

ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE

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St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation

The St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation is a charity which raises both funds and awareness for the vital work of the medical researchers at St George and Sutherland hospitals.

As two of Australia's leading teaching hospitals, the research undertaken at St George and Sutherland Hospitals is vast and varied. This typically means that the requests for research funding outstrip the Foundation's limited resources.

The Foundation's philosophy has been to prioritise promising new research or emerging researchers who are on the cusp of securing more substantive external competitive grant funding. For example of the total of 18 grant recipients since 2008, two are "very early" (doctoral scholars), 14 are "early career" researchers and only two are considered to be "mid-career".

A number of highly significant achievements by promising researchers have been supported by the Foundation representing tangible evidence that the Foundation is making a substantive difference.

Council has received two requests to support events which will raise money for the Foundation:

1 – The Hon Secretary – St George District Cricket Club

"In each of the last three years our Club has undertaken a fundraising event to support the St George Sutherland Medical Research Foundation. On previous occasions both Kogarah and Hurstville Councils contributed donations.

This year we are again undertaking a Charity Walk, this time on Saturday 2 September commencing at Harold Fraser Oval before heading through Hurstville Grove, Mortdale, Peakhurst, Penshurst, Hurstville, ultimately arriving at Hurstville Oval, during the lunch break of the NSW State trial match".

2 - St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation / Michael Tynan Memorial Challenge

The St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation applied for a community grant for the Michael Tynan Memorial Challenge. The application was deemed to be not eligible as the project was a fund raising activity.

The proposal has now been submitted seeking a donation from Council. The “challenge” to be held on 11 November 2017 includes a walk and car rally, from Wollongong to Cronulla, plus an evening event.

The challenge is managed by both SSMRF and Tynan Motors.

Under the recently adopted Sponsorship and Donations Policy, 3.6 “Outgoing Sponsorships and Donations will not be extended to third parties conducting or participating in a fundraising activity for charitable causes”.

This means Council, if it wishes to support the recipient charity it must donate directly, in this case to the Foundation.

The applicants will be required to recognise Council’s donation at their event.

MOTION:

1. That in accordance with Council’s sponsorship and Donations Policy, Council Donate \$10,000 to the St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.
2. That the organisers of this ‘Charity Walk’ and the ‘Challenge’ be advised of the direct donation and be requested to acknowledge the Council’s donation in their promotional material and at the various events.

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