

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

## COUNCIL POLICY NO. 102

### 1. POLICY PURPOSE

This Policy provides a framework for Gannawarra Shire Council ('Council') to allocate funds for community grants in an effective and equitable manner for the benefit of community organisations, groups and individuals.

### 2. SCOPE

Gannawarra Shire Council will provide a Community Grants Program which will open for applications annually and will offer support for community projects and events

Council will determine the amount of funds for the Community Grants Program each year as part of the budget preparation process.

#### **Assessment and Distribution**

Funds will be administered in a transparent and equitable manner and they will be promoted across the municipality in a way that will allow maximum opportunity for organisations and individuals to apply.

Funds will be administered using the eligibility criteria and conditions in the Guidelines as approved by Council from time to time and where practicable, be distributed equitably amongst eligible applicants.

All grants, sponsorships and donations are approved on a discretionary basis.

Council funds are not to be used by recipients to make subsequent grants, sponsorships or donations to other individuals or organisations, without the prior approval of Council.

#### **Unspent Funds**

Any unspent part of the community grant must be returned to the Council by the end of the funding period unless an extension or the project is re-scoped and approved by Council.

### 2. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy within 12 months after a general election of the Council.

At the time of review, this policy was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

### 3. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all Council policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna offices or online at [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au).

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5450 9333.

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