Applicant: St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd
Project Title: Karratha Wellbeing Walkabout – Barnigu Waba Day 2027

Description of organisation - St John WA is a not-for-profit organisation committed to improving health outcomes, first aid knowledge and emergency response capability across Western Australia. The organisation works alongside schools, health services, volunteers and local organisations to deliver health education, community programs and preventative health initiatives. In Karratha, St John WA maintains a local presence through ambulance services, volunteers, school education programs and community partnerships.

Description of project – The project seeks funding to deliver the Karratha Wellbeing Walkabout – Barnigu Waba Day 2027, building on the successful inaugural event held in March 2026. The event brings together primary school students, health providers, Aboriginal organisations and community services to improve health literacy, emergency response knowledge and wellbeing through interactive learning stations. Participating students engage in practical sessions covering first aid, physical health, mental wellbeing, hygiene, nutrition and emergency preparedness.

Project Budget – Income (includes donations, volunteer labour, additional grant funding, organisations contribution)		
City of Karratha Large Community Grant	Not Confirmed	$14,985
St John WA Contribution	Confirmed	$7,777
	INCOME TOTAL	**$22,762**

Project Budget – Expenditure	
Flights	$3,147
Accommodation	$4,330
Bus Transport	$2,000
Refreshments	$500
Water and Fruit	$270
Venue Hire (PEGS)	$525
First Aid Kits	$1,262
Student Take Home Packs	$1,701
Youth Coordinator	$1,250
Course Development	$300
Project Lead	$1,500
Lunch Catering	$2,545
Resources	$2,632
Volunteer Reimbursements	$800
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	**$22,762**

City of Karratha Funding Received Last 3 years	
Large Community Grant February 2025 – Wellbeing Walkabout	**$15,845**

Key Considerations

- The inaugural event in 2026 engaged 91 primary school students from local schools and involved nine health and community organisations.
- Evaluation demonstrated measurable outcomes, with student confidence to respond in an emergency increasing from 32% to 80%, and 100% of participating students correctly identifying Triple Zero (000) as the emergency number after participation.
- St John WA has demonstrated strong delivery capacity through successful delivery of the inaugural event, access to volunteers, paramedics and established community partnerships.
- The organisation has confirmed a financial contribution and in-kind support towards delivery of the project.
- The event is reliant on grant funding and would require an alternative funding source if City funding was not received.
- Three schools have already indicated their intention to participate, with additional schools to be invited following funding confirmation.
- The organisation is leveraging City funding by seeking support from businesses that contributed to the inaugural event.

Community Benefit

- Provides a free and inclusive health and wellbeing education experience for primary school children.
- Increases children's confidence and practical ability to respond to emergency situations.
- Improves health literacy through hands-on education relating to first aid, hygiene, nutrition and wellbeing.
- Strengthens relationships between schools, local health providers, Aboriginal organisations and community services.
- Creates opportunities for Aboriginal children to participate in a culturally respectful and inclusive environment.
- Builds on a proven model that has already demonstrated strong measurable outcomes within the City of Karratha.

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	$22,762	**Aggregated Assessment Panel Score (%)** 77%
Amount Requested From City of Karratha	$14,985	
Amount Recommended	***$14,985***	

RECOMMENDATION:
Officers recommend funding the full requested amount of $14,985 towards costs associated with delivery of the Karratha Wellbeing Walkabout – Barnigu Waba Day 2027.

The project demonstrates alignment with Council Plan Goals 2 and 3 by supporting community health, wellbeing, education and inclusion. The event will provide a free and accessible opportunity for local primary school students to develop health literacy, learn practical emergency response skills and engage with local health and community service providers.

The application builds on the inaugural event delivered in March 2026 and demonstrates an established delivery model, partnerships with local organisations and experience coordinating educational and community activities.

The applicant has identified contributions totalling $7,778 towards the $22,767 project. The requested City funding will support essential delivery costs, including flights, accommodation, bus transport, refreshments, fruit and water, venue hire, first aid kits, student take-home packs and youth coordination, helping to ensure the event remains accessible to participating schools and students.

Officers therefore recommend funding the full amount requested.