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Community Grants helping local groups

Indigo Shire Council has awarded grants up to \$4000 to 37 community groups to put towards projects that will benefit the local community as part of Council's 2011 Community Grants program. The funding was announced at the Council Meeting held in Sandy Creek on Tuesday 12 July. The grants range from \$4000 to the Barnawartha Golf Club to buy a mower, to \$430 to the Barnawartha Netball Club to buy a portable shelter.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that the program aims to assist local groups and organisations.

"The program helps non-for-profit groups bring the community together by funding projects that benefit a range of different people and have the support of everyone involved," Cr Pockley said.

"The grants are important because they give a boost to small communities and help them undertake larger projects. For groups such as the Chiltern Tennis Club, who were awarded \$1500 for the repair of the tennis courts, this sort of work is essential. Without assistance, the money can be hard to find, and this is why we have this program in place," Cr Ali Pockley said.

Indigo Shire Community Grants and Awards Advisory Committee assess applications for Council's Community Grants Program under the categories of General, Arts and Cultural Initiatives and Youth Initiatives and recommends how Council should distribute the funds.

"We received 58 applications requesting grants totalling \$141,022 for projects valued at \$255,460. Council only has \$47,500 available to give away, and so the committee recommended funding for 37 of the applications, some at a lesser amount than was requested. The committee have been very fair and tried to see as many projects receive funding as possible," Cr Pockley said.

An awards evening to hand out the funding will be held at the Chiltern Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3 August from 6pm – 7.30pm.

COMMUNITY GRANTS – GENERAL

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING RECOMMENDED
Barkly Park CoM	Upgrade electricity switch and meter board	\$1500
Barnawartha Golf Club	Purchase of a suitable finishing mower	\$4000
Barnawartha Netball Club	Purchase of portable shelter	\$430
Barnawartha Soldiers Memorial Hall	Supply and installation of stage curtains	\$2000
Beechworth Community Childcare	Purchase play and learning equipment and outdoor stage for children's plays	\$1000
Beechworth Community Support	Training for welfare phone volunteers	\$750

Beechworth Exercise, Activity & Training	Purchase of Defibrillator	\$1200
Beechworth Memorial Hall Committee	Supply and installation of carpet to the Supper Room	\$1000
Beechworth RSL	Purchase folding chairs for the hall	\$570
Chiltern Bowling Club	Clubhouse improvements, OHS and security	\$900
Chiltern Men's Shed	Provide an all-weather access to the shed and adjacent toilets for disabled members	\$1500
Chiltern Recreation Reserve CoM	Purchase of function room seating	\$2000
Chiltern Rodeo Club	Fabricate portable steel fencing panels	\$500
Chiltern Valley Tennis Club	Repair tennis court	\$1500
Destination Rutherglen	Supply of outdoor facilities- paved area, shade sails, Bike racks, seating & BBQ	\$1400
Goramadda Public Purpose & Tourist Camping Reserve CoM	Supply and installation of split system and 'Bat-proofing' materials	\$3000
Kergunyah Hall Committee	Supply and install curtains with fire ret treatment	\$2000
Kiewa Memorial Park Reserve Committee	Supply and installation of tank overflow pipes with underground drainage	\$500
Kiewa Sandy Creek Football Club	Purchased used mower	\$2000
Kiewa Sandy Creek Netball Club	Supply and installation of netball court seating	\$1250
Middle Indigo Primary School	Purchase of community conference room facilities	\$900
Rutherglen Bowling Club	Purchase of chairs	\$1000
Rutherglen Lions Club	Supply and installation of hot water system, kitchen cabinet, sink and mixer tap and dishwasher	\$1200
Rutherglen Men's Shed	Provide and install concrete paths	\$600
Rutherglen Park CoM	Purchase and installation of park seating	\$1500
Stanley Rural Community Inc.	Purchases for Community Post Office - computer, printer and accessories, lockable steel cupboard and display shelves	\$2000
Willows Recreation and Camping Reserve	Purchase of mower	\$2000
Yackandandah Bowling Club	Supply and installation of carpet in clubhouse	\$2000
Yackandandah Community Education Network	Purchase of baby change table, TV and DVD player, skype cameras and headphones	\$5000
Yackandandah Lions Club	Construction of new storage shed for BBQ trailer	\$2000
Yackandandah Netball Club	Replacement of scorers and timekeepers shelter	\$1000

COMMUNITY GRANTS - ARTS AND CULTURAL INITIATIVES,

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING RECOMMENDED
Chiltern Athenaeum Trust	Re-mount three paintings	\$300
Yackandandah Historical Society	To convert old recordings to digital format	\$1000

COMMUNITY GRANTS - YOUTH INITIATIVES.

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING RECOMMENDED
Beechworth First Scout Group	Supply and installation of signboard and Leader Training	\$600
Beechworth-Murmungee Pony Club	Purchase of safety and sporting equipment	\$600
Beechworth Theatre Company	To fund 'Performing Live' program	\$700
Yackandandah First Scout Group	Upgrade of storeroom	\$600

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