

## MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: **Helping Hand for Community Projects** 

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NOW is the time for community groups to reach out to Council for a helping hand to get their projects off the ground.

Applications for the September funding round of Rural City of Murray Bridge Community Events, Grants and Donations \$40,500 September are now open.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said community driven initiatives supported by the program were an important part of creating Thriving Communities.

"It's a great way to tap into what is important to our community, and work together to create outcomes that are meaningful for the people who live here," he said.

"There have been some fantastic initiatives to come out of the program and I really encourage everyone with a great idea that will make our community better to make an application and give it a go."

Projects supported in the past year have included the Murray Bridge Christmas Carols, the Waitangi Day Festival and live streaming of River Murray Football League games.

Community Events, Grants and Donations individual grants are capped at \$3,100 each, with the recipients required to match the amount dollar-for-dollar or in-kind.

Applicants must be incorporated or have the support of a suitable incorporated body to receive funds on the applicant's behalf.

Sport and Recreation Facilities funding of \$60,000 is available to improve sporting facilities throughout the year and can be accessed by contacting Team Leader Youth Sport and Recreation Kevin Heyndyk on 8539 1127.

Environmental grants of \$20,000 are up for grabs and Small Wins/Quick Wins grants of \$100,000 annually are also available for larger projects.

Annual Riverfront Reactivation funding of \$50,000 encourages events and activities at Sturt Reserve and the Wharf Precinct.

An information session will be held 12noon Wednesday 21 August in the upstairs meeting room at the Murray Bridge Town Hall – a light lunch will be provided. Phone 8539 1100 to RSVP by 19 August.

Grant application forms are available at www.murraybridge.gov.au or the Local Government Centre at 2 Seventh Street Murray Bridge.

Grant applications close 4.45pm Friday 6 September 2019.