

**Report to the Future Melbourne (Finance and Governance)  
Committee**

**Agenda item 6.3**

**Allocation of the Discretionary Fund: Third quarter 2016–17**

**2 May 2017**

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

**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of the projects supported through the allocation of discretionary funding for the third quarter of the 2016–17 financial year in accordance with Future Melbourne Committee requirements.

**Key issues**

2. Total discretionary funding allocated during the third quarter of the 2016–17 financial year was \$28,453 (see Grand Total, underneath Table 3, Attachment 2). The individual items funded are listed in Attachment 2.
3. This funding was within an existing 2016–17 budget allocation of \$250,000 held within the City Economy and Activation Group comprising:
  - 3.1. \$150,000 for Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships (year to date allocation \$34,000, unexpended funds \$116,000).
  - 3.2. \$70,000 for Council support of the same via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue (year to date allocation \$34,016, unexpended funds \$35,984).
  - 3.3. \$30,000 for Council support of the same via purchase of table sponsorships (year to date allocation -\$8976, unexpended funds \$38,976).
4. As at the end of the third quarter, the net unexpended funds in the total \$250,000 budget for 2016–17 were \$190,960.
5. The total value of discretionary in-kind waivers approved for the third quarter was \$8000. Details are listed in Table 4, Attachment 2.

**Recommendation from management**

6. That the Future Melbourne Committee receives the report on the allocation of discretionary funds for the third quarter of the 2016–17 financial year.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (page 2 of 6)
2. List of Distributed Funds (page 3 of 6)

## Supporting Attachment

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### Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation from management.

### Finance

2. The financial implications are contained in the body of the report.

### Conflict of interest

3. No 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.

### Stakeholder consultation

4. Stakeholder consultation has not been undertaken in the formulation of this report.

### Relation to Council policy

5. A number of formal funding programs have been established to meet Council policy objectives within the Council Plan. Current grants programs include support for arts and culture, events, small business and export, sport and recreation and community services.
6. Discretionary funds are allocated from time to time to requests made outside of the normal funding program planning and funding cycles, subject to meeting the criteria established via Future Melbourne Committee resolution on 9 July 2013. This criteria states that requests for discretionary funding will only be considered if:
  - 6.1. They are received with a lead time of greater than 90 days to the date of the event (with the exception of table sponsorships).
  - 6.2. They would be ineligible for funding from existing programs.

### Environmental sustainability

7. There is no significant impact on environmental sustainability arising from or related to the recommendation in this report.

List Of Distributed Funds

Table 1: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via cash sponsorships

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Sponsorship of World Environment Day and Climate Action Awards 2017	United Nations Association of Australia (Victoria)	5 June 2017	\$3,500	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017
Sponsorship of the Simply Spanish Festival Conkurs Internacional de Paella Pacific Region event	Rockwell Management	22-23 April 2017	\$5,000	Approved by Council, 28 March 2017
<b>Sub-total:</b>			<b>\$8,500</b>	
<b>Adjustments:</b> <None.>			<b>\$0</b>	
<b>TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:</b>			<b>\$8,500</b>	
<b>Year to Date Cumulative Total:</b>				
Opening Balance at 1 January 2017			\$25,500	
Closing Balance at 31 March 2017			\$34,000	

**Table 2: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via use of the Melbourne Town Hall venue**

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Donation of a high tea at Melbourne Town Hall as an auction prize at the 'Million Dollar lunch'	Children's Cancer Foundation	To be confirmed	\$650	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017
Request to light up the Melbourne Town Hall in purple to promote the international awareness campaign for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day	Bottoms Up Fundraising Inc	19 May 2017	\$1,824	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017
Request for City of Melbourne to host the annual Bursary Award function	Australian Local Government Women's Association	31 May 2017	\$1,800	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017
Request to light up the Melbourne Town Hall in yellow to shine a light on Road Safety	Road Trauma Services Victoria	8-12 May 2017	\$4,080	Approved by Council, 28 March 2017
Request to light up the Melbourne Town Hall in blue during international Huntington's Disease awareness month	Huntington's Victoria	21-22 May 2017	\$2,937	Approved by Council, 28 March 2017
Request for support towards the staging of the Mary Owen Memorial	Belinda Bold	27 April 2017	\$5,000	Approved by Council, 28 March 2017
Request to host the formal launch of the Global Health Alliance at the Melbourne Town Hall	Global Health Alliance Melbourne	23 March 2017	\$3,182	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017

**Sub-total:**

**\$19,473**

**Adjustments:** Minor amendments required to ensure correct costs reported (estimated costs did not eventuate):

**-\$520**

(1) CNY United Pty Ltd Town Hall lighting for Chinese New Year 2017: \$5,189 actual costs vs \$5,709 estimated costs

**TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:**

**\$18,953**

**Year to Date Cumulative Total:**

Opening Balance at 1 January 2017

\$15,063

Closing Balance at 31 March 2017

\$34,016

**Table 3: Council support for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via purchase of table sponsorships**

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Table sponsorship: annual Italian Gala Dinner	Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	17 June 2017	\$2,500	Approved by Council, 28 March 2017

**Sub-total:**

**\$2,500**

**Adjustments:** Minor amendments required: (1) Think Pink 2014 Masquerade Ball Auction Prize awarded by Council on 29 April 2014 has not been redeemed.

**-\$1,500**

**TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:**

**\$1,000**

***Year to Date Cumulative Total:***

Opening Balance at 1 January 2017

-\$9,976

Closing Balance at 31 March 2017

-\$8,976

**GRAND TOTAL FOR THIS QUARTER:**

**\$28,453**

***Year to Date Cumulative Grand Total:***

Opening Balance at 1 January 2017

\$30,587

Closing Balance at 31 March 2017

\$59,040

**Table 4: Council support under this program for various charitable, community and other eligible organisations and activities, via waived fees**

Nature of request	Organisation requesting funding	Date of activity or event	Total value contributed (ex-GST)	Method of approval
Request for waiving of fees for daily hire of banners for 'Bennelong'	Bangarra Dance Theatre Australia	31 August to 16 September 2017	\$2,000	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017
Request for partial waiving of fees for hire of banner display space for Worlds 50 Best Restaurants Event 2017	Visit Victoria	15 March to 30 April 2017	\$6,000	Approved by Council, 28 February 2017

**Sub-total:**

**\$8,000**

**Adjustments:** None.

**\$0**

**TOTAL WAIVED FEES:**

**\$8,000**

***Year to Date Cumulative Total:***

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 1 January 2017

\$26,575

Total value of fees waived this financial year as at 31 March 2017

\$34,575