

Community Grants Awarded

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate the successful applicants for Round Two of the 2018/19 Community Grants Program.

Twenty one successful applicants were acknowledged yesterday at an awards ceremony creating a total of \$237,875 awarded to various community groups across South Gippsland for 2018/19. Successful applicants were awarded under the categories of Minor Projects and Equipment, Festivals and Events, Emergency Grants and Planning and Development Reports.

Over the course of the past 11 years, Council has successfully allocated approximately \$3.5 million through the Community Grants Program. With grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the program is still one of the most direct ways Council can support the community by recognising the importance and need for community groups and volunteers.

South Gippsland Shire Administrator, Ms Julie Eisenbise was full of praise for the successful applicants and their dedication to the community.

"Congratulations to all of the community groups that received funding in what was a competitive pool of applicants. I cannot wait to see some of the projects begin development; they will enhance our community in social and cultural sectors for both visitors and residents to enjoy.

"Council cherishes the high level of volunteerism we have in this region. Volunteering creates a valuable connection between individuals and the community with positive outcomes for all.

"The immense support and drive that the South Gippsland community has is outstanding. Everyone should be proud of their efforts. Council is also pleased to announce that the Community Grants Program continues in 2019/20 with \$300,000 allocated to the program," said Ms Eisenbise.

Round One of the Community Grants Program for 2019/20 is now open with applications accepted until 31 August 2019. Applicants are encouraged to read the guidelines as some changes have been made to the program this year. For more information please contact Council's Community Strengthening Team on 5662 9200.

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

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Successful Applicant	Project	Funding Received
Leongatha Men's Shed	Leongatha Men's Shed Hub	\$10,000
Mount Best Community Hall	Upgrade Mt Best Hall	\$3,000
Bena Hall	Upgrade Bena Hall	\$10,000
Jumbunna Public Hall	Strategic Plan for the Hall	\$8,400
Dumbalk Hall Committee	Upgrade Window Glass	\$2,400
Tarwin Lower Rec Reserve	Five Year Master Plan	\$6,000
Grand Ridge Rail Trail	Mower Project	\$2,500
Friends of Lyrebird Walk	Vehicle for Volunteers	\$10,000
Port Welshpool Flotilla	Display Equipment	\$2,250
Leongatha South Progress Association	Strategic Plan	\$7,300
Meeniyan and District RSL Men's Shed	Tools for Tinkerers	\$5,000
Leongatha North Tennis Club	Replace Nets and Poles	\$1,100
Korumburra Cricket Club	Shade Awning for Deck	\$5,000
Poowong Recreation Committee	New AFL Goal Posts	\$4,000
Meeniyan Bowls Club	Barefoot Bowls	\$4,400
Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby	Getting South Gippy Skating	\$2,500
Koonwarra / Leongatha RSL Cricket Club	Air Conditioner replacement	\$2,075
Meeniyan Dumbalk United Football Netball Club	MDU Scores a Goal	\$7,500
Venus Bay / Tarwin Lower and District Men's Shed	Tarwin District Auto Festival	\$6,000
Leongatha Business Association	Leongatha Daffodil Street Festival	\$5,000
Foster Cemetery Trust	Historic Monument Restoration	\$2,500