

ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

SENIORS' WEEK FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

This item without notice be accepted and referred to the December 2023 meeting of Council, as it requires resolution before the next scheduled meeting.

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Council Meeting:	8 December 2023
Report Date:	6 December 2023
Author:	Tourism & Events Officer
File #:	SC41
Approval:	Director Planning, Community & Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Murrumbidgee Council hold Seniors' Week activities annually across Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie. Planning is underway for March 2024 celebrations, however no grant funding allocations were awarded to complement Council's 2024 budget allocation.

Currently Council has a budget of \$3500 for events across the Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) Council endorse the increased funding allocation for Seniors' Week activities to \$7,500.00, with additional \$4,000 funding to come from Council's unrestricted fund; and**
- b) A Seniors' Week event be held in each of the three Murrumbidgee communities.**

BACKGROUND

Murrumbidgee Council recognises our senior residents for their valued contributions to our community.

Annually, Council celebrates Seniors' Week with a range of activities. Past programs offered in our area include, but are not limited to, luncheons, themed occasions, morning/afternoon tea, intergenerational activities, movies, wellbeing sessions and physical activity.

The planning for the 2024 Murrumbidgee Council Seniors' Week celebrations are underway, however staff are working on activities based on the Council allocation of \$3,500, having been unsuccessful in obtaining Government funding.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council is the project manager for the event, with overall authority in facilitation and risk management.

An increase in the budget allocation from \$3,500 to \$7,500 for the 2024 activities, would ensure quality and meaningful events can be offered locally to seniors residing in each of our three communities.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)
- Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth)

FINANCIAL

The increased cost to Council is \$4000

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council 2022-2026 Delivery Program, Strategic Theme 1

Our Identity: People and place

Action 1.3.1.3 Promote and celebrate national events

Action 1.3.1.4 Plan activities for Murrumbidgee's ageing population

Action 1.3.2.1 Support planned cultural and wellbeing activities and events in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Executive Team
- Manager, Corporate & Community Services
- Director, Planning Community & Environment
- Economic & Tourism Development Manager

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

- a) Council endorse the increased funding allocation for Seniors' Week activities to \$7,500.00, with additional \$4,000 funding to come from Council's unrestricted fund;
- b) An event be held in each of the three Murrumbidgee communities.

Option 2

That Council maintain the existing funding allocation and endorse one event to be held each year (on a town rotation basis) with residents to commute from neighbouring communities.

Option 3

That Council maintain the existing funding, and small-scale events be offered across the three communities

Option 4

Another recommendation of Council

ATTACHMENTS

NIL