

2009/10 Community Grants Program

Council has allocated \$200,000 in its Budget for the 2009/10 Financial Year. The \$200,000 is made up of previously separate funds that included the Community Grants Program, Community Action Group Program, Tourism / Events Program, Art / Culture Program, Christmas Decorations and the William Pearson Bequest program. These programs plus an overall increase in the funding of about \$45,000 has seen Council commit to ensuring that the community has support in activities that bring about long term sustainable activities, projects and improvements in community assets / liveability.

In deciding which applications should be supported in either funding or DPCD Minor Facilities Grants Council based its decision on:

- Did it meet one of the Goal's set by Council in its 4 Year Council Plan
- What are the financial needs of a particular group
- The ability of a group to self fund (based on financial evidence)
- Whether all documentation required was provided with the groups application
- The availability of funding for that particular category and
- Has the group in the past acquitted and spent their funding within the required time frame?

This year's program was limited to one round closing on Friday 21 August 2009 with all programs to be acquitted by the 31 May 2010. The reason for the May close off date is that there are applications from previous years that have only just been acquitted.

This year's program has been divided into the following categories:

- William Pearson Bequest program
- Community Action Groups Program which includes Christmas Decorations
- Tourism and Events
- Minor Capital
- Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) Minor Facilities (which is for the 2010/11 Financial Year but applications need to be submitted to DPCD by 17 September 2009)

As in previous years the total amount of grants applied for \$298,789.60 exceeded the pool allocated of \$200,000. Therefore not all grant submissions were funded this year.

The following tables lists the funding allocated under the various categories:

1. William Pearson Bequest

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Allocation Recommended
Euroa Citizens Band	Band Operational Funding	\$2,500	\$2,500
Totals		\$2,500	\$2,500

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2. Community Action Groups

It should be noted that the Community Action Group Program has been increased from \$30,200 (2008/9) to \$79,200 (2009/10) to allow for the inclusion of Christmas Decorations into their programs plus no allowance for roll over's from one year to another. Any money allocated must be spent within that Financial Year eg. 31 May 2010.

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Allocation Recommended
Avenel Action Group	Community celebration to celebrate the old stone bridge's 150th birthday. Funding for hire of toilets and two piece folk band.	\$1,280	\$1,280
	Compiling community directory to distribute to households with contact details of community and sporting organisations. To be used until website established (included in additional funding appn)	\$1,800	\$1,800
	To build a canopy, complete electrical connection and install seating at Old Stone Bridge BBQ site. First stage of "Avenel Village Link Project".	\$4,000	\$4,000
	To set up an Avenel community website with contact details of community and sporting groups.	\$600	\$600
	Totals	\$7,680	\$7,680
<i>Avenel Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$10,700</i>			
Euroa Action Group	To assist with development of brochure for distribution in line with Euroa Shines.	\$1,500	\$1,500
	To establish Euroa Sports & Recreation - with the main aims of providing effective cooperation and long term leadership between clubs, to strengthen links between sporting clubs, recreation groups and other organisations including Council, schools & funding bodies, and to promote sport and recreation in Euroa.	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Totals	\$11,500	\$11,500
<i>Euroa Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$13,000</i>			
Nagambie Action Group (& Lakes Tourism and Commerce)	New Years Eve fireworks display over Lake Nagambie.	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Totals	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>Nagambie Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$13,000</i>			

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Strathbogie Tableland Action Group	Develop & distribute to all landholders and community members on the Strathbogie Tableland a resource guide containing local emergency and safety information and strategies providing the resources to prepare for and make decisions in times of emergency. The first stage will relate specifically to the bushfire season	\$9,050	\$9,050
	Totals	\$9,050	\$9,050
<i>Strathbogie Tableland Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$10,600</i>			
Violet Town Action Group (incl. Market Sub Committee, Quilting and Friend of Pool joint applications)	Protect a large habitat tree located along Honeysuckle Creek by establishing plantings underneath and around the tree.	\$1,977.05	\$1,577
	To purchase 3 steel cigarette butt bins to attach to community complex exterior.	\$907.50	Nil
	"To pay Strathcon to put street signs in which have been made for over 10 years and lie in the back of the Shire depot."	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Construct Stage 1 of an extension to the existing pavilion located at the Recreation Reserve which serves as the Violet Town Football & Netball Club clubrooms.	\$10,000	\$3,623
	To purchase a screen.	\$400	Nil
	An exhibition of over 150 quilts displayed in the Community Hall and garden in conjunction with Markets	\$500	\$500
	To provide shade structures in the grassed areas of the VT pool for pool and market users. To purchase & install a water tank & pump to harvest & collect water when vacuuming the pool & from the roof.	\$4,450	\$4,000
	Totals	\$19,234.55	\$10,700
<i>Violet Town Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$10,700</i>			
Ruffy Action Group	To implement Action Plan program and redevelop equestrian and pavilion facilities.	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Totals	\$10,000	\$10,000
<i>Ruffy Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$10,600</i>			

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Longwood Action Group	Footpaths from centre of town to Rec Reserve and School. (Part of Longwood Community Centre Grant Allocation)	\$8,900	\$8,900
	To erect a shelter for teams, officials and spectators of visiting netball clubs. (Part of Longwood Football Netball Club Inc Grant Allocation)	\$5,600	\$1,700
	Totals	\$14,500	\$10,600
<i>Longwood Action Group have an allocation for 2009 / 10 of = \$10,600</i>			
Grand Totals		\$74,964.55	\$62,130

3. Tourism and Events

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Allocation Recommended
Avenel - Jubilee Park Committee	To further develop the monthly market event across the region and consolidate the free community kids activities and live music acts.	\$2,766	\$1,640
Balmattum Recreation Reserve	Community family fun evening to be conducted on Balmattum Cup eve - assisting with funding of entertainment.	\$700	Nil
Euroa Agricultural Society Inc	Promotional activities of Euroa Show	\$2,000	\$1,500
Euroa Citizens Band	To present Carols by Candlelight in the park (weather permitting) with a BBQ for no cost, to the community.	\$1,350	\$1,350
Euroa Rotary Club	To provide a free and alcohol free family event at the Euroa Pool - open to all members of Euroa community.	\$2,500	Nil
Euroa Wool Week Festival Committee	To hire a marquee for musical entertainment - Sunday in the Park and partial funding for inaugural wool week cook off.	\$880	\$880
Nagambie & District Lions Club	Carols by Candlelight at Mechanics Hall.	\$500	\$500
Strathbogie Ranges Tourism Association Inc	Eclectic Estates of Interest Tours - conduct three tours form the tour guide including wineries and homesteads	\$4,500	Nil
Strathbogie Ranges Wine Region Association	To showcase and promote Strathbogie Region Wineries and wine. Dinner & promotional weekend.	\$3,500	Nil
Violet Town Lions Club	A free community, family based event showcasing the skills of speed shearing. Free entry, entertainment for children including train rides, merry-go-rounds, jumping castle. Goods & services auction and food stalls.	\$5,000	\$3,000

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Women of Euroa (auspiced by Euroa Health Inc)	Women of Euroa Group (auspiced by Euroa Health Inc) wish to hold 4 events, 3 of which are targeted to women in Strathbogie Shire and surrounds. 27 Aug 09 - a dinner with Guest Speakers from ANZ Bank - "Opportunities for Women in Organisational Focus. 12 Nov 09 - Special Event Evening "You Won't Die Laughing" - open to all members of community. 25 Feb 10 and 27 May 10 - Dinners with Guest Speakers to be advised.	\$10,000	\$1,000
Grand Totals		\$33,696	\$9,870

4. Minor Capital

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Allocation Recommended
Avenel Memorial Hall Committee of Management	The Avenel Memorial Hall Committee of Management want to repair the ceiling (already being taken care of by Council), replace light fittings, buy new chairs and fix a fence. The ceiling repair will need to be done prior to Community Grants being awarded - is there any provision to be reimbursed through grants?	\$6,450.80	Nil
Avenel Preschool	To replace an outmoded timber fort in the main playground.	\$10,000	\$7,500
Avenel Senior Citizens Centre Inc.	Purchase kitchen items that will assist elderly volunteers to prepare meals for groups. Items are cordless and lighter than current kitchen items - include warmer; deep fryer; slow cooker;	\$600	\$600
Balmattum Recreation Reserve Inc	To repair, restore & refurbish exterior of Balmattum Hall and fit an additional septic tank as existing tank is inadequate to meet current standards.	\$10,000	Nil
Creighton's Creek Rec Assoc Inc	Purchase four 'super sound panels' to improve the acoustics in the hall.	\$2,200	\$1,200
Euroa (Business Enterprise) - formerly Euroa Tourism/Business Assoc Inc	To purchase environmental shopping bags x 1000 for distribution by local traders to further promote & advertise local retailers	\$2,500	Nil
Euroa (Business Enterprise) - formerly Euroa Tourism/Business Assoc Inc	Purchase high pressure spray unit to be available to the Euroa retail sector for cleaning of shop and street fronts.	\$800	Nil

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Euroa Arboretum Inc	Stories of Steel & Stone - Completing the Story. To enhance the recently installed decorative screens with complementary landscaping and pedestrian access.	\$4,955	\$1,500
Euroa Bowls Club Inc	The Bowling Club require approx 60,000 to 70,000 litres of water to maintain bowling green surfaces. Cost of purchasing water currently is about \$2,500pa. Can obtain suitable water from Council bore once a week but need to store it to water the greens when required. Will save Club approx \$2,000 a year.	\$10,000	Nil
Euroa Community Playgroup (auspiced by Playgroup Victoria)	To purchase indoor play equipment.	\$4,998.55	\$3,000
Euroa Golf Club Inc	Replace aged mower of over 6000 hours usage.	\$10,000	Nil
Euroa Health Inc (Men's Shed)	To purchase furnishings and whitegoods for new Men's Shed location at Showgrounds.	\$4,300	\$4,300
Euroa Historical and Genealogical Society - The Farmers Arms Hotel Museum	To fit clear Perspex covers over shelves in three rooms of the museum to protect items displayed.	\$1,530	\$1,000
Euroa Miniature Railway	To purchase and install recycled plastic sleepers to existing track to increase safety and help protect park environment.	\$4,200	\$3,000
Euroa Pony Club	Purchase and installation of public address system for communicating to event participants	\$2,390	Nil
Longwood Community Centre	To purchase a commercial vacuum cleaner for the Longwood Community Centre.	\$700	\$700
Longwood Community Centre	Footpaths from centre of town to Rec Reserve and School	\$8,900	See Community Action Groups
Longwood Football Netball Club Inc	To erect a shelter for teams, officials and spectators of visiting netball clubs. (Plus \$1,700 from Longwood Action Group)	\$5,600	\$3,600 + See Community Action Groups
Longwood Rural Fire Brigade	To construct a wall to divide the tanks from the meeting room/ office/kitchen area in the Longwood Fire Station.	\$9,418	\$2,000
Miepoll Public Hall	To complete the staining, sanding and polishing of hall flooring and to clean and paint toilet flooring.	\$2,970	\$2,970
Nagambie - St Josephs Primary School	Replacing multi-purpose hall. Have Fed funding - but have a \$27,800 shortfall.	\$27,800	Nil

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Nagambie Branch - Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation	A small fenced area attached to the library with access only through the library, a skillion for shade and protection from weather and soft fill for children's comfort and safety.	\$9,471	\$9,500
Nagambie Croquet Club Inc	To upgrade the watering system to the croquet lawns - watering system then independent from Bowls Club.	\$10,180	Nil
Nagambie Golf Club	To purchase a computer to be part of the national handicap system.	\$1,129	Nil
Nagambie Historical Society	To restore the 1910 fire cart to its original condition - paint and detail.	\$2,200	\$2,200
Nagambie Historical Society	To construct small machinery shed to allow under cover storage of historical items.	\$5,459.25	Nil
Nagambie Playgroup	Nagambie Playgroup wishes to construct a free standing structure to provide a covered area for outside activity. It will allow for greater usable space, promoting outside play while providing protection from sun and rain. It will be used for messy play activity and will provide an improved area for seating, activity & supervision.	\$2,270	\$2,000
Nagambie Pre-School	The Nagambie Pre School would like to build a designated bike track to keep bike riding away from other play areas. It will be used not only for play, but will be used for interactive role play of road safety, complete with signs and a visit from the local Police.	\$3,400	\$2,500
Nagambie Tennis Club	Nagambie Tennis Club wish to purchase a new stove/oven to upgrade catering facilities for club and other community groups/sporting clubs who use the facilities.	\$1,300	Nil
Ruffy Recreation Reserve	To implement Action Plan program and redevelop equestrian and pavilion facilities.	\$10,000	See Community Action Groups & DPCD Grants Section
Strathbogie Golf Club Inc	To pour concrete floor in existing work and storage shed - will improve area used for machinery repairs and storage.	\$3,790.50	Nil
Strathbogie Memorial Hall	To complete the upgrade of acoustics in the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.	\$3,000	\$2,000
Strathbogie Ranges Tourism Association Inc	Bogie Bollards - to commission local artists to paint bollards in Euroa.	\$5,600	Nil
Strathbogie Recreation Reserve	To purchase reverse cycle air conditioner and new fridge.	\$5,100	\$3,000
Strathbogie Recreation Reserve	To purchase seed to resurface oval playing area	\$797.50	\$800

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Kelvin View Hall Committee of Management	connect the spring to the line to the toilets - drought conditions have resulted in no tank water - without water the hall can't meet health regulations	\$1,100	\$1,100
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre Inc	The Violet Town Early Childhood Centre are requesting funding to replace the edge of the sandpit with a rubber edge and create a rubber sloped entry. Also they would like to cover the unusable area with rubber to create a safe play area.	\$10,000	\$5,000
Violet Town Community House	To purchase a portable projector screen and DVD/Video player and speakers.	\$819.45	\$820
Violet Town Tennis Club	Replace surface of 2 old modgrass tennis courts with modern synthetic grass playing surface at VT public courts	\$5,000	See DPCD Grants Section
Violet Town Garden Club	Have donated previously - up to 2006 - \$100. Haven't donated last 2 years possibly due to show not being on (drought).	\$200	\$200
Violet Town RSL	Purchase portable public address system to enable people (including ageing members) to participate in following services by being able to hear and follow service: - on national memorial days such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day - At RSL funeral services - Meetings & social events Also will be available for other community organisations to use.	\$1,000	Nil
Grand Totals		\$212,129.05	\$60,490

5. Minor Facilities – DPCD Grants 2010 / 2011

The applications for the DPCD Minor Facilities Grants are for the 2010 / 2011 Financial Year. Council (and the group) are required to submit applications by 17 September 2009. The supported amounts from Council will come out of the Community Grants Program for 2010 / 2011. The Council can only support as per the Guidelines one project with the total value under \$60,000 and 2 projects with values over \$60,000 and under \$250,000.

Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Council Support	Cost to Council 2010 / 2011
Violet Town Football Netball Club	Stage 2 of Community Outdoor All Weather Multi-Use BBQ Facility and Asphalt Surfacing	\$79,000	Yes	\$3,330.00
Euroa Pony Club	Strathbogie Equine Facilities Project - Sand Arena - Longwood	\$66,670	No	

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Euroa Arboretum	Making tracks for a healthy community	\$36,405	No	
Euroa Golf Club	Automated Reticulation Recycled Wastewater at Euroa Golf Course - Final Stage	\$131,466	No	
Violet Town Tennis Club	For the next generation - resurface public tennis courts	\$45,000	Yes	\$5,000.00
Ruffy Recreation Reserve	Recreation reserve upgrade - to provide for horse dressage and associated sports	\$78,940	Yes	\$10,000.00

There was also an application from the Balmattum Recreation Reserve Inc for a \$65,631 project that was submitted as a DPCD Minor Facilities Grant. This should have been submitted as a Community Support Grant and this application will be submitted direct by the Committee to DPCD.

Upon advice received from DPCD, it is recommended that Euroa Arboretum apply for a Community Support Grant and Violet Town Tennis Club be recommended for the Minor Facilities Grant.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council adopt the 2009 / 10 Community Grants Program allocation of Funding listed above and**
- 2. That all groups be thanked for their submissions and advised of the outcome.**
- 3. That the Community Grants process and procedure be reviewed by 31 May 2010 in time for the 2010 / 11 Program.**