

Council hands out more than \$770,000 in bushfire recovery grants

Kyogle Council has awarded more than \$770,000 to local organisations, individuals and businesses under two special bushfire recovery programs.

Council funded the special grants out of a \$1.4 million allocation it received from the Commonwealth and NSW Governments after the 2019-2020 bushfires.

The Council grants, which range from \$500 to \$25,000, are aimed at stimulating the local economy and providing a boost for businesses in local villages hit hard by the bushfires.

Council at its April meeting (14 April) approved all 37 applications totaling \$395,845 it received under its special Bushfire Round on Community Assistance Grants as well as all 32 applications totaling \$375,329 it received under its one-off grant program targeting businesses in the villages.

“Council is hoping these grants will provide a boost to local residents, community organisations and businesses as the community recovers from the devastating effects of the bushfires,” Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

“Council opened up an extra round of Community Assistance grants and the applications approved were diverse, sorely needed and distributed across the entire Council area.

“As were the business grants which were available to businesses, or the owners of commercial premises, in our villages.

“With the cumulative impact of drought, fires, flood and now the COVID-19 pandemic, this injection into the local economy couldn't be more timely.”

The Council will spend the remaining \$628,000 of its \$1.4 million bushfire recovery funding on helping rural landholders restore bushfire-affected infrastructure, improvements to local emergency evacuation centres, and on promotions and events to stimulate the visitor economy.

Council has also set aside funds to cover development application costs and ensure approvals are in place to allow bushfire-affected residents to rebuild homes and other structures damaged in the fires.

Council was notified of the first \$1 million from the Australian Government in January this year, with the NSW Government adding \$100,000 to this later that month. Council received a further \$300,000 from the Australian Government in February.

“One of the main objectives of the funding that came from both state and federal governments was to not delay the distribution of these funds,” Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett said.

“With this in mind, Kyogle Council quickly put in place these programs to allow funding to flow into the local economy as soon as possible.”

**** A full list of the successful grants is attached – please note grants over \$5,000 come with a commitment for an equal co-contribution by the applicant.***

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Successful Bushfire Round of the Community Assistance Grants

Applicant group	Project	Amount
Woodenbong Golf Club	Re-roof the golf club, attach new gutter and insulate.	\$25,000
Jubul Aboriginal Co-operative	Clean up day at Jubul	\$5,000
Richmond Valley Volunteer Health Transport Inc.	Purchase of a bar fridge and hot water urn for volunteers	\$1,000
Friends of the Labyrinth	Interpretive signage, bench seat, paving; mulch	\$7,500
Border Tourism Group - Woodenbong Progress Association	Signage for new tourism group in Tenterfield area	\$1,470
Ettrick Hall	Chairs and pergola	\$4,778
Kyogle FC club	Concrete slab	\$2,200
Hanging Rock Hall - Wadeville Reserve Land Manager	Stage and internal renovations	\$24,960
Bundgeam Preschool	Fence for bush tucker garden	\$10,000
Swoopin Season - Kyogle Together	Employing 2 x young people as mentees	\$5,000
Bonalbo RFS	Demountable RFS training / operations room	\$21,610
Kyogle Show Trust	The existing boundary fence 449 meters long adjacent to the Queensland Road	\$25,000
Kyogle Youth Action - Kyogle Together	Music program	\$3,000
Tabulam Campdraft	New amenities building at Tabulam Racecourse	\$25,000
Woodenbong Common Trust	Fencing Woodenbong common	\$7,000
Woodenbong Reserve Land Manager	Tractor and slasher for use in showground and other community maintenance activities	\$25,000
Kyogle and District Arts Council	Undertaking maintenance and structural repair to the Unity Arch sculptures at Sandilands Triangle on the Bruxner Highway.	\$10,000
Sine Cera	Bathroom renovation in chalet, stairs and deck replacements	\$5,000
Traditional Shotokan Karate-Do Federation NSW - Far North Coast Incorporated	Purchase uniforms for competition	\$5,000
Mallanganee Hall Committee	Dishwasher, stove, instant hot water	\$5,000
Woodenbong RSL Hall	Internal and external works, painting, lining and bathroom	\$25,000
Real Art Works	Hold creative arts workshops over six weeks in Kyogle, Bonalbo, Tabulam and production of resilience cards for participants	\$20,000

Applicant group	Project	Amount
Kyogle Community Gym	Funding to run a Lift from Life Course - resistance training program for people with or at risk of developing type 2 diabetes.	\$5,000
Collins Creek Hall	Road sealing between school and hall	\$25,000
Kyogle Golf Club	Renovations, assistance with payment of bills	\$5,000
Belinda Carlilie	Contribution towards Diploma of Counselling	\$500
Bazaar - Kyogle Together	Part-time coordinator, entertainment budget, volunteer support items, promotion	\$25,000
Kyogle Together	Server capacity to enable a mobile workforce	\$5,270
Woodenbong Amateur Swimming Club	Provision of initial training and ongoing training for volunteer lifeguards for the safe and efficient running of swimming club each week during the swimming season.	\$3,000
Kyogle Landcare Inc	Follow up maintenance of weed control along Fawcett's Creek walking track. This will maintain the work completed in 2019 under a Public Reserve Trust Fund grant.	\$4,998
Sandra Davie	Photography equipment including camera upgrade, tripod and lighting to photograph stained glass to develop online profile.	\$500
Kyogle Track and Trail MTB Club	Improvements to the Kyogle MTB Park including 1. reconstruct trails damaged during park closure due to fire danger, 2. construct additional trails, 3. install signs 4. install seats and bike racks 5. operational cost (fees to Forest Corp NSW)	\$19,189
Kyogle Fairymount Festival Committee	Puppet making workshop and parade expenses for 2021 Kyogle Fairymount Festival	\$5,000
Kyogle Tidy Towns Committee	LED information sign for Kyogle Visitor Information Centre	\$23,870
Woodenbong Progress Association	Image library for Woodenbong	\$5,000
Kyogle Foodbank - SDA	Funds to cover cost of food given to Kyogle and surrounding villages persons, unable to cover part or whole of their basic food purchases	\$4,000
Kyogle Bowling Club	Purchase children's bowls set for junior competitions	\$1,000
	TOTAL	\$395,845

Successful Business in the Villages grants

Location	Project	Amount
Bloodwood Gallery	Mural of the local mountains on shop front	\$5,000
Woodenbong Hotel	Disabled bathroom and painting	\$25,000
Woodenbong B&B	Signage, landscaping and grading	\$1,701
Clarence River Wilderness Lodge	Pull-over bay and viewing platform	\$5,000
Mitre 10 Woodenbong	Pay bills to keep business open	\$5,000
Cawongla Store	Handrail and deck	\$25,000

Location	Project	Amount
Bonalbo Service Station	External works to upgrade food service	\$25,000
Urbenville and District Bowling Club	Solar panels	\$24,944
Tabulam News	Pay for fuel for locals and visitors and to stay open	\$5,000
Lynda's Pitstop	Visitor economy stimulation	\$5,000
Woodenbong Driveway	Roof repairs	\$5,000
Sine Cera	Painting buildings externally, stairways and deck replacement, access roads	\$25,000
Wiangaree General store	Roofing repairs	\$5,000
Cougal Park B&B	Replace fence	\$5,000
Thrifty T Woodenbong	Painting building	\$5,000
Gateway Fine Foods	Safeguarding jobs	\$5,000
Mallanganee Pub	Safeguarding jobs	\$5,000
Ripples on the Creek	Repairs to cabins, signage, fruit trees, painting	\$12,000
R&R Farmstay	Animal shelter	\$5,000
Bonalbo Post Office	Repairs to fencing and building	\$5,000
Upper Clarence Trading Co-operative	Painting inside and outside coop, toilet facilities painting	\$15,000
Bonalbo B&B	Painting and floor coverings	\$5,000
Bonalbo Hardware	Mural on side of shop, installation of laundromat, fix external doors, refurbish ornate internal doors	\$18,000
Tabulam Hotel	Pay bills to keep business open	\$5,000
Wild West Store Mallanganee	Fixing the cold room floor, re-cover the main shop floor, fix trims, replace shelving. Repaint inside	\$25,000
Bonalbo Bowling Club	Solar panels and painting the outside of the building	\$25,000
CK Café and Catering	Repairs and repainting of the shop front and the side wall where the customer seating area is.	\$11,000
Dog and Bull	Refurbish drive through including local artwork, bar and kitchen floor	\$25,000
Woodenbong Engineering	Pay bills to keep business open	\$5,000
GL & RL Baker	Conversion of old convent in Mallanganee to accommodation.	\$4,984
Rosewood Farm Enterprises	Driveway access, onsite parking, visitor amenities (intending to run Farm Tours STCA)	\$25,000
Little Cambridge	Air conditioner in kitchen, outside arbour x 2; outdoor lighting	\$7,700
	TOTAL	\$375,329