

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 |