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Thrive & Survive grant to help Providence Farm Stall bring the world to the Coast

Providence Farm Stall is preparing to shake off a year that was memorable for all the wrong reasons with a summer program of live entertainment in 2021.

To help make it happen, the Mt Hicks restaurant secured a \$10,000 grant as part of Council's \$100,000 Thrive & Survive Grant Program – an initiative Council introduced in response to the unique economic opportunities and challenges of COVID-19.

"The purpose of the Thrive & Survive Grant Program is to help Waratah-Wynyard-based businesses and community groups thrive and innovate to lessen the effects of COVID-19," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

"Council understands that practical assistance is required to support the changing needs of the community. Business and community groups need support to adapt their service delivery model in a safe way. New innovations need financial support to turn a good idea into reality."

Providence Farm Stall's owner-operators Victor and Santie Morgado said their business has been impacted by border closures and lack of international and interstate visitors.

"After the lockdown was lifted, we hosted two seated music events, which were sold out within hours of being advertised," Santie said.

"So, from that experience, we realised there was a real need and desire for these types of intimate events. And because we cannot travel overseas Providence Farm Stall would like to 'bring the world to you'."

The \$10,000 Thrive & Survive grant will allow the operators to host events featuring Tasmanian artists that will be complimented by Victor and Santie's heritage of Portuguese and South African cuisine and food trucks boasting a variety of other cuisine.

"This summer program will help support local musicians and rejuvenate the spirits of our community," Santie said. "Locals will be able to have a cultural experience right here in our beautiful North-West Coast."

"The past year has been very challenging, making it difficult to stay motivated at times," Santie said.

"Council's Spring Loaded Program and the Thrive & Survive Grants Program helped us as local business operators feel that we are in this together. And we want to thank the Waratah-Wynyard Council for their support."

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Some of the businesses and community organisations that also received grants were: Red Cow Organics, Seabrook Golf Club, and Alchymia Distillery.

For a full list of recipients, please go to Council's website www.warwyn.tas.gov.au

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