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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TO OPEN SOON

The 2019/20 Hepburn Shire Council Community Grants Program will open on 1 August 2019.

The program provides \$62,000 annually to community groups and organisations to fund projects which benefit the residents of the Hepburn Shire community.

Mayor, Cr Don Henderson, said that the program has helped community groups deliver some great projects.

“Council’s Community Grants Program has helped local not-for-profit groups and organisations, including sporting clubs, bring their ideas to life. We’ve allocated funding to equipment for a brass band, sporting equipment and helped with marketing materials for community led projects,” said Cr Don Henderson.

Community groups and organisations will have the opportunity to apply for funding on a quarterly basis.

The key dates for all rounds are:

Round 1:

Opening date – 1 August 2019

Closing date – 5 September 2019

Council meeting date – 15 October 2019

Round 2:

Opening date – 3 October 2019

Closing date – 7 November 2019

Council meeting date – 17 December 2019

Round 3:

Opening date – 1 February 2020

Closing date – 5 March 2020

Council meeting date – 21 April 2020

Round 4:

Opening date – 2 April 2020

Closing date – 7 May 2020

Council meeting date – 7 May 2020

This funding program links to the Hepburn Shire Council Plan. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate how their project links to the program objectives in one of the five Community Grants Program categories:

- A. Active and Engaged Communities (up to \$2,500)
- B. Quality Community Infrastructure (including small equipment) (up to \$2,500)
- C. Sustainable Environments (up to \$2,500)
- D. Children's Program (up to \$2,500)
- E. Charitable Purposes (up to \$2,000)

Program guidelines and the online application portal can be found on Council's website by [clicking here](#).

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