

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
MAYORAL MINUTE

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SUBJECT: CHARITY HAY RUN
FROM: John Dal Broi, Mayor

SUMMARY

At the last Meeting of RAMROC, the Mayor of Narrandera Shire, Cr Jenny Clarke, encouraged RAMROC Councils and their communities to provide assistance to farmers affected by the severe drought conditions in northern New South Wales, by supporting the truck convoy delivery of hay to those affected regions.

It was decided by RAMROC to encourage member Council's and communities to assist in the program, preferably by way of a financial contribution which is very much required to provide fuel for the charity hay run and to assist needy families in the affected areas.

It was also decided that if Council's are able to make a cash contribution, which is suggested at between \$500 to \$1000, Council make payment to RAMROC in the first instance, so that RAMROC can then forward a lump sum payment and details of the contributions on to the Sydney Rotary Club which is administering the Assistance Package Fund.

To date, the following RAMROC Councils have made a donation:

Conargo Shire	\$2,000
Berrigan Shire	\$500
Murray Shire	\$2,000
Narrandera Shire	\$2,000
Albury City	\$1,000

RECOMMENDATION

Council make a cash contribution of \$2,000 to the Charity Hay Run.

BACKGROUND

There are two specific ways in which Councils, communities and farmers can assist in the program, these being:-

1. By the donation of hay or;
2. By the donation of money – in this regard cash donations are being received through the Rotary Club of Sydney. The donations are primarily used for fuel expenses for the trucks and for assistance to farmers in need. The Rotary Club acknowledges all donations.

Councils can also assist by promoting the program to the general public through its regular newsletters, office displays, libraries and media articles.

Should Griffith City Council contribute to the Charity Hay Run, Council has the opportunity to provide assistance funded from either the Community Donations budget allocation or Public Relations budget allocation.

OPTIONS

- (a) Other resolution as determined by Council.
- (b) Council may opt to make an alternate amount for donation.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

a) Policy Implications

Not Applicable

b) Financial Implications

The donation could be funded from either the Community Donations 2014/15 budget allocation or the Public Relations 2014/15 budget allocation

c) Legal/Statutory Implications

Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

STRATEGIC LINKS

a) Growth Strategy Plan

Nil

b) Corporate/Business Plan

Nil