



Council Meeting

Addendum Agenda

Wednesday 17
September 2025

Commencing at 7:00 pm

Wycheproof Supper Room
367 Broadway, Wycheproof

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Interim Chief Executive Officer



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Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Vibrant and connected communities
Strengthen community activity and connections
Empower and support organisations to make a difference in their communities

PURPOSE

To present to Council the application recommended for funding under the Community Grants Program.

SUMMARY

Council allocates funds in its Annual Budget to support community initiatives that align with Council priorities and the Community Vision as outlined in the Council Plan.

The purpose of the grant categories are:

- **Community Grants** – to support the strengthening of the capacity and capability of local organisations, assist with the organisation and management of events, or help with the purchase of small capital items.
- **Sustainability Grants** – to assist projects that contribute to reducing the community's carbon footprint, improving the environment, or effectively conserving resource usage.
- **Sponsorship Grants** – to help promote a strong and involved Buloke community by helping deliver successful local events, projects, services and other activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves the officer recommendation to fund the following project under the Sustainability Grants Program:
\$10,000.00 – Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club – Project: Make King of the Mount Sustainable

DISCUSSION

Since the Ordinary Meeting of Council in August 2025, seven Community Grant applications have been assessed under the following categories: 4 x Community Grants, 2 x Sustainability Grants, and 1 x Sponsorship Grant Program.

In accordance with the Community Grant Program Guidelines, each application was reviewed by an Assessment Panel consisting of three Council officers from across the Community Development Directorate. Based on their assessment against the selection criteria, the Panel recommends that the following application is funded:

Name of Organisation	Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club
Project Title	Make King of the Mount Sustainable
Grant Type	Sustainability Grant - Up to \$10,000
Total Amount Requested	\$10,000.00
Funding Amount Recommended	\$10,000.00
Full Project Cost	\$39,690.40
Project Description	This project will enable the King of the Mountain event to adopt a range of practices to strengthen environmental, social, and financial sustainability. The grant will support initiatives such as reducing single-use plastics, expanding recycling at the event site, and one-off purchases to reuse and repurpose.
What will the project/ event achieve	It will assist with developing event infrastructure and resources that can be reused annually and shared by other community groups such as netball, hockey, cricket and race clubs - reducing reliance on disposable or one-off items and supporting the event's long-term viability. Collectively, these measures ensure the King of the Mountain event continues to deliver benefits for the community while minimising environmental impacts and building resilience and sustainable practices for future years.
Assessment Panel Scoring out of 75	22 + 20 + 13 = 55
Average Score	18 out of 25

Council officers are also currently working with five applicants to assist them with the requirements to meet the Community Grant Program eligibility criteria. These will be presented at a future Council Meeting for consideration.

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable to this report.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable to this report.

OPTIONS

Council has the option not to allocate the funds as recommended by the Assessment Panel. However, such amendments to the proposed funding recommendations may undermine the integrity and fairness of the assessment process.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable to this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Applicants were contacted by a Council officer if their application required additional information or clarification. The Community Grants Program is regularly promoted through the Council's website and social media channels, local radio and printed media.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Community Grants Program is consistently assessed to identify any opportunities for continuous improvement and to ensure it reflects the needs of the community

COLLABORATION

Not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The allocation of funds for the applications recommended for funding will come under the adopted Community Grants Program (\$20,000) and the Community Sustainability Grants (\$50,000) in Council's Annual Budget 2025-26.

There is currently \$14,650 available in the Community Grants Program budget and \$50,000 available in the Community Sustainability Grants budget for the 2025-26 financial year.

Previous Community Grants awarded for the 2025-26 financial year are:

Grant Amount	Community Group and Project Name	Type of Grant
\$1,000.00	Charlton Neighbourhood House Project: Pickleball for all: Serving Community Connection Across the Court	Small Capital Equipment
\$1,000.00	Donald Pastoral & Agricultural Society Inc. Project: Donald Show Photo Board Project	Small Capital Equipment
\$2,000.00	Birchip Playgroup Project: Strong Start Active Play for Birchip's Future	Project Support Grant
\$350.00	Combined Probus Club of Wycheproof Inc. Project: Probus Wycheproof Christmas Lunch	Project Support Grant
\$1,000.00	Mallee Creatives (through Charlton Neighbourhood House) Project: Charlton Weekend Coffee Stop – Volunteer Training & Equipment Initiative	Small Capital Equipment

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable to this report.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Buloke Shire Council Plan 2025-2029

Community Grant Guidelines 2025

Community Engagement Policy

Community Support Policy

Buloke Shire Climate Action Plan

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report recommends that Council approves the recommended allocation of funds under the Community Grants Program.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has declared a conflict of interest.

Attachments: Nil