



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

**Monday 26 June 2023
Labassa Room - Glen Eira Town Hall**

The Community Grants Committee meeting commenced at 10:38am on Monday 26 June 2023

Present:

<i>Councillors:</i>	Cr Sam Parasol (Chair) Cr Sue Pennicuik Cr Li Zhang	Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member (arrived at 10:43am)
<i>Council Staff:</i>	Sharon Sykes Ros Porter Jayde McBurnie Coral Robertson Narelle Dowling	Manager Community Development Acting Coordinator Community Strengthening Senior Community Planning Coordinator Community Strengthening Officer Community Strengthening Officer

1 Apologies

Council Staff: Mark Saunders Director Community Wellbeing

2 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Sam Parasol declared a conflict of interest for the application submitted by Haven for Mothers and Babies Inc.

3 Action Items Update from last Committee meeting Tuesday 16 May

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
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 Community Grants Policy was presented to the Governance and Risk Committee on 25 May and is scheduled to be presented for Council endorsement on 5 September 2023.	Ros Porter	Active
Senior Citizen Centre Allocation and Grants	The Committee recommends that Council approves the Senior Citizens Centre Grants for 33 Senior Citizens Groups as provided.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 February 2023. Payments of grants is finalised.	Ros Porter	Closed

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Variation to 2022-2023 Community Grant – Glen Eira Historical Society	The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to the Glen Eira Historical Society to expend \$4,000 of grant funds towards developing their Celebrating 50 years of the Glen Eira Historical Society 1972-2022 book until 30 June 2024.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Group notified of successful variation.	Ros Porter	Closed
Variation 2022-2023 Community Grant – OzHarvest	The Committee recommends that Council approves a variation to OzHarvest to expend \$5,840 of grant funds to deliver one six-week and two one-off health nutrition programs until 30 April 2024.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Group notified of successful variation.	Ros Porter	Closed
Youth Excellence Grant - Jess Marsh	The Committee recommends that Council funds Jess Marsh a Youth Excellence Grant of \$1,200 to assist with his participation in the Pony Baseball Colts League Asia Pacific Zone Tournament in Chiba, Japan.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Applicant notified of successful Youth Excellence Grant.	Shae Elms	Closed
Youth Excellence Grant - Daniela Tepia-Leal	The Committee recommends that Council funds Daniela Tepia-Leal a Youth Excellence Grant of \$600 to assist with her participation in the Artistic Swimming Australia 2023 Hancock Prospecting Artistic Swimming National Championships in Mount Claremont, Western Australia.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Applicant notified of successful Youth Excellence Grant.	Shae Elms	Closed
Youth Excellence Grant - Charvi Tanksale	The Committee recommends that Council funds Charvi Tanksale a Youth Excellence Grant of \$600 to assist with her participation in the AusCycling Junior Track National Championships in Chandler, Queensland.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Applicant notified of successful Youth Excellence Grant.	Shae Elms	Closed
Facility Hire Grant – Glen Eira College	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$477.50 for the Glen Eira College to run a Trivia Night in Murrumbeena Park Function Room on 2 June 2023.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed

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Facility Hire Grant – Heartfulness Institute Limited	The Committee recommends that Council fund a Facility Hire Grant of \$2,128 for the Heartfulness Institute Limited to run free weekly yoga and meditation sessions at Moorleigh Community Village from May 2023 to January 2024.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Facility Hire Grant - Jewish Bereaved Parents Inc	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$148 for the Jewish Bereaved Parents to hold a picnic in the park at Harleston Park Rotunda on 14 August 2023.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Facility Hire Grant - Jewish National Fund of Australia Victoria Division	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$930 for the Jewish National Fund of Australia Victoria Division to host five Jewish National Fund Forever morning tea sessions for senior citizens in the Caulfield Cup Room.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Facility Hire Grant - Lider School Inc	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$4,162 for the Lider School to run an end of year school production in the Auditorium on 9 and 10 December 2023.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Facility Hire Grant – The Push	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,561 to The Push to host an indie-rock event in the Auditorium on 13 May 2023.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Facility Hire Grant - The Torch	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$4,300 to The Torch to host the Confined 14 exhibition in the Glen Eira Art Gallery from 1 May to 4 June 2023.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Facility Hire Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed

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Small Grant – Association of Inmates from Former Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos from the Former Soviet Union	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$1,000 to the Association of Inmates from Former Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos from the Former Soviet Union to support its weekly aerobic exercise classes and Feldenkrais awareness through movement, for four months.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Small Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Small Grant – Association of Inmates from Former Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos from the Former Soviet Union	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$840 to the Association of Inmates from Former Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos from the Former Soviet Union to support fortnightly laughter yoga sessions for six months.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Small Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Small Grant – Compass Community Care Incorporated	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$1,000 to Compass Community Care Incorporated to support its open pantry program and replace the missing slushie machine part.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Small Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Small Grant – Kehilat Nitzan	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$800 to contribute to Kehilat Nitzan Jewish Lag Ba'Omer celebration in May 2024. Funding is not recommended for the fire pit, wood or firelighters.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Small Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Small Grant – McKinnon Cricket Club	The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$1,000 to the McKinnon Cricket Club to support its establishment of a women's cricket team and attract more junior females to the sport.	Approved by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023. Community group notified of successful Small Grant.	Ros Porter	Closed
Sangam Kala Group	The Committee noted information presented about the Sangam Kala Group Australia (SKGA) including what the group does, its acquittal information and videos and flyers from its grant funded activities.	The Committee noted information presented about the Sangam Kala Group Australia (SKGA) including what the group does, its acquittal information and videos and flyers from its grant funded activities.	Ana Tsaganos	Closed

4 Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting

The previous Community Grants Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 May 2023 made recommendations to Council on two Variation requests for 2022-2023 Community Grants, three Youth Excellence Grant applications, seven Facility Hire Grant applications, five Small Grant applications and provided a presentation of the projects delivered by the Sangam Kala Group. These recommendations were presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 June 2023.

5 Items for Discussion:

5.1 Youth Excellence Grants

5.1.1 Augustas Buividas

Augustas applied for a Youth Excellence Grant on 6 May under the Sport category for the International level funding of \$1,200 to support his attendance at the 2023 Optimist Sailing World Championship in Costa Brava, Spain on 15 June 2023.

Augustas plans to use the grant as a contribution toward costs associated with regatta registration, boat charter and uniforms when in Costa Brava, Spain.

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

Recommendation: **The Committee recommends that Council funds Augustas Buividas a Youth Excellence Grant of \$1,200 to assist with his participation in 2023 Optimist Sailing World Championship in Spain.**

Moved: Cr Sam Parasol

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

5.2 Facility Hire Grant Program applications

5.2.1 Ajax Junior Football Club

Ajax Junior Football Club submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 2 May 2023 to hire the Caulfield Park Pavilion for two sessions on 27 April 2023 and 4 May 2023 at a cost of \$296 to deliver a *Play On* initiative.

The program led by Olympian Jemima Montag is about female athlete health, mental health and nutrition that supports girls to stay engaged in sport and recreation. The sessions included cooking demonstrations, speakers and pre-recorded videos and was open to all female footballers at Ajax.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to support participation in community life and develop an accessible and inclusive community.

The application submission date precludes the funding of the event that took place on 27 April due to the application being submitted after that date (2 May 2023). The Facility Hire Grant Guidelines state that retrospective activities that have already taken place at the time of application will not be funded.

Recommendation: **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$148 to Ajax Junior Football Club to run a *Play On* session at the Caulfield Park Pavilion on 4 May 2023.**

Moved: Cr Sue Pennicuik

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

5.2.2 Scope (Aust)

Scope (Aust) Ltd submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 16 May 2023 to hire the Packer Park Function Room from July 2023 to June 2024 at a cost of \$4,329 to run a Socialising through Dance and Movement program for people with complex and multiple disability.

The program will deliver weekly three-hour dance, singing and movement sessions to provide attendees with the opportunity to make new friendships, develop social skills and enjoy activities that improve health and wellbeing.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to support participation in community life, develop an accessible and inclusive community 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 \$4,329 for Scope (Aust) Ltd to run a weekly Socialising through Dance and Movement program in the Packer Park Function Room from July 2023 to June 2024.**

Moved: Cr Sam Parasol

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

5.2.3 Glen Eira City Choir

Glen Eira City Choir submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 10 May 2023 to hire the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium for two half-days on 27 and 28 October 2023 at a cost of \$1,561 for its Songs of the World rehearsal and Concert.

Glen Eira City Choir provides training and opportunities for singers of all ages to make music and communicate the joy of music to people from Glen Eira and beyond. The group aims to provide a high standard of music with affordable ticket prices.

The project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to strengthen community connections and encourage participation in arts and cultural activities.

Recommendation: **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,561 for the Glen Eira City Choir to hold its Songs of the World rehearsal and Concert in the Auditorium on 27 and 28 October 2023.**

Moved: Cr Sue Pennicuik

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

5.2.4 Victorian Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen & Women

Victorian Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen & Women (VAJEX) submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 2 May 2023 to hire the Auditorium on 28 April 2024 at a cost of \$1,655 for an ANZAC Day commemoration service.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to strengthen community connections and fund projects that deliver meaningful social impact.

Recommendation: **The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,655 for the Victorian Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen & Women to hold its ANZAC service in the Auditorium on 28 April 2024.**

Moved: Cr Sue Pennicuik

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

5.2.5 Kenya Community Victoria

Kenya Community Victoria submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 2 June 2023 to hire the Caulfield Cup Room on 5 August 2023 at a cost of \$1,100 for their Tamaduni Night showcasing Kenyan culture with dance and presentations to foster social connection for the wider Kenyan community, to integrate with other communities, to teach children about other cultures and particularly to connect with and support recent Kenya migrants.

The project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to strengthen community connections, encourage cultural expression and participation in arts activities and to develop an inclusive community.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$1,100 for Kenya Community Victoria to hold its Tamaduni Night event activities in the Caulfield Cup Room on 5 August 2023.

Moved: Cr Sam Parasol

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

5.2.6 Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre (GEALC) submitted a Facility Hire Grant application on 4 April 2023 to hire the Boyd Room at Carnegie Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Term 3, 2023, Thursdays in Terms 1 and 2, 2024 and Wednesdays in Term 2, 2024 at a cost of \$7,437 to run 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 \$7,437 to the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre to run weekly English language classes in the Boyd Room at Carnegie Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Term 3, 2023, Thursdays in Terms 1 and 2, 2024 and Wednesdays in Term 2, 2024.

Moved: Cr Sue Pennicuik

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

5.2.7 U3A Bentleigh

U3A Bentleigh submitted a facility hire grant for \$8,158.50 on 21 March 2023 to hire the Moorleigh Village room 84 on a regular basis. The group had set its yearly calendar in advance of being informed of an update in the fee for use of this room from 1 July 2023.

The total of the facility hire fee is over the annual limit of the facility hire grant program of \$7,500 per organisation.

This project aligns with the aims of the Facility Hire Grant program to strengthen community connections and collaborations, develop an accessible and inclusive community, encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency, innovation and respond to community needs and help strengthen community capacity to plan and implement services.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that Council funds a Facility Hire Grant of \$7,500 to U3A Bentleigh to hire room 84 at Moorleigh Community Village from July to December 2023.

Moved: Cr Li Zhang

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

5.3 Small Grants Program applications

5.3.1 Compass Community Care Inc

Compass Community Care Inc. submitted a Small Grant application of \$975 on 8 May 2023 to provide counselling services to people suffering from stress and anxiety. Compass Community Care has been providing counselling services to those in need with the assistance of qualified counsellors. The fee is \$75 per session. Counselling is not a service that is normally covered by Medicare. With the recent increase in the cost of living, people in the community who need access to counselling can no longer afford it, exacerbating poor mental health of vulnerable residents.

This project aligns with the aim of the Small Grants to enhance health and wellbeing by addressing the needs of those experiencing disadvantage in our community.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that Council funds a Small Grant of \$975 for Compass Community Care Inc to provide counselling services to people suffering from stress and anxiety.

Moved: Cr Sam Parasol

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

5.4 2023-2024 Annual Community Grants Applications

The Committee assessed and made recommendations related to a total of 114 Community Grants applications, consisting of 66 Community Strengthening grant applications and 48 Partnership and Events grant applications.

Cr Li Zhang arrived at 10.43am after the applications for 1st Bentleigh Scout Group, Adass Israel Welfare Fund and Bentleigh Junior Football Club had been considered.

Cr Sam Parasol (Chair) noted a conflict of interest for the Haven for Mothers and Babies Inc. application, discussed at 10.50am.

Full details of recommendations for the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program will be provided at the forthcoming Assembly of Councillors meeting on 1 August 2023. Final recommendations for the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program will then be presented at the Council meeting on 5 September 2023.

6 General Business

The Committee congratulated Council officers on the quality of the information provided to the Committee and the value this provides to the community.

7 Forward Meeting Schedule

Date	Items
18 July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants program • Facility Hire Grants program • Variation/extension requests • Youth Excellence Grants
8 August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants program • Facility Hire Grants program • Variation/extension requests • Youth Excellence Grants
12 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants program • Facility Hire Grants program • Variation/extension requests • Youth Excellence Grants
10 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants program • Facility Hire Grants program • Variation/extension requests • Youth Excellence Grants
21 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grants program • Facility Hire Grants program • Variation/extension requests • Youth Excellence Grants • Community Grants Guidelines 2024-2025

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 5.30pm

7. Meeting closed at 11.43 am