

# Agenda



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**16 DECEMBER 2020**

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**12. COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PROSPERITY REPORTS**

**12.13 Request for Budget Amendments to Support Community Events**

**Date:** 10 December 2020  
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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval for a budget commitment with amendments to be made as part of the December quarter budget review; to allow the funding of community events for the period January to June 2021.

**Officer’s Recommendation:**

**THAT Council approve the following additional budget requests resulting in an increase to expenditure of \$30,500 to be amended in the FY20-21 Annual Budget at the December Quarter Budget Review:**

Event	Current Budget	Adjustment	Proposed Budget
Internal event assistance	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Australia Day Awards and event support	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Gatton Event Sign	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$3,500
Laidley Heritage Festival	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
Chrome & Clutter Retro Festival	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Heavy Horse Field Days	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>

**Executive Summary**

Council’s approval is being sought for budget amendments to allow funding of community events during the period January to June 2021.

**Proposal**

While many community events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, as restrictions have lifted more community events are proceeding, albeit under COVID-Safe Plans.

Given financial constraints and the potential impacts of COVID-19, Council did not make provision in the 2020/21 budget for various community events that previously had being financially supported by Council. Budget allocation is now being sought for these events.

The amounts being requested are shown in the table below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>2019/20 Budget</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget</b>	<b>Requested Budget</b>
Internal event assistance	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Australia Day Awards and event support	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Gatton Event Sign	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$3,500
Laidley Heritage Festival	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
Chrome & Clutter Retro Festival	\$6,000	\$0	\$5,000
Heavy Horse Field Days	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,500</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>

This equates to an additional budget allocation of \$30,500 for 2020/21.

While a review of the 2020/21 budget is currently underway, Council is being requested to consider these budget amendments at this time to provide event organisers with assurance around Council's financial commitment within a sufficient timeframe to allow for event planning. If endorsed, the budget will be amended through the budget review.

#### Options

That Council:

- (a) Approves the requested budget amendments in relation to community events;
- (b) Approves some of the requested budget amendments; or
- (c) Refuses to make any budget amendments.

#### Previous Council Resolutions

The 2020/21 budget was adopted by Council on 15 July 2020.

Due to the restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19, at a Special Meeting on 5 May 2020 Council resolved to cancel all Council delivered events until 31 October 2020. This included Seniors Month events, the Skate Titans Competition, the Laidley Spring Festival and the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

#### Critical Dates

The first events for which funding would be required relates to Australia Day events.

#### **Strategic Implications**

##### Corporate Plan Theme

Lockyer Community

- 1.2 Council optimised the use of its open spaces and facilities by improving access to and the quantity of the facilities for individuals and groups for cultural, recreational and community activities.
- 1.4 Council seek to understand community needs, resulting in partnerships that realise long-term benefits to the community in a timely manner.
- 1.5 Events and activities that bring together and support greater connectivity in the community.

Finance and Resource

Additional budget of \$30,500 is being sought. This will be funded by general revenue and reduce the operating surplus by the amount sought, from \$2.23M to \$2.20M.

Legislation and Policy

There are no policy implications.

Risk Management

EC 1 - Environment and the community, including sustainable development, social and community wellbeing, community relationships, public health, recreation, regional profile and identity.

Consultation

*Councillor Consultation*

Mayor and relevant Portfolio Councillors, Cr Hagan and Cr Qualischefski have been made aware of the need for this additional funding.

*Internal Consultation*

Chief Financial Officer