



Round One Community Grants Awarded and Celebrated

South Gippsland Shire Council congratulates all successful recipients of Round One Grants through the South Gippsland Community Grant program 2025/2026.

Twenty successful applicants were acknowledged at an awards ceremony yesterday, with \$116,719.0 being allocated across three categories: Strengthening Community Sports, Developing Community Assets, and Building Community Capacity and Culture.

The Community Grants program aims to support community initiatives that enhance quality of life, heritage, recreation or cultural opportunities for South Gippsland residents.

Funding up to \$10,000 is available under the following categories;

- Minor Projects & Equipment (\$1,000-\$5,000 - up to 50% of the total project cost)
- Major Projects & Equipment (\$5,000-\$10,000 - up to 50% of the total project cost)
- Planning & Development Reports (\$5,000-\$10,000 - up to 75% of the total project cost)
- Festivals & Events (\$1,000-\$10,000 - up to 50% of the total project cost)

Round Two is open now with applications closing on Tuesday 31 March. To help you learn more about the grants process and how to maximise your application, drop-in information sessions will be held throughout February. To find out more, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitygrantinformation

Community groups are also eligible to apply for small grants and emergency grants throughout the year.

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

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

"It was a pleasure to celebrate some of our outstanding local community groups and clubs and to hear their exciting plans for the future."

Council is proud to support local projects and events through these grants. In this round, Council invested \$116,719, but these dedicated groups converted that to over \$306,000 in project value!

I strongly encourage community members to consider applying for Round Two and take advantage of the drop-in sessions held by Council.”



Applicant	Project Title	Total Amount Allocated
Loch Memorial Reserve Inc	Gazebo Repaint	\$2,650
Opportunity Lochs	Kitchen Renovations	\$4,031
Poowong Basketball Association	Stadium Kiosk and Entrance	\$8,350
Bena Public Hall Incorporated	Replacement Guttering and Down Pipes	\$6,400
Jumping Horse Club	Korumburra Chique Show	\$5,280
Korumburra Amateur Swimming and Life Saving Club Inc	New Pool Thermal Blanket	\$3,935
Poowong Recreation Reserve	New Oval and Surrounds Mower	\$10,000
Loch 150 Year Celebration Committee	Celebrating Loch and Districts' 150 Years of Settlement	\$4,152
Prom Coast Centres for Children	A Welcoming Space	\$10,000
Foster Football Netball Club	Canteen Refurbishment	\$4,713
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Korumburra Agricultural and Pastoral Society	Seating at Korumburra Showgrounds	\$3,089
Korumburra RSL Sub-branch	Installation of picture rails for RSL Hall	\$1,700
South Gippsland Shire Brass Band	Strike Up The Band!!	\$2,322
Friends of Mossvale Park Inc	Mossvale Park Master Plan (Stage 1)	\$10,000
Koonwarra Mechanics Institute	Painting the Koonwarra Community Hall	\$9,050

Mount Eccles Mechanics Institute	Mt Eccles Hall Main Roof Replacement of Iron and Roof repairs	\$10,000
Outtrim Reserve Committee Incorporated	Purchase and Install Audio Visual System	\$5,000
Foster and District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc	International Back To Back Wool Challenge at the 2026 Foster Show	\$1,072
South Gippsland Swimming Association	Semi-automatic Timing System	\$4,975
	Total:	\$116,719

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