

A Night to Celebrate our 2022/23 Round 1 Community Grants Recipients

Celebrations were held on Wednesday 7 December to recognise the successful recipients of the first round of the 2022/23 Community Grants Program.

During the night, 26 successful applicants received recognition for their project. \$130,000 was allocated to these projects.

The Community Grants Program aims to support community initiatives, projects and events that support South Gippsland. Community Grants are open to not-for-profit, community and volunteer organisations in the following categories:

- Minor Projects and Equipment (up to \$5,000)
- Major Projects and Equipment (up to \$10,000)
- Planning and Development Reports (up to \$10,000)
- Festivals and Events (up to \$10,000)

Round Two of the Community Grants Program opens 1 January and close 31 March. To assist the community with their applications, a number of drop-in sessions are available. For more information, please contact Sophie Bolding on 5662 9200 or visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Quote attributable to Councillor Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

“The Community Grants Program is a great way for the community to receive direct support from Council. While Council has contributed \$130,000 to these 26 projects, the value of them is \$495,000 – a fantastic return on investment.

“In this latest round, the projects range from facility and recreational upgrades to the purchasing of much needed equipment, all of which make South Gippsland a better place to live and enjoy.

“I strongly encourage community members to consider applying for the next round of applications and take advantage of the sessions held by Council. Applications for round two open on 1 January 2023.”

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Successful Grant Applicants

Applicant	Project Title	Total Amount Allocated
Friends of Mirboo North Swimming Pool	Mirboo North Swimming Pool Shade Sails	\$10,000
Kongwak Public Hall Incorporated	Air Conditioner Small Meeting Room	\$2,900
Mirboo Country Development Incorporated	Community Signage upgrade	\$4,000
Mirboo Recreation Reserve Incorporated	Large Mower	\$5,000
Poowong Football Club Inc	Solar Installation for PFNC Club House	\$2,500
Poowong-Loch Junior Football Club	Light up Loch	\$5,000
Poowong Public Hall Incorporated	Upgrade/replace the Halls Foyer Floor Tiles	\$4,000
Sandy Point Community Group Incorporated	Sandy Point Welcome Sign	\$5,000
South Gippsland Gliding Club Inc	Gliding Club Hangar Purchase	\$5,000
Bennison Adult Riding Club Inc	Defibrillator	\$1,350
Foster and District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Incorporated	Purchase of portable sheep yards and provision of show day entertainment	\$5,000
Leongatha Community Carols	Leongatha Community Carols	\$5,000
Lower Franklin River Land Protection Group (aka Corner Inlet Landcare Group)	Toora Community Garden and Greenhouse	\$6,000
Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc	Poowong – Celebrating 150 years of Settlement	\$4,000
Poowong Community Garden	Poowong Community Garden	\$2,500
Rotary Club of Leongatha	Rotary South Gippsland Cluster Website Development	\$4,000
South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc	Book publication: 'Wilsons Promontory National Park – A History'	\$1,500
Korumburra City Soccer Club	Portable Full-Size Goals	\$5,000
Leongatha Little Athletics Club Incorporated	All weather jump pit surface upgrade.	\$10,000
Leongatha Tennis Club	Leongatha Tennis Clay Court Upgrade	\$9,000

Meeniyan Golf Club Inc	Fairways Revolution Stage Three!	\$9,000
South Gippsland BMX Club	Bikes, helmets and gloves	\$1,500
(it's no) Drama LTD	Wild Woods – an (it's no) drama and Festive Fires Performance Collaboration	\$6,000
Bena Public Hall Incorporated	Bena Hall Acoustic Stage Curtains	\$4,500
Fish Creek Memorial Hall	Front Foot Back Beat – Community Performance Project	\$5,000
Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc	Development of Strategic Plan for Leongatha Lyric Theatre	\$7,250