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Council channels welcome funds to community groups

Waratah-Wynyard Council has assisted dozens of community groups with much-needed funds via Community Activation Grants.

Twenty-seven community groups in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality will receive grants ranging from \$180 up to \$2,000 through the 2019-2020 financial year.

“Our community groups contribute so much to our municipality,” Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

“Support through the Community Activation Grants will help those various community groups to continue to build healthier, stronger and more inclusive communities.”

The Somerset Football Club received \$2,000 to assist with lighting upgrades.

“The existing infrastructure has been in place for 30-odd years and is starting to fail,” Somerset Football Club President Nathan Hay said.

“LEDs are much better for the environment and running costs will be cheaper for the Club.”

Additionally, The Lobster Ponds Haven at Flowerdale received \$2,000 for a Lobster Viewing Tank and the Wynyard Gymnastics Club Inc. also received \$2,000 - which it will use for an upgraded PA system.

Artscape Wynyard was also a recipient of a Grant and will put the \$800 towards Undercurrent – its emerging artists competition.

This is the second year Artscape has held the competition, with record numbers of visitors through the door during last year’s show which is held during the Tulip Festival.

Jeremy Cleverly, President of Artscape’s committee, said the \$800 grant would go towards the first prize money with the Council also acquiring the winning work.

“The money we received helps Artscape attract great emerging artists for Undercurrent,” Jeremy Cleverly said. “If we didn’t have that we wouldn’t get as high-quality entrants as we do which in turn makes for a successful exhibition.”

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