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Energy Saver Grants Program aids Waratah-Wynyard community sustainability

With a focus on finding new ways to combat climate change, the Waratah-Wynyard Council is playing its part in global efforts for environmental sustainability. The Energy Saver Grants Program is Council's latest initiative to support non-for-profit organisations by providing funding for financial and environmental benefits to the local community.

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.

With \$50,000 available for this grant opportunity, Council aims to improve the financial sustainability of community organisations by saving energy and reducing power bills. It also aims 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 step forward for the region, with local government now financially supporting community initiatives that focus on sustainability," Waratah-Wynyard Council Mayor Robby Walsh said.

Along with the Energy Saver Grants Program, Council's Community Activation Grants Program will also open for its first round of the financial year on 1 November. 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.

"The introduction of these grant programs are examples of Council's dedication to a positive, sustainable and prosperous future for the municipality," the Mayor said.

The application periods for the Energy Saver Grants Program and the Community Activation Grants Program are from 1 November until 3 December 2021.

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