



WELLINGTON ORGANISATIONS RECEIVE A SHARE OF \$25,000 FROM ROUND 2 OF BODANGORA WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Dubbo Regional Council, In!gen Energy and representatives of the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee will present cheques totalling \$25,000 to eight Wellington community organisations this Saturday in Wellington's Cameron Park.

The eight local organisations are the recipients of funds from Round 2 of the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. Funds are being directed to a range of local projects and to purchase resources that enable groups to deliver better services to the community.

Mayor of the Dubbo Region, Councillor Ben Shields said the agreement between Dubbo Regional Council and In!gen Bodangora Wind Farm is helping Wellington based community organisations upgrade facilities, purchase much needed equipment and fund community initiatives.

"Those organisations which have been successful in this round of funding are volunteer organisations and the funds will have a direct, positive benefit to the community," Cllr Shields said.

The Planning Agreement made between In!gen – Bodangora Wind Farm and Council provides \$50,000 in development contributions to be directed to the Community Benefit Fund annually for the first 25 years of operation.

"This fund is making a real difference to community projects in Wellington with a total of \$1.25M allocated for the Community Benefit Fund across the first 25 years of operation," said Cllr Shields.

In!gen's Bodangora Wind Farm project manager Stuart Black was pleased to offer the funding to many worthy recipients.

"The aim of this fund is to support and strengthen community groups in the Wellington area. There are a lot of wonderful arts, environmental, sporting and charitable organisations in the district and we are happy to be able to assist their purpose," said Mr Black.

An assessment panel made up of the members of the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee along with local Councillors David Grant and Anne Jones assessed all applications against the criteria in the funding guidelines.

From 18 submissions, there were eight successful applications:

- Twin Rivers Fishing Club - \$3000 towards purchase of cod and golden perch fingerlings to boost Macquarie River fish stocks

- Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum - \$3500 to pay for recovery of the nursery area for propagation to increase production of native species
- Wellington Lions Club - \$2300 to fund a generator for the catering van
- Wellington Warriors Football Club Incorporated - \$4800 to buy a barbecue trailer for use by community sporting groups
- Wellington Arts Centre Inc - \$3000 towards cost of 30 students to attend lantern-making workshops
- Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society Incorporated - \$4768.37 towards new rehearsal room heater, an archive display case and sets and costumes for 2019 production
- The Salvation Army Orana-Wellington NSW - \$1113.63 for the cost of first aid and CPR training for staff and volunteers
- Mount Arthur Reserve Trust - \$2518 for purchase of wheelbarrow and pallet forks

Applications for Round 3 of the Community Benefit Fund will be advertised later this year.

The Formal Cheque Presentation Event Details

When: Saturday 22 September 2018, 12noon

Where: Wellington Visitor Information Centre, Cameron Park Wellington

Who:

- Mayor of the Dubbo Region, Ben Shields
- Gavin Paul, Inigen Energy
- Community Consultative Committee members
- Cheque recipients

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