CM13.7. The Creative Enterprise, Maker Space and Artist Workshop at the Pumphouse

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Purpose of Report

To provide Council with an update on the additional financial resources required to carry out essential remediation works on the historic Pumphouse building to make it habitable for the delivery of a Creative Enterprise, Maker Space and Residency Program.

Background

In June 2018, AlburyCity was allocated $1.3M from the NSW State Government's Regional Cultural Fund 1 (RCF), with a Council contribution of $85K. The grant funding was provided to deliver three components:

1. A Maker Space, to re-purpose the heritage listed Pumphouse building at 3 Boundary Road, East Albury. The aim of this grant is to promote creative microbusiness, retail and education opportunities for Albury's Creative Community, $1.1M.
2. Loves Residence, residency programs supporting the development of new Australian performance work. It is a partnership program with Hot House Theatre Company, Murray Arts and AlburyCity. The residence is located on Waterview Road, Splitters Creek, $245K.
3. Curator's Cottage, accommodation and residency program open to all art forms with the focus to provide artists with opportunity to develop their practice. This facility is located at AlburyCity's Botanical Gardens, $85K.

AlburyCity is currently committed to the delivery of the Creative Enterprise and Maker Space Program at the Pumphouse as outlined in the funding application, Agreement and variations.

The establishment of a Maker Space and Residency program is a direct outcome of the Creative Economy Strategy. This Strategy, adopted by AlburyCity in 2017, is grounded in significant local consultation and national industry research.

Action 3.1 Create and/or support the establishment of co-working spaces with a social enterprise model to provide tools, resources and shared workspaces.

Albury 2030 features several outcomes which this project aligns with:

- 1.2 Improve visitor and residents' experiences.
- 1.2.8 Ensure venues and facilities attract visitation and improve the lifestyle offer of the city.