

Media Release



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Barunga West Funds Community Growth

Barunga West Council is pleased to announce the successful applicants for its 2023/24 Community Grants program. With a total allocation of \$40,000, Council has proudly supported a range of projects aimed at enhancing community life and infrastructure in the region.

The Community Grants program, which opened on September 13, 2023, saw a diverse range of applications, demonstrating the community's commitment to development and collaboration. The Council is pleased to report that a total of \$39,868.18 has been awarded to 9 projects.

Key highlights from this year's grant recipients include:

- **Kulpara Progress Association** – Awarded \$10,000 for upgrading the septic tank at the local toilet block. This essential infrastructure supports the town's visitors and RV travellers, and paves the way for future developments like a paid RV park.
- **Thomas Plains Tennis Club** – Received \$6,820 for the preservation of its historic Church/clubrooms. This project is crucial for continuing the club's role as a community meeting place, promoting mental health and community well-being.
- **Port Broughton District Hospital & Health Services Health Advisory Council Inc.** – Granted \$6,500 for renovating and upgrading the Hospital Courtyard Garden area. This renovation will enable the space to be safely used for therapy and exercises by all Hospital consumers.

Other notable projects include the Alford Tennis Club's lighting upgrade (\$2,500), Port Broughton RSL Sub Branch's snooker table refurbishment (\$3,000), and the Lions Club of Bute and District's new trestles for the Bute Town Hall (\$2,548.18). Additionally, funding has been allocated for storage units at Bute Sporting Club (\$1,500), new carpeting for Bute RSL Sub Branch Inc (\$5,000), and support for the Port Broughton Country Music Festival (\$2,000).

These projects reflect the Council's commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance community life, promote health and well-being, and preserve important local heritage.

Barunga West Council Mayor Leonie Kerley said Council extends its gratitude to all applicants for their enthusiasm and dedication to improving our community.

"We look forward to witnessing the positive impacts of these projects in the coming year," Mayor Kerley said.