



Mayoral Fund GUIDELINES

1) Background

Port Stephens Council has provided financial assistance from the Mayor's Office over many years as part of the Financial Assistance program.

2) Purpose

The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance for financial requests from the community from time to time.

Link to Port Stephens Community Strategic Plan:

1.6.1 Council will engage its citizens in developing plans for the future of the Port Stephens Local Government area;

5.3.1 Manage the civic leadership and governance functions of Council.

3) How much funding is available?

\$30,000 available annually at the discretion of the Mayor and adopted by Council;

Available to the community at any time.

4) Eligibility

The following are eligible to apply:

- A Not for profit organisation;
- A charity with a project occurring in the Local Government Area;
- An individual;
- A section 355C committee under the *Local Government Act 1993*; or
- As determined by the Mayor.

Please note that applications received from individuals will be subject to public exhibition of 28 days if endorsed by Council with final approval by Council following any submissions received as a result of the public exhibition.

Previous grant recipients are required to acquit previous grants or, if the project is close to completion (within 3 months of 4 April 2017); provide a written report to demonstrate that the project is near completion.

Eligible requests can include the following:

- Refund of venue hire fees;
- Donation to a charity;
- Purchase of small items of equipment;
- Support for a local event;
- Disaster relief;
- Civic events;
- Wreaths;
- Ceremonies or
- Overseas visitors.

Elected council members, council staff and their immediate family (parent, spouse, partner or children) are ineligible to apply for funds.

5) Evaluation Criteria

The activity or project must benefit the community of Port Stephens local government area;

6) How to apply

A request addressed to Council or a Councillor and forwarded to Port Stephens Council PO Box 42, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324 or email council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

7) Assessment Process

The Mayor considers each application and consults fellow councillors on a case by case basis.

The Mayor's recommendations are reported to Council for consideration.

This funding is at the discretion of the Mayor and adopted by Council.

8) Conditions of funding

The applicant by submitting an application agrees to comply with the following conditions:

- Where the project to be funded is of a capital nature and is not on a Council-owned or operated facility or land, Council will not be responsible for the on-going maintenance of the works undertaken;
- Only one application will be accepted for funds across Council;
- Attempts to seek multiple small amounts from different councillors under any component of the fund would automatically disqualify a group from any financial assistance;
- Council funding may be used in conjunction with funding from other sources (outside Council) provided that such funding is disclosed at the time of application to Council;
- Funding must be used for the purpose for which it is granted;
- Projects must acknowledge Port Stephens Council as the funding body in the activity. The use of the Council approved logo is required in any promotional activity or signage related to the funded project and the applicant acknowledges this assistance as below on media releases,

invitations, posters, signs, digital channels such as website and any other suitable communications.

"This project is supported by the Port Stephens Council Mayoral Fund."

- Should the project not proceed, all funds are to be returned to Council;

9) Reporting and acquittal requirements

All recipients of funds will be required to account for funds provided through a grant program:

- For a grant up to \$1,000 – provide a letter confirming the funds have been spent in accordance with the grant application.
- Over \$1,001 – complete and submit an acquittal form provided by Council. This is unaudited. The acquittal form will require information such as how the funds were spent, and income and expenditure statements.

In both cases, Council encourages applicants to provide photos of the finished project and any other information relevant to the funding provided by Council.

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10) Related policies and strategies

Port Stephens Community Strategic Plan

Grants and Donations Policy

11) Additional information and application forms

Should you need assistance, please contact:

Councillor Support by phone on 4988 0245 or email councillor@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Application forms and these guidelines are available on Council's website at:

<http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/live/community/financial-assistance>

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