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Further funding flows to Black Summer Fire impacted communities across East Gippsland

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

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.

Chair Barry Henwood stated that *"The Foundation continues to build relationships and partnerships with local organizations and intends to be here for the long haul to help realise community aspirations.*

Congratulations to all those local people who are working so hard to continue the rebuild, plan and improve resilience and grow community capacity.

We will try to keep it as simple as possible for those weary volunteers.

Today we announce the support of 23 worthy projects and wish every success in delivering great services and facilities for East Gippsland Communities."

Grant recipients in the East Gippsland Community Bushfire Recovery Grants are:

- Bairnsdale & District Woodcraft Group Incorporated (Equipment for community development) \$4,000
- Bruthen Mechanics Institute and Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated (Bruthen Mechanics Hall renovation project) \$40,000
- Buchan Valley Golf Club auspiced by the Buchan Gelantipy District Renewal Group (Water Tank Resilience Upgrade) \$7,150
- Cann River Community Centre Inc (Cann River Community Centre kitchen upgrades) \$40,000
- Clifton Creek Community Hall and Recreation Reserve, Association (Community Stage @the Recreation Reserve, all abilities access & equipment for multi-purpose courts) \$40,000
- Community Centre Swifts Creek Inc. (Childcare Essentials) \$22,105
- East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc (Banking on the Future - East Gippsland Community Seedbank project) \$40,000
- East Gippsland Rail Trail Committee of Management Inc (Trail vegetation control and enhancement, Stage 2) \$40,000
- Ensay Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc (Ensay Hall Community Cafe/Social connectedness/disaster resilience: All abilities accessibility project) \$31,000
- Glenaladale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (Restoration and expansion of the Glenaladale Community Hall) \$27,900

