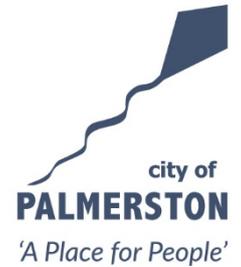


COUNCIL REPORT



1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	13.2.7
Report Title:	Community Benefit Scheme - December Update
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 21 January 2025
Author:	Community Services Manager, Laura Hardman
Approver:	General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl

Community plan

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

Purpose

This report provides Council with a summary of Community Benefit Scheme activity from December 2024.

Key messages

- City of Palmerston is 'A Place for People', and the Community Benefit Scheme demonstrates Council's commitment toward enhancing social wellbeing and cohesion, developing the capability of community groups, and building connectivity within the community.
- City of Palmerston provides funding through the Community Benefit Scheme to eligible community groups and organisations to deliver activities, projects and services that benefit the Palmerston community.
- The 2024/25 Community Benefit Scheme allocated \$250,000 to benefit the community.
- At the end of December \$179,950 has been expended with \$70,050 remaining for projects and activities which benefit the Palmerston Community in 2024/25
- At the end of December 2024, no environmental initiatives have been received.

Recommendation

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - December Update be received and noted.

Background

City of Palmerston (CoP) provides funding through the Community Benefit Scheme (CBS) to eligible community groups and organisations to deliver activities, projects and services that benefit the Palmerston community. The funding supports programs that enhance social wellbeing, and cohesion by developing the capability of community groups and building community connection and a sense of belonging.

The Community Benefit Scheme for 2024/25 provides a budget of \$230,000 for grants, donations and sponsorship, and \$20,000 for Environmental Initiatives.

Discussion

In December 2024, two (2) Individual Representation Support applications were supported by City of Palmerston (CoP) through the Community Benefit Scheme (CBS). A detailed list of all funds expended is included in **Attachment 13.2.7.1**.

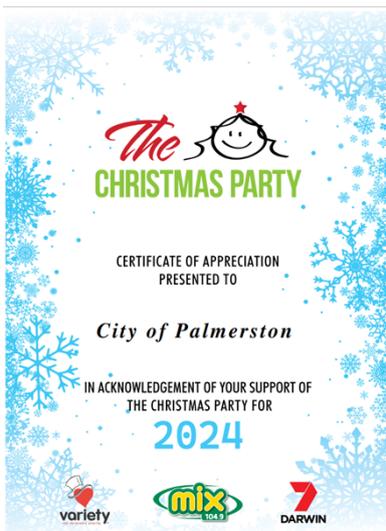
Sponsorship

No sponsorships were awarded in the December reporting period.

This financial year, City of Palmerston has supported three (3) sponsorships to a total value of \$7,000.

Special Children's Christmas Party – 13 December 2024 – Darwin Convention Centre
City of Palmerston proudly sponsored the Special Children's Christmas Party to the value of \$3000, held at the Darwin Convention Centre on Saturday 13 December 2024.

Over 1200 children attended, each receiving three (3) gifts from Santa, with free morning tea, crafts, activities, face painting, giveaways, and a Christmas show featuring characters from Sesame Street.



Certificate of Appreciation



Post on The Christmas Party Darwin Facebook Page



Acknowledgement on the screen

Grants

One Community Grant was awarded in the December reporting period.

This financial year, City of Palmerston has supported seven (7) Community Grants to the total value of \$18,800.

Individual Representation Support

Two (2) Individual Representation Support (IRS) Grants and no Team Representative Support grant were awarded in December 2024 under the CEO's delegation to a total value of \$250.

This financial year, City of Palmerston has supported 68 Individual Representation Support grants, and two (2) Team Representative Support grants to the total value of \$19,500.

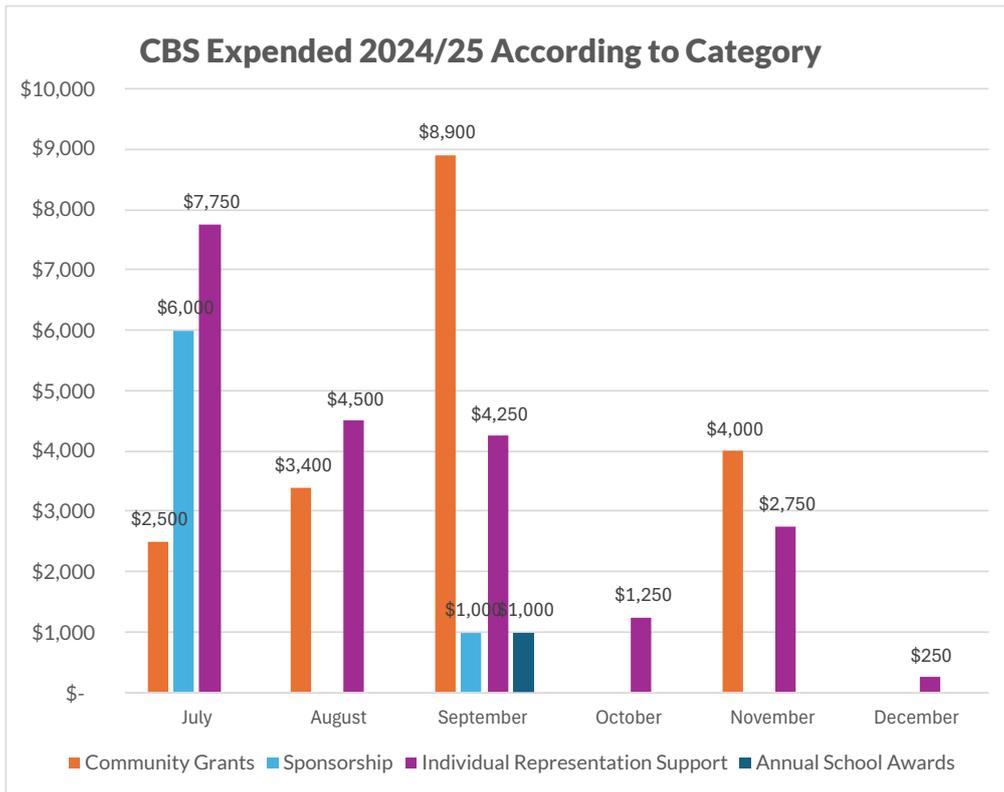
Annual School Awards

No Annual School Awards Donations were made in the December reporting period.

This financial year, City of Palmerston has supported 10 Annual School Awards to the value of \$1000.

Environmental Initiative Grants

No Environmental Initiative Grants were awarded in December 2024.



Multiyear Sponsorship Agreements

No new multiyear sponsorship agreements were presented to Council in December.

Northern Sharks RLFC

Northern Sharks RLFC provided the following information as part of their MOU agreement. City of Palmerston has now released the clubs funding for the second year of their three (3) year agreement.



City of Palmerston Logo on Polo Jumper, Recognition of Sponsorship 2024

Palmerston Saints Hockey Club

This month the Saints Hockey Club received their final payment under their Multi-Year Agreement.

The images below show how City of Palmerston have been acknowledged for their financial contributions.



Juniors Uniform

Facebook Post

This financial year, a balance of \$133,500 is committed to 11 multiyear agreements, as shown in the table below.

Organisation	Financial Years			Agreement
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$25,000	Year one (1) of three (3)
Palmerston Golf and Country Club	\$30,000	\$30,000		Year two (2) of three (3)
Palmerston Rugby Union Club	\$5,000	\$5,000		Year two (2) of three (3)
Riding for the Disabled Top End	\$15,000	\$15,000		Year two (2) of three (3)
Northern Sharks Rugby League Club	\$10,000	\$10,000		Year two (2) of three (3)
Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association (PaRBA)	\$10,000	\$10,000		Year two (2) of three (3)
Palmerston Netball	\$10,000			Year three (3) of three (3)
Palmerston Rovers Football Club	\$10,000			Year three (3) of three (3)
Palmerston Saints Hockey Club	\$1,500			Year three (3) of three (3)

Palmerston Magpies Football Club	\$10,000			Year three (3) of three (3)
RSPCA	\$10,000			Year three (3) of three (3)
Total	\$133,500	\$92,000	\$25,000	

Consultation and marketing

There was no consultation or marketing required during the preparation of this Report.

Policy implications

Council Policy - *Grants, Donations and Sponsorships* provides governance for the Community Benefit Scheme. Section 4.9.5 of this policy requires a report detailing decisions made regarding Community Benefit Scheme funding requests to be tabled at the Council meeting each month.

Budget and resource implications

The CBS budget for the 2024/25 financial year for grants, donations, sponsorships is \$230,000. The 2024/25 Environmental Initiatives budget is a further \$20,000.

In total \$179,950 has been expended for grants, donations, environmental initiatives and sponsorship with \$70,050 remaining for projects and initiatives which benefit the Palmerston Community.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

Council is responsible for the efficient and sustainable management of the Community Benefit Scheme budget. Funding activities or items that are not seen to be benefitting the Palmerston Community may erode trust in Council and its processes. Council mitigates this risk by following the policy relating to eligibility criteria as outlined in its Policy *Grants, Donations, and Sponsorships*.

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6. **Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- Creative Industries Plan 2023-2027
- Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework
- Sustainability Strategy 2022-2026

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

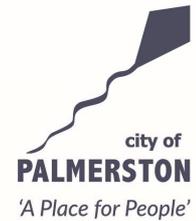
We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



Attachments

1. Grants Donations and Sponsorship Recipient December 2024 [13.2.7.1 - 5 pages]

GRANTS, DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP RECIPIENTS



DECEMBER 2024

Community Grants and Donations

DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
31/7/2024	Heartkids LTD	Two Feet and A Heartbeat Walk	\$500
31/7/2024	Tamil Society	Indian Music Night	\$2000
20/8/2024	Korean Association	Korean Thanksgiving	\$3400
17/9/2024	Arafura Music Collective	Connecting Community Through Music	\$6900
23/9/2024	TEMHCO	Open Art Exhibition	\$2,000
20/11/2024	African Community Association NT Inc	AFCON Tournament	\$2,000
20/11/2024	Australian Broadcasting Commission	ABC "Christmas Gives"	\$2000
Grants Total			\$18,800

Sponsorship

DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
16/7/2024	Palmerston Cricket Club	Club Sponsorship	\$4,000
31/7/2024	Palmerston Raiders RLFC	Home Game Sponsorship	\$2,000
26/9/2024	Planning Institute of Australia	NT Awards for Planning	\$1,000
Sponsorship Total			\$7,000

Multiyear Sponsorship Agreements

DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	TYPE	AMOUNT
2022/23	Palmerston Rugby Club	Club Sponsorship	Multiyear Sponsorship	\$5,000
2022/23	Palmerston Netball Association	Club Sponsorship	Multiyear Sponsorship	\$10,000
2023/24	Riding for the Disabled	Organisation Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$15,000
2022/23	Rovers Football Club	Club Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$10,000
2023/24	Northern Sharks NRL Club	Club Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$10,000
2022/23	Palmerston Saints Hockey Club	Club Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$1,500
2024/25	Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association	Organisation Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$22,000
2023/24	Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association	Organisation Sponsorship	Multiyear Agreement	\$10,000
Multiyear Sponsorship Total				\$133,500

Annual School Awards

DATE	NAME	AMOUNT
September 2024	Driver Primary School	\$100
September 2024	Durack Primary School	\$100
September 2024	Forrest Parade School	\$100
September 2024	Good Shepherd Lutheran College	\$100
September 2024	Gray Primary School	\$100
September 2024	Moulden Park Primary School	\$100
September 2024	Palmerston College 7-9	\$100
September 2024	Palmerston College 10-12	\$100
September 2024	Rosebery Primary School	\$100
September 2024	Palmerston Christian College	\$100
Annual School Awards Total		\$1000

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Individual Representation Support

DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
July 2024	A.T U'18	Australian Schools Boxing Championships	\$250
July 2024	C.J U'18	Junior State Age Netball Championships	\$250
July 2024	C.J-W U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	C.L U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	I.T. U'18	Australian Schools Boxing Championships	\$250
July 2024	J.B U'18	Australian Schools Boxing Championships	\$250
July 2024	M.L U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	N.J-W U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	O.L U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	R.S U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	S.D U'18	Junior State Age Netball Championships	\$250
July 2024	X. F U'18	Australian Schools Boxing Championships	\$250
July 2024	A.L U'18	Football Team School Sport Australia	\$250
July 2024	J.D U'18	National Youth Touch Football Championships	\$250
July 2024	C.G-M U'18	Touch Football Championships	\$250
July 2024	M.L U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	J.E U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	Z.M U'18	School Sport Australia Championships	\$250
July 2024	H.S U'18	Auscycling Nationals BMX Championships	\$250
July 2024	R.C U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	C.M U'18	Netball Queensland Junior State Age Championships	\$250
July 2024	S.T U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	A.C U'18	Southern States Championships	\$250
July 2024	H.S U'18	Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League Nationals	\$250
July 2024	E.B U'18	Australian Irish Dancing Association's Regional Championships	\$250
July 2024	T.B U'18	Australian Irish Dancing Association's Regional Championships	\$250
July 2024	P.T U'18	Basketball Championships	\$250

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DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
July 2024	M.K U'18	Australian Schools Sports Rugby League	\$250
August 2024	K.A U'18	School Sport Australia Championships	\$250
August 2024	T.W U'18	Singa Cup 2024	\$250
August 2024	M.P U'18	SSA AFL	\$250
August 2024	C.S U'18	SSA Netball	\$250
August 2024	S.C U'18	SSA Cricket	\$250
August 2024	S.C U'18	SSA Netball	\$250
August 2024	R.C U'18	Ironman World Championships	\$250
August 2024	K.S U'18	SSA Cricket	\$250
August 2024	S.T U'18	SSA Netball	\$250
August 2024	K.B U'18	Hockey Australia National Championships	\$250
August 2024	X.G U'18	National Hockey Championships	\$250
August 2024	I.B U'18	Premier Football	\$250
August 2024	J.C U'18	Rugby League	\$250
August 2024	NT Christian Schools	Hydrogen Grand Prix	\$1250
September 2024	N.D U'18	Track and Field	\$250
September 2024	S.D U'18	Lawn Bowls	\$250
September 2024	X.R U'18	Soccer	\$250
September 2024	M.M U'18	Lawn Bowls	\$250
September 2024	A.H U'18	Basketball	\$250
September 2024	A.W U'18	Lawn Bowls	\$250
September 2024	G.M U'18	Volleyball NT Titles	\$250
September 2024	M.W U'18	Premier Invitational Football Tournament	\$250
September 2024	F.G U'18	Australian Junior Motorcross	\$250
September 2024	A.R U'18	Tassel Trophy Challenge	\$250
September 2024	A.R.S U'18	U14 National Hockey Championships	\$250
September 2024	N.P U'18	U12 School Sport Australia Cricket	\$250
September 2024	C.H U'18	Australia All Schools Athletics	\$250
September 2024	R.H U'18	Aust All School Athletics	\$250
October 2024	E.C U'18	First Nations Football Cup	\$250

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DATE	NAME	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
October 2024	T.C U'18	SSA - Touch Football	\$250
October 2024	M.R U'18	Scouts Jamboree	\$250
October 2024	J.J U'18	Soccer	\$250
October 2024	E.B U'18	Rugby League	\$250
November 2024	T.B U'18	Track and Field	\$250
November 2024	L.M U'18	Choir	\$250
November 2024	Palmerston Scouts	Jamboree	\$1250
November 2024	A.W U'18	Qld Junior Teams Tennis Event	\$250
November 2024	E.G U'18	Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships	\$250
November 2024	A.W U'18	Western Australia Tennis Tour	\$250
November 2024	S.M U'18	2025 Winter Language Camp Beijing	\$250
December 2024	E.C U'18	Western Australia Tennis Tour	\$250
Individual Representation Support Total			\$19,250

Totals

FUNDING TYPE	AMOUNT
Community Grants	\$18,800
Sponsorship	\$7,000
Multiyear Sponsorship Agreement	\$133,500
Individual Representation Support	\$19,250
Annual School Awards	\$1000
Environmental Initiatives	\$0
Total	\$179,950
CBS Remaining	\$50,050
Environmental Initiatives Remaining	\$20,000