

MAYORAL MINUTE

(ITEM MM6/21) FEE WAIVER FOR RECIPIENTS OF THE SHOPFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2020/21

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MAYORAL MINUTE BY CR JOHN FAKER (MAYOR)

Summary

Council's Shopfront Improvement Program directly aligns with our Strategic and Operational Plan objectives to stimulate the local economy, improve the attractiveness of the Burwood CBD and provide opportunities to strengthen and sustain local business.

In 2020/21, the Shopfront Improvement Program was revised to better address Covid-19 impacts on the local business community. Key revisions included a simplified application process and an increased subsidy to 100% (up to a maximum of \$3,000) for eligible projects.

The application process closed in December 2020, and following an extensive assessment process, eight local businesses have been awarded funding comprising a total of \$20,310 under the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21. Successful recipients include the following local businesses (pending successful completion of the proposed works):

- Young Travel Australia
- Ice Cube Sweet
- Wonton Warrior
- LinkC Trading
- ZOOM Real Estate
- Wok n BBQ Chinese Restaurant
- Ausen Health
- Sydney Dumpling King

Four of the eight recipients are now required to apply for a 'Works on Council Property - Temporary Road and/or Footpath Closure' in order to perform the works to be funded by Council. The application process requires minor fees to be paid to Council by the applicant, which seems somewhat counter-intuitive given Council is funding the works.

I would like to extend some further support to these local businesses, and I propose that Council waives the required 'Works on Council Property' fees for the recipients of the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21. Should Council support this Mayoral Minute, the fees waived will amount to a total of \$1,880 (including GST). Recipients will still be required to complete the relevant approval processes before undertaking the proposed works.

Operational Plan Objective

5.2 Supported and engaged local businesses

I therefore move that:

Council agrees to waive the 'Works on Council Property' fees for the recipients of the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.