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Energy Saver Grants Program extended until end of financial year

Applications for the Waratah-Wynyard Council's Energy Saver Grants Program will now be extended until the end of the financial year. The Program offers non-for-profit community organisations in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality the opportunity to apply for a 50% co-contribution toward energy saving initiatives to help combat climate change.

With \$50,000 originally available for this grant opportunity, Council has helped to improve the financial sustainability of community organisations by saving energy and reducing power bills. It has also helped to build the capacity of community groups to work toward environmental sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the uptake of energy efficient technologies and improving awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency.

"The Energy Saver Grants Program is an exciting opportunity for the Waratah-Wynyard Council to financially support community initiatives that align with the environmental aims of the Integrated Council Environmental Plan," Waratah-Wynyard Council Mayor Robby Walsh said.

Council has already endorsed the allocation of funds of up to \$10,000 to the Somerset Amateur Basketball Association for a 30kw solar panel system, the Wynyard Community Men's Shed for a heating and lighting energy saving project, and Coast FM for a vehicle solar power system to enable outside broadcasting.

The current application period for the Energy Saver Grants Program will now close 30 June 2022.

Along with the Energy Saver Grants Program, the Waratah-Wynyard Council's Community Activation Grants Program is also injecting funds of up to \$2,000 into local community group projects. The Community Activation Grants Program assists in the provision of community projects and activities, and sponsors local events that provide economic and social benefit for the community.

In round one of the Community Activation Grants Program, funds were allocated to the Somerset Surf Life Saving Club for training equipment for juniors, the Yolla Football Club for the purchase of an electronic scoreboard, Squid Theatre Inc. for a radio drama production and Grow Gather Give for a native edible plant garden. Some of the other clubs that received funding for equipment and upgrades were The Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc., Live Well Tasmania and the Northern Tasmania Driving Society.

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“The allocation of funds through Council’s grants programs are examples of our dedication to the sustainability and prosperous future of our municipality,” the Mayor said.

The next round of Community Activation Grants commences on 1 July 2022.

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