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MEDIA RELEASE

Business Assistance Grants are back in business!

Following its establishment in 2016, the Hindmarsh Shire Council Business Assistance Grants Program has been well received by local businesses with a range of projects being supported with funding assistance. The program was established to generate new employment opportunities, support existing business growth and to attract new business to Hindmarsh Shire.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said “Council has allocated \$20,000 towards the 2018/2019 Business Assistance Grants Program in Council’s 2018/2019 Annual Budget. In order to make it easier to seek funding, the program has been streamlined into two categories, Business Development and Streetscapes”

Cr Ismay added “The Business Development grant supports the establishment of new and innovative businesses that increase the diversity of the Shire’s business community and provide the potential for local residents to start new businesses. The Streetscape grant is open to existing business to improve the exterior façade or improve access to their building”.

Further details of both grants are outlined in the application guidelines.

Cr Ismay concluded “I encourage any local businesses that are looking at applying for funding through the Business Assistance Grants program to discuss their applications with Council staff prior to submitting them”.

Round 1 of the Business Assistance Grants Program will close at 5.00pm on Friday 10 August 2018 and will be presented to Council at the September Hindmarsh Shire Council meeting.

Deadlines for the two 2018/19 Business Assistance Grant Program are detailed below:

Category	Round 1 Closing Date	Round 2 Closing Date
Business Development	Closing Date	Closing Date

Streetscapes	10 August 2018	15 February 2019
Council Meeting Date	September 2018	March 2019

Business Assistance Grant application forms are available on council's website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants .

For more information or to receive a grant application via email, please contact Michelle Farinha, Community Development Officer on 03 5391 4443, or email grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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