



ATTACHMENTS

**Under Separate Cover
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6.00pm Tuesday 28 July 2020

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Community Safety Stream												
Bannockburn CFA Brigade	Portable Lighting	Bannockburn	Volunteer Organisation	The brigade is under resourced and needs this equipment to keep volunteers/residents safe during incident responses. Incidents both traffic and house fire have increased in line with population increase in Bannockburn and surrounding areas. The lighting will also allow the brigade to train more members efficiently.	\$1,530	\$3,065.83	\$1,530	80	Project has safety benefits for volunteers, increases the capacity of the brigade to train more volunteers at times when they are available (after work for instance), will provide safety benefit to the growing Bannockburn population as well as surrounding areas (Teesdale, Inverleigh, Meredith, Lethbridge and others). Addresses 2 possible emergency response situations - both house fire and road accident. Overall, significant benefit which aligns with the objectives of the Community Safety Grant stream for small cost impact on Council.	Asset is the responsibility of the club and they take full ownership and responsibility for its ongoing maintenance.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Bannockburn Cemetery Trust	Safety Fencing and Tree Barriers	Bannockburn	Community Group	To erect hurdle fencing within the Bannockburn Cemetery to improve the safety of visitors, provide additional barriers, beautify and reduce fire fuel load by planting trees and improving vegetation	\$ 7,500.00	\$15,000	\$5,000	65	The Bannockburn Cemetery is a known area of concern regarding fire fuel load and complaints to Council regarding maintenance. This project will greatly assist in managing this. \$5,000 is recommended as some of the works applied for are out of the scope of the grants program.	Maintenance of all works lies with the group. New OHS pack to be provided. Guidance on why the lower amount is offered and works that we will support at this time.	Yes	Approved as recommended
					\$9,030	Total	\$6,530					
Environment and Sustainability Stream												
Friends of Bannockburn Bush (FOBB)	FOBB Accessible tracks	Bannockburn	Environmental Group	The creation of accessible tracks in Bannockburn reserve to encourage use for all, including people with mobility aids. Fixing the potholes along the tracks will displace certain animals habitats. To address this, construct off track pods to retain water thus providing permanent water and enhancing biodiversity.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	75	The project is achievable and has crossover benefits including environmental, safety and recreational. Given the limited Community Grants budget and the amount and strength of other applications, combined with the applicant's budget being given a low score, the panel feels that \$5,000 is a reasonable amount to offer the applicant. Accessibility and usage will still be improved by a smaller project.	Maintenance of all works lies with the group. New OHS pack to be provided.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Bailarat Environment Network	Fencing in defence of biodiversity	Teesdale	Environmental Group	Dismantle and replace old fencing in a state of disrepair with new stock-proof fencing to enable the group to emulate GPS's sheep crash-grazing program in Plains Grassy Woodland reserves. This removes the excessive grassy biomass to improve the integrity and quality of endangered Victorian Volcanic Plains Grassy Woodland and measurably reduces fuel load.	\$10,000	\$25,360	\$8,000	85	This is a solid project with good project management, clear objectives and is definitely achievable. Positive DELWP support. There will be solid environmental benefits from the project that align with the Council's Environment Strategy. The Community Benefit of the project is present but could be expanded. From the Safety Team - a great application and a very worthy initiative. Very beneficial to residents and also to Council in reducing the risk of fire spreading to neighbouring houses. Project outcomes will still be achieved for the lower amount and the panel feels it is best to fund all 3 projects to a reasonable extent, ensuring a variety of environmental outcomes, rather than drop one (or reduce its funding below a useful threshold).	Maintenance of all works lies with the group. New OHS pack to be provided. Encouragement for the gates to increase positive community access to the area.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Birdlife Australia	Water security for woodland birds and biodiversity	Clarksdale Bird Sanctuary (Linton)	Environmental Group	The sanctuary is a stronghold for declining woodland birds in the Golden Plains. Available water is an essential attribute of high-quality habitat. The group wishes to replace a 50 year old pump and install additional pipes to reinstate and extend the system's capacity to capture and store water in times of good rainfall and circulate it to multiple dams, wetlands and lagoons through the sanctuary.	\$5,630	\$17,361	\$5,630	83	A good project with well articulated objectives and outcomes. The outcomes align with Council's Environment Strategy but aren't something the E&S team could do themselves. Clarksdale Bird Sanctuary is a valuable site and a real asset to the community, an important project to support in the North of the Shire.	Maintenance of all works lies with the group. New OHS pack to be provided. Encourage the group to interact and engage more with the community. Education and sharing of knowledge of this resource would improve outcomes on many levels.	Yes	Approved as recommended
					\$25,630	Total	\$18,630					
Creative Community Stream												
Rokewood/Corindhap Community Coordinators	History Boards	Rokewood	Community Group	2 History Boards to give a history of the Rokewood and Corindhap areas, instilling a sense of pride in residents and inform both the community and visitors to the area of the uniqueness of the area.	\$4,500	\$9,147	\$2,225	79	Project will collate important historical information about these unique places in our Shire which will be of interest to both residents and visitors. Project links strongly with the relevant Community Plan. Given limited funds the panel feels it is suitable to offer to fund one board at this stage.	Group will need to work with Council on placement, design and artistic elements. Ongoing maintenance of the signage will be with the group. Group will be provided with new OHS pack	Yes	Approved as recommended
Northern Access TV	Chronicles X TV Episode: Golden Plains Shire	Shire Wide	General Not for Profit	The group is developing a local TV series called Chronicles X which explores local history, folklore, mysteries, and stories. The project will develop an episode based on various areas of the Golden Plains	\$10,000	\$24,500	\$7,500	75	A new idea that has not previously been explored, opportunity for Shire wide collaboration and collection of stories. TV as a medium increases accessibility of the arts and culture.	Group needed to demonstrate more strongly, extensive connections with community groups across the Shire, (e.g. historical societies) to be considered for the full amount of funding. The group should still be able to produce some content for the lesser amount as consumables which are not eligible for funding (e.g. catering) were identified in the budget. Expand on the idea of a launch to improve community engagement and increase the reach of the project.	Yes	Approved as recommended

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Meredith History Interest Group	Bringing History Alive	Meredith	Historical Society	To revitalise spaces within the Meredith History Centre and increase ability to share information. Will include the creation of themed displays for visitors and professionally produce display boards for external displays (at the Bannockburn library for example). Group is also requesting funding for 4 filing cabinets to assist with organising their space - propose gifting the group filing cabinets from the old offices per Council's asset transfer policy.	\$4,499.20	\$8,998.40	\$ 2,662.50	82	The group is active in promoting and sharing the history of Meredith with the community. The project will assist them in this. The filing cabinets have been removed from the total amount offered, to be offered second-hand through Council's asset transfer policy. Ink has also been removed as it is deemed a consumable and not eligible.	Inform group of asset transfer with regards to filing cabinets. Inform group amount for ink is not eligible. Encourage group to work with arts officer to continue to increase community engagement and understanding of the history of Meredith.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Smythesdale Community Arts	Smythesdale Community Arts and Music Fiesta	Smythesdale	Community Group	Present an event that will provide an all-embracing artistic experience to communities within the very Northern region of GPS. Together with providing opportunities for some 30 plus local artists and musicians to present their work to gathered community members, the intention is that the Fiesta address the wellbeing of the community by way of presenting an enjoyable and diverse array of creative presentations within the Smythesdale township.	\$3,780	\$7,560	\$3,000	79	A beneficial project for the North of the Shire especially in light of COVID recovery. Aligns with dual objectives of the grant stream - opportunities for local creative and wider community participation in the arts. Some budget removed due to being allocated by the applicant for consumables which are not eligible under the criteria of the grant.	Opportunity to work with the applicant regarding the longevity of the project - capacity building around sponsorship etc. Reiterate that funding is one off and Council does not commit to funding the event in any ongoing way.	Yes	Approved as recommended
					\$22,779	Total	\$15,388					
Healthy Active Living Stream Leisure Networks	Mini Movers	Meredith	General Not for Profit	Mini Movers is a physical literacy based program aimed at improving the physical, psychological, social and mental well being of preschool aged children, assisting parents in bringing a healthy lifestyle to their home life, and supporting/training educators to bring more of a focus on physical literacy and movement/play to the early years settings. The program is based out of multiple centres (as well as the one mentioned above) and uses sport as a vehicle to reach its ultimate goal of increasing the confidence, overall well being and school readiness of young children in the community. The project will initially be implemented at Meredith Kindergarten but ways of increasing reach and gathering evidence to support the sustainability of the program long term will be explored.	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$8000 (\$7,500 from Community Grants \$500 from HEAL Grants)	90	Mini Movers is an established project in the City of Greater Geelong region, and has proven to have great uptake and impact that could be replicated in Golden Plains Shire. The activities are based off evidence-based literature, and the applicant has thoroughly researched the current statistics around children's motor skills, social skills and school readiness in the region, highlighting a need for action to be taken. The aims, budgets and timelines of the project seem realistic and achievable, and are clearly able to be measured for both short term impact and longer term outcomes. The project meets the goals and objectives of Healthy Active Living Grants, as well as the priorities of our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. It is also strongly supported via partnerships, including with Council's own early years team. Applicant did not identify a wide enough reach to justify the amount and the panel feels that the program can be delivered successfully for the lower amount. \$500 will be provided from the HEAL grant stream as this program fits those objectives and that program is under subscribed.	Request access through the acquittal process to the organisations evaluation of the project which will provide data and information to support the work of both the Rec and H&WB teams	Yes	Approved as recommended
Haddon Recreational Committee	Spectator Seating	Haddon	General Not for Profit	To provide adequate seating and encourage further participation for user groups including but not limited to Auskick, athletics and cricket. The group was granted funds for a shade sail but there is no seating under the shade sail.	\$3,256	\$6,512	\$2,756	71	Small infrastructure project to support an active and important Council facility. The panel agrees that community benefit links could have been more succinctly identified by the applicant but overall the cost/benefit for the Haddon community is worth it. Lower amount recommended based on applicant budget submission and bank balance.	Maintenance of the seating to lie with the group. Query type of timber and recommend appropriate staining for durability and weather proofing.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Bannockburn and District Bowls Club	Bowls for Bannockburn	Bannockburn	Sports Club	To purchase bowls to support the club to increase participation in the sport for people who may not normally participate or can't afford to buy their own bowls. To ensure that the new green and facility (being built in partnership with Council) is fully utilised once built.	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$4,500	79	This project does show the clubs forward thinking with the current construction taking place. Its great to see them considering ways to increase participation and usage of the site. Lower amount recommended based on applicant budget submission and bank balance.	Equipment to be included on Asset register whereby club takes full responsibility for the equipment	Yes	Approved as recommended
Inverleigh Golf Club Incorporated	Inverleigh Disc Golf Project	Inverleigh	Sports Club	Install a disc golf course facility to diversify the recreational offerings of the Golf Club. To attract a new demographic, increase membership and provide the local community with an increased opportunity to engage in a recreational activity which is new and previously not accessible in GPS.	\$9,900	\$22,582	\$8,900	89	Very thorough project plan, budget and confirmed club contribution. Application is well researched and includes relevant statistics and references to trials. Strongly meets the objectives of the HAL grant stream and will have a positive effect of sport and recreation in GPS. Panel feels that an adequate number of baskets will still be provided with the slight reduction in the grant provided.	Club to maintain asset. Include asset in Council's asset register stating club takes full responsibility. Ensure club knows they are responsible for any unforeseen expenses that may arise during installation of the course.	Yes	Approved as recommended

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WRISC Family Violence Support	Van Go Dance and Movement Therapy Group	Meredith	General Not for Profit	A therapeutic program for primary school aged children who have experienced family violence and other trauma. Using creative methods of dance and art in weekly sessions, children at Meredith PS who have been referred to WRISC on family violence related matters, will be supported to build a sense of empowerment, safety and control, empathy for self and others and increase their capacity for self-regulation.	\$2,880	\$5,760	\$2880 (\$2350 from Community Grants and \$500 from PV&W)	89	This project addresses a growing need for family violence support for children in the region. Based on the statistics provided in their application, there has been a significant increase and consequent identified need for work in this area. The current geographic isolation and limited access to support services in the Shire further highlights the need for the project to be delivered in the Shire, and as they have recently established themselves in Meredith, this grant would be a good opportunity to consolidate their presence and provide community with a support service. There seems to already be a high demand for this project, with referrals exceeding availability and strong community support from the local primary school. Although the outcomes identified by the applicant are only immediate, they are clearly measurable, and are likely to have significant impact. The project has good alignment with the objectives of the Healthy Active Living Grants, and with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, particularly in relation to Family Violence, Gender Equity, Mental Health and Connected Communities.	Investigate opportunities for creating a more broad reach for the program, request access through the acquittal process to assist the H&WB teams work in this space	Yes	Approved as recommended
Meredith Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Meredith Recreation Reserve Hall Improvements	Meredith	Community group	The Meredith Recreation Reserve services a number of user groups in Meredith including: Tennis Club, Auskick, CFA, Cricket Club, Football Club and private hire. The group want to install commercial Air conditioning and heating system to improve their capacity to accommodate these and other groups as the population of Meredith increases. The cooling element is also important when the CFA use the hall to set up a Command Centre and Staging Area, ensuring the safety of volunteers in extreme weather conditions	\$4,125	\$8,250	\$3,625	65	The project should be completed easily and quickly via a contractor. The benefits to the community have been explained well, this project would enhance the use of the facility and the experience for the current sporting activities. Will improve an asset managed by Council with significant cash contribution from the committee represents value for money. Lower amount recommended based on applicant budget submission and bank balance.	Asset is the responsibility of the club and they take full ownership and responsibility for it's ongoing maintenance.	Yes	Approved as recommended
Ross Creek - Smythes Creek Community Coordinators	Ross Creek/Smythes Creek Community Connectedness Signage	Ross Creek/Smythes Creek	Community Group	Design, produce and erect a suite of signage in two key community spaces - a community noticeboard at the Community Hub and Recreation Reserve to increase community connection and ensure residents know what's on; and around the newly completed Ross Creek/Smythes Creek Nature Trail (created by local Landcare) to encourage residents to use the new walk (a welcome and introduction board, markers for entry and exit points, distance markers and arrows, and signs to promote and educate on the local environment).	\$5,075	\$10,150	\$3,075	\$ 74.00	Immediate outcomes strong in relation to social connection, strong local partnerships between landcare, community coordinators and rec reserve committee, project links strongly with community plan and has identified potential for further expansion to include exercise equipment or signage along the trail which would have further benefits of improving physical, mental and social health. Costings for noticeboard were not accurate and can be reduced and group can increase nature signage through other channels (Community Planning for example).	Group will be obliged to meet with Council for final sign off on placement and design of signs. Group has already identified consistency with Council's sign style guide with regards to the noticeboard and will be willing to work with Council on placement and implementation. Ongoing maintenance of the signage is the groups responsibility. The group will be provided with the new DHS pack.	Yes	Approved as recommended
					\$40,236 Total		\$33,736					

Round 1 Total \$74,284.00
\$73,284 from Community Grants Budget
\$1,000 from Health and Wellbeing Budget

Ineligible Projects

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Community Safety Stream												
Smythesdale CFA Brigade	Ross Creek Storage Shed	Ross Creek	Volunteer Organisation	Construction of an 8mx6m Storage Shed at Ross Creek to assist the brigade expand capacity to store fire fighting assets, train volunteers and run community information sessions in line with growing population in the area. The local community has done significant fundraising in support of the brigade and they have also received some funding through a federal grant for the project. Able to show significant contribution.	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$0	86	The panel agrees that this project will enhance the capacity of the community in line with the objectives of the Community Safety Grant stream. Increased ability to purchase and store more fire fighting assets, increased capacity to train more volunteers in line with population growth and increased capacity to run education sessions for the local community are all anticipated benefits to the Community. However, Council is acting as an auspice for this group through Dan Tehan's office Community Strengthening Grants. The group outlined in that application, that the funds obtained and contributed from them to the project would be enough to complete the project. For this reason, the project is not recommended to proceed at this stage. The group has been advised that if there is a second stage to the project, they may apply for a community grant in the future and can work with the Community Partnerships Officer to explore this further.	Group has been informed via email from Lisa Letic that they are ineligible due to another application already submitted by them. A letter explaining this will also be sent and the Community Partnerships Officer will work with the Smythesdale CFA to explore further options.	No	Assessed as not eligible project at this time