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**MM4/24 KOREAN FESTIVAL LANTERNS - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM**

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**BACKGROUND**

In late 2023, Council received Commonwealth grant funding of \$15,000 from the Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) to install Korean lanterns as part of this year's Lunar New Year Festival.

Council has purchased 200 lanterns. However, only 20 lanterns have been erected on Rowe Street East due to the cost of installing the lanterns.

These costs included purchase of cross bars for the smart poles, power supply, installation, traffic management during installation and hire of a cherry picker.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirm its commitment to celebrate the Lunar New Year by ensuring culturally relevant lantern displays are featured on both sides of Eastwood, in Rowe Street.
- (b) Support the local business community to assist with understanding options that could improve the lantern displays on Rowe St East for the Lunar New Year Festival 2024 within the existing budget.
- (c) Explore future options to expand and enrich street lantern displays by consulting local businesses to ensure more vibrant and culturally appropriate displays to highlight the unique character of Eastwood for future Lunar New Year celebrations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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