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COUNCIL INJECTS \$80,000 INTO LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Strathbogie Shire Council will award \$80,000 worth of funding to 22 different applicants through the 2018 Community Grants Program.

Grants were awarded to a variety of applicants, with categories in active and healthy community, arts, culture and events, environment and sustainability and facilities and infrastructure.

The following applicants and their projects were successful in receiving funding:

- ✓ Violet Town Community House- Water feature and mosaic in Community Garden
- ✓ Avenel Heritage Writers Group- Digital publication of Avenel Heritage Information
- ✓ Euroa Arboretum- Bush Tucker Day with Taungurung Clan Traditional Owners
- ✓ Euroa Basketball Association- Outdoor basketball half court at Lions Park
- ✓ Violet Town Gallery Museum Inc- Art gallery space fit-out
- ✓ Gooram Soldiers Memorial Hall- Maintenance and Emergency Response Project
- ✓ Euroa Junior Football Netball Club- New netball court seating
- ✓ Violet Town Recreation Reserve- Children's playground competition
- ✓ Ruffy Recreation Reserve- New post and rail fence
- ✓ Strathbogie Voices- Twilight Hawkers' Market 2019
- ✓ Avenel Pools Working Group- Shade structure
- ✓ Nagambie Petanque Club- Storage facility
- ✓ Longwood Community Centre Management Committee- Completion of oval fence
- ✓ Avenel Heritage Story Board Group- Avenel Heritage Story Boards
- ✓ Ruffy Artfest- Ruffy Artfest 2018
- ✓ Euroa Agricultural Society- Repairs electricity supply Charles Street Poultry Pavilion
- ✓ Euroa Hockey Club- New hockey equipment
- ✓ Euroa Lawn Tennis Club- Clubroom floor restoration
- ✓ Avenel Recreation Reserve- New floor coverings in canteen areas
- ✓ Violet Town Bowls Club- Interior painting of clubrooms
- ✓ Violet Town RSL Sub Branch- Centennial Memorial Mural
- ✓ Avenel Bowling Club- New computer and printer

There was an influx of applicants for this year's program, with total of 32 across the four categories and an attendance of 37 people at the information sessions provided by Council.

After careful consideration by the relevant staff at Council and several discussions with Councillors, the 22 successful applicants were announced at the recent Ordinary Council Meeting.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council is grateful for the huge amount of effort and uptake from local community groups.

“The amount of active and enthusiastic community groups that exist in the Strathbogie Shire is truly astounding,” Mayor McClaren said.

“On behalf of Council, I’d like to thank all of our groups who took the time and effort to apply and I congratulate all those who have successfully received a grant.”

“There are such an exciting variety of projects that will contribute to the social fabric of our communities, improve infrastructure, promote healthy living and drive economic development,” Cr McClaren said.

"I hope those who were unsuccessful aren't disheartened, and I encourage them to take a look at Goulburn Valley Funding Finder; there are so many State, Federal and philanthropic grants out there just waiting for applications.”

Goulburn Valley Funding Finder is a free search engine website for business and community grants.

To access Goulburn Valley Funding Finder, visit <https://goulburnvalley.grantguru.com.au/> or jump on Council’s website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au and click the “Grants” button on the homepage.

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