

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Community Conversation Grants

### What can the grants be used for?

The Strathbogie Shire Community Conversation Grants are available for the 2023/24 financial year to support conversations in our communities around January 26 events. Funds must be used to pay for costs to facilitate conversations with community and/or venue hire and/or community engagement activities e.g. surveys.

Grants are available up to \$5,000, with one grant per township.

### What can't the grants be used for?

- ✗ Events delivered outside of the Strathbogie Shire municipality
- ✗ Retrospective funding for a Community Conversation event that has already occurred
- ✗ Fundraising costs
- ✗ Catering costs

### Who can apply for these grants?

Community groups that are incorporated, have an ABN, and have at least \$20mil Public Liability insurance.

### What happens if we are not incorporated, don't have an ABN or Public Liability insurance?

If your group is not incorporated you will need to find an incorporated community group, organisation or club with an ABN and Public Liability Insurance who would be willing to endorse your project. This is called 'auspice'. The auspice organisation takes responsibility (legal & financial) for the grant. They sign the funding agreement, receive, and distribute the grant funds, make sure the project/event is completed and submit the end of funding reports.

### Who can't apply for these grants?

You cannot apply for any Council grants if you are:

- ✗ An individual
- ✗ Emergency services
- ✗ Educational institutions
- ✗ Religious organisations or institutions
- ✗ Political organisations
- ✗ Commercial, profit-making organisations
- ✗ State or federal government agencies
- ✗ An elected member or employee of Strathbogie Shire Council. Elected members or employees of Strathbogie Shire Council cannot be involved in the development of an application and are not eligible to sign or be listed on any grant

- ✕ Groups who have an overdue acquittal from a previous funding application
- ✕ Groups who have already submitted a Community Conversations Grant this financial year
- ✕ An auspice organisation that has provided auspice for another Community Conversations application this financial year

### **How much funding can I apply for?**

You can apply for up to \$5,000 for a Community Conversation Grant. Only one application will be funded per town.

### **What do I need for my application?**

Before you start your application you will need:

- To contact the Community Development Officer on 5795 0000 or by email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov) before you commence your application.
- Copy of your group's or your auspice organisation's Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Copy of your group's or your auspice organisation's most recent bank statement

### **When are applications due?**

Applications for the **Community Conversation - Jan 26 Grant** close at midnight on 24 July 2023.

Late applications will not be accepted.

### **How do I apply?**

Applications are to be completed online at: <https://strathbogie.smartygrants.com.au/>

### **How are applications assessed?**

Applications will be assessed by a panel of Council Officers from various departments across Council.

### **When will applicants find out if they are successful?**

Applications will be assessed, and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in **August**

### **How will we receive the funds?**

If your application is successful, you will be required to provide an invoice and sign a funding agreement with Council. On receipt, the approved funds will be paid directly into your groups or your auspice organisations bank account.

### **Who can I contact for further information?**

Applicants can contact Jean McKinnon (03) 5795 0000 or by email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or visit our website [www.strathbogie.vic.gov](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov) for further information on this grant opportunity.