



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 25 August 2015 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Councillors:	Debra Swan (Chair)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Colleen Furlanetto	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	Alistar Purbrick	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Patrick Storer	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Robin Weatherald	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)

Officers:	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
	David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community
	Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the more recent custodians of the land'
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Reports of Council Officers
 - 5.1 Climate Change
 - 5.2 Infrastructure
 - 5.3 Private Enterprise
 - 5.4 Public Institutions
 - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 5.6 Tourism
 - 5.7 Organisation
6. Urgent Business
7. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989
8. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s


Steve Crawcour
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18 August 2015

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5.7.1 Council Community Grants Program 2015-2016 and William Pearson Bequest 2015-2016

Author & Department

Community Development Officer – Community Planning

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

Council has approved \$50,500 in the 2015-2016 budget for the Community Grants Program. There is an additional \$2,500 for the William Pearson Bequest. This report is to advise Council of the Applications received. Applications have been received and assessed and are now ready for Council allocations.

RECOMMENDATION

For Decision.

Background

The Community Grants Program is designed to ensure that the community has support in bringing about long term sustainable activities, projects and improvements in community assets/livability.

Community Grants Program

The 2015-2016 Community Matching, Event Grants and William Pearson Bequest round opened on 4 May 2015 and closed 10 July 2015.

The Information Kit for all Grants was updated and accessible online on the Council website as well as being available from the CD Officer. The website was updated with information on all the grants and a link to the application in SmartyGrants for each one.

Advertisements were put in the Gazette and local papers notifying the community that the 2015-2016 Grant Round had opened and the dates and times for the Information Sessions to be held in Nagambie, Avenel, Euroa and Violet Town were included. Flyers with this information were distributed around the communities.

5.7.1 Council Community Grants Program 2015-2016 and William Pearson Bequest 2015-2016 (cont.)

The Community Development Officer for Grants also emailed out to her contact list for Committees of Management, Sporting Clubs and Community Action Groups that the Grant Round had opened and details of the Information Sessions. A follow up email was sent to all contacts prior to the Information Session in the relevant town.

Any group having difficulty with their application was encouraged to contact the CD Officer who was happy to help them, one on one or over the phone, to access and complete their application. A couple of groups took up this offer.

In deciding which applications should be supported, Council based its decision on:

- Demonstrated benefits to the community by addressing at least two of the grant program funding priorities
- Whether the groups were comprised predominantly of residents of the Shire of Strathbogie.
- Groups that have open membership, within the context of the particular group, to residents in the Shire of Strathbogie.
- The financial needs of a particular group.
- The ability of a group to self-fund (based on financial evidence).
- Whether the application included all required signatures and attached documentation.
- Whether the group acquitted and spent their funding within the required time frame in the past.

The 2015-2016 program comprised one round and closed on Friday 10 July 2015 with all projects to be acquitted by the 31 May 2016.

The total amount of Community Matching Grants applied for was \$44,885 and \$7,500 for Events. Under Council's Grant Giving Framework the funding has been allocated accordingly:

Community Matching Grants: \$36,000 – (\$44,885 requested)

Event Grants: \$8,000 (\$7,500 requested)

William Pearson Bequest: \$2,500

Quick Response Grants: \$6,000 on-going all year

Streets of Initiative and Under 18s Grants: \$500 on-going all year

5.7.1 Council Community Grants Program 2015-2016 and William Pearson Bequest 2015-2016 (cont.)

The following summary includes all Applications received under the Community Matching Grants Program which includes categories of Minor Capital Works, Minor Capital Purchases and Arts and Cultural Projects.

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre	Furniture for new wetlands project	\$ 5,000
Avenel Kindergarten	Paddock to plate-paths, garden, herbs	\$ 2,405
Longwood Community Centre Management Committee	Kitchen Improvements	\$ 3,000
Euroa Men's Shed	Enclosing the tea room/ meeting room	\$ 3,000
Strathbogie Memorial Hall	Beautification/painting Strathbogie Hall	\$ 5,000
Violet town History Group	Veranda Restoration 20 Cowslip St	\$ 5,000
Avenel Tennis Club	Electrical connection	\$ 3,000
Violet Town Community House	Kitchen upgrade	\$ 4,100
Life Saving Victoria	Survival water skills	\$ 5,000
Nagambie Community Centre	Playgroup playground fencing	\$ 1,690
Euroa Croquet Club	Purchase outdoor seating	\$ 1,960
Nagambie Bowls Club	Replace curtains in clubhouse	\$ 2,230
Nagambie Golf Club	New Range-hood for kitchen	\$ 2,000
Euroa Football Netball Club	Euroa Gift 2016	\$ 1,500
Total Requested		\$44,885
Total Available		\$36,000

5.7.1 Council Community Grants Program 2015-2016 and William Pearson Bequest 2015-2016 (cont.)

The following summary includes all Applications received under the Community Grants – Events.

APPLICANT	EVENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Nagambie Lakes Opera Festival	A feast of opera, food and wine, the Festival will feature special guests over two nights and two days.	\$ 3,000
Early Falcon Car Club of Victoria	Gathering of people interested in Early Falcon Cars touring local area, as a group activity, main event on the 25th Oct - display of early Falcons and concourse judging of various classes of vehicle.	\$ 1,000
*Euroa Citizens Band	To provide a safe and inclusive concert and Carols singalong to celebrate Christmas in Euroa.	\$ 500
Nagambie On Water	What's @ the gate - Online and print method of showcasing places to visit in and around Nagambie. A participatory event that showcases the quality produce and natural vistas that surrounds Nagambie and district. Run in conjunction with the Nagambie On Water Festival; using the close of the event to coincide with the NOW Festival closure.	\$ 3,000
Total Requested		\$7,500
Total Available		\$8,000

William Pearson Bequest

One Application was received under this Program:

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested
Euroa Citizens Band	Maintain the Euroa Citizen's Band	\$2,500

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action.

5.7.1 Council Community Grants Program 2015-2016 and William Pearson Bequest 2015-2016 (cont.)

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan. The allocation of funding is consistent with the Grant Giving Framework.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The allocation of Community Grants and William Pearson Bequest is in line with the Council's 2014-2015 budget.

Economic Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

Community Implications

The 2014-2015 Community Grants along with the William Pearson Bequest continue to provide significant financial support to the community.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

The author of this report considers that the matter under consideration did not warrant a community consultation process.

Attachments

Nil

- 6. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 7. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER MATTERS LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989**
- 8. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT P.M.