

Agenda Item Submission



Submission

Council / Committee Name *

Ordinary Meeting

Agenda Section *

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Requested Meeting Session *

Wednesday 19th August 2026

Date Requested *

12-Aug-26

Date item was requested

Agenda Item Subject *

Request for Assistance - St John's Lutheran Church

Item Reference Number

OM2026/08-001

Classification *☐

Information

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Action

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Note

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Confidential

Details

Recommendation *

That council provide the following assistance to St John's Lutheran Church:-

- Provide a letter of Support for the church when required, to access funds from WACCCA
- Provide access to Council's social media to distribute notices etc.
- provide a \$2000 donation to support the Church activities.

Background/Summary

Pastor David Spanagel has requested assistance from Council as follows:

1. Financial Support through WACCCA (provide a letter of support)
2. To review Service Utility Charges
3. To Review the Church/Block/Manse
4. To review access concerns around the mango trees and removal of trees where identified.
5. Council to support church announcements through social media channels/events radio.
6. Structural repairs however, Diatreme have supported them and there are no current issues (Repairs to windows/Replace Fans/ fix lights)

Council is able to provide a letter of support to WACCCA on their behalf for funding and provide access to Social media and radio.

I **do not recommend** to Council to waive the utility charges as this charge is representative of the cost of supplying the services.

Budget and Resource Considerations

Outstanding monies for utility charges - \$39796.17 (this is inclusive of the Church/Thiele Street and Shop.)

Council is able to provide assistance by way of donation through the Donations and Sponsorship policy.

In relation to the Mango trees, they wish to remove 6 trees. At a minimum this could cost \$3000 per tree equating to \$18 000 of unplanned expenditure from the budget.

They're are also requesting Council to provide a legal access to the CHSP. Currently there is no legal access to the CHSP across the church Grounds. This was raised with Council previously and at the time it was decided to leave the matter lie.

The Church is also seeking legal interpretation of their title to the land that the church and manse is on and if the manse is actually part of that church land. - I will arrange a land title search for this.

They also are requesting a driveway be constructed in the existing drain area. I would recommend against this as it would negate the existing infrastructure and may create further future issues with flow of water in that area.

Diatreme have undertaken the Building repairs and Council is not required to contribute for this.

Action Options

Provide a letter of support to the church to access funding through WACCCA

Provide access to council's Social media and Radio

Appointments and Meetings

Date	Description

Link to Operational Plan

There is no direct link to the Operational plan. However, Council does provide for donations and assistance to community groups.

Consultation

Pastor David Spanagel

Mayor Gibson

Kieran Eustice

Vonetta Ware

Risk Assessment

☐ Low ☒ Medium ☐ High

Attach Supporting Agenda Materials

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Reference Document

☐ Yes ☒ Not Applicable

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