



Community Grant Winners Announced

South Gippsland Shire Council wishes to congratulate successful applicants for Round One of the 2017/2018 Community Grants Program.

Over the course of the past 11 years Council has successfully allocated approximately \$3.5 million to the Community Grants Program.

Thirty two successful applicants were acknowledged yesterday at an awards ceremony with \$150,000 awarded to various community groups across South Gippsland for 2017/2018.

Successful applicants were awarded under the categories of Minor Projects and Equipment; Festivals and Events; Emergency and Small Grants; Facility Upgrades and Master Plan Developments.

With the grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the Community Grants Program is still one of the most direct ways Council can support the community by recognising the importance and need for community groups.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt wished to congratulate each successful community group for their application.

“Congratulations to all of the community groups successful in receiving funding in what was a vast and competitive pool this year.

“I cannot wait to see some of these projects not only begin development but enhance our community in social and cultural sectors for both visitors and residents to enjoy.

“The immense support and drive that the South Gippsland community has is outstanding. Everyone should be proud of their efforts and continue to aspire to new heights,” said the Mayor.

Applications for the proposed Round Two of the Community Grants Program will open early January 2018 and close 31 March 2018.

Council wishes to advise that from 2018 the Community Strengthening team will be managing the program. Local community groups are encouraged to contact the team should they want further information 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
Foster Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Streetscape Banners	\$1,345
Foster Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Celebrating Foster's New Streetscape	\$2,500
South Coast Boardriders Inc	Storage facility	\$5,800
Sandy Point Music Club	Festival of Small Halls	\$1,500
Sandy Point Community Group Inc	Beach Access Wheelchair	\$2,200
Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve Committee	Change-room Concept Design	\$3,465
Bena Tennis Club Inc	Bena Tennis Court Upgrade	\$5,000
Poowong Reserve Committee	Track Upgrade	\$4,000
ParkRun Inc	Koonwara ParkRun	\$2,000
Jeetho Hall Committee Inc	Side Access Lane	\$5,000
Korumburra Business Association	Christmas Tree and Decorations	\$1,540
Koonwara/Leongatha RSL Cricket Club Inc	Storage Shed	\$2,000
Meeniyan Bowls Club Inc	Bowling Ahead at Meeniyan Stage two	\$3,500
Meeniyan Art Gallery	Meeniyan Art Gallery Business Plan	\$8,000
Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Committee	Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival	\$5,000
Nautilus Theatre	A Criss-Cross Christmas	\$5,000
Gippsland Hills CWA	CWA State Creative Arts Exhibition	\$7,500
South Gippsland Specialist School	Performing Arts Project	\$7,000
Leongatha Lyric Theatre	Mesley Hall Stage Rebuild	\$9,000
South Gippsland Gemstone and Lapidary Club Inc	Silversmith Short Course	\$2,400
Leongatha Auskick	Leongatha Velodrome Common Pavilion Development (Stage 2)	\$10,000
Leongatha Cycling Club	Leongatha Velodrome Upgrade	\$9,500
Lions Club Of Leongatha	Lions Centenary Project	\$3,500
The Great Southern Star Eisteddfod	Relaunch of the Great Southern Star Eisteddfod	\$2,500
Mirboo Recreation Reserve Inc	Pavilion revamp/replacement of BBQ	\$3,500
Leongatha and District Netball Association	Business Plan for redevelopment detailed design plans	\$4,900
St Paul's Catholic Social Club	Mirboo North Italian Festa	\$8,000
Mirboo North Senior Citizens Centre Inc	Overhead Projector at Baromi Centre	\$1,500
U3A Mirboo North and District	Membership Drive	\$2,000
Mirboo North Arty Gras Festival Committee	Mirboo North Arty Gras Festival	\$3,000
Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre Inc	New Projector	\$1,800
Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre Inc	Seniors Week- Various Events	\$2,800