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## Thursday 28 May 2020

**Council awards close to $90,000 in grants**

The Council awarded grants worth $89,367 to 45 community groups and event organisers at a Council meeting on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

Grants were awarded to 35 not-for-profit community-based organisations for funding of up to $2,500 under the Community Grants Program for projects and activities that enable participation in social, cultural and economic life in Benalla Rural City.

Nine event organisers received funding of up to $1,500 under the Major Event Funding program for events that provide measurable economic benefit and enhance the image and liveability of Benalla Rural City. One grant of $1,000 was also awarded as a Youth Participation Grant.

### 2020 Community Grants Program

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| **Recipient** | **Funding** |
| Albert Heaney Reserve Committee of ManagementGenerator and First Aid kit | $2,500 |
| Aviation MuseumPurchase of mannequins for museum display (Youth Participation Grant) | $1,000 |
| Benalla and District Pre-School Partnership - Bernard Briggs CampusEquipment for Kindergarten | $1,000 |
| Benalla Camera ClubHire of exhibition space | $1,650 |
| Benalla Family Research GroupComputer upgrade | $1,730 |
| Benalla Gardens Tennis ClubResurface of courts | $2,500 |
| Benalla Girl GuidesPurchase of 2 reverse cycle air conditioning units | $2,500 |
| Benalla Hockey ClubPurchase of hockey sticks, pads and other equipment | $775 |
| Benalla Indoor Recreation CentreReplacement of steel poles with aluminium for basketball and netball | $1,000 |
| Benalla Lawn Tennis and Croquet ClubPlumbing upgrade | $2,500 |
| Benalla Little AthleticsLine marking of athletic field | $2,500 |
| Benalla Netball Association Inc.Purchase of balls, bibs and vests | $2,000 |
| Benalla Pistol ClubDefibrillator, disable car park and window installation | $2,500 |
| Benalla Saints Sports Club Inc.Bain-marie for canteen | $2,200 |
| Benalla Senior Citizens Club Inc.Bowling mats | $2,500 |
| Benalla Table Tennis AssociationLighting for tables tennis at Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre | $1,865 |
| Benalla Young Sportspersons TrustSupporting young Benalla Athletes | $1,000 |
| Cooinda Village Inc.Let’s Find Our Voice Project | $2,500 |
| Devenish Public Hall Committee of ManagementReplacement of stumps and bearers | $1,048 |
| Goorambat and District Community Group Inc.Directional signage Goorambat Silo Art | $1,600 |
| Goorambat Football Netball ClubUpgrade of umpires’ facility | $2,500 |
| Lima School Community Centre CommitteeBuilding repairs | $2,500 |
| Lima South Community HallPurchase pie warmer, microwave and ceiling fan | $1,439 |
| Lima South Rural Fire BrigadePurchase of training material and high powered torch | $1,000 |
| Moira Benalla Club Inc.Building maintenance work | $1,000 |
| Molyullah Recreation and Public Hall ReserveMarquee hire  | $1,000 |
| Molyullah Upper Ryan’s Creek HeritageSignage for heritage sites | $1,500 |
| Moorngag Cemetery TrustCemetery entrance upgrade | $2,500 |
| North East Art Trail Inc.Art trail signage | $2,500 |
| North Eastern Muzzleloaders and Colonial FirearmsPurchase and planting of shade trees | $1,500 |
| Ride Avenue Pre-SchoolAwning for front entrance | $2,431 |
| Rose City Country Music Club Inc.Contribution to venue hire cost  | $1,800 |
| Samaria Suns Sports Club Reversible jumpers for community engagement games | $2,079 |
| Swanpool and District Community Development Association Inc.Production of tourist maps | $1,000 |
| Thoona Memorial Hall Committee Inc.Interiror/exterior painting | $2,500 |
| Warrenbayne Hall & Recreation ReserveHot water service and kitchen bench | $2,500 |

**2020 Major Event Funding**

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| **Recipient** | **Funding** |
| Benalla Basketball AssociationJunior Regional BasketballTournament | $1,500 |
| Benalla Garden ClubGarden Expo | $1,500 |
| FCJ College120 Year Reunion | $1,500 |
| For the Good of Devenish Inc. Remembrance Day Service at Devenish Silos | $1,250 |
| Goorambat & District Community GroupOutback Dunny Day | $1,500 |
| Moorngag Hall & Recreation Reserve Moorngag Mower Mania | $1,500 |
| Rose City BandAnnual Concert | $1,000 |
| Society of Automotive Engineers AustraliaFormula SAE-Australiasia event at Winton Motor Raceway | $1,500 |
| Swanpool & District Community Development AssociationSwanpool Creative Recycled Art Prize (SCRAP) | $1,500 |

Mayor, Cr Danny Claridge, said that he was impressed with the volume and quality of applications this year.

“The number of applications from community groups looking to strengthen the community demonstrates the drive to help strengthen our community through projects and events,’ said Cr Claridge.

“Thank you to everyone who took the initiative to plan their projects, apply to the Council for support and be willing to help build a vibrant, healthy and sustainable community through these programs.”

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