

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT ROUND 11**

63/18/1 | #7389667

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Approves \$170,058 (ex GST) funding from the 2024/2025 Community Partnerships Grant stream to the following applicants:
  - a) Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc. for the Chieftains 7s Festival of Irish Sport to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - b) Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc. for Joy to the World –Christmas Carols & Fireworks to the value of \$18,200 (ex GST).
  - c) Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc. for Ganeshotsav to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - d) Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Cairns NAIDOC ‘Friday in the Park’ 2024 to the value of \$21,000 (ex GST).
  - e) Edge Hill United Football Club Inc. for the First Nations Football Day up to the value of \$2,858 (ex GST).
  - f) Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association for the 2025 FNQ Swimming Long Course and Short Course Championships to the value of \$8,500 (ex GST).
  - g) FNQ Thai Cultural Community for The 6<sup>th</sup> FNQ Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival to the value of \$20,300 (ex GST).
  - h) Machans Beach Community Association for Moon Over Machans to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - i) Mission Australia for South Side Celebration (Child Protection Week event) to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).
  - j) Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated for PNG’s 49<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration, Family & Cultural Day to the value of \$13,400 (ex GST).
  - k) Stratford Dolphins Football Club Inc. for the Barron River Foodfest to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).

- l) **The Benevolent Society for 5x Neighbourhood Days to the value of \$8,000 (ex GST).**
  - m) **The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair for The Great Pyramid Race to the value of \$13,500 (ex GST).**
  - n) **The Japanese Society of Cairns Inc. for Japan Bon Dance Festival 2024 to the value of \$23,300 (ex GST).**
  - o) **Young Animal Protection Society Inc. for FNQ Dogs Day Out to the value of \$11,000 (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:**

Sixteen applications were received for the Community Partnerships Grant Round 11, with a total of \$250,655 (ex GST) requested. Council officers recommend funding 15 applications to a total value of \$170,058 (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 11 have been received:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Event date</b>	<b>Amount requested (ex GST)</b>
Cairns Baseball League	Youth Baseball Program	Apr-Oct 2024	\$25,000
Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc.	Chieftains 7s Festival of Irish Sport	3 Aug 2024	\$7,710
Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc.	Joy to the World - Christmas Carols & Fireworks	7 Dec 2024	\$18,200
Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc.	Ganeshotsav	7 Sept 2024	\$10,000

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Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG)	Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2024	5 July 2024	\$22,727
Edge Hill United Football Club Inc.	First Nations Football Day	14 July 2024	\$2,858
Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association	2025 FNQ Swimming Long Course and Short Course Championships	27-28 July 2025, 1-2 Mar 2025	\$11,000
FNQ Thai Cultural Community Inc.	The 6 <sup>th</sup> FNQ Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival	25 Nov 2024	\$25,000
Machans Beach Community Association	Moon Over Machans	21 Sept 2024	\$5,000
Mission Australia	South Side Celebration (Child Protection Week event)	13 Sept 2024	\$12,900
Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated	PNG's 49 <sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration, Family & Cultural Day	3 Aug 2024	\$18,434
Stratford Dolphins Football Club Inc.	Barron River Foodfest	21 September 2024	\$10,000
The Benevolent Society	5x Neighbourhood Days	10 Jul 2024, 5 Sept 2024, 15 Jan 2025, 9 Apr 2025, 1 Jul 2025	\$14,826
The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair	The Great Pyramid Race	3 Aug 2024	\$20,000
The Japanese Society of Cairns Inc.	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2024	10 Aug 2024	\$25,000
Young Animal Protection Society Inc.	FNQ Dogs Day Out	31 Aug 2024	\$22,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$250,655</b>

### **COMMENT:**

**Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc. for the Chieftains 7s Festival of Irish Sport to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 3 August 2024**

Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc. has a goal to grow and expand Gaelic games in the FNQ Community. The Cairns Irish Association collaborated with the Cairns Chieftains three years ago to create a medium for the Irish Community to connect through sport. Together the groups have successfully facilitated and participated in numerous sporting and cultural events in the Cairns region.

The Chieftains 7s Festival of Irish Sport will be a day for the Irish Community of Cairns to share in their love of Gaelic games. The Association aims to create a platform to bid for the 2025 Australasia Regional Gaelic Games and the success of this year's event will assist in securing the 2025 Tournament.

The event will be the first ever of its kind to be held in Cairns and is free for all to enjoy and participate, with a gold coin donation at entry. The highlight of the day will be the seven-a-side women’s and men’s Gaelic football and Hurling games. In addition to the games, the day will feature children’s activities along with live music and Irish dancing to commence in the afternoon and lead into the evening.

It is estimated that over 1,000 people will attend the Festival of Irish Sport at Watsons Oval, comprising of 400 out of region participants, accompanying coaches, referees, managers, and supporters. It is estimated that visitors will stay in the region for four nights, generating a total visitor spend of \$344,000 to the Cairns region.

Council has not previously supported the Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc.

Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc. is requesting \$7,710 (ex GST) toward 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 Christian Ministers Network Inc. for Joy to the World – Christmas Carols & Fireworks to the value of \$18,200 (ex GST).  
Event Date: 7 December 2024**

Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc. presents Joy to the World – Christmas Carols & Fireworks at the Cairns Showgrounds on 7 December 2024.

The family-friendly event, which reaches out to the local community, volunteers, local schools, and choirs to celebrate the traditions of the festive season, is in its fifth year. The event will include performances by Far Northern Brass and local cultural groups and feature a fireworks display to conclude the evening.

The event, which is managed by the Salvation Army on behalf of the Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc, will attract over 3,000 people with an emphasis on providing a Christmas activity for local vulnerable cohorts. Community organisations will work together to provide transportation to the event as needed.

Since 2020, Council resolved to support the Cairns Christians Ministers Network Inc. to a total value of \$43,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2023/2024	Joy to the World – carols & fireworks	\$13,000
2022/2023	Joy to the World – carols & fireworks	\$11,000
2021/2022	Joy to the World – carols & fireworks	\$11,000
2020/2021	Christmas carols and fireworks 2020	\$8,000

Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc. is requesting \$18,200 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request and recommend supporting this application to the value of \$18,200 cash (ex GST)

**Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc. for Ganeshotsav to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 7 September 2024**

Ganeshotsav is a Hindu festival that commemorates the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesha, the god of wisdom, prosperity, and good fortune. The festival is an important Hindu celebration promoting unity, harmony, and cultural awareness.

Festival organisers, Cairns Hindu Samaj is a local Hindu community group with a goal to preserve, promote and share Hindu culture and faith among the Cairns community. The organisation has the largest Ganesha statue in Far North Queensland, and it will be on display throughout the festival.

Ganeshotsav will be held at Caravonica State School for the first time this year. The event attracts approximately 300 participants and features prayer offerings to Lord Ganesha followed by cultural performances, traditional food, and dancing.

Since 2020, Council resolved to support the Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc. to a total value of \$25,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Event, Activity or Project</b>	<b>Amount (ex GST)</b>
2024/2025	Ganeshotsav 2023	\$5,000
2022/2023	Deepavali Mela	\$5,000
2021/2022	Ganeshotsav 2022	\$5,000
2020/2021	Ganeshotsav 2021	\$10,000

Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc. is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

**Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Corporation for the Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2024 to the value of \$21,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 5 July 2024**

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) is a youth-led organisation whose goal is to inspire, equip and empower the next generation. The organisation has partnered with the Cairns NAIDOC committee to deliver Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2024. Held as part of NAIDOC Week, the celebration promotes and honours the history, culture, language, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

5,000 people are anticipated to attend Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2024 which commences with a march from Munro Martin Parklands to Fogarty Park and speeches from Traditional Owners, Indigenous leaders, local representatives, and community members.

The free event will also include market stalls, food, entertainment, and traditional performances.

Since 2022, Council resolved to support Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation up to the value of \$15,129 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2023	\$8,700
2022/2023	Cairns NAIDOC 'Friday in the Park' 2022	\$6,429

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation is requesting \$22,727 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing support up to \$21,000 (ex GST) consisting of \$9,900 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$11,100 (ex GST).

**Edge Hill Football Club Inc. for the First Nations Football Day to the value of \$2,858 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 14 July 2024**

Since 2021, the Edge Hill Football Club has hosted the First Nations Football Day to coincide with NAIDOC Week. The intent of the day is to recognise and celebrate local First Nations soccer players, coaches, and volunteers.

A series of football matches will feature throughout the day with a Welcome to Country and Indigenous cultural dancers performing prior to the main game between Edge Hill United and the Southside Comets. The clubhouse will be themed with Indigenous flags and bunting and both teams will wear Indigenous jerseys in celebration.

The event is open to all members of the community and attendance on the day is anticipated to be over 500 people.

Since 2020, Council resolved to support the Edge Hill Football Club to a total value of \$36,820 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	First Nations Football Day 2023	\$2,858
2022/2023	Go Clubs Essentials Assistance	\$4,850
2021/2022	Go Clubs Infrastructure Assistance	\$22,728
2021/2022	FFA Cup Round of 32 – 2021	\$1,719
2020/2021	Go Clubs In-Kind	\$4,665

The Edge Hill Football Club is requesting \$2,858 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$2,858 cash (ex GST).

**Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association for the 2025 FNQ Swimming Long and Short Course Championships to the value of \$8,500 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 27-28 July 2024 (Long Course) and 1-2 March 2025 (Short Course)**

The Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association (FNQRSA) incorporates 19 swimming clubs in the FNQ region and delivers several swimming competitions each year. The Association will be presenting the FNQ Swimming Long Course Championships and

Short Course Championships at the Tobruk Pool in 2025.

The FNQ Long Course Swimming Championships attract between 250-280 competitors plus 200 officials and spectators over two days in March 2025 and is a precursor to the Swimming Australia National Championships.

The FNQ Short Course Swimming Championships attract approximately 200 competitors plus an additional 300 officials and spectators and is held over two days in July each year and is a precursor to the Queensland State Short Course Championships.

It is estimated that both events combined will attract a total of 480 people staying four nights in the Cairns region. The potential economic impact of the event has been calculated using Council's event impact calculator. The direct and indirect economic impact on the Cairns economy is estimated to deliver a total economic impact of \$425,400.

Since 2022, Council resolved to support Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association to the value of \$11,000 (ex GST).

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	FNQ Swimming Long and Short Course Championships	\$11,000

Far North Queensland Regional Swimming Association is requesting \$8,500 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of the request by providing \$8,500 cash (ex GST).

**FNQ Thai Community Inc. for The 6<sup>th</sup> FNQ Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival to the value of \$20,300 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 9 November 2024**

Loy Krathong is celebrated annually throughout Thailand and neighbouring countries to pay respects to the Goddess of Water and Buddha. Celebrations include the floating of 'krathong' or buoyant decorated baskets, which are floated on rivers to thank the Goddess of Water or to worship the Buddha's hair pagoda in heaven. The origins of Loy Krathong can be traced back to both India and China.

FNQ Thai Cultural Community Inc. will celebrate The 6<sup>th</sup> FNQ Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival at the Western Events Lawn this November. It is expected that 1,000 people will enjoy the Festival, which will feature cultural dances, performances and market stalls offering traditional Thai cuisine. The community will also have the opportunity to take part in the releasing of traditional lotus-shaped boats in the Esplanade Lagoon.

Since 2018, Council resolved to support the FNQ Community Inc. up to the value of \$32,398 (ex GST) for the hosting of the annual Festival as detailed below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Thai Cultural Loy Kra Thong Festival 2023	\$15,000

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2022/2023	Thai Cultural Loy Kra Thong Festival 2022	\$5,000
2021/2022	Thai Cultural Loy Kra Thong Festival 2021	\$4,866
2019/2020	Thai Cultural Loy Kra Thong Festival 2019	\$4,532
2018/2019	Thai Cultural Loy Kra Thong Festival 2018	\$3,000

FNQ Thai Community Inc is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing up to \$20,300 (ex GST) consisting of \$9,000 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$11,300 (ex GST).

**Machans Beach Community Association for Moon Over Machans to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event date: 21 September 2024**

Moon Over Machans is a market-style festival to be held at Keith Edwick Park on 21 September 2024. The biennial event is an important celebration for the Machans Beach community.

Last held in 2022, the Machans Beach Community Association will deliver this event to provide connection, economic growth and to improve the capacity and wellbeing of the Machans Beach community who may have experienced disadvantage as a result of the TC Jasper and flooding events earlier this year.

It is anticipated that 200 people will enjoy an exciting afternoon with family and friends, featuring live entertainment, arts and crafts, acrobatic yoga, singing and drumming workshops, food stalls and plenty of children's activities. There will also be a licenced bar area run by the Machans Beach Sports & Recreation Group.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support the Machans Beach Community Association to a total value of \$6,500 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2022/2023	Moon Over Machans 2022	\$4,000
2017/2018	Machans Beach Super Suburb Sale 2018	\$1,000
2016/2017	Machans Beach Super Suburb Sale 2017	\$1,500

Machans Beach Community Association is requesting \$5,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

**Mission Australia for South Side Celebration (Child protection week) to the value of \$5,000 (ex GST).**

**Event date: 13 September 2024**

With an aim to spread awareness of child protection issues and to link families with relevant service providers, South Side Celebration aims to bring the Cairns southern community together in a positive and inclusive space to acknowledge Child Protection Week.



Delivered by Mission Australia, up to 36 service providers including the Benevolent Society, Play Matters, CREATE Foundation, Wuchopperen Health Services and Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Services are expected to participate in this event.

It is anticipated that 1,500 people will attend the free community event at Ravizza Park, Edmonton. There will be entertainment throughout the event which feature local community groups including the Cairns African Association, Cairns Latin Dance Club and Cairns Active Living Zumba demonstrations, as well as roving children's activities and food vans.

Since 2023, Council resolved to support Mission Australia to a total value of \$1,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2023/2024	Disability Action Week and International Day of People with Disability	\$1,000

Mission Australia is requesting \$12,900 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$5,000 cash (ex GST).

**Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated for PNG's 49<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration, Family & Cultural Day to the value of \$13,400 (ex GST).  
Event Date: 15 September 2024**

The Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated is made up of PNG families living, working, and studying in and around the Cairns region and aims to create opportunities for the PNG community to connect.

The PNG's 49th Independence Celebration is one of the most anticipated dates on the Papua New Guinean calendar and commemorates the significant day of PNG achieving its independence from Australia on 16 September 1975. The event is an opportunity to showcase the country's rich cultural heritage and provides a platform for citizens to express their patriotism and love for PNG.

An estimated 500 people are expected to attend the free event at Fogarty Park, which will feature cultural art displays, traditional dishes and cultural performances through dance, music, and songs.

Since 2016, Council has resolved to support Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated to the value of \$14,388 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/ 2024	PNG's 48 <sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration	\$4,100
2016/ 2017	2016 PNG Cultural & Family Day	\$1,483
2017/ 2018	2017 PNG Cultural & Family Day	\$3,000
2017/ 2018	2018 PNG Cultural & Family Day	\$2,000
2019/ 2020	PNG 44 <sup>th</sup> Independence Family & Cultural Day	\$3,805

Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association Cairns Incorporated is requesting \$18,434 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing up to \$13,400 (ex GST) consisting of \$5,600 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to \$7,800 (ex GST).

**Stratford Dolphins Football Club Inc. for Barron River Foodfest to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 21 September 2024**

The inaugural Barron River Foodfest will be held at the home of the Stratford Dolphins Soccer Club in Stratford in September this year.

The event, which is estimated to attract 1,200 people will be hosted in partnership with the Stratford Dolphins Football Club Inc and Kane 'The Festival Guy' Brown, aims to bring together the food loving community of Cairns.

Twenty food vendors will provide tasting plates of cuisines including Italian, Spanish, Mediterranean, American, Japanese, smoked meats, and vegetarian options. A variety of local packaged food business' will also be invited to take a stall space where they can offer their food related products. Aside from the large selection of cuisine to enjoy the event will also feature children's activities, a DJ and licensed bar.

Council has not previously supported the Stratford Dolphins Football Club Inc.

Stratford Dolphins Football Inc. is requesting \$10,000 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

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

**The Benevolent Society for 5x Neighbourhood Days to the value of \$8,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 10 July 2024, 6 September 2024, 15 January 2025, 9 April 2025, 1 July 2025.**

The Benevolent Society (Cairns Early Years Centre) is a support base for the community to improve the welfare of individuals and families in need.

The 5x Neighbourhood Days will provide the opportunity for the local community to connect with service providers in a fun and family friendly environment, with Days being held at White Rock State School, Yorkeys Knob Community Centre Park, Earville Shopping Town, and Norman Park Gordonvale.

It is anticipated that 180-200 people will attend each event which will include a sausage sizzle, children's games, and activities, Welcome to Country and a scavenger hunt requiring participants to visit each community stall.

Since 2018, Council resolved to support the Benevolent Society to a total value of \$4,000 (ex GST). This is detailed in the table below.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2021/2022	Neighbourhood Days	\$4,000

The Benevolent Society is requesting \$14,826 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$8,000 cash (ex GST).

**The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair for The Great Pyramid Race up to the value of \$13,500 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 3 August 2024**

The Great Pyramid Race is an annual event that has taken place in Gordonvale since 1959. This year, the event will celebrate 65 years and is expected to attract 3,500 spectators and over 400 runners in a race from Norman Park to the top of Walsh's Pyramid.

The event also includes a 9km Half Pyramid race, 6.2km race to the base, 3km race, 1.8km Juniors' race, five dash for cash races and the COUCH Charity Fun Run making participation suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Sports Event Services will be engaged again this year to provide real-time tracking for competitors which will provide a professional-level experience to the race.

The Great Pyramid Race will again be held on the same day as the August Gordonvale Cottage Markets providing an enhanced spectator experience.

Since 2016, Council resolved to support The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair to the value of \$138,583 (ex GST) for the following activities:

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount
2023/2024	Great Pyramid Race 2023	\$13,500
2022/2023	Great Pyramid Race 2022	\$13,500
2021/2022	Great Pyramid Race 2021	\$20,000
2017 - 2019	Great Pyramid Race 2017 - 2019	\$72,193
2016/2017	Great Pyramid Race 2016	\$19,390

The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair is requesting \$20,000 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$13,500 cash (ex GST).

**The Japanese Society of Cairns Inc. for Japan Bon Dance Festival 2024 to the value of \$23,300 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 10 August 2024**

The Japan Bon Dance Festival, now in its 13th year, is one of the largest events delivered by the local Japanese community. The Japanese Society of Cairns together with the Consular Office of Japan in Cairns delivers the Festival as a means of fostering friendship and unity between the Japanese and local Cairns community.

This year's Festival will take place as part of Multicultural Month on 10 August at the Western Events Lawn, Cairns Esplanade.

The Festival is a celebration of Japanese culture and is centred on Bon Dance, a traditional style of Japanese dancing in which everybody is welcome to participate. The festival will also feature performances by local community groups and schools, Japanese

food stalls, arts, crafts, and fireworks. It is anticipated that up to 4,000 people will attend this popular event.

Since 2016 Council resolved to support the Japanese Society of Cairns Inc. to the value of \$57,562 (ex GST) for the following activities.

Funding Year	Event, Activity or Project	Amount (ex GST)
2023/2024	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2023	\$18,000
2022/2023	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2022	\$16,689
2019/2020	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2021	\$6,125
2019/2020	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2019	\$3,000
2017/2018	Japan Bon Dance Festival 2018	\$3,000
2017/2018	Cairns Bon Dance Festival 2017	\$748
2017/2018	Cairns Bon Dance Festival 2017	\$5,000
2016/2017	Japanese Bon Dance Festival 2016	\$5,000

Japanese Society of Cairns Inc. is requesting \$25,000 (ex GST) toward the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing support up to \$23,300 (ex GST) consisting of \$11,000 cash (ex GST) and the provision of venue hire and associated resources up to the value of \$12,300 (ex GST).

**Young Animal Protection Society Inc. for FNQ Dogs Day Out 2024 to the value of \$11,000 (ex GST).**

**Event Date: 31 August 2024**

Now in its third year, the FNQ Dogs Day Out 2024 will be hosted by Young Animal Protection Society Inc. (YAPS) and delivered by Kane Brown 'The Festival Guy'.

The event will be held at Barron Waters Park in Caravonica and was created to celebrate our beloved canine friends. The event features education on responsible dog and pet ownership and adoption, as well as agility demonstrations and training. Cairns Regional Council also has a significant presence at the event, providing education on pet management to the community.

The event is expected to attract 2,500 dog lovers to come together and enjoy a range of activities, including dog workshops, live music, performances, food stalls and the opportunity to connect and learn from various local pet organisations including the RSPCA, Cairns City Kennel Club, NQAR and the Guide Dog Association.

In addition to the provision of support through the Community Partnerships Grant stream, Council is also providing support for this event through its Animal Management Education Program.

Council has not previously supported the Young Animal Protection Society Inc. Young Animal Protection Society Inc. is requesting \$22,000 (ex GST) towards the delivery of the event.

Officers are supportive of this request by providing \$11,000 cash (ex GST).

## Application not recommended for funding.

The following application is not recommended for funding:

Applicant	Event	Event date	Amount requested (ex GST)
Cairns Baseball League	Youth Baseball Program	April – October 2024	\$25,000

### **OPTIONS:**

#### Option 1: (Recommended)

That Council:

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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 Council's 2024/2025 operating budget within the Community Partnerships Grant funding allocation.

Budget considerations

2024/2025 Budget:

- The Community Partnerships Grant has an allocation of \$718,475 (TBC) for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- \$97,050 (ex GST) of funds have already been allocated.
- \$170,058 will be funded in the 2024/2025 budget.
- The total remaining balance available for distribution amount is \$451,367 (ex GST)

<b>2024/25</b>	
2024/25 Budget (TBC)	\$718,475
Currently allocated	\$97,050
Recommended in this report	\$170,058
<b>Total Remaining 2024/2025 budget (TBC)</b>	<b>\$451,367</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**

### **Cairns Baseball League Inc – Youth Baseball Program**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Ric Doo
Treasurer & Secretary	Anne Kippen
Committee Member	Jorjah Patteson

### **Cairns Chieftains GAA Inc. – Cairns Chieftains 7s Festival of Irish Sport**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Thomas Burke
Treasurer	Finola Donnelly
Secretary	Sean Garvey
Committee Member	Mickey McBride
Committee Member	Conor Kavanagh (Vice President)
Committee Member	Rebecca Mitchell
Committee Member	Glenn Carpenter
Committee Member	Kiera Kenna
Committee Member	Sarah Judge
Committee Member	Billy Mead
Committee Member	Patrick Kelly
Committee Member	Valarie Lynch
Committee Member	Lucy Burke
Committee Member	Joshua MacCarthy

### **Cairns Christian Ministers Network Inc. – Joy to the World Carols & Fireworks**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Major Ben Johnson
Treasurer	Kathy Snook
Secretary	Kathy Snook
Committee Member	Adem Xhafer
Committee Member	Jeff Coop
Committee Member	Bill Scullard
Committee Member	Anna Giles
Committee Member	Roxanne Rea
Committee Member	Hope Deemal

### **Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc. – Ganeshotsav**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Nirmala Reddy
Treasurer	Chaitali Nayak
Committee Member	Rekha Santosh
Committee Member	Manijiri Vidyarthi
Committee Member	Anil Goyal
Committee Member	Kearav Patel
Committee Member	Rimple Roy Dhillon



**Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation – Cairns NAIDOC Friday in the Park 2024**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Stacee Ketchell
Treasurer	Porsha O'Brien
Committee Member	Kai Lowah
Committee Member	Praneel Bhela
Committee Member	Lucy Deemal

**Edge Hill United Football Club – First Nations Football Day**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Richard Berman-Hardman
Treasurer	Sharon Bluett
Secretary	Michael Dalton
Committee Member	Scott Burness
Committee Member	Jodi Mauro
Committee Member	Sam Ferguson
Committee Member	Tamara Blore
Committee Member	Jo Whately
Committee Member	Sarah Jones

**Far North Qld Regional Swimming Association – 2025 FNQ Swimming Long and Short Course Championships**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Jim Greatorex
Treasurer	Louise Nicholson
Secretary	Bronwyn Jones
Committee Member	Alicia Casey
Committee Member	Holly Webster
Committee Member	Alice Foote
Committee Member	Peter Clark
Committee Member	Kathy Hare
Committee Member	Ramayana Loveridge
Committee Member	Toni Bartley
Committee Member	Troy Gazzola
Committee Member	Sarina Andronicus
Committee Member	Kent Rowbotham

**FNQ Thai Cultural Community – The 6<sup>th</sup> FNQ Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Thanapan Kulsant
Treasurer	Oranuch Vilaivong
Secretary	Chanpen Grause
Committee Member	Tony Thamajak
Committee Member	Phumin Thamajak
Committee Member	Tish Harris
Committee Member	Kwang Nadchapad
Committee Member	Nim Stillson

Committee Member	Janya Thongsa
Committee Member	Nita Carusi
Committee Member	Lakana Jankink
Committee Member	Sopita Kulkhiewkham
Committee Member	Anthony Robinson
Committee Member	Arisa Kaewwangsana

### **Machans Beach Community Association – Moon Over Machans**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Letitia Choppy
Treasurer	Deryck Thompson
Secretary	Martha Goldman

### **Papua New Guinea & Wantoks Association – PNG's 49<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Maureen Semei
Treasurer	Tuana Chapman
Secretary	Dianne Austrai Ombiga
Committee Member	Anna Ngutlik
Committee Member	Martha Krueger
Committee Member	Karen Ray
Committee Member	Julie Lingen
Committee Member	Anna Dayag
Committee Member	Mary Hoepper
Committee Member	Jane Simbak Smith
Committee Member	Martha Cowan
Committee Member	Jack Balil
Committee Member	Nido Fowler
Committee Member	Hane Kilian

### **Stratford Dolphins Football Club – Barron River Foodfest**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Angelo Seraphin
Treasurer	Morgan Jackson
Secretary	Melissa Browne
Committee Member	Fred Fabris
Committee Member	Mladin Bosnic
Committee Member	John Thomas
Committee Member	Jenny McMillan
Committee Member	Alan McMillan
Committee Member	Warren Elliot
Committee Member	Angelo Capaldi
Committee Member	Elisa Capaldi

### **The Benevolent Society – Neighbourhood Days**

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
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President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Committee Member	

### The Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair – The Great Pyramid Race

Committee Position	Name
President	Renee Edwards
Treasurer	Mitchell Hardy
Secretary	Brianna Hardy
Committee Member	Rebecca Jones
Committee Member	Matty Romano
Committee Member	Ann Smith
Committee Member	Andrea Evans
Committee Member	Steven Francis
Committee Member	Clive Murray
Committee Member	Colleen Murray
Committee Member	Faith MacDonald
Committee Member	Sarah Campbell

### The Japanese Society of Cairns – Japan Bon Dance Festival 2024

Committee Position	Name
President	Taku Sakaguchi
Treasurer	Yusei Kodama
Secretary	Shunsuke Koriyama
Committee Member	Toyoki Heike
Committee Member	Yoshiki Sato
Committee Member	Mariana Verdaasdonk

### Young Animal Protection Society Inc. – FNQ Dogs Day Out 2024

Committee Position	Name
President	Margaret Cochrane
Treasurer	Kim Purcell
Secretary	Annabelle Symes
Committee Member	Nikki Bishop
Committee Member	Martyn Reed
Committee Member	Owen Scotts
Committee Member	Pat Sutcliffe
Committee Member	Kaye Birch
Committee Member	Sheridan Heaton
Committee Member	Richard Chesson
Committee Member	Carol Clifton