



FROM THE COAST

Community Projects Coming Up

It's always interesting to discover upcoming projects and events happening in the Esperance Community. Community groups play a significant part in providing these opportunities and for the past 17 years Council has been able to help support many of these through the Community Grants Program. This program helps community groups provide services, events and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Congratulations to the groups in the Esperance Community who were successful in receiving a grant for 2017/2018. It will be exciting to see these projects come to life!

The Assistance category has a budget of \$23,236.32 and funds go towards small projects. Funding has been allocated to the Esperance Bay Radio Control Car Club for their Portaloos Project; operational costs for the Esperance Brass Band; Movie Nights for Esperance Care Services; training gear for Esperance Volunteer Fire and Rescue; SAFE Esperance for discounted animal desexing; Civic Centre costs for ESCARE Inc. and some new chairs for South Coast Tennis Club.

The Development category has a budget of \$97,005 and the purpose of this category is to help with upgrades and improvements. Funding has been allocated to the Cannery Arts Centre for Program Costs; replacing greens at the Esperance Bowling Club; a rag cutter and waste costs at Esperance Care Services; the Esperance Pistol Club for Retaining Walls for Baffle Board System; facility upgrades at Newtown Condingup Football Club and kitchen facility upgrades at Ports Football Club.

We'll have some exciting events coming up with \$10,500 allocated to the Events Category. Funding will help the Condingup Primary School P&C provide free entry to the Condy Fair; with equipment hire for Grass Patch Community Development Association; event costs for Kids Fun Day Out; and a Marketing and Promotional Plan for the Forshore Festival and Fireworks Rotary Club of Esperance Bay Inc.

These groups provide services and events for the whole community to benefit from and often they rely on the hard work by dedicated volunteers. The grant recipients have been successful because their projects meet the criteria, are a benefit to the community and align with the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

If you have a community project coming up it is a good idea to start thinking about applying for a Community Grant for next year's allocations. Groups can still apply for support grants for up to \$1000 which are open all year round. More information about the Community Grants Program is available on the Shire's website.