Applicant: Yaandina Community Services
Project Title: Safeguarding the Former Roebourne Primary School & Quarters

Description of organisation - Yaandina Community Services is a long-standing Pilbara not-for-profit organisation based in Roebourne that delivers culturally responsive community services across aged care, disability support, youth and family services, community care, and alcohol and other drug services. The organisation supports Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and seeks to strengthen community wellbeing, access to services, employment opportunities and community connection.

Description of project – The project seeks funding to undertake the investigations required to guide the conservation and ongoing safe use of the former Roebourne Primary School and Quarters, a heritage-listed site used as part of Yaandina's operations. The project includes preparation of a Conservation Management Strategy, a structural engineer's assessment, and a quantity surveyor cost plan to identify priorities, guide future conservation works and support future funding applications.

Project Budget – Income (includes donations, volunteer labour, additional grant funding, organisations contribution)		
City of Karratha Large Community Grant	Not Confirmed	$38,686
Yaandina (In-Kind)	Confirmed	$5,000
	INCOME TOTAL	**$43,686**

Project Budget – Expenditure	
Conservation Management Plan	$22,770
Structural Engineers Report	$12,916
Quantity Surveyor Report	$3,000
Project Management (In-Kind)	$5,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	**$43,686**

City of Karratha Funding Received Last 3 years	
Foregone revenue through $1 annual peppercorn lease (Land Only) for 2 Sholl St, Roebourne – No valuation on file	
Small Community Grant December 2025 – Community Strong – Pathways to wellbeing	**$5,000**

Key Considerations

- The former Roebourne Primary School and Quarters is listed on the State Register of Heritage Places and identified as a Category A place on the City's Local Heritage Survey.
- Yaandina has a lease with the Aboriginal Lands Trust for the premises until 2043 and are responsible during the term of the agreement as if they were the owner and occupier of the freehold premises.
- The site continues to be actively used for community service delivery and supports Yaandina's operations in Roebourne.
- The project focuses on planning and investigation works rather than physical conservation works.
- The Conservation Management Plan will provide a structured framework to guide maintenance, while the structural engineering assessment will identify current risks and priority remedial works and the quantity surveyor assessment will provide cost estimates for forward planning and future funding applications.
- Completion of these investigations is an important enabling stage providing Yaandina with the evidence, priorities and cost information required to plan subsequent works.
- Without City funding, the project would likely be reduced in scope or deferred until funding became available.
- There are limited alternative funding opportunities available for these investigations, however the outcomes will strengthen future applications for heritage conservation funding.
- Yaandina will contribute in-kind project management, governance and coordination support and will engage heritage specialists, structural engineers and a quantity surveyor to undertake the work.

Community Benefit

- Protects and safeguards a significant heritage place that contributes to Roebourne's identity and character.
- Supports the safe continuation of community services delivered from the site.
- Creates a clear roadmap for future conservation, maintenance and capital works.
- Strengthens future applications for heritage conservation funding and investment.
- Benefits current service users, staff, volunteers, community groups and future generations through the preservation of an important community asset.
- Supports the continued use of the site by more than 130 clients annually, service staff and community stakeholders.

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	$43,686	**Aggregated Assessment Panel Score (%)** 77%
Amount Requested From City of Karratha	$38,686	
Amount Recommended	***$38,686***	

RECOMMENDATION:
Officers recommend funding the full requested amount of $38,686 towards engaging appropriate experts to undertake a Conservation Management Plan, Structural Engineer's Report and Quantity Surveyor Report for the former Roebourne Primary School and Quarters.

The project demonstrates alignment with Council Plan Goal 2 and 4 through the preservation of an important heritage asset and the continued safe use of a facility supporting community service in Roebourne.

The proposed investigations will establish the condition of the buildings, identify conservation priorities and provide a documented basis for future restorative works, cost planning and funding applications. This preliminary work is necessary to support informed decisions regarding the preservation and ongoing use of the heritage-listed site.

Yaandina holds a lease with the Aboriginal Lands Trust over the premises until 2043 and, under the lease arrangements, has assumed responsibility for the leased premises as an owner occupier. This provides a strong basis for investment in the long-term conservation and management of the site. Importantly, completion of the Conservation Management Plan will position Yaandina to pursue heritage funding for the identified conservation works, enabling the City's investment at this planning stage to leverage potential external funding for future works.

The organisation has dedicated a project manager resource to deliver the project through engagement of specialist consultants and internal project leadership. Completion of these investigations will provide a clear evidence base for future conservation works and strengthen applications for external heritage funding.