
MM5/23 TOUCHED BY CHRISTOPHER EVENT - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/126**

Councillors will recall the tragic death of Christopher Cassaniti on 1 April 2019, due to a workplace accident on a building site at Lachlans Line.

Following the death of Christopher, his family established the “Touched by Christopher Foundation” which assists families that have lost loved ones on construction sites in NSW and also the families of firefighters who have died serving the NSW community.

As part of its ongoing fundraising activities, the charity will be holding a charity bbq at Lachlans Line on 21 May 2023. The organisers are hoping to attract over 200 people at the event which will feature children’s activities such as face painting, fairy floss etc.

Council has been asked by the Touched by Christopher Foundation for its support to conduct the event.

The event will be ticketed at a cost of \$10.00 per person and is primarily a fundraising activity for the Touched by Christopher Foundation. As a result, it is not possible for the Foundation to apply for a Council community grant.

Given the community nature and purpose of the day, I recommend that Council donate a sum of \$1,918.00 towards the cost of the event from the Civic Services Base Budget – Donations.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the work of the Touched by Christopher Foundation in raising awareness of workplace incidents and providing support to families impacted by same.
- (b) That Council donate a sum of \$1,918.00 to the Touched by Christopher Foundation to help defray costs associated with staging the event on 21 May 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 4 April 2023.