



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND EVENTS COMMITTEE - FLYING MINUTES

Details:

Irwin Districts Historical Society (IDHS) is hosting the 2024 State History Conference at the Priory Hotel in Dongara from 6th to 8th September 2024. This is the 59th year of the Conference, which is auspiced by the Royal WA Historical Society. This will be the first year that Dongara has been invited to host. \$3400 in CASE funding has been requested to support the event primarily for venue and catering costs associated with the event.

Proposed on:
23 July 2024

Vote by:
5 August 2024 3PM AWST

All Votes Received by:
02 August 2024

Declaration of Interest:

Councillor Elyce Tunbridge has submitted a Declaration of Interest due to Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 on Friday 9 August 2024. Councillor Tunbridge has sat on the IDHS Committee for approximately two years and was not involved in the details or collation of the CASE Application for funding submitted by the IDHS.

The bus tours on Saturday and Sunday afternoon will be conducted on New Leaf Connect vehicles.

Background:

A decision is required to approve \$3400 CASE Funding as per the application submitted by the Irwin District Historical Society in April 2024 in support of their hosting of the 2024 WA History Conference, before the next regular meeting of the CASE committee.

The CASE Committee meeting was postponed in anticipation of a new elected member being nominated to the CASE Committee; the position having been vacant since Cr Hayley Palmer's resignation from Council. As the election was delayed, the need to process the outstanding application prior to a new elected member joining the committee is essential to ensuring the funding decision does not occur in retrospect of the event and is made within CASE's Guidelines.

In the absence of one elected member and lack of availability to attend an in-person meeting by existing committee members, the matter requires a decision and recommendation to Council for the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 27 August 2024. A decision to present the recommendation to Council via flying minutes was necessary to achieve quorum of the committee.

The Event / Project Details:

IDHS is hosting the 2024 State History Conference at the Priory Hotel in September 2024. This is the 59th year of the Conference, which is auspiced by the Royal WA Historical Society. This will be the first year that Dongara has been invited to host. The theme of the 2024 Conference is Waves of Change and is expecting approximately 120 people to attend - mostly members of RWAHS Affiliated Historical Societies from around the state, but also general history enthusiasts and supporters. Through the Conference, IDHS aims to acknowledge and celebrate all volunteers in local history and heritage; expose delegates and locals to the heritage and natural beauty of the region; and increase engagement with the broader historical society movement.

Committee Decision:

All CASE Committee members have voted in favour of supporting the CASE Funding Application request for \$3400 as submitted by the Irwin District Historical Society to support their delivery of the 2024 State History Conference.

Although the bus tours on Saturday and Sunday afternoon will be conducted on New Leaf Connect vehicles, the funding does not contribute to the cost of this service and will predominantly cover costs

associated with the venue and catering. New Leaf was selected by the IDHS Committee as an available local service, which offers all-accessible vehicles catering to all-abilities. No other local opportunities exist that could comply with the all-accessible considerations required for the conference history tours.

Council Recommendation :

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL		
That Council approves the following funding allocation from the Community Assistance Scheme from the 2024/2025 financial year budget.		
ORGANISATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT
Irwin District Historical Society	Towards costs relating to the 2024 State History Conference being hosted in Dongara by the Irwin District Historical Society in September 2024	\$3,400

Attachments/Reference Material

1. CASE Application IDHS and all relevant attachments as per the CASE Guidelines.
2. CASE Application Review (Officer Recommendations, Weighting by CASE Eligibility Criteria and Committee Discussion Points).
3. Approval votes to support the recommendation of the CASE Funding request to Council from the CASE Committee