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ADDENDUM ITEMS FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 7(1) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held in the Tenterfield Shire Council Chamber, on **Wednesday 28 July 2021** commencing at **9.30 am**.

Daryl Buckingham
Chief Executive

AGENDA

10. URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(ITEM COM19/21)	BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS PROGRAM	2
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Department:	Office of the Chief Corporate Officer
Submitted by:	Corporate Administration Officer
Reference:	ITEM COM19/21
Subject:	BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS PROGRAM

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

CSP Goal:	Community - COMM 4 - The community is welcoming, friendly, and inclusive where diverse backgrounds are respected and celebrated.
CSP Strategy:	The individual unique qualities and strong sense of local identity of Tenterfield Shires towns and villages is respected, recognised and promoted.
CSP Delivery Program	Promote the liveability of Tenterfield Shire as a place to live, work and invest.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the opportunity to propose projects for grant funds under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (1) Endorse four (4) Projects totaling \$1.3M under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, being for:-**
 - **Redevelopment of Bruxner Park access - \$220,000;**
 - **Upgrades to Jubilee Park and installation of an outdoor basketball court \$610,000;**
 - **Pool equipment upgrades - \$300,000; and**
 - **Dead tree removal within Tenterfield Shire - \$170,000.**
- (2) Support Angry Bull Trails Ltd application under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, by Council not applying for the balance of funding available within the Local Government Area (LGA) allocation under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program of \$3.2M, thereby enabling Angry Bull Trails to apply for this level of funding to support the development of the Youth Precinct/Trail Head and the Basket Swamp/Bald Rock Trails.**
- (3) Provide a grant of up to \$10,000 to Angry Bull Trails Ltd to engage a dedicated grant writer to assist them in applying for the remaining \$3.150M allocated under this fund, with this amount to be recouped to Council should the grant application be successful.**
- (4) Endorse staff applying for items identified in the Operational Plan or previously resolved by Council, in line with resources to develop grant applications e.g. Drake Drainage Project, should Angry Bull Trails Ltd advise that they are not willing to submit an application with the support provided.**

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BACKGROUND

On Wednesday 21 July 2021 there was a Council Workshop held regarding proposed projects and allocation of expenditure to the funding program.

The Black Summer Bushfire Program grant intended outcomes are to empower local communities to address local bushfire recovery priorities, including through creation of jobs, sustainable infrastructure and community investment targeted at the specific needs of the community and to rebuild and grow the economy of the local communities impacted by the bushfires.

This grant funding opens on 22 July 2021 and closes 2 September 2021 and the funding has been made available through the National Recovery and Resilience Agency. Successful applicants will be announced by the end of 2021 - projects must be completed by 31 March 2024.

REPORT:

A funding envelope has been allocated to each eligible local government area (LGA) to ensure all LGA's have the opportunity to receive funding. Tenterfield Shire Council has been placed under category 1 for funding up to \$4.5 million - this has been determined by the impact of bushfires on the local government area. The highest ranked projects in each LGA will be recommended for funding until funds are exhausted. Projects may not receive the full grant amount requested.

The projects within this fund must address one or more of the following kinds of recovery or resilience needs:

- Social recovery and resilience
- Economic recovery and resilience
- Recovery and resilience of the built environment

The Projects must satisfy one or more of the criteria (please refer to page 8 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines – Black Summary Bushfire Recovery Grants Program - Attachment 1 (Attachment Booklet 1) in order to receive the funding.

In the Council workshop that was held on Wednesday, it was discussed that Council recognise the importance of Angry Bulls Trails Ltd and would show support through the number of limited applications that Council would apply for in this funding, presenting Angry Bull Trails Ltd the opportunity to apply for an amount for Stage 1, without the competition of Council Applications.

Four (4) projects have been allocated for Council to apply under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant Program Funding in the total amount of \$1,300,000 out of the \$4.5 million that has been allocated to the Local Government Area. These projects are:

- Redevelopment of the Bruxner Park Toilet and access - \$220,000;
- Upgrades to Jubilee Park and installation of an outdoor basketball court - \$610,000;
- Pool equipment upgrades - \$300,000; and
- Dead Tree removal within Tenterfield Shire - \$170,000.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

1. Community Engagement / Communication (per engagement strategy)

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There has been a council workshop to discuss the particular funding stream inclusions informed by many community engagement sessions over the past 2 years.

2. Policy and Regulation

- Tenterfield Shire Council Strategic Plan
- Tenterfield Shire Council, Disability Inclusion Action Plan

3. Financial (Annual Budget & LTFP)

Council will need to ensure that there is adequate budget for all proposed projects and be aware that acceptance of further funding for projects may impact our ability to deliver these projects and existing projects set out in the Operational Plan.

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant Program – will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

4. Asset Management (AMS)

Any potential new asset development arising on council owned/managed land from these funds will have an impact on Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Register.

5. Workforce (WMS)

There is a significant increase in administration of these grants and additional project staffing may require to facilitate these funds.

6. Legal and Risk Management

In making the recommendation, consideration has been given for the ability to deliver projects within exiting resource allocations and the impact of the COVID-19 outbreaks.

For all projects that are proposed to be located within Crown Land Reserves, the Native Title Act 1993 and Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 provide rights and interests to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claim searches will need to be conducted. The project will also need to be assessed against an approved Plan of Management. A determination of the impact of each these will need to be completed prior to any work commencing on any successful applications.

Native Title implications will need to be assessed by Councils Native Title Manager.

There is a risk that negotiations may be required with Aboriginal peoples before the projects can proceed.

There is also a risk that compensation may be payable should the works proceed. The level of compensation (if any) is not able to be determined at this stage.

7. Performance Measures

Performance measures pertain to the grant delivery and outcomes matching the grant criteria. Acquittal also to demonstrate compliance with expenditure.

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8. Project Management

Projects prioritised for submission will be developed independently by staff or by the organisation lodging their submission.

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Chief Corporate Officer

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