

# SERVICES DELEGATED COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 9 October 2023**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 6.45pm

**Attendance**

- Councillor Di Gillies (Chairperson)
- Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)
- Councillor Jim Parke
- Councillor Victor Franco
- Councillor Wes Gault
- Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
- Councillor Jane Addis
- Councillor Susan Biggar
- Councillor Garry Thompson
- Councillor Nick Stavrou

**Apologies** Councillor Cynthia Watson

<b><u>Officers</u></b>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Kate McCaughey	Director Community Support
	Scott Walker	Director Urban Living
	Mans Bassi	Director Customer and Transformation
	Amy Montalti	Chief Financial Officer
	Fiona Brown	Manager Community Planning and Development
	Kirstin Ritchie	Coordinator Governance
	Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance and Integrity Officer

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## **1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Hollingsworth**

**Seconded Councillor Stavrou**

**That the minutes of the Services Delegated Committee meeting held on 11 September 2023 be adopted and confirmed.**

### **CARRIED**

## **2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer**

Nil

## **3. Presentation of officer reports**

### **3.1 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grant Allocations**

#### Purpose

To present recommended grant allocations for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (Annual Grants) and 2023-24 Climate Action Plan Grants to the Services Delegated Committee for endorsement.

#### Background

Annual Grants funds projects and equipment costs associated with the delivery of new one-off services, programs and activities that strengthen the Boroondara community. Annual Grants also address key priorities in the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31.

There are six streams in the Annual Grants program:

- Healthy Community
- Sustainable Community
- Creative Community,
- Vibrant Retail Precincts
- Active Community
- Life-long Community.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to eligible organisations for both the Annual and Climate Action Grants.

The Climate Action Grants are an action in Council's Climate Action Plan. Grants are available to eligible organisations for projects, services, programs and activities that strengthen the community's capacity to reduce emissions, and/or adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The Climate Action Grants were offered for the first time in 2023-24.

## Key Issues

### 1. Annual Grants

The funding pool for the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$534,585, which includes an allocation of \$318,185 from Council and a contribution of \$216,400 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

The 2023-24 Small Grants have been processed and \$131,459.25 was allocated in July 2023, leaving \$403,125.75 available for the 2023-24 Annual Grants.

Eighty-seven (87) applications were received for the 2023-24 Annual Grant round, which is 33 more than in 2022. Seven of the applicants were new to the grants program. Of the 87 applications received, 85 applications were assessed, one application was ineligible and one was withdrawn. One application for Vibrant Retail Precincts was assessed but subsequently withdrawn.

Full or partial funding totalling \$393,267.65 is recommended for 78 applications. All recommended allocations, including project summaries, are listed in **Attachment 2**.

Officers recommend that remaining funds (\$9,838.10) from the Annual Community Strengthening Grants be rolled over to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants.

### 2. Climate Action Grants

Funding for the Climate Action Plan Grants is allocated from the 2023-24 \$1 million budget for the Climate Action Plan.

There was one application for the Climate Action Plan Grants, which was recommended for full funding of \$9,951.90. The recommended allocation, including the project summary, is listed in **Attachment 4**.

## Confidentiality

Confidential information is contained in **Attachments 1 and 3**, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda. The information in these attachments is deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definition of 'confidential information' in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020. The information relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required for Council to make a decision, Council may resolve to discuss the matter in a confidential session or to defer the matter to the confidential section of the agenda.

*One speaker neither opposed or in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

**MOTION****Moved Councillor Sinfield****Seconded Councillor Stavrou****That the Services Delegated Committee resolve to:**

- 1. Endorse the 2023-24 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (Annual Grants) funding as listed in Attachment 2 annexed to this report.**
- 2. Endorse the 2023-24 Climate Action Plan Grants funding as listed in Attachment 4, annexed to this report.**
- 3. Roll over the \$9,838.10 remaining funds to the 2024-25 Annual Community Strengthening Grants program.**

**CARRIED****4. General business****4.1 Electrify Boroondara - Expo '23**

**Councillor Gault** noted he attended the Electrify Boroondara Expo '23 on Sunday 8 October 2023 at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

Councillor Gault thanked the organisers, volunteers and participants of the event and advised his colleagues the event was well attended by the community.

**5. Urgent business**

Nil

**6. Confidential business**

Nil

**The meeting concluded at 6.59pm**

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**

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**Date**

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