

**ITEM 11 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT GRANTS****QUESTION SUBMITTED BY**

Councillor Thomas Quinn.

**QUESTION**

With the opening of applications for the NSW Special Entertainment Kickstart Grants program on 21 November 2024 (closing 12 March 2025), will Council staff be seeking to apply for a grant as aligned with Strategy 4.2 and Actions 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 per Creative Wollongong 2024-2033?

*Strategy 4.2 - Stimulate the 24-Hour Economy by review of regulatory conditions and providing planning and event support*

*Action 4.2.1 - Work with the NSW Government Office of the 24-Hour Commissioner on matters of common interest to support the development of a sustainable night-time economy*

*Action 4.2.2 - Test Council's existing policies and processes against the implementation in Wollongong of the NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms – Amendment Act 2023*

*Action 4.2.3 - Investigate Special Entertainment Precincts and assess their suitability for the Wollongong CBD and selected Town Centres and venues*

**ANSWER**

The Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) Kickstart Grant Program has only recently been released along with the final version of the SEP guidelines. Council officers will review the latest material and update Councillors in the new year.