



**MEDIA RELEASE: MONDAY, 13 MARCH, 2018**

**Bring your project to life with a Community Grant**

Are you part of a not-for-profit community group, organisation or club and have a project you'd like to get off the ground? Why not apply for a Community Grant?

Strathbogie Shire Council's Community Grants Program will open on Monday 19 March until Friday 20 April 2018.

Council has revamped the program this year, with brand new grant categories that split the funding into project-focused streams.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren encourages groups to consider their goals and upcoming projects and whether a grant may be beneficial.

"Grants are a great opportunity for Council to partner with local groups to deliver projects they are passionate about and that wouldn't necessarily be achieved without financial support," Cr McClaren explained.

"We are looking to support projects that promote community engagement and participation, gender equality and inclusion and accessibility."

2018 Grants Categories include:

- ✓ Active and Healthy Communities- up to \$5000
- ✓ Arts, Culture and Events- up to \$5000
- ✓ Environment and Sustainability- up to \$5000
- ✓ Facilities and Infrastructure- up to \$5000

Information sessions will be held to discuss the guidelines associated with the newly developed grant categories, as well as an overview of the application process.

The community are invited to attend one the following information sessions:

Violet Town Community Complex	Thursday 22 March	2pm – 4pm
Euroa Conference Centre	Thursday 22 March	6pm – 8pm
Nagambie Regatta Centre	Thursday 29 March	2pm – 4pm
Avenel Memorial Hall	Thursday 29 March	6pm – 8pm

Please access Strathbogie Shire website for more information about the grants program: <http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/community/community-funding> or contact Customer Service on 1800 063 993.

-ENDS-

**Media contact:** Clare Allen- 0418 336 078

**Key Spokesperson:** Mayor Amanda McClaren- 0409 700 958