



PUBLIC QUESTION

Ordinary Council Meeting

Public Question Time

Members of the public can submit written questions to be considered at an Ordinary Meeting of Council that is open to the public.

Public Question Time allows for no more than 15 minutes or two questions per person.

How to submit a Public Question?

- Questions must relate to the business of the Council
- Questions must not take the form of a statement or a personal opinion
- You must provide your name and address
- Questions should be submitted by 12:00 (noon) the business day before the requested meeting date.

Your Details	
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Council Meeting Date Request	
Date:	19/03/2024

This Question Relates to
<p><i>If applicable identify the Council matter or agenda item, the question relates to.</i></p> <p>I am writing to seek clarification regarding the recent decision to endorse a grant agreement with the Australian Vietnamese Family Association for \$2,000 to deliver the Vietnamese New Year – Tet Festival in Palmerston on 20/02/2024. While we are grateful for the opportunity to host such a culturally significant event in the community, I would like to express some concerns and frustrations that our association has encountered throughout this process.</p>

Question

Please provide your question(s) here in a legible, clear, and concise manner.

Firstly, despite our understanding of the various restrictions at the venue, including the requirement to use the basketball court at 1pm, the prohibition of food and drink inside the court, and the necessity of laying out mats for the entire floor to prevent damage, we were fully committed to ensuring the success of the Tet Festival. We believe that cultural events like these are essential for fostering community cohesion and celebrating diversity within Palmerston.

Councillor Danielle Eveleigh, who attended the event, can attest to the overwhelming support and engagement from the local community. The festival attracted a significant number of attendees and provided a platform for cultural exchange and celebration.

However, the last-minute allocation of \$2,000 has posed a significant financial burden on our association. We are currently in debt to other stakeholders for over \$5,000, and this additional expense has put a strain on our resources. As a result, we are now uncertain about our ability to continue organizing and hosting the Tet Festival at Palmerston in the future.

Despite these challenges, I would like to extend my gratitude to Rachel Fosdick, Community Facilities Officer, for her unwavering support and assistance throughout the planning and execution of the event. Additionally, I want to thank Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell for her kindness and willingness to listen to our concerns.

In conclusion, I urge the Council to reconsider its decision and provide more substantial support to community organizations like ours that are working tirelessly to promote cultural diversity and engagement within Palmerston.

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Questions can be submitted via:

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Delivered to: City of Palmerston Customer Service Desk located: Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston NT 0830.