

## Relevant Information for Council

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**FILE:** S117676 **DATE:** 19 September 2025

**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 9.3 – Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Ad Hoc Grant - Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program

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### Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve an Ad Hoc cash grant of up to **\$100,000** ~~\$50,000~~ to Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (ABN 98 732 869 630) to contribute to the repair the roof of its facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern, with funding to be sourced from the 2025/26 General Contingency Fund;
- (D) ***the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Commonwealth Ministers for Aged Care and Seniors, Housing and Indigenous Australians and the NSW Government Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Families and Communities, Housing and Seniors seeking financial contributions from their governments towards repairing the roof of the Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc facility;***
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and

- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

## **Purpose**

To provide an Alternative Recommendation with a revised grant amount for Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (Wyanga) following receipt of an updated support request.

Note that the Alternative Recommendation includes the Lord Mayor's proposed amendment moved at the 15 September 2025 Community Services and Facilities Committee.

To provide Councillors with additional information about the further request for support from Wyanga for urgent technology and infrastructure requirements.

## **Background**

At the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 15 September 2025, further information was sought on the following:

### **Further funding request from Wyanga (immediate technology needs)**

Wyanga has provided additional information regarding the impact of the damaged roof at their premises at 35 Cope Street, Redfern. They are now seeking up to \$100,000 to support costs related to the repair of the roof plus support for the replacement of workstations.

Wyanga has provided costs for the replacement of IT infrastructure in the form of workstations, this includes laptops, docking stations, monitors, keyboards, and dual monitor arms. Existing devices were damaged in recent heavy rains.

For 15 workstations costs are estimated to be \$61,860.31 (inclusive of GST) , while costs for 20 workstations are estimated to be \$82,480.42 (inclusive of GST). These costs are based on advice from their IT provider, Acrotec Pty Ltd.

An updated quotation for the roof repairs has also been provided. The roof quotation from Sterland Roofing & Cladding Pty Ltd reflects a donation of roofing materials (from Lysaght) which has reduced the overall costs of the roofing to \$40,671.75.

Wyanga continues to fundraise towards roof repairs and have raised \$4,080 to date.

The combined total costs are:

- 15 workstations + roof repairs = \$102,532.06 (inclusive of GST)
- 20 workstations + roof repairs = \$123,152.17 (inclusive GST)

### **Damages/insurance cover**

Current operations at the Wyanga site at 35 Cope Street, Redfern have been suspended due to the damage caused by recent heavy rain.

The insurance cover for the building does not include this current roof damage as it has been a gradual deterioration, a condition that is excluded under the insurance policy. However, the internal ceiling repairs are covered by the insurance policy, and the insurer has confirmed that the costs of the contractor for the internal works will be covered by the policy.

As mentioned above, a revised quotation for the costs of repair of the roof have been provided due to a contribution made by a roofing supplier to donate the roofing materials.

Wyanga has sought support for the replacement of IT infrastructure so that the organisation can restore its operations safely and effectively. It has made the case that without the replaced IT infrastructure they will not be able to meet the required standards of compliance and service delivery.

There is no insurance to cover the technology requirements.

### **Revised request and implications**

The City is confident that Wyanga is actively seeking support from State and Federal Governments, sponsorship and fundraising to raise support for the costs of replacing the roof and the technology damaged in recent heavy rain. Depending on the outcomes of these requests, the City of Sydney contribution will be finalised and be an amount of up to \$100,000.

Note that Wyanga has to date raised over \$24,000 through cash and in-kind support to support the repairs.

Subject to Council endorsement, payment of the grant funding of up to \$100,000 from the City will be made on the receipt of evidence of the completion and final costs incurred by Wyanga.

### **Memo from Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life**

Prepared by: Sam Wild, Manager Grants and Sponsorship

### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Further Correspondence from Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program - Updated Clarification

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Approved



**MONICA BARONE PSM**  
Chief Executive Officer

# **Attachment A**

**Further Correspondence from Wyanga  
Aboriginal Aged Care Program - Updated  
Clarification**



## Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care

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### Re: Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care – Request for Assistance (Updated Clarification)

Dear Monica,

Further to our original letter, I am writing to provide clarification requested by Council regarding Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care's urgent technology and infrastructure requirements following the recent storm damage.

#### Insurance Coverage

Wyanga's insurance does not cover the roof damage. As outlined in the attached policy, damage caused by "rust or oxidation, mildew, mould... wet or dry rot, corrosion... dampness of atmosphere or other variations in temperature... [or] gradual deterioration" is specifically excluded.

Our building and roof are old and have been subject to ongoing deterioration over many years. This weakened condition was then made significantly worse by two incidents of heavy rainfall, which exposed and accelerated the damage. Because the underlying cause is ongoing deterioration rather than a sudden and unforeseen event, the insurer has asserted this falls within the policy exclusions. As such, no costs associated with the external roof repairs can be claimed under our insurance.

The insurer has confirmed the internal ceiling repairs are covered by our policy however and they will cover the costs of the contractor for those works.

#### Other Funding Efforts

Wyanga has actively sought funding support from a range of avenues:

- Applications have been lodged with State and Federal Government programs and are awaiting outcomes.
- We have reached out to corporate and philanthropic partners, including Lysaght (roofing supplier). We are pleased to confirm that Lysaght have agreed to donate roofing materials, which reduces the cost of roof repairs to \$40,671.75 (see attached revised quote).
- A community fundraising campaign has been launched and has raised \$4,080 to date.

Should any of these approaches be successful, Wyanga will reduce its request to the City of Sydney accordingly.

#### Updated Costings

##### Workstations (IT infrastructure)

Each workstation setup is costed at \$4,124 (incl. GST), including a business-grade laptop, docking station, dual monitors, wireless keyboard/mouse, and monitor arm.

- 15 workstations = \$61,860.31
- 20 workstations = \$82,480.42

*Note: Several existing devices were water-damaged during the heavy rains and must be replaced.*

**Roof Repairs**

Revised estimate (after Lysaght donation of materials) = \$40,671.75

**Combined Totals**

- 15 workstations + roof = \$102,532.06
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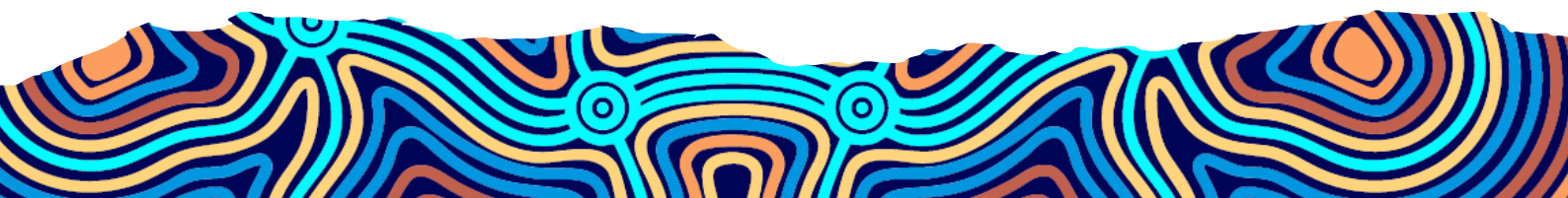
These figures reflect what is required to restore Wyanga's operations safely and effectively. The technology component is based on professional advice and is necessary to meet new legislative reforms in aged care this year. Without these tools, and without urgent roof repairs, we cannot operate to the required standards of compliance and service delivery.

We remain deeply grateful for the City of Sydney's ongoing support and consideration. Your assistance will ensure Wyanga can restore operations and continue delivering culturally safe, compliant care to Aboriginal Elders in our community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Baigent', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Jarin Ingram Baigent**  
Chief Executive Officer



# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

## SUMMARY



**WYANGA**  
ABORIGINAL AGED CARE

## INSURANCE COVERAGE

- External Roof damage not covered by insurance.
- Policy excludes damage caused by rust, rot, corrosion, dampness, or gradual deterioration.
- Our building and roof are old and have deteriorated over many years.
- Two incidents of heavy rainfall exposed and worsened this deterioration.
- Insurer confirmed exclusion applies → no insurance payout available for external roof.
- Internal ceiling repairs are covered by insurance.

## OTHER FUNDING EFFORTS

- Applications lodged with State and Federal Government programs – awaiting outcomes.
- Corporate/philanthropic approaches made, including Lysaght, who have agreed to donate roofing materials (reducing costs).
- Community fundraising campaign launched – \$4,080 raised to date.
- Any successful funding from other sources will reduce Wyanga's request to Council.

## UPDATED COSTINGS

### Workstations (IT Infrastructure)

- Unit price = \$4,124 (incl. GST)
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## WHY SUPPORT IS CRITICAL

- Technology upgrades are essential to meet new aged care legislative reforms in 2025.
- Roof repairs are urgent to ensure safety and continuity of services.
- Recent water damage to technology equipment has further increased the need for urgent replacement.
- Without support, Wyanga cannot deliver the required standards of culturally safe, compliant care for Aboriginal Elders.