



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

**Tuesday 13 February 2024  
Ogaki Room - Glen Eira Town Hall**

**The Community Grants and Awards Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 5.33pm**

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**Present:**

*Councillors:*

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| Cr Li Zhang (Chair) | Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member |
| Cr Margaret Esakoff | Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member |
| Cr Sam Parasol      | Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member |
| Cr Sue Pennicuik    | Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member |

*Council Staff:*

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| Kellie Vise    | Acting Director Community Wellbeing        |
| Sharon Sykes   | Manager Community and Economic Development |
| Lydia Sorensen | Coordinator Community Strengthening        |

- 1 Welcome**
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3 Reminder to declare any conflicts of interest in any items on the agenda.**

There were no conflicts of interest declared at the meeting.

- 4 Appointment of Chair 2024**

Cr Zhang was nominated as the Committee Chair by Cr Esakoff. This was unanimously supported.

- 5 Action items update from Committee meeting held Tuesday 21 November 2023**

| Title/Item                            | Action   | Update   | Responsible Officer | Active/Closed |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|---------------|
| Review of Community Grants Policy     | Officers will develop a revised Community Grants Policy which will be presented to Council for endorsement following Governance and Risk Committee feedback. | The revised Policy was endorsed by Council on 8 November 2023. | Lydia Sorensen      | Closed        |
| Review of Community Grants Guidelines | Officers will present draft revised guidelines for presentation to the Assembly on 14 November and to Council for endorsement on 19 December 2023.           | Guidelines were endorsed by Council on 19 December 2023.       | Lydia Sorensen      | Closed        |

| <b>Title/Item</b>  | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Update</b>  | <b>Responsible Officer</b> | <b>Active/ Closed</b> |
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| Facility Hire Grant – Heartfulness Institute Limited                       | The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$2,553 for the Heartfulness Institute Limited to run weekly yoga and meditation sessions at Moorleigh Community Village, Room 84 from February 2024 to December 2024.    | Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023. Community Group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant. | Lydia Sorensen             | Closed                |
| Facility Hire Grant - The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Stonnington | The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$393.75 for the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Stonnington to run a series of parenting workshops in the Carnegie Children's Multipurpose Centre in November 2023. | Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023. Community Group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant. | Lydia Sorensen             | Closed                |
| Facility Hire Grant - Melbourne Accueil Inc.                               | The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$234 for Melbourne Accueil Inc. to hire Harleston Park on 10 December 2023 to host a Christmas celebration event.  | Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023. Community Group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant. | Lydia Sorensen             | Closed                |
| Facility Hire Grant - Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club               | The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,158 for Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club to hire the Town Hall Auditorium on 25 February 2024 to host a Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival.                  | Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023. Community Group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant. | Lydia Sorensen             | Closed                |
| Small Grants - Maccabi FC Caulfield  | The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$1,000 for Maccabi FC Caulfield to provide First Aid training to 20 members and staff.   | Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023. Community Group notified of successful Small Grant          | Lydia Sorensen             | Closed                |

### **Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting**

The previous Community Grants and Awards Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday 21 November 2023 made recommendations to Council on four Facility Hire Grant applications and one Small Grant. The minutes were adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023.

## **6 Items for discussion:**

### **6.1 Annual Community Grants 2023-2024 – Hamerkaz Shelanu CGP 2324 - 001**

Hamerkaz Shelanu applied for a Partnership and Event grant in the Community Grants Program for 2023-2024. The group's application to host the Purim Festival at Luna Park in March 2024 was unsuccessful. The group has submitted a request to have its application reviewed by Council as it has now relocated the event to Caulfield Racecourse.

The Purim Festival is planned to take place on Sunday 24 March 2024. By changing the venue to Caulfield Racecourse, a venue within Glen Eira, the grant application now meets the criteria outlined in the Community Grants Guidelines. There is sufficient budget available to support the approval of this grant.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council approves the Hamerkaz Shelanu application for \$10,000 to support the Purim Festival event at Caulfield Racecourse on Sunday 24 March 2024.**

**Moved: Cr Margaret Esakoff**

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

## 6.2 Senior Citizen Centre Allocations and Grants

Council has 33 Senior Citizens Groups operating out of Council's community facilities. These groups have recently submitted their annual Centre Allocations and Grants Applications for 2024. A total of 32 Senior Citizens Groups have elected to apply for a Senior Citizens Centre Grant.

The recommended funding for 2024 has considered the Glen Eira membership for each Senior Citizens' Group, their hours of service and level of weekly activity. The recommended grants for Senior Citizens Groups total \$97,677 and are detailed below. The budget allocation for 2023-24 is \$95,273. The shortfall can be covered within the overall Community Grants budget.

| Club  | Centre   | Total recommended funding |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Bentleigh Chinese Community Association   | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$7,500.00                |
| Bentleigh Chinese Senior Support Group  | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$3,249.00                |
| Greek Elderly Citizens Club Caulfield   | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$2,101.50                |
| Centre Bentleigh Garden Club  | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$585.00                  |
| Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Bentleigh  | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$4,446.00                |
| Sandbelt Probus Ladies Club   | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$634.50                  |
| D.J. Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club                                      | East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre              | \$7,078.50                |
| Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club  | Caulfield and Ormond Seniors Citizens Centre       | \$5,067.00                |
| Glen Eira Italian Pensioners and Senior Citizens Club                                 | Caulfield Seniors Citizens Centre                  | \$3,753.00                |
| Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens Community of Glen Eira                                  | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$2,178.00                |
| Greek Senior Citizens Association of Moorabbin  | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,899.00                |
| Greek Senior Citizens Club of Carnegie/Murrumbeena                                    | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$2,304.00                |
| Greek Senior Citizens of Southern Eastern Regions and Districts                       | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,692.00                |
| Greek Women's Senior Citizen's Club of McKinnon 'Rhea'                                | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,701.00                |
| Italian Senior Citizens' Group of Moorabbin/Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di Moorabbin. | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$4,131.00                |
| Italian Senior Citizens Recreation Club of Caulfield                                  | Caulfield Senior Citizens Club                     | \$3,474.00                |
| K.G.Putt Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club   | Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$7,500.00                |
| Kondia Limnos Senior Citizens Club  | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,566.00                |
| Let's Connect   | East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre              | \$6,417.00                |
| Literary Creative Association Lukomorie   | Ormond Senior Citizens Centre                      | \$2,083.50                |
| Nadezhda Russian Senior Citizens Club   | Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$1,849.50                |

| Club   | Centre   | Total recommended funding |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| Oakleigh Coptic Senior Social Club (OCSSC)                         | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,647.00                |
| Ormond Senior Citizens Club  | Ormond Senior Citizens Centre                      | \$7,500.00                |
| Refocus Club Melbourne   | Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$2,025.00                |
| Shalom Association   | Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$873.00                  |
| Sinhala Cultural & Community Services Foundation                   | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,863.00                |
| Argos & District Australian Greek Senior Citizens Club of Kastoria | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$1,804.50                |
| Club of Bards Song "The Southern Cross"                            | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$828.00                  |
| The Italian Pension Club of Kingston                               | Moorleigh Community Village - Chris Koutoumas Wing | \$3,483.00                |
| Yachad Senior Citizens Club  | Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$1,656.00                |
| Caulfield Chinese Senior Support Group                             | Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre                   | \$3,258.00                |
| Caulfield Over 50's Dance Club                                     | Glen Eira Town Hall - Auditorium                   | \$1,530.00                |
|  |  | <b>\$97,677.00</b>        |

**Action:** Officers to provide the Committee with a summary of the change in membership of Senior Citizens Groups from the previous year.

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Council approves the Senior Citizens Centre Grants for 32 Senior Citizens Groups totalling \$97,677.

**Moved:** Cr Li Zhang

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

### 6.3 Facility Hire Grants:

#### 6.3.1 Maccabi Victoria FH 24 - 003

Maccabi Victoria submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 15 January 2024 to hire the Caulfield Park Pavilion on Monday 18 March 2024 at a cost of \$304.50 to hold a Friends of Maccabi Luncheon Celebration.

Maccabi Victoria connects the Jewish community through sport and wellbeing focusing on encouraging people to participate in physical activity through sport and other community activities, while maintaining a strong Jewish identity.

This event provides an opportunity for past and present Maccabi participants to come together to connect with fellow community members. It is expected that 90 people will attend of which 75 are residents of Glen Eira. Maccabi Victoria is selling tickets to this event at a cost of \$66 per person.

The luncheon aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to assist community organisations/groups to undertake projects and activities that contribute to the liveability, accessibility, health and safety of Glen Eira.

**Actions:** Officers to provide details to the Committee on providing Facility Hire Grants to organisations selling tickets for activities and events. This report will also include consideration of project budgets as part of the assessment of Facility Hire Grant applications.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council fund a Facility Hire Grant of \$304.50 for Maccabi Victoria to hold a Friends of Maccabi Luncheon Celebration on Monday 18 March 2024.**

**Moved: Cr Margaret Esakoff**

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

### **6.3.2 Australian Breastfeeding Association – Inner South East Melbourne Group** FH 24 - 006

The Australian Breastfeeding Association – Inner South East Melbourne Group submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 23 January 2024 to hire the Murrumbeena Park Community Room on six weekends between 20 April and 14 December 2024 at a cost of \$2,697 and the Carnegie Children's Multipurpose Centre on Monday afternoons on a twice monthly basis from 5 February 2024 to 16 December 2024 at a cost of \$829.40 to hold Breastfeeding Education Classes and local group breastfeeding support catch up sessions. The group's request totals \$3,526.40.

The Group has 192 Glen Eira residents as members and expects 30 people to attend each Breastfeeding Education Class and up to 15 people to attend each support catch up session.

This program aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency, innovation and respond to community needs and fund projects that deliver meaningful social impact and strengthen community capacity to plan and implement services.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$3,526.40 for Australian Breastfeeding Association – Inner South East Melbourne Group's hire of the Murrumbeena Park Community Room and the Carnegie Children's Multipurpose Centre to hold breastfeeding education classes and breastfeeding support catch up sessions throughout 2024.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

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

### **6.3.3 Integral Yoga Centre of Melbourne** FH 24 – 005

The Integral Yoga Centre of Melbourne submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 18 January 2024 to hire the Murrumbeena Park Community Room for five weekly Yoga for Every Body classes from 8 January 2024 to 31 July 2024 at a cost of \$7,425. The five weekly Yoga for Every Body classes are on Monday and Wednesday mornings, two on Monday evening and one on Tuesday evening. The Group has 100 Glen Eira residents on their database and expects up to eight people per session with three Glen Eira residents expected to benefit.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to fund projects that deliver meaningful social impact, support celebration and participation in community life and help strengthen community capacity to plan and implement services. However, the Committee considered the number of Glen Eira residents benefitting from this activity to be not providing sufficient community benefit.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council not fund a Facility Hire Grant of \$7,425 for Integral Yoga Centre of Melbourne to hire the Murrumbeena Park Community Room from 8 January 2024 to 31 July 2024.**

**Moved: Cr Margaret Esakoff**

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

## 6.4 Small Grants

### 6.4.1 Bayside Community Emergency Relief SGP 2324 – 019

Bayside Community Emergency Relief submitted a Small Grant application on 23 November 2023 to request funding support for their partnership work with Taskforce Community Agency. A grant of \$1,000 is requested to purchase items for their *ResetLife, Smart Recovery Youth and Youth Outreach program*. The program helps rehabilitate young people aged 11-25 years who are experiencing drug and alcohol issues, by providing counselling packs which include basic toiletries, beanie, drink bottle, textbook and pencils or pens for school, activities items such as paint by numbers or colouring books in reusable bags.

This project aligns with the aims of the Small Grants program, specifically the initiative supports a strong and safe community that connects people and enhances health and wellbeing.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$1,000 to Bayside Community Emergency Relief to provide Taskforce Community Agency Emergency counselling packs.**

**Moved: Cr Sam Parasol**

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

### 6.4.2 Zionism Victoria SGP 2223 – 016

Zionism Victorian submitted a Small Grant application under the auspice of the Beth Weizmann Community Centre to support special information sessions for its community garden project. Topics may include pickling produce or successful pruning.

Funding of \$1,000 is requested consisting of \$400 for seedlings, mulch and soil and \$600 for coordinator time.

As the Guidelines for the Small Grants program lists ongoing staff salaries under 'What will not be funded', the costs for a coordinator is not recommended for funding.

The project aligns with the Small Grants program aims to deliver neighbourhood projects that support social inclusion and community connectedness.

**Recommendation:**      **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$400 for Zionism Victorian under the auspice of the Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre to support its community garden project.**

**Moved: Cr Margaret Esakoff**

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

## 6.5 Youth Excellence Grants 2023

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2023 Council endorsed the minutes of the November Committee meeting where the Committee agreed to a name change from Youth Excellence Grants to the Youth Excellence Awards.

The following applications were submitted under the Youth Excellence Grant Guidelines prior to this date.

### 6.5.1 Callum YEG038-2023

Callum applied for a Youth Excellence Grant on 16 November 2023 under the Sport category for the international level funding of \$1,200 to support his attendance at the Men's Netball Nations Series 2023 in Singapore on 4 December 2023.

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

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Council funds Callum a Youth Excellence Grant of \$1,200 to assist with his participation in Men's Netball Nations Series 2023 in Singapore.

**Moved:** Margaret Esakoff

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

#### 6.5.2 Jordan YEG030-2023

Jordan applied for a Youth Excellence Grant on 14 December 2023 under the Leadership category for the international level funding of \$1,200 to support her attendance at the Australian Emergency Medical Services Professional Development Tour in California, United States of America on 23 January 2024.

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

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Council funds Jordan a Youth Excellence Grant of \$1,200 to assist with her participation in the Australian Emergency Medical Services Professional Development Tour in California, United States of America.

**Moved:** Cr Sue Pennicuik

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

## 7 Proposed meetings 2024

| Date                   | Items   | Officer/Member |
|------------------------|---|----------------|
| 5/03/2024              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen of the Year Awards (approx. 1 hour)</li> </ul>   |                |
| 26/03/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guideline review: Small and Facility Hire.</li> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul> |                |
| 24/04/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding Agreement</li> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul>                          |                |
| 28/05/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul>   |                |
| Wednesday 19 June 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Grants assessment</li> </ul>  |                |
| 16/07/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul>   |                |
| 20/08/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul>   |                |
| 17/09/2024             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Grants program</li> <li>Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>Variation/extension requests</li> <li>Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul>   |                |

| Date       | Items   | Officer/Member |
|------------|---|----------------|
| 29/10/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Grants program</li> <li>• Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>• Variation/extension requests</li> <li>• Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul> |                |
| 19/11/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Grants program</li> <li>• Facility Hire Grants program</li> <li>• Variation/extension requests</li> <li>• Youth Excellence Grants</li> </ul> |                |

## 8 Next meeting:

Tuesday 5 March 2024, 5pm-6pm – Citizen of the Year Awards

**Meeting closed: 6.12pm**