

6.7 MACKIE ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Submitting Councillor: Shane McCluskey

MOTION

That Council:

1. *Recognises the increased coordination role that Mackie Road Neighbourhood House undertakes in the day to day management of Wellington Reserve Community Centre;*
2. *Undertakes to recompense the Neighbourhood House for the increased work load with a one off payment of \$3,000; and*
3. *Requests that Mackie Road Neighbourhood House make application through the Monash Community Grants Program for consideration of future funding.*

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The two year revitalisation plan for Mackie Road Neighbourhood House was implemented at the end of July 2017 and this process continues to be a success. This success is reflected in the increased participation of the Mulgrave community in supporting the Neighbourhood House activities and accessing other services that are provided at the centre. The Neighbourhood House Committee have reviewed the progress of the last two years and have committed to continue the building process and consolidation of current services.

Given the increase in activity at the Centre, the staff at the Neighbourhood House have been required to undertake additional responsibilities over and above that of a conventional Neighbourhood House. As a result there is a substantial increase in the workload that the staff undertake on a day to day basis including:

- Handling security issues and managing the alarm system and reporting faults;
- Maintenance requests for the whole centre;
- Managing access for the numerous co-tenants;
- Managing the highly popular accessible computers in the E-Café;
- Keeping all the sundry supplies well stocked across the centre;
- Cleaning of common public areas;
- Providing information to visitors and taking bookings for the whole centre; and
- Collecting and distributing mail for the other tenants.

CONCLUSION

This increased work load falls to the Office Administrator and the Coordinator.

The Committee is seeking some financial assistance to offset this increased workload across the centre.

I believe they have done this in good faith and are asking for a very moderate contribution of \$3,000 to ensure the community continues to benefit from this now vibrant community asset.