

# SHIRE OF CAMPASPE MEDIA RELEASE



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## COMMUNITY WISHES GRANTED

The Shire of Campaspe this week committed \$74,600 to 30 projects across the region in the first round of its Community Grants scheme for the year.

Council signed off on the spending program which will benefit non-profit sporting clubs, churches, schools and other community groups in Echuca, Tongala, Kyabram, Rochester, Corop, Bamawm Extension, Girgarre, Moora and Toolleen.

Grants ranging from \$200 to \$10,000 were awarded in the categories of heritage, cultural, recreation, assistance and major and minor events and were for projects ranging from town murals to youth theatre productions and netball tournaments.

Mayor Peter Williams said the shire provides more than \$170,000 annually to the Community Grants program.

“The scheme helps Council support community groups to implement locally identified projects and programs that will lead to increase partnerships, connect people, promote diversity, develop leadership, build self-efficiency, improve the environment and strengthen communities,” Cr Williams said.

The program attracted 53 requests totalling \$195,161 meaning not all applicants were successful.

“We are very fortunate to have so many hard-working and dedicated non-profit groups in our community and the Shire of Campaspe is proud to support their important work,” he said.

Representatives from successful community groups will receive their cheques at a special presentation on 21 July in Echuca and applications for round two of the 2010/2011 Community Grants program open in September this year.

### **Community grants, round one 2010/2011**

A heritage grant of \$500 was awarded to Kyabram and District Historical Society to repair and re-paint parts of Hazelman's Cottage at the Kyabram Fauna Park.

Cultural grants totalling \$3,500 were awarded to:

Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association, indigenous cultural display, \$1,000

Bella A'Capella, Singing leadership sessions, \$1,000

Echuca Musical Theatre Company Youth Group, *Mulan* production, \$1,000

Echuca Moama Artists Inc, annual art exhibition, \$500

Recreation grants totalling \$32,000 were awarded to:

Moora Racecourse Recreation Reserve, improvements to reserve, \$2,000

Toolleen Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, water supply and irrigation upgrade, \$10,000

City of Echuca Bowls Club, water tank supply and installation, \$10,000  
Northern Oval Committee of Management, develop master plan, \$5,000  
Inland Outrigger Canoe Club, two-piece, six-person canoe purchase, \$5,000

Assistance grants totalling \$11,200 were awarded to:

Echuca & District Chaplaincy, anti-bullying program \$1,000  
Australian Hands on Health Association, electrical work, \$1,800  
Kyabram Development Committee, town mural, \$3,500  
St Joseph's College, East Timor visitation program, \$3,000  
Rochester Primary School, cyber bullying awareness program, \$1,900

Minor grants totalling \$2,000 were awarded to:

Corop Community Action Group, Christmas BBQ, \$250  
Campaspe Tennis Association, annual junior challenge, \$350  
Bamawm Extension Pony Club, annual horse show, \$600  
St Luke's Anglicare, Walk Across the Bridge event, \$200  
Kyabram Netball Association, annual tournament, \$600

Major community event grants totalling \$25,400 were awarded to:

Echuca Moama and District Tourism Association, CAMS carnival, \$4,500  
Corop Community Action Group, Corop's Day on the Hill, \$2,500  
Echuca Moama Winter Blues Festival, \$4,000  
Girgarre Development Group, Girgarre Moosic Muster, \$2,500  
Kyabram and District Health Service, 50-year reunion, \$300  
Rochester Go-Kart Club, Golden Power series, \$3,000  
Kyabram Parkland Golf Club, Victorian Men's Par 3 Amateur Championship, \$900  
Echuca Clay Target Club, Victorian State Clay Target Titles 2010, \$2,000  
Kyabram Chamber of Commerce, Kyabram Cash for Christmas and gala night, \$1,200  
Victorian National Rally Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> National Caravan Clubs Rally, \$4,500

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