Assessment Panel Recommendations Salt Cultural Arts Fund - First Round 2007/2008

Date:Friday, 10 August 2007Time:10amVenue:Coolamon Cultural Centre

## Present:

• Administrator Max Boyd; Gary Corbett MCCS; Barbara Carroll; Barbara Allen, Festivals & Events Liaison Officer and Lesley Buckley, Cultural Development Officer

Apologies: Dr Glenda Nalder; Judith Sutton; Jackie Dorahy

Each application was assessed according to the degree in which it:

- Addresses the Salt Cultural Arts Trust Fund objectives as set out in *item 2.1*
- □ Aims to achieve artistic merit
- □ Expands community participation in and /or audiences for cultural and arts activities
- Enhances and compliments the Shire's existing calendar of cultural events
- □ Shows evidence of adequate planning and a capacity to manage the project
- Provides evidence of consultation with and support from the community
- Demonstrates an attempt to obtain financial and/or in-kind assistance from other sources

Applicant	Amount requested	Comments/recommendation	Recommended Amount
Murwillumbah Theatre Company Set Design and	2,000	Applicant received \$2,000 in the first round of funding for "set construction". Although the project has some merit it does not meet the spirit of the fund in line with "seed funding" to:	NIL
Construction		<ul> <li>create opportunities for new, innovative and exciting cultural concepts</li> <li>nurture sustainable cultural, economic and social development outcomes</li> <li>Applicant to be advised to consider professional</li> </ul>	
		development concept/proposal for the next round of funding.	
Juoong Productions Youth focused multi- disciplinary workshops and performance	\$3,000	<ul> <li>The proposal:</li> <li>Shows no evidence of adequate planning and a capacity to manage the project</li> <li>Provides no evidence of consultation with and support from the community</li> <li>Demonstrates minimal attempt to obtain financial and/or in-kind assistance from other sources</li> <li>Although the project has a great deal of merit, it needs a lot more work - ie identifying participants and consultation with local Service Providers, plus required insurance.</li> <li>Applicant to be encouraged to reapply when the above items are finalised</li> </ul>	NIL

## Applicant Information

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Anglican Parish of Murwillumbah All Saint "Four Seasons Concert" series	3,000	<ul> <li>Applicant received \$2,500 in the first round of funding for 2007 Four Seasons Concerts.</li> <li>Although the project holds merit it does not meet the spirit of the fund in line with "seed funding" to: <ul> <li>create opportunities for new, innovative and exciting cultural concepts</li> <li>nurture sustainable cultural, economic and social development outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applicant requests funds for artists fees, accommodation and travel expenses, but does not identify the proposed Guest Artist.</li> </ul>	NIL
Fingal Head Public School P & C Ass. Many ways to tell a Story Project Interactive community- based workshops to produce: 1. portable community mural 2. series of totems for protection and respect for the local midden 3. a timber outdoor sculpture	4,000	A very worthwhile project from a very committed committee. The committee has undertaken a great deal of consultation to get this project up and running. The project fulfils all criteria in terms of the funding guidelines and objectives. Recommend funds towards interactive community-based educational workshops to assist and identify relevant conceptual designs. Fulfils all criteria in terms of objectives	\$2,500
Casimir Foundation Sandscripts – Tales on the Tweed/Student Productions Professional Mentorship	3,000	A very worthwhile project with a high profile and an exceptional level of cooperation and partnership. The project has a high degree of film-based skills development and training. It presents a unique opportunity to expand cultural opportunities for young people and students. Fulfils all criteria in terms of objectives	\$3,000

## **Committee Recommendation:**

That the funds be allocated to the following organisations and/or individuals:

## **APPLICANTS:**

Fingal Head Public School P & C Association	\$2,500
The Casimir Foundation	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$5,500