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# Christmas Decoration Grants Program

### When are applications open?

Timelines for the grant applications are as follows:

- Christmas Decoration Grant Round Open  
Date: Friday 1 July 2022, 9am
- Applications Close: Monday 1 August 2022, 5pm
- Funds acquitted by 28 February, 2023

### How do we apply?

Applications can be made via

<https://strathbogie.smartygrants.com.au/applicant/login>

It is important to note that only one application per township will be awarded the grant funding. As a result, we encourage community groups to come together to submit a joint application so that all needs are considered.

### Who is eligible for the funding?

Townships eligible for the Christmas Decorations Grant are:

- Euroa
- Nagambie
- Violet Town
- Avenel
- Longwood
- Strathbogie

We encourage township community groups to submit just one application per town.

Groups should be a not-for-profit incorporated body, although not having a certificate of incorporation does not make a group ineligible to apply. In this situation, the group applying for the grant will need to nominate another incorporated not-for-profit Community Group, Organisation or Club willing to manage the grant funds (or "auspice the grant") on their behalf.

If you are considering making an application as an unincorporated body, please contact Council prior to making your application.

Applicants are required to provide evidence a current \$20 Million Public Liability Insurance policy for this project.

### Can I apply to fund a Christmas-themed event or activity?

Funding is only available for Christmas installations. Events or activities cannot be funded by this program. There is another source of funding for this – refer to Council's Christmas Events and Sponsorship Grants for funding for Christmas Events.

### What happens if Council receives more than one application per township?

Applications will be assessed by a panel of Council Officers with representation from across the organisation. If more than one eligible application is received for the same town, the project with the highest score will be recommended. If they both receive the same score, the projects will be placed on Share Strathbogie and a poll will be conducted to determine the preferred project.

In its assessment, the panel will consider how the application meets/responds to the following:

- the objectives of the grant program
- the objectives of the Council Plan
- creates an increase in community involvement and participation
- addresses community safety and risk issues
- provides a clear identified project scope, location and outcomes
- has a clearly defined implementation, storage and maintenance plan.

Applications will be scored against the funding criteria and applications ranked in order of the score. The panel's recommendations regarding the

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outcome of applications will be presented to a Council meeting for decision.

### **What can be funded through the Christmas Decoration grants program?**

Grants will cover the purchase and installation of outdoor Christmas decorations such as lighting, Christmas trees, feature decorations, signage and banners and/or decorations that provide sensory experiences. Installations must be located outdoors in public areas, such as main streets, and/or iconic, high visibility areas in each town/locality.

Priority will be given to the purchase of decorations that can be used for multiple years and those that do not have any detrimental impact on the environment.

Installation and decommissioning/removal costs will also be covered by grant funding.