

**Management report to Council**

**Agenda item 6.4**

**Funding support request June 2019**

**Council**

**Presenter:** Katrina McKenzie, Director City Economy and Activation

**25 June 2019**

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council as to whether recent requests for funding should be funded from the discretionary fund.
2. In July 2013, the Future Melbourne Committee considered the process for funding items of a discretionary nature and resolved that, from 31 July 2013, only the following items would be considered:
  - 2.1. those items that are received with a lead time of greater than 90 days to the date of the event (except for table sponsorships)
  - 2.2. those items ineligible for funding from existing programs.
3. The recent request for funding (refer Attachment 2) is outside the normal Event Partnership Program, Business Events, Community Grants and Art Grants funding cycle. In summary, these are:
  - 3.1. Purchase of a table (12) for the Victorian National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Gala Ball (Saturday 6 July 2019) (\$2482.00).

**Key issues**

4. Management's comments of the merits or otherwise, of the funding requests have been included in Attachment 3.

**Recommendation from management**

5. That Council approves purchase of a table (12) for the Victorian NAIDOC Gala Ball (6 July 2019) to the value of \$2,482.00.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 4)
2. Requests for funding (Page 3 of 4)
3. Outline of Funding/Support Requests (Page 4 of 4)

**Supporting Attachment****Legal**

1. No direct legal issues arise from the recommendation from management.

**Finance**

2. The funding requests would, if approved, be paid from Council's 2018–19 Budget, which includes discretionary funding of \$250,000 with a breakdown as follows:
  - 2.1. \$150,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships.
  - 2.2. \$70,000 for Council support of same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue.
  - 2.3. \$30,000 for Council support of same via purchase of table sponsorships.
3. If Council approves the recommendations as listed in this report, the effect on the 2018–19 discretionary budget would be as follows (noting that the NAIDOC Gala dinner cost would include provision of table tickets valued at \$2,482 which has been allocated to the Table sponsorships category):

Type	2018–19 Annual Budget	Year to Date Committed Expenditure	Recommended funding in this report	Remaining funds if recommendations approved
Sponsorships	\$ 150,000	\$ 66,773	\$	\$ 83,227
Town Hall usage	\$ 70,000	\$ 4,477	\$	\$ 65,523
Table sponsorships	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,912	\$ 2,482	-\$ 2,394
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ 101,162</b>	<b>\$ 2,482</b>	<b>\$ 146,356</b>

4. The attendance at events by Councillors or officers will attract Fringe Benefits Tax.

**Conflict of interest**

5. No other member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

**Health and Safety**

6. In developing this proposal, no Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

**Stakeholder consultation**

7. No external consultation has been undertaken as this is an internal matter.

**Relation to Council policy**

8. The report is consistent with overall strategies contained in the Council Plan.

**Environmental sustainability**

9. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability.

**Table 1: FUNDING / SUPPORT REQUESTS**

Criteria	The purchase of table of 12 NAIDOC Gala dinner (6 July )	
<i>Date Funding Support Request received</i>	5 June	
<i>Could applicant have submitted their request as part of a grant application process or is it eligible under a grant process?</i>	NO	
<i>Is Management supportive of request for funding?</i>	Yes	
<i>Is there significant support from one or more of the Councillors, in particular if it relates to their portfolio or if it supports a Council goal?</i>	Yes	
<i>Amount of Fee waiver or Funding requested</i>	\$2482.00	
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<i>Council/Committee Date</i>	25 June 2019	

**Outline of Funding / Support Requests**

**1. Purchase table at the Victorian NAIDOC Gala Ball – 6 July 2019 (\$2482.00)**

A request has been received regarding purchasing a table at the 2019 NAIDOC Gala Ball on Saturday 6 July at Peninsular.

NAIDOC Week is held 7 to 14 July 2019, and with the theme of *Voice, Treaty and Truth*. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. The Victorian NAIDOC Gala Ball will include an exciting line up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entertainment. For further information please refer to <http://vicnaidoc.com/events/naidoc-ball/>

**Management recommendation**

Management is supportive of Council purchasing a table at the Victorian NAIDOC Gala Ball 6 July 2018 (\$ 2482.00)