

**4. METROPOLITAN GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE -
SCULPTURE EVENT**

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The purpose of this report is to consider a proposal to provide funding for a sculpture event in the current financial year.

ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park has been supported from the events seeding funding over its initial two years and last year the organiser advised that she was unable to co-ordinate the event due to time constraints in gaining advice of support from the Council on funding and availability of sculptors.

The proposal was considered during the Council's Annual Plan process with an initial recommendation that \$55,000 be provided in 1998/99 and 1999/2000 for a sculpture in the park type event. The Parks and Recreation Committee gave it a three priority at the Annual Plan meeting and as a result funding of \$45,000 has been provided biennially commencing 1999/2000.

The organiser of Art in the Park has now sought funding for 1998/99.

The proposal to hold a sculpture event was supported by the Committee. However the Committee felt that rather than holding this event in Hagley Park it should be held at a central city site. This event always attracts a wide audience and if held on a central city site would draw additional people to this part of the city.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a sculpture event be held in February/March 1999 in the central city.
 2. That \$45,000 be provided for a sculpture event in the current financial year to be funded as follows:

\$30,000	-	contingency	vote
\$15,000		events seeding	