

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Annual grants program injects funds into Waratah-Wynyard community projects

The recipients of Waratah-Wynyard Council's Round 1 Community Activation Grants for 2022-23 have been announced, with several community facilities to receive funds for upgrades and two community events also being supported by this grant round.

Waratah-Wynyard Council provides funding to enhance social and cultural wellbeing and foster economic development and educational pursuits in the Waratah-Wynyard municipal area. Grants of up to \$2000 each are awarded each funding round.

"Our community is at the heart of everything we do in Waratah-Wynyard. The allocation of grant funds through this program highlights our commitment to supporting our community groups and events," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

Recipients include the Somerset Basketball Association for a wireless shot clock upgrade, the Waratah Men's Shed for community tables, the Yolla Memorial Hall for repainting the hall interior, the Waratah Axemen's Association for the 2023 Woodchopping Carnival and the 'Springing into Song' event, which will form part of the Spring Loaded program.

Grant recipient Christine Okunbor is thrilled with the funding allocation, which will enable her to produce a musical performance especially curated to reflect the historical charm of the veteran car collection at the Wonders of Wynyard.

"I'm very pleased to have been awarded this Council Community Activation Grant as it allows me to develop and present a musically diverse concert honouring the era of the Ransley Veteran Car Collection."

"The musicians will perform songs from the early 1900's and beyond - from ragtime to blues, jazz to music hall, with a couple of original "driving songs" included. The audience will be familiar with some of the songs - such as "St Louis Blues" and "Alexander's Ragtime band" which were "Top of the Pops" in their day when the veteran cars were being driven."

The next round of Community Activation Grants will open 1 November 2022.

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