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Background

Councils may provide financial assistance to others, under S356 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). Shellharbour Council allocates funds for this purpose in each annual Management Plan and the actual distribution of funds is managed via a Donations working group which was established from July 2008. This group of Council officers meets four times per year to consider requests for financial assistance, subject to the Act and Council's policy and the group makes recommendations to the Council.

The Donations Working Party met on Tuesday 25 November 2008 to consider donation requests submitted and determined that the following organisations receive a donation.

1. That Council resolve to donate the following contributions totalling \$2,765:
 1. 1st Albion Park Scout Group –
Offset Local Approval Fee for Christmas Function \$165
 2. Shellharbour City Baptist Church Assist Inc. –
Material aid for disadvantaged in Shellharbour community \$1,000
 3. Illawarra Aboriginal Community Golf Day –
Sponsorship of Community Golf Day \$500
 4. Lakeview Village Residents Association –
Subsidise costs of Exercise classes & equipment for Seniors \$600
 5. Flinders Public School P & C -
Recycling / composting initiative \$500
2. That the following group receive fee reduction at Dunmore Recycling and Waste Depot:

St Vincent De Paul Society be granted an exemption from tipping fees for waste dumped at charity bins up to the value of \$3,000.
3. That the following groups be recipients of proceeds from the Australia Day Breakfast by the Lake 2009, Cash for City Charities:
 1. Calderwood Rural Fire Brigade
 2. Oak Flats Lions Club – Educational equipment for Special School, Repairs to Transporter for child with Cerebral Palsy
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Requests for Donations are invited quarterly and this is the second allocation for this financial year.

Consultations

Internal

Donations Working Group
Events & Promotions Coordinator

External

Nil

Considerations

Financial/resources implications

An amount of \$18,508.00 remains in the donations budget this financial year, to be allocated by this and the remaining two meetings of the Working Group.

Legal & policy implications

The applications are assessed by the working group, in accordance with Council's Donations Policy.

Public/social impact

Nil

Options

1. That Council adopt the recommended donation contributions as determined by the Donations Working Group as listed in this report.
2. That Council make some other determination of contributions.

Conclusions

The requests were considered by the Working Group under the guidelines of the Donations Policy.

Approved for Council's consideration:



Attachments

Nil