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MEDIA RELEASE

Outcomes of Business Assistance and Community Action Grants for Round 1

Hindmarsh Shire Council has assessed and announced the successful applications for the first round of the Business Assistance Grants and Community Action Grants for the 2018 / 2019 Financial Year.

The Business Assistance and Community Action Grant programs were established in 2016 and 2013 respectively to support local businesses with start-up, business growth and streetscape improvement and to support community groups with funds to provide services, self-help and assistance with community development, social action and connectedness.

Hindmarsh Shire Council, Mayor Cr Ron Ismay said “As can be seen in the following, it is always great to assess and where applicable approve a range of applications from local businesses and many of our community groups located throughout the shire”.

Business Assistance Grant Program 2018 / 2019	
<i>Business Development Category</i>	
Business Name	Activity
Nhill Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre T/A Paw Po Products	For further development of the Paw Po Enterprise through website development and floristry training.
<i>Streetscapes Category</i>	
Business Name	Activity
Dimboola Hooked on Classics	For the restoration of the veranda roof at 109-111 Lloyd Street, Dimboola which will increase the safety and aesthetics of the shop front.
Design Ease	For the installation of shop front signage for Design Ease on the windows and shop door at 77 Lloyd Street, Dimboola

Community Action Grants Program 2018 / 2019		
<i>Community Assistance Category</i>		
Applicant	Activity	Funds allocated
Rainbow Archive and Historical Society	For the compilation of photographs of events and people of Rainbow and district through the decades. This will be distributed to the Hospital, Hotels and Nursing Home.	\$525.00
Snape Reserve Trust for Nature Committee of Management	For the construction of a sheltered visitor information board at Snape Reserve, Dimboola.	\$800.00
<i>Event Sponsorship Category</i>		
Applicant	Activity	Funds allocated
Dimboola Rowing Club Inc.	For assistance with sponsorship for the 2018 Annual Dimboola Rowing Regatta.	\$500.00
Woorak Community and Land Care Management Group	For an annual event to review and discuss local and regional cropping and grazing issues at Woorak.	\$500.00
Nhill Town Committee	For assistance to run the Friday Fiesta's in Nhill during February 2019.	\$500.00
<i>Minor Facility Upgrade Category</i>		
Applicant	Activity	Funds allocated
Lowan Lodge 107	To assist with carrying out repairs, rendering and repainting the external wall of the Lowan Lodge, Campbell Strret, Nhill. Works will ensure that the building remains presentable while maintaining its historical value within the community.	\$1,000.00
Broughton Public Hall	To assist with repairing white ant damage to the Broughton Public Hall and the installation of a new external door	\$1,450.00
Nhill Golf Club	For the purchase and installation of a stove range hood in the kitchen at Nhill Golf Club.	\$699.00
<i>Small Equipment Category</i>		
Applicant	Activity	Funds allocated
Dimboola Playgroup	To purchase a new couch for new parents to breastfeed and while	\$900.00

	waiting to see the Maternal and Child Health Nurse at the Dimboola Early Years Centre.	
Jeparit Bowls Club	To purchase a new pie warmer for the Jeparit Bowls Club rooms.	\$525.00

Cr Ismay added “On behalf of Council I would like to congratulate all successful applicants. We are excited to be able to support so many great projects and initiatives to improve both businesses and community based organisations within the shire. We would like to encourage local businesses and community groups to contact Council to discuss their projects and should they require financial assistance to apply for round two in early 2019” concluded Cr Ismay.

For more information on Hindmarsh Shire Council’s Business Assistance and Community Action Grants programs please contact Michelle Farinha, Community Development Officer on 03 5391 4443, or email grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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