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MEDIA RELEASE

Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants awarded to ten local projects

Ten local projects will receive a share in \$30,000 funding from this year's Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants Program.

Waterloo Wind Farm's Community Engagement Manager Hannah Willson said she was particularly impressed by the quality of applications this year:

"We received almost 30 funding applications for a wide range of local projects, and with so many worthy entries, it was a difficult decision. All applications are reviewed by members of our Community Liaison Group, and their feedback and recommendations help make sure we continue to support the initiatives that will bring the greatest value to the community."

"This year we had a couple of standout entries that I think will have a huge impact – the Saddleworth Main St redevelopment project and the Clare Lions Club second-hand furniture program. It's projects like these that will make a real difference to our community and I'm so proud that Waterloo Wind Farm is able to support them."

The Saddleworth District Community Association received funding to purchase gardening supplies and plants for its Main St redevelopment project.

Rosie Richardson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, said the community-led project was starting to come together and would be a great enhancement to the town:

"After the Foodworks shop burnt down in 2016, and the adjoining RSL building was demolished, it left a big hole in our Main St and devastated the community. Our aim is to transform this area – now a weed-infested dust bowl – and create a welcoming and attractive open space that can be used by everyone."

A significant grant was also awarded to the Clare District Lions Club for the purchase of equipment to run their new second-hand furniture program – a goodwill initiative that will provide free furniture to people experiencing disadvantage.

Allan Mayfield of the Clare District Lions Club explains:

"Currently, furniture for people in need – such as those living in emergency housing – is either not available, very limited or difficult to access. Our program will take good quality, donated furniture and, working closely with social welfare agencies, pass it on to those who need it. Furniture will also be available for purchase by the general public with funds used to cover the cost of the program or being donated back into the community through the Lions Club."

Over the last six years, Waterloo Wind Farm has donated over \$180,000 to local projects through its Community Grants Program. The Program aims to make a sustainable difference to the Mid North region and supports projects that will inspire community pride, enhance the region's environment or contribute to the local economy.



Other projects to receive funding this year include the Mintaro Manoora netball court overhaul at Mintaro, the Riesling Trail Management Committee's Auburn archway and the Eudunda Christmas Party.

Successful applicants will be presented with the grants at a ceremony at the Waterloo Hall on Tuesday 14th May. The event will be attended by members of the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Liaison Group.

For further information about the Community Grants Program visit www.waterloowindfarm.com.au

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2019 Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grant recipients

Group	Project
Saddleworth District Community Association	Re-development - vacant blocks Main St
Saddleworth Primary School	Musical instruments for students
Saddleworth Opportunity Shop	Replacement broken clothes racks
Clare District Lions Club	Second hand furniture program
Mintaro Manoora Sporting Club 1	Netball court overhaul
The Riesling Trail Management Committee	Auburn archway
Eudunda Christmas Party Committee	Christmas party - shipping container
Riverton Community Management Committee	Repair Rattler Trail
Fox Cull Group	Safety and maximising efficiencies
Waterloo & District Soldiers Memorial Hall	Hall kitchen stage 2