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Council funds to help organisations navigate post-COVID-19 landscape

Waratah-Wynyard Council has assisted an additional 11 businesses and community groups in the municipality through its Thrive & Survive Grants Program.

The Thrive & Survive grants were launched by Council in October 2020 in response to COVID-19, with an initial \$80,000 distributed to organisations and businesses to enable the continuation of economic activity and strengthening of our local economy and community.

The Minor Grant Round has committed a further \$21,939 in total, shared across 11 community groups and businesses currently facing increased demand and/or operational changes due to COVID-19.

“Council is in a position to give practical assistance to support the changing needs of the community in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

“In this minor grant round Council has enabled several worthy recipients to fund their innovative plans. From a finance business - which will use the money to relocate to a shop front in Wynyard’s main street, and realise its plans to assist the community to better understand personal finance - to Building Somerset’s Future community group’s plans for a Greenspace Project, where trees will be planted in designated greenspace corridors and the development of “pause points” in Somerset.”

Brenton Hosking, who is the treasurer of Building Somerset’s Future, was thrilled to receive funding.

“As a group (Building Somerset’s Future), Waratah-Wynyard’s Council’s draft Settlement Strategy resonated with us and we wanted to support that in some way,” Brenton Hosking said.

“And when we saw the idea of green corridors (in the strategy) we thought ‘let’s see if we can make that happen sooner than later’.”

Additionally, Yolla Memorial Hall will get a freshen-up with internal painting.

“The interior of the hall is in need of repainting and brightening up,” Mayor Walsh said.

“With the onset of the pandemic, it has been impossible to hold functions to supplement the upkeep and use of the Yolla Hall, so this is a way Council can assist the volunteers who take care of the facility to get back on their feet.”

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For a full list of Thrive & Survive Grants Program Minor Grant Round recipients please go to www.warwyn.tas.gov.au

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