

ITEM 7.2	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 07/2019 - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ABORIGINAL SUPPORT GROUP'S COMMEMORATION OF SORRY DAY – 26 MAY 2019
TRIM FILE REF	2019/214940
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

The Aboriginal Support Group – Manly Warringah Pittwater (ASG) has written seeking support to assist with the cost of commemorating National Sorry Day held on 26 May 2019.

Councillors would be aware that National Sorry Day is held on this day each year to acknowledge and recognise members of the Stolen Generations.

Prior to the amalgamation the former councils provided funding in the past for this event and Northern Beaches Council provided funding in 2017 and 2018 through applications to the Northern Beaches Council Discretionary Fund. The funds are provided directly to ASG to assist with the Group's event which this year will be held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall. It is a free event that provides an opportunity for the whole community to enjoy activities and to gain a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and particularly the meaning of National Sorry Day. There is a wide range of activities for everyone and in particular, for our children to participate in and this year's event is no exception.

Councillors, I hope you will appreciate that as the request is dated 15 April 2019 it has only just been received and as the event will be held two days prior to the next Ordinary Council meeting, I am putting this forward for your urgent consideration.

The ASG is seeking funding of \$1,200 towards the cost of the event and Council, as I understand, will be formally acknowledged as a sponsor of the event. I ask councillors to give consideration to this request under the Community Grants and Partnership Program / Events. Funding is available within this program within this financial year.

This is an important event and I believe it is incumbent on us to provide assistance for the 2019 event to ASG to ensure they can commemorate this important day.

MOTION

That Council:

- A. Provide funding to the Aboriginal Support Group – Manly Warringah Pittwater totalling \$1,200 towards the free event to be held on 26 May 2019 to commemorate National Sorry Day at Mona Vale Memorial Hall.
- B. Allocate the funding of \$1,200 from the Community Grants and Partnership Program / Events Program.



Michael Regan
MAYOR