

10.6 Community Donations



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Mr Paul Hickey
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Dear Mr Hickey,

As you are aware Ballina Community Gardens Inc. is the recipient of funding support from the Northern Rivers Food Links Project \$40,370 (including GST) towards the establishment of a community garden in Ballina.

The Food Links Project is nearing completion, with component projects including the Ballina Community Garden project, winding up in mid November. The funding arrangements of the Food Links Project are such that the final milestone payment of \$2,200 (inclusive of GST) will not be received until the project has been independently audited and a report on the project outcomes has been presented to the Food Links Project Management Team. This is to occur mid November with the final payment expected mid to late December 2011. Whilst the Ballina Community Gardens Committee is confident in being able to meet these auditing and reporting requirements, these arrangements have the implication that there will be a funding gap of \$2,200 (inclusive of GST) between now and the completion of the project (mid November). These funds are, however, required to facilitate the final physical works associated with the project.

Consequently, the Ballina Community Gardens Committee respectfully requests the assistance of Ballina Shire Council in the form of a short-term loan of \$2,200 (inclusive of GST), to assist in the finalisation of the Food Links funded project.

Repayment could be made late December 2011, immediately upon receipt of the final milestone payment from the Food Links Project.

With respect to the progress of the project I am pleased to advise the Council of the substantial progress that has been achieved to date, including the following:

- twelve (12) large garden beds (being approximately 2.6m x 9.6m of besser block construction);
- eight (8) raised beds (being approximately 1.2m x 2.6m of timber construction);
- clubhouse, comprising a double garage with double awning;
- internal spine road and materials delivery area; and
- perimeter fence with two access gates.

Further information, including photos of the site development activities can be viewed at the community garden's website at <http://ballinacommunitygardens.com/gallery.htm>

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Your faithfully,



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Dear Paul

Subject: Application for a Community Donation

You may recall that I spoke at B Ward Committee about the difficulty being experienced by the Association's Coast Care Group in relocating our equipment and materials following Brian Smith's death. Since then I have consulted with Ms Jillian Pratten about sites where a shipping container could be located and she has indicated a site we may use. I wish to thank her for her help and advice. I also sourced the purchase of a shipping container.

A shipping container is available, fully repainted inside and out and delivered to the site for \$2,950.00. The Association is able to provide \$1,500.00 toward this cost. Therefore we are seeking a donation of \$1,450.00 from Council to make up the shortfall.

It was suggested that we seek a grant from a government agency to assist with some of our costs. I can advise that this has been done and if received we will be able to purchase other equipment that is no longer available to us. We are hopeful this may be granted sooner than later. In any case we will not seek further funds from Council.

At the present time we are able to continue the work of the Coast Care Group using some borrowed equipment and materials that are stored in a number of different places. When we have a secure storage facility it will be possible to house equipment and to restock materials needed to undertake rehabilitation work on the beach, dunes and around Lake Ainsworth (as approved by Council staff).

May I again thank Council for the assistance already received.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Goodman
President

From: Kerrie Gray [kezzagray@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2011 12:26:16 PM
To: Mayor Phil Silver
Subject: Hire of meeting room at Lennox Heads Emergency Services

Dear Mr Silver,

As discussed by telephone this morning the volunteer Emergency Services Team at Lennox Heads needs to have a Team meeting on the 22nd Oct to organise for the approaching storm season. We have recruited some new members and need to introduce them to the existing members to form a cohesive team. The volunteer Team Leader, Debra Bullivant and her Deputy, Helen Rytmeister, are both members of the Lennox community and were there to help during the Lennox Tornado as well as other local emergency events..

As volunteers we do not have any funds available to us for the hire of meeting rooms etc. We know we have to supply our own tea and coffee but we were hoping that the Council could wave the fee for the hire of the meeting room. We give to the community free of charge for our time in training and in emergencies.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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