films Ltd	Small Projects	Creating Welcome Accessible Infrastructure for Bus Stop Films Community Hub	A project to transform the new Bus Stop Films hub into a welcoming, safe and accessible environment for community members, particularly people with disabilities.	The panel recommends partial funding	\$ 4,210.00	\$ 3,000.00
							\$ 209,684.00	\$ 45,810.00

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**Item:** COM019-26 Outgoing Sponsorship - Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner 2026

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner being held on 18 June 2026.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. On 1 April 2026, Council received a sponsorship request from Kingsway Community Care seeking \$10,000 to support the Kingsway Care Fundraising Dinner, scheduled to be held at the Southern Sydney Event Centre in Hurstville on 18 June 2026.
2. Council previously approved an outgoing sponsorship for this event in the 2025/2026 financial year at the August 2025 Council meeting, with the dinner taking place in October 2026.
3. Kingsway Community Care has brought forward the timing of its annual fundraising dinner from October 2026 to June 2026.
4. This outgoing sponsorship request has been reviewed and is recommended for Council approval in accordance with Clause 2.4 of the Georges River Council Sponsorship Policy (2023).

**BACKGROUND**

5. Kingsway Community Care's 'Platform Nine' housing program provides temporary and crisis accommodation for individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence or been affected by homelessness. The program is designed to offer safe, short-term housing and support to those in need as they work towards stability and long-term solutions.
6. Kingsway Community Care has provided housing to individuals, including women, children, and men, with over 60 percent of these individuals having experienced domestic violence. In the last year the organisation provided safe housing and support for 287 guests.
7. Kingsway Community Care currently holds a community lease agreement for a property within Council's Community Property portfolio, the location of which remains confidential, for the purpose of delivering crisis accommodation.
8. The Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner is an annual event designed to highlight the programs and initiatives delivered by Kingsway Community Care while providing an opportunity for the local community to demonstrate their support through financial contributions. The 2025 Fundraising Dinner raised \$68,785.
9. The theme for the 2026 dinner is "Voices of the Unheard". The theme celebrates the resilience of children, seniors, and parents navigating the path from crisis to stability, promoting a child safe culture.
10. Kingsway Community Care supports vulnerable residents in the Georges River area through services aligned with Council-endorsed strategies, including the Homelessness

Action Plan (HAP) and the Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan (DFVAP) adopted in 2025.

- (a) The Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner will generate funds supporting programs that align with the DFVAP by strengthening relationships between Council and Domestic Family Violence (DFV) service providers in the Georges River area and promoting Council's financial assistance programs for community organisations delivering DFV-related projects and support services.
  - (b) Additionally, Kingsway Community Care's provision of crisis accommodation, supported by Georges River Council, supports actions identified in both the DFVAP and HAP.
11. The requested sponsorship funding will contribute to the successful delivery of the fundraising dinner and will serve as payment for the associated reciprocal benefits.
  12. The reciprocal sponsorship benefits negotiated at the \$10,000 level include:
    - (a) Logo recognition in the event program and website
    - (b) Logo recognition on event digital signage and promotion materials
    - (c) Complimentary table for Council representatives
    - (d) Speaking opportunity for Council representative
    - (e) Acknowledgment during the event by the MC
    - (f) Networking opportunities with other sponsors and key community members during the event.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The \$10,000 Outgoing Sponsorship will be allocated from the 2025/2026 Outgoing Community Event Sponsorship budget.

### RISK IMPLICATIONS

14. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation* – There is a reputational risk if Council does not support an event that fundraises for victims and survivors of domestic and family violence. Failure to endorse the sponsorship may be perceived as a lack of support for a critical community issue. Endorsing the sponsorship reinforces Council's commitment to supporting meaningful community initiatives and helps build positive public sentiment.
15. *Strategic Risk 6: Ineffective Governance* – There is a risk that the event could be funded outside of Council, or that funds may not be used appropriately. To mitigate compliance and governance risks, the:
  - (a) Assessment and recommendations of Outgoing Sponsorship are in line with the Outgoing Sponsorship Guidelines and the Georges River Council Sponsorship Policy (2023).
  - (b) Requirement of Outgoing Sponsorship recipients to adhere to the Outgoing Sponsorship Guidelines and the Georges River Council Sponsorship Policy (2023).
16. *Strategic Risk 8: Social Cohesion* – Failure to provide sponsorship may impact social cohesion, as the supported community organisation plays a vital role in fostering connection and enhancing individual wellbeing of victims and survivors of domestic and family violence in the Georges River area. Providing sponsorship acts as an upfront investment that enables the organisation to leverage further funding and continue delivering community-focused programs and events that respond directly to local needs.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

17. On 24 July 2023, Council approved the revised Draft Sponsorship Policy to be placed on exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
18. Community engagement was undertaken in the development of the Sponsorship Policy (2023) and was adopted by Council on 23 October 2023 (CCL091-23).

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D26/113602

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil