

## Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.3

### Funding Support Requests June 2022

Council

**Presenter:** Andrew Wear , Acting General Manager City Economy and Activation

**28 June 2022**

#### 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, this is:
  - 3.1. Purchase of one table for the Hong Kong Australia Business Association (HKABA) Victoria Business Award Gala dinner on 8 July 2022 to the value of \$3000.

#### Key issues

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

#### Recommendation from management

- 4.1. That Council approves the purchase of one table for the Hong Kong Australia Business Association Victoria Business Award Gala dinner to be held on 8 July 2022 to the value of \$3000.

#### Attachments:

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## Supporting Attachment

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### 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 2021-22 Budget, which includes discretionary funding of \$150,000 for various items as follows:
  - 2.1 Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships.
  - 2.2 Council support of same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue.
  - 2.3 Council support of same via purchase of table sponsorships.
3. If Council approves the recommendation as listed in this report, the effect on the 2021-22 discretionary budget would be as follows:

2021-22 Annual budget	Year to Date committed expenditure	Recommended funding in this report	Remaining funds if recommendations approved
\$150,000	\$6,500	\$3,000	\$140,500

- 3.1 Figures in 'Year to Date committed expenditure' and 'Remaining Funds' have been updated since the May 2022 Funding Support Requests report to include commitments previously approved by Council but not yet incurred.

### Conflict of interest

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

### Health and Safety

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

### Stakeholder consultation

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

### Relation to Council policy (if applicable)

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

### Environmental sustainability

8. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability.

**Table 1: FUNDING SUPPORT REQUESTS**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Purchase one table of ten seats for the HKABA Victoria Business Award Gala dinner on 8 July 2022 to the value of \$3000.</b>
<i>Date Funding Support Request received</i>	8 June 2022
<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>	\$3000
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<i>Council/Committee Date</i>	28 June 2022

### **Outline of Funding / Support Requests**

#### **1. Purchase one table of ten for the Hong Kong Australia VIC Business Awards Gala Dinner (\$3000)**

A request has been received for the City of Melbourne to purchase a table of ten for the Hong Kong Australia VIC Business Awards. The event is being held on Friday 8 July 2022 at Palladium at Crown.

The Hong Kong – Australia Business Association Inc (HKABA), initiated by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was established in 1987 aiming to develop a positive image for Hong Kong and to reinforce economic ties between Hong Kong and Australia.

The Association provides networking opportunities on which strong trading and investment links are built between Hong Kong companies and Australian companies.

Further information about the organisation and [event](#) can be found on the organisation's [website](#).

#### ***Management Recommendation***

Management is supportive of the purchase of one table of ten at the Hong Kong Australia VIC Business Awards Gala Dinner, to the value of \$3000.