

Attachment One: Operating Subsidy 2025-26 Evaluation Summaries (Rnd One)

Operating Subsidy Grant Applications – Recommended

1. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Community grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/80)	Requested funding
Harold Hawthorne Community Centre and Homes Incorporated	Operating Subsidy 2025 – 2027	64	\$100,000 + GST

The requested funding for the Harold Hawthorne Community Centre will support the delivery of a wide array of programs and activities aimed at enhancing community engagement, fostering inclusion, and improving the overall wellbeing of seniors and vulnerable groups within the Town.

Programs and Activities:

- **Themed Lunch and Show Events:** Fourteen events will be held in Harry's Diner, aligning with special occasions such as Chinese New Year, Harmony Day, and Christmas in July.
- **Weekly Activities:** Ongoing delivery of special interest group activities, including Bingo, Indoor Bowls, Nutrition Cooking Skills, Board Games Club, Craft Group, Digital Skills, Coffee Club, Wanderers Group, Shopping Bus, and Chair Yoga. Additional offerings include Cue Ballers multiple times a week and a daily book exchange library.
- **Monthly Information Sessions and Workshops:** Focused on seniors' daily living, health, and wellbeing. Previous sessions have been on Advocare and Elder Abuse awareness, Seniors Card benefits, Health and Wellness topics, (i.e., arthritis, mental health, dementia, continence, diabetes, falls prevention, safety in and around the home etc).
- **Health Services:** Continuation and expansion of collaborations with allied health providers to offer services such as fortnightly podiatry, annual hearing checks, flu vaccinations, general health checks, and physiotherapy workshops.
- **Volunteering and Workforce Development:** Ongoing partnerships with volunteering and return-to-work agencies to provide community members with skill-building and work experience opportunities through roles at the Centre.
- **Facility Hire:** Continue to have purpose-built facilities and resources to support functions and community use, with regular hirers including cultural, spiritual, performing arts, disability, and aged care groups.
- **Meal Services:** Preparation and provision of meals for delivery, takeaway, or dining at Harry's Diner.

Collaborations and Impact:

Partnerships with local organisations ensure sustainability, resource sharing, and efficient fund utilisation to support community engagement, inclusion, and diversity. These

collaborations enable the Centre to continue serving vulnerable and priority groups effectively. The operating subsidy will further enhance their ability to grow these essential services, enriching the community and addressing the diverse needs of its members.

The following metrics are included:

- 20 events and activities delivered per annum
- 15 special interest groups facilitated per annum
- 12 information sessions or workshops delivered per annum
- 19,200 total participants across all events and programs per annum
- 14,200 volunteer hours per annum
- 50 work experience students engaged per annum
- 2,000 hours of venue hire per annum
- 30,200 meals delivered to the community per annum

The specific activities they aim to deliver are the continuation of those as detailed in the Theory of Change (See Attachment Two).

The application for Harold Hawthorne Community Centre has been assessed by a panel of four assessors and the total scores for each criterion are outlined in the table below:

Essential Assessment Criteria	Score
Q1. Demonstrated evidence-based need	20/20
Q2. Alignment to the Town's Strategic Community Plan	14/20
Q3. Value for money	14/20
Q4. Governance	16/20
Cumulative totals of assessment score	64/80

Panel Assessment:

- The Harold Hawthorne Community Centre is making a significant impact in the community through its diverse programs and services. However, there is potential to enhance its approach to evaluation and data collection, offering the Town an opportunity to support capacity-building in this area.
- The application is well-prepared and aligns closely with the assessment criteria. It effectively demonstrates the need for the service and its alignment with the Town's Strategic Community Plan. The application highlights the organisation's commitment to providing valuable services to the community, offering value for money, and maintaining sound governance structures. However, incorporating more secondary data and providing additional details on the governance team's skills and experience would further strengthen any future application.
- The applicant has addressed the criteria in a high level of detail. This included an outline of a vast array of programs and initiatives that align with their target audience which is a key theme area of this program. Purpose, client profile and service gap identification have been clearly articulated and demonstrated, with primary and secondary data used to consider this approach. The use of design tools provided is solid with detailed approaches described, including opportunities for evaluation and communicating outcomes.

- Strategic Community Plan items have been identified in the Theory of Change and Logic Model tools, as well as outlined in the application content. A range of initiatives identify participatory and strengths-based approaches, with past evidence backing up these statements. Theory of Change and Logic Models are detailed and aligned, with good opportunities to capture and communicate outcomes. Staff have demonstrated ability to understand and measure outcomes.

The panel recommends project funding of \$100,000 + GST, for a three-year term with CPI Perth All Areas applied in years two and three.