



**GLEN EIRA  
COMMUNITY GRANTS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Location: Ogaki Room – Glen Eira Town Hall**

**The Community Grants Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 5:34pm on Tuesday 28 March 2023.**

Present:

Councillors:	Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)	Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member
	Cr Sue Pennicuik	Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member
	Cr Li Zhang	Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member

Council Staff	Mark Saunders	Director Community Wellbeing
	Sharon Sykes	Manager Community Development
	Ana Tsaganos	Coordinator Community Strengthening

**1 Apologies**

Nil.

**2 Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

There were no Conflict of Interests declared at the meeting.

**3 Action Items Update from last committee Meeting**

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
Variation to Funding Agreement – Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre	The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Funding Agreement 2022-2025 to include an additional funding grant of \$12,000 for rental costs from 1 January to 30 June 2023.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active
Variation 2022-2023 Community Grant – Zionism Victoria	The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to Zionism Victoria to host an Israeli Independence Day cultural celebration event at Luna Park, O'Donnell Gardens and Palais Theatre in April 2023.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active

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Youth Excellence Grant - Ella Sleeman	The Committee recommends that Council funds Ella Sleeman a Youth Excellence Grant of \$1,200 to assist with her participation in the Cheerleading World Championships in Florida, United States.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Shae Elms	Active
Facility Hire Grant – The Nest of Love Women’s Senior Citizens Club	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$5,494.72 to The Nest of Love Women’s Senior Citizens Club to meet at McKinnon Hall on a weekly basis until 13 December 2023.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Sharon Sykes	Active
Facility Hire Grant – The Trustee for The NCJW (Victoria) Social Support Trust	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$495 to The Trustee for The NCJW (Victoria) Social Support Trust to hire the Caulfield Cup Room to host its Jam Project on 1 and 8 March 2023.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active
Facility Hire Grant - Murrumbeena Cricket Club	The Committee recommends that Council fund a Facility Hire Grant of \$478 to Murrumbeena Cricket Club to hire the Murrumbeena Park Function Room to host its fundraising event on 25 February 2023.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active
Small Grant – Walking Club of Victoria	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$500 for the Walking Club of Victoria Inc. under the auspice of Bushwalking Victoria Inc. to support its members receiving first aid training.	Committee minutes scheduled for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active
Review of Community Grants Policy	Officers will develop a draft Community Grants Policy which will be presented to Council for endorsement following Governance and Risk Committee feedback.	Draft of Community Grants Policy to be provided at the next Committee meeting on 28 March 2023	Ana Tsaganos	Active

#### 4 Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting

The previous Community Grants Advisory Committee meeting on 7 March 2023 made recommendations to Council on one Funding Agreement Variation, one Variation request on a 2022-2023 Community Grant, one Youth Excellence Grant, three Facility Hire Grants and one Small Grant. These recommendations are scheduled to be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 April 2023.

## **5 Items for Discussion:**

### **5.1 Variation 2022-2023 Community Grant**

#### **5.1.1 Jewish Library of Australia Ltd CGP 2223 - 0021**

Council provided a community grant of \$4353 in 2022-2023 to the Jewish Library of Australia to deliver two community programs: 1) A musical appreciation playgroup for toddlers to connect children and parents. 2) A one-on-one private IT tuition program catering for individuals mainly targeted to older adult members.

To date the group has spent \$1,373 of the grant funds and is requesting a variation due to reduced demand for IT tuition sessions and their capacity to absorb future bookings. The group is requesting the remaining funds of \$2,980 are diverted to extend the musical playgroup for an additional 25 sessions and to purchase some more toys and musical instruments. The Musical Playtime sessions have been established and are growing and the Library would like to continue to provide these sessions until December 2023. The program will ensure young families are supported to reconnect, and children born during the pandemic will continue to be supported to make up social deficits caused by pandemic-induced isolation.

#### **Recommendation:**

**The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to the Jewish Library of Australia Ltd to expend \$2980 of grant funds towards extending a musical playgroup program until December 2023.**

**Moved: Cr Li Zhang**

**Seconded: Cr Sue Pennicuik  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

#### **5.1.2 Sangam Kala Group Australia CGP 2223 – 0077**

Council provided a community grant of \$3,548 to support Sangam Kala Group Australia to deliver the 2022 'SCAFF 7 Colors Arts & Film Festival' showcasing film screenings, panel discussions, workshops, music, dancing, fashion and comedy from diverse multicultural artists.

The grant provided a total \$3,548, made up of \$2,548 for facility hire and \$1,000 of cash funds for project items. The organisation requested a variation to the grant which included changing the festival from a two day event to a one day event, providing the same number of entertainment sessions. This change reduced the cost of Facility Hire from \$2,548 to \$1,561 and the group has requested that the surplus of \$987 be added to grant funds for events costs, increasing the grant funds from \$1,000 to \$1,987.

#### **Recommendation:**

**The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to Sangam Kala Group Australia to adjust the split of the grant from \$2,548 for facility hire and \$1,000 to grant funds to \$1,561 facility hire and \$1,987 to grant funds.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

**Seconded: Cr Sue Pennicuik  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

#### **Action:**

**The Committee requested that officers provide information to the next meeting about the Sangam Kala Group Australia including what the group does, its acquittal information and videos and flyers from its grant funded activities.**

## 5.2 Youth Excellence Grants

The *Youth Excellence Grants Program* aims to support young people achieve excellence in creative and performing arts, education, leadership, and sport.

### 5.2.1 Emily Jackson YEG004-2023

Emily Jackson, a local resident of McKinnon, applied for a Youth Excellence Grant on 27 February 2023 under the sports category for the national level funding (\$600) to support her attendance at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships in Trigg, Western Australia on 25 March 2023.

Emily plans to use the grant contribution for costs associated with flights to Perth.

This application aligns with the *Youth Excellence Grants Program Guidelines* sports category.

**Recommendation:** **The Committee recommends that Council funds Emily Jackson a Youth Excellence Grant of \$600 to assist with her participation in the 2023 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships in Trigg, Western Australia.**

**Moved: Cr Sue Pennicuik**

**Seconded: Cr Sam Parasol  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

## 5.3 Facility Hire Grant Program applications

### 5.3.1 Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc FH 23 - 060

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 24 February 2023 to hire the Boyd Room at Carnegie Library on a weekly basis for 13 sessions, for school terms one and two 2023 at a cost of \$1,970.20 to run additional English language classes.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to develop an accessible and inclusive community, support participation in community life, and encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency and respond to community needs.

**Recommendation:** **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,970.20 to the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre to run weekly English language classes on Wednesdays in school terms one and two until the end of June 2023.**

**Moved: Cr Li Zhang**

**Seconded: Cr Sue Pennicuik  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

### 5.3.2 Kenya Community Victoria Inc FH 23 - 055

Kenya Community Victoria Inc submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 7 March 2023 to hire the Town Hall Auditorium on 5 August 2023 at a cost of \$2,029 to host an inaugural Tamaduni Night.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to strengthen community connections, develop an inclusive community, support celebration and participation in community life and deliver meaningful social impact.

**Recommendation:** **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$2,029 to Kenya Community Victoria Inc to hire the Auditorium at Town Hall on 5 August 2023 to host an inaugural Tamaduni Night event.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

**Seconded: Cr Li Zhang  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

### 5.3.3 Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group FH 23 - 059

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group (GECAG) submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 6 March 2023 to hire the Art Gallery from 14 March to 30 April 2023 at a cost of \$500 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Art Group (1963-2023).

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program, to help strengthen community capacity to plan and implement services.

**Recommendation:** **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$500 to Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group to hire the Art Gallery from 14 March to 30 April 2023 to host a 'Diamond Anniversary Exhibition: 1963-2023'.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

**Seconded: Cr Sue Pennicuik  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

### 5.3.4 Moorabbin Cricket Club FH 23 - 067

Moorabbin Cricket Club submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 8 March 2023 to hire the Auditorium on 7 October 2023 at a cost of \$2,029 to host the Club's 100-year anniversary celebration event.

The project aligns with the aims of the facility hire grants program, to support celebration and participation in community life.

**Recommendation:** **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$2,029 to Moorabbin Cricket Club to hire the Auditorium on 7 October 2023 to host the Club's 100-year anniversary celebration event.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

**Seconded: Cr Li Zhang  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

## 6 Draft Community Grant Policy

The draft Community Grants Policy was provided to the Community Grant Advisory Committee for preliminary feedback and discussion.

The draft Policy will be presented to the Governance and Risk Committee meeting on 25 May 2023. Following review and feedback the Policy will be presented to Council for final feedback and approval.

## 7 Forward Meeting Schedule

**Cr Sam Parasol**

Date	Items	Officer/Member
16 May 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants	Sharon Sykes
21 June 2023	Annual Community Grants Program Assessment	Sharon Sykes
11 July 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants	Sharon Sykes
8 August 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants	Sharon Sykes

Date	Items	Officer/Member
12 September 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants	Sharon Sykes
10 October 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants	Sharon Sykes
21 November 2023	Small Grants program Facility Hire Grants program Variation/extension requests Youth Excellence Grants Community Grants Guidelines 2024-2025	Sharon Sykes

**8 Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 5.30pm**

**9 Meeting closed: 5.56 pm**