

**16. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – “WE CAN 2003” ART EXHIBITION**

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider a request for funding received from Our Youth Our Community Charitable Trust for an annual Mixed Art Exhibition entitled “We Can 2003”. The exhibition is to be held at the Linwood Baptist Community Church Hall on 8 and 9 July 2003.

The budget for the exhibition is \$3,635 and funding received so far is \$1,750.00. This leaves a shortfall of \$1,885.00.

Approximately 100 children and youth from the eastern suburbs benefit from producing art for this exhibition and this is considered to be a very important part of the programmes offered for local youth by Our Youth Our Community Charitable Trust. The event is open to everyone to attend and last year over 200 people attended to support and enjoy the display of creativity and talent.

The Community Recreation Advisor holds background information on the project including a budget and annual accounts which will be available at the meeting.

The request for funding aligns with the following Council Policies and Board Objectives:

*Relevant Council Policies:*

- Social Well being Policy
- Recreation and Sport Policy
- Art Policy and Strategy
- Youth Policy

*Relevant Board Objectives:*

- An empowered and enabled community
- An active community

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board considers contributing \$1,000.00 from the Community Events and Special Days Fund to the Our Youth Our Community Charitable Trust for the exhibition.

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.