

8. 2012 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUNDING - APPLICATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider and approve applications for Neighbourhood Week Funding for 2012.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Neighbourhood Week is a dedicated week in which individuals and groups are encouraged to get together and get to know one another locally. Neighbourhood Week 2012 is to be held from 27 October to 4 November 2012. Applications for funding closed on 31 August 2012.
3. Local community groups and organisations were sent information inviting them to apply for the Neighbourhood Week Funding that has been set aside by the Board.
4. Forty two applications were received from the Burwood Pegasus area. Twenty three of these had not received funding for neighbourhood week events in the last two years.
5. A matrix outlining the applications and staff recommendations is **attached** along with the Neighbourhood Week Guidelines (refer **attachment 2**) which accompanied the application forms.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The Board has set aside \$3,500 from the Strengthening Communities Fund to assist individuals and groups run events. It is not the intention of this funding to totally fund events. Those applying for funding are expected to partially resource events themselves either financially or through supply of materials.
7. At its meeting on 2 July 2012, the Board resolved *"To approve the purchase of supermarket vouchers to the value of \$700 from its 2011 Neighbourhood Week Fund to fund neighbourhood events outside of the October/November Neighbourhood Week timeframe and further that the vouchers to be distributed to groups upon their application, being approved by a majority of Board members."* To date this \$700 has not been called upon for use by the community. This amount has also been added into the matrix for consideration by the Board.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Page 170 off the LTCCP under Community Support – Strengthening communities and page 176 of the LTCCP under Community support – Community grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Page 170 of the LTCCP under Community Support – Strengthening communities and page 176 of the LTCCP under Community support – Community grants.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Funding for Neighbourhood Week activities aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider the applications as set out in the circulated matrix and allocate the 2012 Neighbourhood Week funding accordingly.