

South Gippsland Shire Council Awards Over \$130,000 in Community Grants

South Gippsland Shire Council proudly celebrated our local community at a Community Grants Presentation Night (Wednesday 13 August), where 23 successful applicants were awarded funding to support a diverse range of projects across our region.

A total of \$134,557.00 in funding was distributed, contributing to a combined project value of \$464,032.60. These projects span vital areas of community development and were awarded under three key categories:

- Developing Community Assets
- Building Community Capacity and Culture
- Strengthening Community Sport

Community Grants are awarded twice per year to community, volunteer and not-for-profit organisations and aim to support community initiatives, projects and events that contribute to the South Gippsland region.

Round one of South Gippsland Shire Council's 2025/26 Community Grants are now open with applications closing Sunday 31 August. For more information and to apply for a Community Grant, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, John Schelling:

"Congratulations to the successful recipients of this round of Community Grants. We're proud to invest in projects that make South Gippsland a stronger, more inclusive place to live, work and learn."

"If you are a community, volunteer or not-for-profit organisation who would like to apply for a Community Grant, now is the perfect time, with round one taking applications until 31 August. If you need any support, Council's Grants team are knowledgeable and always willing to lend a hand, so please reach out."

Round Two Grant Recipients

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Awarded
Leongatha Girl Guides	Painting the outside of the Guide Hall	\$4,400
Loch and District Bowling Club	Ambience in Clubhouse: Purchasing new tables and chairs for the Clubhouse.	\$6,476.00
1st Mirboo North Scout Group	Mirboo North Scout's "Re-wall Our Hall" Project	\$10,000.00
Hallston Mechanics Institute	Hallston Hall Gutter and Downpipe Replacement	\$4,000
Leongatha and District Netball Association	Clubhouse Design Project	\$9,625.00
Koonwarra / Leongatha RSL Cricket Club	Irrigation – Stage 2	\$10,000.00
Foster Cricket Club	Foster Cricket Club Drainage Upgrade	\$10,000.00
Loch Public Hall	A book of recollections and history commemorating Loch's 150-year journey	\$3,000.00
Leongatha and District Historical Society	Tracking Down the Past	\$2,500.00
Leongatha Business Association	Biketoberfest Leongatha	\$3,000.00
Friends of Woodford Reserve	Restoring Nature at Woodford Reserve for Improved Community Health and Wellbeing	\$3,350.00
Manna Gum Community House	Manna Gum's Halloween Spooktacular!	\$2,400.00

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre	Do It Deadly!	\$10,000.00
Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower & District Men's Shed	Tarwin Lower Festival "Free Fun 4 Kids"	\$3,782.00
Leongatha Lyric Theatre	Heartbreak Choir: An Auslan-Accessible Performance	\$1,435.00
Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club	Strategic Plan	\$7,500.00
Leongatha Table Tennis Association	LTTA Strategic Plan 2025-2030	\$4 ,174.00
Nerrena Cricket Club	New Cricket Nets	\$10,000.00
Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club	Behind Goal Netting	\$10,000.00
BooFiit	Strong Nation	\$5,920.00
Nyora Football Netball Club	Junior Football Equipment	\$1,013.00
Corner Inlet Pony Club	Corner Inlet Pony Club Jumps for the Sky	\$6,000.00
Imperials Cricket Club	Imperials Cricket Club Nets Renovation	\$5,982.00