

Mayor's Message



As we are now at the beginning of March it is an important time of year for our community groups and volunteers to think about applying for the Community Grants Program. Round Two of the 2017/18 Community Grants Program closes on 31 March so preparation of applications should be underway.

For those that don't know, Council provides the Community Grants Program as an opportunity to support our community and develop our social and cultural sectors. We provide funding under the categories of Minor Projects and Equipment, Celebrations Festival and Events, Planning Development Reports and Major Projects and Equipment.

In the last round thirty two successful applicants were awarded a total of \$150,000 for a wide range of projects. Some that you may know include Seniors Week, Mirboo North Italian Festa and the Koonwarra ParkRun but there are plenty other pieces of equipment and planning projects that were supported as well.

Council takes pride in supporting its community and we are proud to have awarded approximately \$3.5 million under the program over the past 11 years. The drive and commitment the South Gippsland community has for our region is remarkable and it is important that we honour these efforts.

Without the hard work of our community groups a number of key events and opportunities would not be possible. This dedication helps create many of the fantastic things South Gippsland is known for.

Our Community Strengthening team is now managing the Community Grants Program and they encourage our community groups to get in touch if they need more information and assistance on 5662 9200. Information and the online application form is also available at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

I wish you all the best of luck with your applications and I have no doubt that we will once again receive a number of high quality submissions worthy of our investment.

Cr Lorraine Brunt
Mayor