Applicant: Point Samson Community Association (PSCA)
Project Title: New Air Conditioners for the PSCA Hall

Description of organisation - The Point Samson Community Association (PSCA) manages the Point Samson Community Hall and delivers community programs and events for local residents. Activities include Community Health classes such as yoga, pilates, meditation and sound healing, as well as community events including Kids Discos, Family Fun Days, Christmas celebrations, meetings, markets and private functions. The organisation supports a broad cross-section of the Point Samson community.

Description of project – The project involves the purchase and installation of three new reverse-cycle split system air conditioners for the PSCA Hall. Two of the existing units were damaged during a cyclone and parts were salvaged to keep the remaining unit operational. Replacement of all three units is required to ensure the hall remains available for community use during the summer months.

Project Budget – Income (includes donations, volunteer labour, additional grant funding, organisations contribution)

City of Karratha Large Community Grant	Not Confirmed	$20,460
	INCOME TOTAL	**$20,460**

Project Budget – Expenditure

3 x Reverse Cycle Split System Air Conditioners (supply and installation)	$20,460
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	**$20,460**

City of Karratha Funding Received Last 3 years

Foregone revenue through $10 annual peppercorn lease (Land Only) – No valuation on file	**$0**
Small Community Grant August 2025 – Day on the Green	**$5,000**
Small Community Grant July 2024 – Get in the Groove	**$5,000**

Key Considerations

- The hall is the primary community facility within Point Samson and hosts a wide range of community activities, markets, meetings and private events.
- The community facility is owned and managed by the PSCA, on land owned by the City. The PSCA is responsible for maintenance, renewals, upgrades, insurances, utilities and all other costs associated with owning and managing a community building.
- Two of the three existing air conditioning units were damaged during a cyclone, significantly limiting the hall's usability during summer.
- Without replacement air conditioners, the facility would likely be unusable during hot weather periods, reducing community access and resulting in loss of venue hire revenue.
- The Association relies on venue hire and fundraising income to meet ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the hall.
- Local contractors will undertake the removal of existing units and installation of the new systems.
- The Association has recently complete significant repairs and improvements to the hall to the value of approx. $290,000.

Community Benefit

- Maintains year-round access to the community hall for residents and visitors.
- Enables continuation of key community events including Kids Discos, Family Fun Days, Christmas celebrations, fishing competitions and community meetings.
- Supports delivery of community programs including health and wellbeing classes.
- Supports the Point Samson Makers Market and associated visitation to the town.
- Preserves an important community asset regularly used by local groups, community organisations, visitors and private functions.
- Benefits the broader Point Samson community of approximately 265 residents.

Strategic Alignment

☐ Goal 1 - We resect Aboriginal peoples' Cultural Authority and Connection to Ngurra (Country)
☒ Goal 2 - Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe
☒ Goal 3 -. Everyone is included
☒ Goal 4 - Our places and spaces are functional, attractive and reflect our unique identity
☐ Goal 5 - We respect and care for the natural environment
☐ Goal 6 - The local economy is diverse and thriving, with opportunities for all
☐ Goal 7 - Our civic leaders are innovative, listening and balanced in meeting community needs.

Project Total	$20,460	**Aggregated Assessment Panel Score (%)**

Amount Requested From City of Karratha	$20,460	65%
Amount Recommended	***$20,460***	

RECOMMENDATION:
Officers recommend funding the full requested amount of $20,460 towards the purchase and installation of three new air conditioning systems for the Point Samson Community Hall.

This project demonstrates alignment with Council Plan Goals 2,3 and 4 by supporting continued access to an important community facility and maintaining opportunities for recreation, social connection and community participation.

The hall provides a central location for community activities, meetings, events and programs. Two existing air conditioning units were damaged during a cyclone, with the remaining unit maintained with salvaged parts. The current arrangement limits the facility's functionality and creates a risk of reduced community access during periods of extreme heat.

The PSCA has advised that an insurance claim was lodged for the cyclone-damage air conditioning units, however as the damage was a result of power failure during the cyclone the claim was not approved.

The PSCA has demonstrated a significant commitment to maintaining the facility, including approximately $290,000 in recent repairs and improvements. The organisation relies on venue hire and fundraising revenue to support ongoing operating and maintenance costs.

Although no direct financial contribution is identified for the proposed air conditioning replacement, full funding is recommended in recognition of the essential nature of the works, the importance of the hall to the Point Samson community and the Association’s previous investment maintaining the facility.