Community Assistance Grants August 2026

Successful Applications

As part of our August 2026 Community Assistance Grants scheme, we have awarded funding to 27 local community events and projects. By providing financial assistance we support outcomes that promote participation, inclusion, working and learning together, supporting connectedness and activating community spaces such as parks, halls and other facilities. Our grants scheme encourages the provision of projects and events for the wider community.

27 activities will be funded in this round ($140,976.90) include:

Anglican Parish of Avon
Avon Anglican Family Fun Fair
Family Fun Fair where people of all ages and backgrounds can participate and connect socially, and enjoy a safe, welcoming, and sustainable event with family and friends from Stratford, surrounding towns and districts without the burden of cost.

Tarra Festival Committee
Tarra Festival
Easter Long Weekend celebration featuring a variety of family-friendly events, including the street parade. Events run over the four days of the festival, including our new event the family fun run/bike ride/walk on easter Sunday.

Sale Christmas Parade Committee
Sale Christmas Parade
Free, inclusive family entertainment and activities as part of the 2026 Sale Christmas Parade. The program will include, face painting, an animal petting activity, a jumping castle, roving entertainers, character appearances and other family-friendly entertainment.

Stratford on Avon Shakespeare Association
2027 Stratford Shakespeare Festival
The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is a bright and creative multi arts festival celebrating the works of William Shakespeare.

Maffra Business and Tourism Association
Maffra Christmas Festival
A free public festival space to celebrate Christmas and the community of Maffra and neighbouring districts. The festival celebrates music and street performance, local produce and supporting local business.

Rotary Club of Maffra
Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras
The Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras is a family-oriented carnival, with a street parade, market and food stalls, kids' activities and musical entertainment.

Sale and District Junior Football Association
SDJFA Under 11 Girls Age Group Implementation
The Sale and District Junior Football Association is seeking support for the establishment of Gippsland's first dedicated Under 11 Girls AFL Competition in 2027.The project has been designed to address barriers that prevent girls from participating and remaining in football.

Wellington Toy Library
Growing through Play: Creating a welcoming, inclusive and accessible Toy Library for Wellington families.
The Wellington Toy Library is seeking funding to undertake a comprehensive renewal of our toy storage and refresh our most heavily used collections for future generations.

City of Sale Eisteddfod Society Inc
City of Sale Eisteddfod
Opportunity for students in the Arts of Theatrical Dance, General Music and Speech & Drama to perform in front of an audience and a qualified adjudicator in their field.

Port Albert Progress Association
Easter Sunday Family Fun Day and Lantern Festival
Live music, food vans, kids activities, and end with a floating remembrance lantern festival to remember loved ones that have passed.

Sale Music Festival
Sale Music Festival
Free family community event featuring continuous local music and free musical activities for children. This event brings the wider community together in a relaxed family friendly environment and engages diverse groups within the community.

Gormandale Mechanics Institute
Public Hall upgrade
To upgrade and repair lighting for main section of the Public Hall

The Gumboot Collective
The Gippsland Writers Festival
A day of writers panels, workshops and reading events to promote literacy and reading across the community.

Heyfield & District Vintage Machinery Group Inc
Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally
Large variety of vintage machinery and displays for all ages to enjoy.

Sale Museums and Family History Research Group Incorporated
Community Family History Research Open Days
The Sale and District Family History Group will deliver 12 free monthly Community Family History Research Open Days at Temperance Hall. Experienced volunteers will help people of all ages and abilities explore their ancestry using local archives, historical publications, government records and online genealogy tools access for people who may lack technology, research experience or affordable genealogy subscriptions.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria inc-North Gippsland Group
Facility Upgrade
Install a split system for heating and cooling replacing an old gas heater. Replacing very old carpet.

Sale Theatre Company
Sister Act
The Sale Theatre Company is putting on Sister Act the musical. The grant will cover the hire of the wedge.

Lions Club of Sale
Carols by Candlelight 2026
Annual family and community-oriented event. It features local talent, school performers, choirs, entertainment and games for adults and children of all ages.

Wurruk Community House
WCH stove replacement
Replacement of the stove in the kitchen at Wurruk Community House.

Gippy Rocks Inc.
Gippy Rocks Festival
The festival will feature live bands, structured dance workshops and social dancing, creating an energetic and inclusive environment for participants of all ages.

Loch Sport Business & Tourism Assoc.
NYE Fireworks Display
Annual fireworks display on New Years Eve.

Gippsland Water Dragons Inc
Accessible Paddling- On Land Facilities
Gippsland Water Dragons will hire a portable trailer toilet to ensure paddling sessions remain safe, inclusive, and accessible for all members where public toilets are unavailable to members (95% of the time). This project will help secure the long-term sustainability and growth of dragon boat paddling in Wellington Shire.

Golden and Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Association
2027 End of Summer Surf Festival
The 2027 End of Summer Surf Festival is Golden Beach's annual Easter community event, bringing residents, visitors and community organisations together.

RSL Loch Sport Sub Branch Inc
BBQ Area Enclosure Upgrade
Enclose an existing space by installing windows

Collegians Cricket Club Inc
Mower Purchase
Purchase of a new ride on 72 inch cut mower, to enable to Collegians Cricket Club to maintain the playing field and surrounds to allow all players both male and female and the broader community to use.

Heyfield War Memorial Hall Committee of Management Inc
Heyfield Hall Solar Battery Installation
Request funding to install a Solar Battery at the Heyfield Memorial Hall, which helps in assisting the groups ability to facilitate ongoing growth and reduce their environmental footprint.

Sale Maffra Cricket Association
National Masters Cricket Tournament
Grant funding will be directed to ground maintenance and preparation to ensure safe, high-quality playing surfaces and amenities, as well as essential tournament equipment and participant catering (lunches) to support a well-run national event.

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