



DUBBO REGION GROUPS BENEFIT FROM GRANT FUNDING

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has delivered community grant funding to several not-for-profit organisations across the region at a cheque presentation ceremony held on Monday 20 November at the Western Plains Cultural Centre.

The funding, which has come from Council's Community Services Fund and Event Assistance Program grant streams, was awarded to the groups to assist in the implementation of a variety of important community projects and events.

DRC Mayor Mathew Dickerson said the grant streams were vital in supporting local organisations deliver projects and events for Dubbo Region residents and visitors.

"We have some fantastic local groups receiving Community Services Funding in this round to help support their projects, increase community capacity and build social capital," Cllr Dickerson said.

The Event Assistance Program, which has a Community Event and

Destination Event component, will assist groups in facilitating key events for locals, as well as attracting visitors from outside the region.

The Community Event component saw nine successful candidates receive funding, sharing in a combined total of \$10,000 which will help the groups deliver a range of social and cultural benefits to the region. The Destination Event component saw seven successful candidates receive funding, sharing in a combined total of \$30,000. These Destination Events will deliver \$3.5 Million into the local economy in 2024.

“Council’s Event Assistance Program will aid groups in staging exciting events for residents of the Dubbo Region, as well as helping to facilitate those large-scale destination events that draw in people from other regions and interstate”.

“It is a pleasure to be able to recognise and support the hard work these organisations are doing in our community. It is also inspiring to hear the variety of stories and the different aspects of the community these groups are involved in,” Cllr Dickerson said.

Council’s Community Services Fund 2023/24 Round 2 and the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Round 9 will open for applications on Thursday 1 February 2024.

Further details for the 2024 Event Assistance Program will be provided at a later date.

Updated information will be available on the Dubbo Regional Council Grants and Funding page closer to the opening date. To view the Grants and Funding page, please head to <https://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au>

Community Services Fund recipients:

- Orana Education and Training Co-Operative Ltd - \$993.89 for their community garden maintenance.
- Dubbo Legacy - \$5,000 for widows and wards yard maintenance.
- Orana Arts Inc - \$15,556 contribution to the Kumo Taiko project.
- Boys to the Bush Ltd - \$12,800 for the Off to a Flying Start: Boys to the Bush (BttB) School Programs.
- Creative Community Concepts - \$16,000 contribution to the Dulli project.
- Tubba-Gah (Maing) Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation - \$11,220 contribution to the Jinchilla Gardens becomes wheelchair accessible project.
- Orana Broadcasters Inc – \$8,716.60 for the addition of a UPS system.
- Comobella Hall Trust - \$3,307.70 to replace a damaged shade sail.
- Orana Support Services - \$4,726 for the Dubbo Region Food Van set-up.
- Dubbo Rivercare Group Inc - \$1,856 to purchase equipment and undertake volunteer training.
- Dubbo View Club - \$1,395 to purchase office equipment.
- Western Region Academy of Sport - \$3,370 to Dubbo athletes and coaches in sports development program.
- Binjang Community Radio Inc - \$5,292.05 to upgrade audio visual operational equipment.

Event Assistance Program recipients:

Destination Events Fund

- The Great Australian Stone Festival (\$3,000).
- Burrendong Easter Fishing Classic (\$5,000).
- Stock Route Music Festival (\$5,000).
- Dubbo Eisteddfod 2024 (\$5,000).
- Dubbo Winter Whisky Festival (\$3,000).
- Dubbo MotorFest (\$5,000).
- Cross Cultural Carnival 2024 (\$4,000).

Community Events Fund

- Stuart Town Multicultural Festival 2023 (\$1,300).
- Under Western Skies 2023 (\$1,300).
- Global Fusion (\$1,100).
- Stuart Town Christmas Tree (\$300).
- Carols by Candlelight (\$600).
- Wellington Rotary Vintage Fair (\$1,400).
- ORISCON Harmony Week Gala Nite 2024 (\$500).
- Man From Ironbark Festival (\$1,300).
- 148th Annual Wellington Show (\$2,200).

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