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Media – Grant & project partnership announcements

Nine hundred thousand dollars in further grants announced to bushfire impacted communities across East Gippsland

The Board of the East Gippsland Community Foundation is pleased to announce that its third round of community grants have been awarded.

Barry Henwood, Chair of the East Gippsland Community Foundation Chair said *"Through a community-led approach the Foundation has focused on distributing funds to communities impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires. Our third round of grants focused on youth outcomes, and we also ran a small grant round at the same time for community events, projects or activities. We have a good cross section of communities funded for a variety of different programs, activities and projects. We thank the communities for their hard work in identifying community-led initiatives and look forward to the positive impact the grants will have across East Gippsland."*

Grant recipients in the Community Bushfire Recovery Youth focused grants are:

- Mallacoota Pony Club - Novice Rider Program Upgrades - \$46,113
- OSCAR High Country Radio - Strengthening community capacity and ties, and engaging youth through community radio - \$24,348
- Orbost Pony Club Inc - Revitalization Project - \$31,500
- Lakes Entrance Golf Club Inc - Golf Simulator Training System - \$50,000
- The Mallacoota Wilderness Collective Inc - Future Proofing Youth through Entrepreneurship in Mallacoota - \$43,963
- Omeo Business and Tourism Association - Omeo Community Hub - \$48,208 conditional
- Mallacoota Events - 'Bastion Beats' Youth focused music festival Mallacoota 2023 - \$35,800
- East Gippsland Gymnastics Club Inc - Equipping our future for innovation in gymnastics - \$50,000
- Community Centre Swifts Creek Incorporated - Swifts Creek & Omeo District health partnership - youth led projects - \$17,000
- Orbost and District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc - Gap Year Earn and Learn Project - \$50,000
- The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - on behalf of B.S.G (Bairnsdale Scout Group) - Scout Hall heating, cooling & solar - \$49,286
- Reclink Australia - Nature Based Recovery Program for East Gippsland Youth through Structured Sport and Active Recreation - \$30,000 conditional
- Orbost Youth Club auspiced by Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Inc - Quarenook Wrap = Meeting Place - \$30,000 conditional
- Wairewa Public Hall & Recreation Reserve - The Central East Gippsland Youth Project (CEGYP) - \$10,000
- Clifton Creek Community Hall and Recreation Reserve (in partnership with the Community Recovery Sub-Committee) - Youth Ball at the Hall & Youth Cinema Night in the Reserve - \$14,000
- Buchan Gelantipy and District Renewal Association - Buchan Youth Project - \$20,000
- Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network Inc - Youth Unlimited - \$20,000 conditional

- Bruthen & District Citizens Association Inc (subcommittee: Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House) - Bruthen Young Peoples Project 2023 - \$20,742
- Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Youth Focused Activities and Events Program - \$20,000
- Cheeky Mac Productions auspiced by Gippsland Lakes Complete Health - The East G Project - \$49,200

Grant recipients in the Community Bushfire Recovery Small grant round are:

- The Mallacoota Wilderness Collective Inc - Computer Bank for Wilderness Workspace - \$4,970
- Omeo Region Business & Tourism Association Inc - Omeo Community Hub - \$5,000 conditional
- Far East Victoria Landcare Inc - Landcare Expo at the Orbost Show 2023 - \$5,000
- Omeo Recreation Reserve - Please Be Seated - \$5,000
- Buchan Bush Nursing Association Inc - Kitchen Appliance Upgrade - \$4,931
- Community Centre Swifts Creek Incorporated - Community Events & Capacity Building 2022-2023 - \$4,916
- Orbost Agricultural Society Inc - Orbost Agricultural Show 2023 - \$5,000
- Paynesville Business and Tourism Association Inc - Paynesville Music Weekend 2023 - \$4,850
- Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc - Tubbut Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity - \$5,000 contingent
- Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Bonang Public Hall Committee of Management Inc - Bonang ancillary service upgrades - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity - \$5,000 contingent
- Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Goongerah Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Inc - Goongerah Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity - \$5,000 contingent
- Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Bendoc Progress Association Inc - Bendoc Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities Through Service Equity - \$5,000 contingent
- Bruthen & District Citizens Association - Bruthen District Neighbourhood House Community Hub Upgrade - \$4,821.00
- Glenaladale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc - Glenaladale Hall Upgrade and Extensions - \$5,000
- Orbost Exhibition Centre on the Snowy River Inc - pARTicipate - Making it easier to access the Orbost Exhibition Centre - \$5,000
- Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Recreation Reserve Toilet Upgrade Contingency - \$5,000 contingent
- Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Hall Safe Access Lighting - \$5,000
- Apex Club of Bairnsdale - Colour Ya World - \$5,000 conditional

Three additional project partnerships with a youth focus have been made with:

- Envite Environment – \$75,000 for Conservation traineeships for youth capacity and bushfire recovery – Orbost and Swifts Creek.
- TAFE Gippsland - \$63,481 for a Youth Leadership Program across East Gippsland in 2023.
- Committee for Gippsland - \$14,000 for two full scholarships to the Gippsland Community Leadership Program in 2023.

All project partnerships will give priority participation to persons impacted by the Black Summer Fires of 2019/2020.

Grant Funds will be disbursed from the East Gippsland Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund, of which the East Gippsland Community Foundation acts as the trustee. Awarded activities and projects are due to be completed and to achieve the predetermined community benefit within a twelve-month period.

The foundation continues to work with the Community Enterprise Foundation and can take individuals and business tax deductible donations through the East Gippsland Community Foundation at East Gippsland Community Foundation Appeal at <https://www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/disaster-appeals/east-gippsland-community-foundation-appeal>. To donate please contact Executive Officer, Michelle Dowsett on 0499 241 917 or email info@givetoeastgippsland.org.au.

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