

Auckland Regional Amenities

Funding Board

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD

HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022 AT 3:00PM

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO THE ALERT LEVEL ORANGE CONDITIONS ANNOUNCED
BY THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT

PRESENT:

Chair	Ms	Anita	Killeen
Deputy Chair	Mr	Scott	Pearson

Members:	Ms	Paula	Browning
	Ms	Victoria	Carter
	Ms	Megan	McSweeney
	Ms	Lyn	Lim
	Mr	Alastair	Carruthers

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Leigh Redshaw Advisory OfficerAll

Chair, Anita Killeen opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Megan McSweeney / Lyn Lim

A. That apologies from Bryan Mogridge and Ross Clow for leave be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Victoria Carter / Paula Browning

A. That the ordinary minutes of the meeting of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board held on 29 March 2022 including the confidential sections, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and the Advisory Officer be authorised to affix the chairs electronic signature to the minutes.

CARRIED

3. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

4. REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Moved: Scott Pearson / Alastair Carruthers

A. That the Register of Members Interests be received and updated in respect of Alastair Carruthers.

CARRIED

5. APPROVE FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2023-2024

Moved: Lyn Lim / Megan McSweeney

A. Requires, in addition to the core information requirements outlined in Act, applicants to provide the additional information requested in the 2023-2024 Funding Application form.

B. Approves the Funding Application for 2022-2023 to be based on that used for 2023-2024, including the questions focussed on the on-going impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the business operations of the applicant.

- C. Authorises the Funding Plan and Annual Report Working Party to update the 2023-2024 Funding Application form to incorporate questions regards the impacts of COVID-19, and any other editorial changes as needed.
- D. Instructs the Advisory Officers that the 2023-2024 Funding Application forms are to be distributed to the Specified Amenities no later than 30 June 2022.
- E. Invites applicants to attend the 2023-2024 Funding Application presentation workshop on 6 September 2022.
- F. Confirms the closing date for 2023-2024 Funding Applications as 13 September 2022.

CARRIED

6. 2022-2023 FUNDING PLAN – ADOPT FUNDING PLAN AND FIX THE LEVY

Moved: Victoria Carter / Paula Browning

That the Funding Board:

- A. Approves the allocation of grants to the eight Specified Amenities as:

Specified Amenity	Grant Allocation 2022-2023
Auckland Festival Trust	\$4,187,000
Auckland Philharmonia Trust**	\$4,591,729
Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust	\$450,000
Auckland Theatre Company Ltd**	\$2,020,000
Drowning Prevention Auckland -WaterSafe Auckland Incorporated	\$1,128,750
New Zealand Opera Limited	\$1,295,000
Stardome – Auckland Observatory and Planetarium Trust Board	\$1,488,000
Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc	\$1,390,000
Total Grants Payable	\$16,550,479
Funding Board Administration Budget	\$360,000
Total Grants and Administration Costs	\$16,910,479

Total Levy Payable by Auckland Council	\$16,910,479
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B. Confirms the conditions attached to the 2022-2023 grants as follows:

Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc.

The northern regional surf clubs initiated and co-ordinated a review of Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc. (SLSNR), with the view to consolidating SLSNR operations into Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) with effect from 1 July 2022. The precise terms of the proposed consolidation, and the impact on SLSNR and its ongoing status as a Specified Amenity are not yet known.

- A. Prior to confirming the final allocation of grants for 2022-23 (circa February 2022), the Funding Board, in its sole discretion, and having regard to the requirements of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act (Act), must be satisfied in all respects with how the proposed SLSNZ consolidation project impacts the operations of SLSNR, including:
 1. with the proposed governance, management, and operations of SLSNR from 1 July 2022; and
 2. SLSNR's ongoing compliance with the Act and its purposes; and
 3. the delivery of services and community facilities (if applicable) by SLSNR into the Auckland region.
- B. If, between February 2022 and prior to 11 July 2022, the Funding Board, at its sole discretion, is not satisfied with the proposed governance, management, and operations of SLSNR for the 2022-2023 financial year or with the other matters contemplated by condition A above, the grant payment to SLSNR may be reduced or withheld completely, with any amount withheld being returned to Auckland Council.
- C. If at any time during the period to which the funding relates, SLSNR is restructured in a manner that materially changes the nature of what SLSNR does itself, or results in SLSNR no longer providing facilities or services itself or no longer meeting the requirements of a Specified Amenity under the Act, the funding allocated to SLSNR for 2022-2023 will no longer be available to SLSNR, and the Funding Board will have the right to require that some or all of the funding already paid to SLSNR for that year must be promptly repaid to the Funding Board, in which case SLSNR shall repay such amount upon demand. Any amount repaid to the Funding Board will be returned to Auckland Council.

Watersafe Auckland Inc. (Drowning Prevention Auckland)

- A. Of the total proposed increased grant funding for 2022-2023 (+\$53,750), \$33,750 towards CPI increases for staff salaries, and an amount of \$20,000 is specifically allocated as a contribution towards the cost of the proposed new Strategy and Implementation Manager position.
- B. Should the Strategy and Implementation Manager position not be confirmed and an appointment to the role made by 31 March 2023, the amount of \$20,000 shall be returned to the Funding Board before 30 June 2023.

New Zealand Opera Limited

- A. The proposed increased grant funding for 2022-2023 of \$195,000 is to be specially directed to the following items:
1. A contribution to the Audience Development Plan (\$65,000)
 2. A contribution to paying Auckland artists a living wage for 2022-2023 season (\$60,000)
 3. Support the bi-cultural journey – and permanent establishment of Kaihere Ao (\$70,000)
- B. NZO is to provide updates on the progress against these initiatives with each quarterly report submitted to the Funding Board throughout 2022-2023.

Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

- A. \$834,729 of the proposed grant is to be applied by the APO to fund stage two (of three) of the move to the new 'Salary Model' introduced in early 2022.
- C. Confirms the total levy requirement for 2022-2023 from Auckland Council as \$16,910,479 and requests the Advisory Officer to advise Auckland Council in accordance with the provisions in the Act.**
- D. Adopts the 2022-2023 Funding Plan, subject to the Funding Plan and Annual Report Working Group being authorised to update the 2022-2023 Funding Plan to make any editorial changes necessary to finalise the plan.**
- E. Requests the Advisory Officer to distribute the final 2022-2023 Funding Plan in accordance with the provisions in the Act.**

CARRIED

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

This item was not required.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:13 PM.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE
AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD HELD ON:

DATE:

CHAIR: