

6.3 Event in Railway Parade North, Glen Waverley

Submitting Councillor: Nicky Luo

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Allocate the remaining funds from the grant (\$6162.85) to the Glen Waverley Traders Association to stage the 2022 Moon Festival towards an event which will activate the Railway Parade North, Glen Waverley area opposite Glen Waverley Bus and Train Station.*

BACKGROUND

In adopting its 2022/23 budget Council resolved in part to:

“allocate the funding of \$65,000 provisionally to the Glendi festival for a moon festival to be held in the second half of the year of 2022 on a once off basis noting that the organising committee for the Glendi event has advised they will not be staging this event in 2022”.

An EOI was subsequently undertaken seeking submissions from community-based organisations to stage the Moon Festival, with the Glen Waverley Traders Association (GWTA) being successful. GWTA has recently tabled its report on the festival and states that there is unspent funds of \$6162.85 from the original grant. GWTA has requested these residual funds be used to hold a small activation in the Railway Parade North, Glen Waverley area opposite Glen Waverley Bus and Train Station. It states this area did not benefit from the Monash Moon Festival in Glen Waverley as it was far away from the activities and entertainers in Kingsway and was not activated on that occasion.

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL PLANS AND STRATEGIES

This notice of motion aligns with the Economic Development Strategy and the Council Plan.

6.3 OFFICER REPORT

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That Council:

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications as a result of this Notice of Motion, beyond allocating additional funds to the Glen Waverley Traders Association. These funds are currently available within Council's existing budget. Typically, a request of this kind would be made through a formal grants or budgetary process.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

The Notice of Motion will have limited impact on internal resources, with some work and liaison needing to occur to develop a funding agreement. This can be undertaken within existing resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

This Notice of Motion is consistent with the Economic Development Strategy and the Council Plan, particularly in relation to revitalizing activity centres.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

While this activity would likely be beneficial to local traders, it is noted that the Glen Waverley Traders Association was awarded funding for the delivery of the Moon Festival via a competitive Expression of Interest process. The funding agreement states that the Association must return all unspent funds identified through the grant acquittal – point 14; "Any unspent funds at the end of the project must be returned to Council." The proposed new activation by the Association is not aligned to the Moon Festival and therefore does not comply with the funding agreement with Council.

A funding allocation of this type would usually be made through a grants process, budget submission or similar.