



# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Under Separate Cover  
Council Meeting**

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**6.00pm Tuesday 23 November 2021**



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## Attachment 1: Community Strengthening Grants Round 2, 2021 - Grant Applications

## Applications and Assessments by Category

Grant Category	Applications Received	Number of Applications Recommended	Volunteer Contributions for Recommended Applications	Total Amount Recommended
Creative Communities	2	2	20	\$13,000.00
Environment and Sustainability	5	2	400	\$5,607.72
Community Safety	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Healthy Active Living	15	12	342	\$56,383.60
<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>\$74,991.32</b>

## Successful Applications and Details

Environment and Sustainability Category			
Applicant and Project	Project Details	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Moorabool Catchment Landcare Group  Agricultural and Environmental Managers Demonstration Day Project	This grant application project seeks to deliver a 'first of its kind' demonstration of new innovative technology for the local agricultural and environmental community in the Moorabool region. The demonstration day will consist of spraying approximately 6.5ha of Gorse along Back Aston Creek and Eclipse Creek in Meredith. The project will also include discussions between Airpac Drone Solutions, Landcare and land managers and the farming community on how technologies can be integrated to create better agricultural and environmental outcomes.	\$3607.72	\$607.72  Not recommend is the \$3,000 which is for a private drone company demonstration.
Geelong Landcare Network Inc  Building community capacity for environmental action in the Bannockburn/Bruce's Creek Area	This grant project is seeking to establish a Landcare group that will be called 'The Bruce's Creek Catchment Landcare Group', which is indicated to fill a gap between the existing Leigh and District, Barrabool Hills, Batesford Fyansford, Stonehaven, Maude, and Bamganie-Meredith Landcare groups.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

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Healthy Active Living Category			
Applicant and Project	Project Details	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Teesdale Mechanics Institute Committee of Management  Here's looking at you	The Teesdale Mechanics Institute Committee of Management seeks to install a wall of mirrors at the Teesdale Community Hall to assist with group activities e.g., CWA, Knit and Knatter group, Tai Chi Group, Martials Arts Group, Dance Group.	\$5850.00	\$5850.00
Sutherlands Creek Tennis Club  Sutherlands Creek Tennis Club Foundation Stone and Outdoor Area Enhancement Project	This grant project is centred on creating a rejuvenated outdoor place to welcome the community in. It will further enhance the facility ability to be more than a tennis club and create a gathering place that is multi-purpose and welcomes a broader opportunity for outdoor events, activities, and playgroups.	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00
Smythesdale Petanque Club  Lighting for Woody Yaloak Recreation Reserve Building	Smythesdale Petanque Club seeks to improve the lighting capacity of the recreation reserve building to provide a safer environment whilst also allowing for the Petanque activities to be played in the evening. The increase of lighting will also provide a broader benefit to the community who are using the reserve and buildings.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Woody Yaloak Athletic Club  Haddon User Group Storage Shed	The Woody Yaloak Athletic Club seeks to improve their storage infrastructure for the Woody Yaloak Athletic Club and Haddon Auskick by provision of a shed to store equipment close to the activity location, ensure the viability, security and lifespan of equipment, and provide safer access to equipment for club volunteers.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Turtle Bend Committee of Management  Turtle Bend Lantern Parade Workshop	The Turtle Bend Committee of Management grant project seeks to hold a series of lantern making workshops in Teesdale, Inverleigh, Lethbridge, and Shelford communities with the ultimate goal of ensuring participation at the annual Turtle Bend Lantern parade held at Turtle Bend in Teesdale.	\$2,130.00	\$2,130.00
Bannockburn Golf Club  New Trencher to install Grass on the Greens	Bannockburn Golf Club seeks to upgrade the current sand scrapes on the Bannockburn Golf Course and provide new grass to the greens. This grant project seeks to purchase a new trencher and irrigation pipelines. Being able to welcome the community and visitors to the game of golf will increase physical and social participation.	\$5,772.50	\$5,772.50
Teesdale Cricket Club  Point of Sale System	This grant project seeks to purchase a point-of-sale system, which will assist volunteers with the ability to track sales and complete financial requirements and provide better financial reporting capacity and capability with financial accountability.	\$2,796.00	\$2,796.00

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Healthy Active Living Category (continued)			
Applicant and Project	Project Details	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Rokewood and Corindhap Football and Netball Club  Goal Safety Netting	The Rokewood and Corindhap Football and Netball Club grant application seeks the installation of goal post netting, consisting of 3 x 8-meter poles, 3 x footing cages and 1 x 22 meter x 8-meter net at each of the Rokewood Recreation Reserve to increase public safety for reserve users.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Dolphins Basketball Club  Training equipment and storage	The Dolphin Basketball Club grant project seeks to purchase equipment and storage to provide opportunities for the community to reconnect, participate and be socially and physically active after two years of pandemic snap lockdowns. The club's aim is to provide a high level of training and teaching for their participants to continually upskill, enjoy basketball and reach their full potential.	\$5,211.10	\$4,211.10  Reduced funding amount due to oversubscribed and competitive grants round.
Bannockburn Cricket Club  BCC Women's Team Equipment	The Bannockburn Cricket Club grant application seeks to provide safety and sporting equipment for their first ever women's cricket team. The inclusion of women's cricket at this well established club will encourage active participation, social connection and further increase female sporting opportunities.	\$4662.71	\$3,500.00  Reduced funding amount due to oversubscribed and competitive grants round.
Woody Yaloak Historical Group  Replacement of the War Memorial Sign at Ross Creek Avenue of Honour	The Woody Yaloak Historical group grant project seeks to replace the WW1 Memorial sign located on the verge in front of the Ross Creek Community Hall. The sign has been affected by weather exposure and provides the community and visitors with an opportunity to learn about and recognise the dedicated 20 soldiers that served in WW1 from the Ross Creek area.	\$374.00	\$374.00
Volunteering Geelong  Building Stronger Volunteer Community Advocates	Volunteering Geelong through will provide volunteers from across Golden Plains Shire with training on advocacy skills. This project aligns with the Council's Community Planning Program Action Plan 2021 – 2024, which seeks to build advocacy skills of the volunteer community coordinators from the 23 Volunteer Community Planning Groups.	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00

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Creative Community Category			
Applicant and Project	Project Details	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Haddon Community Learning Centre Inc  Haddon CLC Recording Studio	This project is for the establishment of a professionally equipped video recording room studio at Haddon Community Learning Centre. This will increase learning opportunities including online offerings with the intention of being able to record/broadcast content for adult learning courses, activities, workshops, events and the development of records and videos.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Turtle Bend Committee of Management  Turtle Bend Bridge Path	Project is designed to complement the bridge upgrade that was facilitated through a Federal Government grant in 2019. In keeping with the Turtle Bend focus of Indigenous flora and fauna, the project will involve the design and construction of a path on either side of the new bridge that symbolizes a blue tongue lizard and provide an inclusive trail extremely for community and visitors..	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00  Reduced funding amount due to oversubscribed and competitive grants round.
16 Grant Applicants Recommended as successful			\$74,991.32

## Applications Assessed as Unsuccessful or Ineligible

- Geelong Landcare Network Inc - Feasibility Study for Local Community based Indigenous Nursery. Requested funding \$5,000.
- MJM Investments [Vic] Pty Ltd - Bringing Wild Back. Requested funding \$10,000.
- Haddon Primary School - The Resilience Garden. Requested funding \$10,000.
- Studio Art6 - Mini MasterChef's. Requested funding \$3,500.
- Teesdale Cricket Club - Electronic Scoreboard. Requested funding \$8,267.
- Haddon Community Learning Centre Inc - Art, Recipes and Antidotes. Requested funding \$6,900.
- Leigh District Riding Club - Upgrading the Emergency Management Facility at Victoria Park Inverleigh. Requested funding \$9,250.74.

Note: 3 of the applicants were successful in receiving funding for another grant project in this round.



## Attachment 2: Community Strengthening Grants Program – Summary and Highlights

**COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS - 2020 and 2021**

Since the adoption by Golden Plains Shire Council of a Community Grants Policy and new Community Strengthening Grants Framework in February 2020, four rounds of Community Strengthening Grants have been undertaken. A summary of the grants over this period (the 2020 and 2021 calendar years) is as follows:

Funding Round	Total \$ Requested	Applications	Successful Applications	Total \$ in Funding	Community Project Value
Round 1 2020	\$102,675	17	16	\$74,283.50	\$229,246.23
Round 2 2020	\$101,288.50	20	17	\$71,928	\$204,560
Round 1 2021	\$48,531	13	12	\$44,531	\$99,062
Round 2 2021	\$135,072	23	16	\$74,991.32	\$149,982
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$387,567.50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$265,733.82</b>	<b>\$682,850.23</b>

As evidenced above, through the co-contribution of volunteers, labour and other funding sources, the Community Strengthening Grants Program has/will enable the delivery of an estimated \$682,850 in project value to the community.

The funding applied for and provided through the Community Strengthening Grants has contributed to projects and initiatives across a wide variety of groups and locations within the Shire. A summary of projects by location is as follows:

*Project Locations across the Funding Rounds	Total Grants Value (\$)
Bannockburn	\$54,863.6
Inverleigh	\$32,030
Meredith	\$29,076.22
Teesdale	\$26,776
Shire Wide	\$25,631
Linton	\$22,454
Haddon	\$19,736
Rokewood	\$14,942
Smythesdale	\$13,895
Sutherlands Creek	\$5,900
Mannibadar	\$5,610
Garibaldi	\$4,000
Maude	\$3,243
Ross Creek/Smythes Creek	\$2,449
Batesford	\$2,087
Lethbridge	\$2,042
<b>TOTAL SHIRE</b>	<b>\$265,733.82</b>

\*Note: this refers to geographic location of the groups/projects which may service a broader catchment

A sample of five Community Strengthening Grants projects delivered with some images and highlighted outcomes for communities are provided on the following pages.



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**Smythesdale Community Arts and Music Fiesta - \$3,000 Community Strengthening Grant****7 February 2020**

Key to the Smythesdale Arts and Music Community Fiesta, held 7 February 2021 were: the Fiesta manager, the promotions coordinator, the music coordinator and, Golden Plains Shire Council funding.

With a prime objective to employ and offer exposure to local artists within the Northern region of Golden Plains Shire, the bulk of granted funding paid musicians fees, employed local artists, aided the presentation of poetry readings, art exhibition, data projection and the delivery of arts workshops.

Granted funds also provided for social media promotions, printing and additional signage on the day of the Fiesta.



The standard of the Fiesta was, according to audience feedback, "amazing" and "stimulating", with many expressed forms of praise from attendees of the Fiesta.

Attendees of all ages eagerly immersed themselves within the culture of the event, engaged in ongoing conversations, stayed much longer than intended and added to the ambient atmosphere generated by the all-inclusive presentations. Conversations indicated that the community valued the opportunity to gather, to partake of the entertainment offered and to engage with a variety of art forms; to purchase art from the exhibition and, to meet with and purchase art from 'artist' at the art-stalls.

Many community members participated in workshop classes, poetry/spoken word sessions, mural painting, sketch club and/or art-stall presentations that were offered on the day, that again contributed greatly to community engagement and wellbeing.

Fiesta attendees, together with participating artists and workshop demonstrators referred to the value of face-to-face interaction that led to opportunities to expand their network with other artists, creative professionals and community members.

Members of local community groups (CFA, GPA, SPA, WYHS) together with individual community volunteers contributed to the Fiesta, thereby strengthening local social cohesion within the community. As a consequence, the broader community gained an appreciation for the contributing factors that all forms of art play in strengthening camaraderie within communities.

Other beneficiaries were hospitality and accommodation traders, with visitors attending from as far afield as Mildura, Melbourne, Hamilton and Geelong.

Overall, the Fiesta presented a greater number of artists to the community; attracted greater audience attendance and participation, with strong evidence of a greater length of time spent in attending the Fiesta than on previous occasions.

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**Bannockburn Cemetery Trust - \$5,000 Community Strengthening Grant****13/07/2020 – 17/07/2021**

The Bannockburn Cemetery Trust applied for funding to erect hurdle fencing within the cemetery to improve the safety of visitors, using the carpark and to provide additional barriers through use of trees (Ornamental Pear Trees) which would also improve the appeal of the cemetery within the community.

The project's aim was to improve the carpark safety and appeal to the community which the Trust believe has been achieved this through the use of trees and fencing that complements the natural surroundings of the cemetery.

It has clearly defined the boundaries of the car park on both sides which now encourages people to park in an orderly fashion. The trees are now full of leaves after planting back in August 2020 when they were bare-rooted and just sticks.

As the project was planned well in advance, this meant that any foreseeable risks were mitigated and lead to the smooth implementation of this project.



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**Geelong Sustainability - \$8,000 Community Strengthening Grant****24/11/2020 – 24/11/2021**

The project coordinated an extensive community bulk buy program for rooftop solar systems and battery storage in the Golden Plains Shire as part of a G21 region wide program helping homeowners to go solar.

Designed to build community resilience through renewable energy, it engaged around 1200 people across the region via public information sessions with the anticipated to result being approximately 250 households going on to purchase a solar and/or battery system – adding around 1.5-2MW of rooftop solar and battery storage in total.

The Council grant was central to the success of the Community Solar Bulk Buy Program in the Golden Plains Shire, providing the financial resources required for professional project management and the coordination of community engagement sessions that result in system installations.

While the community solar system and battery storage bulk buy program covers the entire G21 region for Geelong Sustainability, the grant application is focused on the resources required for effective implementation within the Golden Plains Shire only.





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**Inverleigh Golf Club and Disc Golf Club - \$8,600 Community Strengthening Grant****24/11/2020 – 24/11/2021**

The Inverleigh Golf and Disc Golf Club invested the funding obtained through the Healthy Active Living (Community Strengthening Grant) into the purchase of disc golf equipment. The 18 disc golf baskets were purchased to be installed at the golf course as part of a permanent disc golf course project.

Prior to receiving the grant, the Club itself did not own any disc golf equipment and required the baskets to complete the installation of the championship level disc golf course. The disc golf course at Inverleigh is a permanent public course, accessible to club members and the general public.

The sport of disc golf is suitable for all ages and abilities. It's low cost to play and is a lifetime sport. The Inverleigh Golf Club adopted disc golf into a 5-year plan with the goal of introducing a new activity to the local community, attracting new members and increasing club income through an additional revenue stream.

The disc golf course project is ongoing. As a permanent facility accessible to all, the Club will continue to develop and revise goals to ensure participation of the sport and membership increases. However, in a recent assessment of the project, the Club confidently reported that the project has already achieved many of its aims and goals - an increase in membership (in particular from local Shire residents), increase in participation, increase in event attendance and an increase in accessibility to the activity of disc golf for the local community.



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**Leisure Networks: Mini Movers - \$8,000 Community Strengthening Grant****13/07/2020 – 13/07/2021****Testimony from Kate - Mini Movers...**

My name is Kate and I run the program called Mini Movers that received some grant funding from Golden Plains Shire. Due to the pandemic, we only had a limited amount of time that we could deliver as planned, but I wanted to share this with you and keep you updated on how we went.

We were able to deliver 4 sessions to the children at the Meredith Community Centre and the feedback and success of the sessions was fantastic!

The kids were really engaged, already increased certain skills within the time of us visiting and we had carers and parents commenting on the amazing work that the program brought out to them!

The kids were wonderful, the staff great to work with and I think there is real potential to bring the program back again in future years and hopefully expand out to deliver at the kindergarten as well this time.

If there are any other settings in Golden Plains that you feel would like to get involved, please let me know as we would love to continue the positive impact for more families in the region! I have attached some photos of the beautiful smiles that we had along the way.

