

Addendum Report

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**REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**a22 [CNR-CM] Tweed Family Mental Health Awareness Committee**

**SUBMITTED BY: Community and Cultural Services**



**Supporting Community Life**

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**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

The Mental Health Awareness Family Fun Day to be held on Friday 5 October 2012, is an initiative of Families in Mind, a community group supporting families with a family member living with mental illness. Families in Mind, with the support of non-government agencies such as On Track Community Programs and St Josephs Youth Service among others have built up the event over the past five years as a key festival in Mental Health Awareness month (October each year). The organising group seek funding to run the event from many different sources including community agencies, donations from businesses and a small grant from Council's Festivals and Events funding round. This additional funding request is part of the event fundraising strategy. There are funds available within Council's adopted budget for the Aged and Disability Development program to support events such as this.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council provides additional financial assistance of \$1000 towards the Tweed Mental Health Awareness Family Fun Day Awards 2012 funded from the Aged and Disability Development Program.**

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This is a very important community driven and run event that has grown in size and success over the past five years with 2012 being the sixth year of the event. Most of the organising committee are people living with mental illness.

The event seeks to:

- raise awareness in the general community about the importance of mental health,
- breakdown stigma about people who live with mental illness; and
- support families who have a family member living with mental illness, particularly children with a parent with mental illness.

As the event has grown, more resources are required to run the event and provide the opportunity to raise awareness about mental health and illness throughout the community and provide support and information to families living with mental illness.

The event is held in the ANZAC precinct of Jack Evans Boat Harbour providing the opportunity to attract community participation in general and in particular by families who may not necessarily seek the support and information they need.

Applications for Financial Assistance 2012/2013 - Festivals and Events Policy were considered by Council on 26 June 2012 and On Track Community Programs Ltd received \$1500 for the event. This additional funding request is part of the event fundraising strategy that would have been considered by the Equal Access Advisory Committee but the request was not received before the date of the last meeting.

**OPTIONS:**

1. To provide a donation of \$1000 towards the Tweed Mental Health Awareness Family Fun Day.
2. To not provide a donation of \$1000 towards the Tweed Family Mental Health Awareness Family Fun Day.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Tweed Family Mental Health Family Fun Day 2012 is a positive community driven initiative designed to raise awareness about mental health and illness throughout the community and provide support and information to families living with mental illness. It is recommended the request for additional sponsorship is supported and funded from the Aged and Disability Development Program.

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**COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**

**a. Policy:**

Festivals and Events Policy v1.0.

**b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:**

The amount recommended for donation is \$1,000 funded from the Aged and Disability Program.

**c. Legal:**

Not Applicable.

**d. Communication/Engagement:**

Not Applicable.

**LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:**

- 2 Supporting Community Life
- 2.1 Foster strong, cohesive, cooperative, healthy and safe communities
- 2.1.6 Provide social, economic and cultural initiatives which enhance access, equity and community well-being
- 2.1.6.3 Enhance the well-being of people with a disability
- 2.1.6.3.1 Provide disability programs and forums and support the Equal Access Advisory Committee coordinate International Day of People with a Disability

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Nil.

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