

Community Grants Awarded

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate all successful applicants for Round One of the 2016/17 Community Grants Program.

Thirty two successful applicants were acknowledged at an awards ceremony yesterday with \$132,350 awarded under the categories of Minor Projects and Equipment; Celebrations, Festivals and Events; Major Projects and Planning and Development Studies including successful applications to the small Emergency Grants and Dairy Tight Times Support Events programs.

The Community Grants Program aims to support community initiatives that enhance the quality of life, heritage, recreation and cultural opportunities for South Gippsland residents.

South Gippsland Mayor Ray Argento was pleased that a number of projects could be funded through the Community Grants Program for the benefit of South Gippsland.

“The Community Grants Program is one avenue that community groups can use to apply for funding to help support the many different projects and activities they undertake for the wider community.

“The majority of these groups are founded and run by volunteers who take the time and effort to put together services and events that ensure the prosperity of our region.

“Congratulations are in order for those who were successful in this round, the projects identified and quality of applications received has been exemplary. Council looks forward to seeing the next round of applications for the program in 2017,” said the Mayor.

The 2016/17 Community Grants Program will remain open for Round Two until 31 March 2017. Eligible unsuccessful applicants can re-apply for the second round of the program.

Community groups are encouraged to reflect on the 2016/17 Grant Guidelines before submitting an application. Both the guidelines and application are available at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitygrants.

Community groups are also eligible to apply for quick response grants and small emergency grants throughout the year.

A full list of successful applicants including the funding received and the intention for the funding is attached to this media release.

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List of successful Round One applicants:

- \$8,500 to the Toora Swimming Pool for a shade structure over barbeque
- \$3,000 to the Welshpool and District Advisory Group for a new photocopier
- \$3,400 to the Welshpool Recreation Reserve for a bathroom upgrade
- \$2,400 to the Mt Best Community Hall Association to replace the heating unit
- \$5,000 to the Prom Coast Arts Incorporated for Artists in the Community
- \$2,500 to the Prom Coast Seachange Festival Incorporated for the Seachange Festival
- \$2,750 to the Tarwin Lower and District Community Health Centre for the 25 Anniversary Celebration and new activities sign
- \$6,000 to the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute for the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Master Plan
- \$5,000 to the Venus Bay Lifesaving Club for the Venus Bay Enduro Ironman event
- \$9,000 to the Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club to repair and resurface the outdoor netball court
- \$800 to the Korumburra Leos and Lions Club for the Farmers Christmas Barbeque at Coal Creek
- \$5,000 to the Leongatha Golf Club for solar power
- \$3,000 to the Strzelecki Lions Club for the South Gippsland Dairy Expo
- \$1,000 to the Nyora and District Development Association for the Preserving Nyora's History project
- \$10,000 to the Nyora Recreation Reserve Committee for essential plumbing works
- \$4,000 to the Poowong Football and Netball Club for the Kevin Sheedy Social Gathering
- \$3,000 to Grow Lightly for the Southern Gippsland Local Food Festival
- \$2,200 to the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management to replace the faulty water tank
- \$8,000 to the Meeniyan Bowling Club for the Bowling Ahead at Meeniyan project
- \$10,000 to the Meeniyan Golf Club for the Water Reticulation and Fairway Regeneration project
- \$1,000 for the Leongatha Basketball Association for player uniforms
- \$2,000 for the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the Leongatha Community carnival
- \$1,000 to the Leongatha Horticultural Society for Spring is South Gippsland
- \$1,500 to the South Gippsland Gemstone and Lapidary Club to upgrade the electricity supply
- \$5,000 to the Leongatha Cycling Club for the Leongatha Cycling Club Strategic Plan Development
- \$2,900 to the Leongatha Lyric Theatre for essential improvements and works at Lyric buildings
- \$2,400 to the Mirboo North Time Newspaper to address health and safety issues
- \$5,000 to the Walter J Tuck Reserve to update the masterplan
- \$2,000 to Carols in the Drome for Carols in the Drome 2017
- \$4,000 to the Mirboo North Schools Chaplaincy Committee for the erection of a storage shed
- \$4,000 to the St Paul's Catholic Social Club for the Mirboo North Italian Festa
- \$5,000 to the Stony Creek Racing Club for Operation 'New Track Mower'