



Community grant recipients announced

Murrindindi Shire Council was pleased to award Community Grants to the Alexandra Primary School Arts Committee, Yea Water Tigers Swimming Club and Fawcett Mechanics Institute Reserve Committee of Management at its last meeting on 27 June.

Community Services Portfolio Councillor for Murrindindi Shire Council, Sandice McAulay said community grants play an important role in social progress.

"It is widely known that building community connections makes communities stronger and happier. And the way we see it at Council is that there's no one better for this task than the organisations made up of community members who understand and work with and within their communities," Cr McAulay said.

"Council's Community Grants Program serves to assist organisations to provide services to their communities which enhance wellbeing and connection now, as well as create opportunities into the future.

"Every year Council runs three rounds of Community Grants and every grant round we find community groups, organisations and service clubs doing remarkable things across the Shire.

"This round of grant applications, the final one for the 2017-18 financial year, was no exception.

"The Yea Water Tigers Swimming Club sought \$4218 funding to install four starting blocks at the Yea Swimming Pool so their members can train for dive pool entry. It was fantastic to be able to support this grant application in full. We're looking forward to seeing the Yea Water Tigers be able to participate in more pennant competitions as a result," Cr McAulay said.

"In Fawcett, the Mechanics Institute Reserve Committee of Management sought \$1750 funding to purchase a defibrillator package which Council was pleased to fund. This defibrillator will be accessible to users of the Fawcett Hall as well as the wider community. An information and training session will be run for the community to learn how to use the defibrillator correctly.

"Alexandra Primary School's Arts Committee was granted funding for stage two of its multi-faceted arts project. 'Alexandra Beasties', as the project is known, will see students' artworks made into interactive digital and printed panels. Each of the students' panels will portray an animal story, with the collection of all the panels set to be collated and available for download as an app. This project is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about our local environment and, in particular, local endangered species. I'm looking forward to seeing the panels when they go on display along the fence of Alexandra Primary School during the next stage of the project.

"Don't worry if you didn't get your Community Grant application in this time, round one of the 2018-19 Community Grants is now open so there is another opportunity to apply. Just make sure you get your application in by the end of September.



“Find out more about Council’s grants and how to apply at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants,” Cr McAulay added.