



Community Grants Awarded

At an awards ceremony last night Council presented \$142,180 in Community Grants for successful Round One submissions.

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

All applications were assessed under categories comprising of Minor Projects and Equipment; Celebrations, Festivals and Events; Major Projects and Planning and Development Studies.

Council's Coordinator Grants/Emergency Management Penni Ellicott said it was promising to see the funding being used for a range of different projects and improvements across the municipality.

"Council undertakes a competitive assessment process to ensure that all applications for the Community Grants Program meet the relevant criteria, benefit the community and make a positive impact.

"A number of strong applications were received this year and Council is pleased to have distributed the first round of funding to the applicants so they can start to implement their proposed project or purchase necessary equipment," said Ms Ellicott.

Applications for Round Two of the Community Grants are being accepted until the 31 March 2016.

Community groups or organisations wanting to submit an application for Round Two can apply through Council's website.

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:

- \$4,300 to the Prom Coast Arts Council Inc. for the Asanti African Drum and Dance Project
- \$2,500 to the Fish Creek Community Garden for a self-sufficient watering system
- \$10,000 to the Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc. for the Stage Two Theatre Seating Upgrade
- \$9,000 to the Leongatha Cricket Club Turf Committee for Stage Two of the Major Surface Upgrade to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve Main Oval
- \$4,500 to the Nerrena Landcare Group for the Black Spur Creek Wetlands: Consultation and Planning Project
- \$5,000 to the Southern Business Women's Network Inc. for A Day of Inspiration – Grow, Educate, Connect event
- \$5,000 to the St. Paul's Catholic Social Club Inc. for the Mirboo North Italian Festa
- \$5,000 to the Walter J Truck Reserve for the Removal of Trees
- \$1,500 to the Foster Football netball Club for an IT upgrade
- \$4,000 to the Foster Showground Committee of Management for a Ride on Mower
- \$7,000 to the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre Committee of Management for the Covered area to the Rear of Existing Hall project
- \$1,800 to the Foster Cricket Club for the Installation of Hot Water to the Club Rooms
- \$10,000 to the Arthur Sutherland Recreation Reserve Committee of Management for the Welshpool Recreation Reserve Kitchen Upgrade
- \$10,000 to the Toora Netball Club Inc. for a new playground
- \$10,000 to the Toora Recreation Reserve Committee of Management for a new machinery shed
- \$5,000 to the Tarwin Lower and District Bowls Club for the Tarwin Bowls Club Goes Green project
- \$3,300 to the Venus Bay Community Centre Inc. for the Venus Bay Community Centre Garden and Ground Improvement project
- \$2,000 to the Venus Bay Lifesaving Club for a jet ski
- \$9,580 to the Milpara Community House Inc. for the Korumburra Skate Park Planning Project
- \$5,000 to the Meeniyan Tourism and Traders Association for the Gippsland Garlic Festival
- \$1,200 to the South Gippsland Singers Inc. for a new keyboard
- \$2,000 to the Korumburra Botanic Park Advisory Committee for the Construction of a Small Carpark
- \$5,000 to the Korumburra Gun Club for the Retrofit of Club Kitchen
- \$7,500 to the Kongwak Public Hall Inc. for the Kongwak Hall Electrical Upgrade
- \$7,000 to the Nyora Recreation Reserve Committee for the Master Plan Review
- \$5,000 to the Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak Cricket Club for the Review and Update of Master Plan