



CITY OF BALLARAT
**Annual Partnerships
and Grants Report
2023/24**



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The City of Ballarat acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we live and work on, the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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This event was successful in Round 1 of the Community Impact Grant Program (of 2023/24) titled the 2024 Chinese New Year Gala Concert for the Chinese Australian Cultural Society Ballarat Inc.

Executive Summary

Welcome to the 2023/24 Annual Partnerships and Grants Report.

The City of Ballarat's 2023/24 Annual Partnerships and Grants Programs continued to support recipients to deliver quality programs, events, products and services which provided great benefit to Ballarat, and contributed to the social, economic, and cultural vibrancy of the region.

In 2023/24, the programs received a strong response, with a total of 124 applications received. A total amount of \$1,865,500.84 was funded to 91 community groups and organisations. This is an increase in funding and applications from 2022/23, with a total of 121 applications received and payments to the amount of \$1,267,416.23.

The grant funding paid out in 2023/24 is as follows:

- **Strategic Partnerships Grants:** A sum of \$499,459.00 was allocated to seven organisations.
- **City Partnerships Grants:** A sum of \$919,074.00 was allocated to 13 organisations.
- **Community Impact Grants:** A sum of \$293,467.84 was allocated to 58 community groups and organisations.
- **Tourism Events Grants:** A sum of \$153,500.00 was allocated to 13 event organisers.

Grant funding continued to be offered across three categories: City Partnerships, Community Impact Grants and Tourism Events Grants. Each of these categories provided funds to a diverse range of community groups and organisations to achieve agreed goals aligning to the priorities in the Council Plan.

Funding agreements in 2023/24 have been categorised across several sectors supported, these sectors include:

- **Arts and Events:** 28% of funding
- **Infrastructure and Asset Management:** 6% of funding
- **Sport:** 23% of funding
- **Education and Development:** 13% of funding
- **Business and Commerce:** 28% of funding

The funding agreements have also been categorised in alignment with the Council Plan goals, with five of the Council's six goals being represented. The majority of grants, 73 percent, fell under the alignment of fostering a healthy, connected, and inclusive community, reflecting our ongoing commitment to social well-being. The itemised goal alignment with each applicant is as follows:

- **An environmentally sustainable future:** 5% of grants
- **A healthy, connected and inclusive community:** 73% of grants
- **A city that fosters sustainable growth:** 0% of grants
- **A city that conserves and enhances our natural and built assets:** 9% of grants
- **A strong and innovative economy and city:** 12% of grants
- **A council that provides leadership and advocates for its community:** 1% of grants

Applications received increased in 2023/24 to 124 from 121 in 2022/23. An increase was also recorded in the approval rate across all grant funding programs from 64 percent in 2022/23 to 67 percent in 2023/24.

The highest approval rate was recorded in the Community Impact Grant Program with 80 applications received, 58 applications funded with an approval rate of 73 percent.

In 2022/23, the Strategic Partnership Program was discontinued in its current form, with funding continuing to all existing partnerships until their expiration dates.

Five grant writing workshops were delivered by Ballarat East Neighbourhood House in 2023/24, with 57 participants attending. Of the 58 successful applications for the Community Impact Grant Program, 16 applicants attended one of the 2023/24 grant writing workshops, presenting 28 percent of applicants that attended were successful, this is the same success rate as in 2022/23.

Based on applicant feedback, a new grant acquittal workshop was delivered for successful Community Impact Grant applicants. The workshop aimed at increasing knowledge and understanding of how to successfully complete the grant process and provided clear guidance on meeting grant acquittal expectations and requirements. The workshops were introduced following round 2 of the Community Impact Grant Program and were attended by all 14 successful applicants in that round.

The 2023/24 Annual Partnerships and Grants Program has demonstrated the City of Ballarat's commitment to fostering community development and engagement. Through strategic funding and support, the program has successfully facilitated a broad spectrum of initiatives that enrich the social, economic, and cultural fabric of the region.

This report will provide an overview of the grant recipients including community benefits and project outcomes achieved through these grants, alongside strategies for continuous improvement to meet the evolving needs of our community.



Introduction

The City of Ballarat’s grant funding categories each have specific objectives designed to foster strong partnerships between the Council and the community, benefiting Ballarat’s diverse population. These programs are outlined in the City of Ballarat City Partnership, Community Impact and Tourism Event Program Grant Guidelines.

Strategic Partnerships Program (discontinued with all existing partnerships to be funded as per their agreement until expiry)

Although the Strategic Partnerships Program has been discontinued, existing partnerships continued to be funded as per their agreements and will do until their expiration. This program was a large grant program designed to support initiatives that aligned with the Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan, and Council Grants Policy. Funding was provided in excess of \$20,000 and allowed for multi-year agreements to foster long-term community development projects.

City Partnerships Program (replacing Strategic Partnerships)

With the adoption of the revised Partnerships and Grants Policy in August 2022, the City Partnerships Program introduced a structured approach to funding impactful community and commercial projects. The City Partnerships Program is a comprehensive partnership initiative designed to fund projects aligning with the 2021 – 2025 Council Plan. The program is divided into two funding streams: community and commercial. Applications are open once per year, accommodating funding exceeding \$20,000 and allowing for up to three years of support. The 2023/24 financial year marks the first reporting period for this new program.

Community Impact Grants

The Community Impact Grants Program supports not-for-profit community groups in delivering projects, programs, and events that benefit the community. This program promotes:

- Environmental sustainability
- Healthy, connected and inclusive communities
- Community capacity building

In 2023/24, the program was conducted over two rounds, with grants available up to \$20,000 per application in each round. Three streams were available: under \$2,000, \$2,000 – \$10,000, and over \$10,000. In 2023/24, a simplified application process was introduced for grants under \$2,000, making it more accessible for smaller community groups.

Tourism Events Grants

The Tourism Events Grants Program aims to support events and activities that increase visitation, participation, and economic yield across the Ballarat municipality. The program offered three distinct streams: Business, Sport, and Leisure. By marketing Ballarat as a premier tourism destination, this program ensured the promotion and support of events that enhanced the city’s profile. Grants were available for applications monthly, with funding up to \$20,000 per application.

Strategic Partnerships Program

The Strategic Partnerships Program provides funding to organisations or businesses to run projects that meet strategic objectives of the Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan and other plans and strategies of Council.

In 2023/24, the Strategic Partnerships Program continued to drive community engagement, cultural enrichment, and economic development in the City of Ballarat for those partnerships remaining. Despite the program transitioning to the City Partnerships Program, the strategic focus remained on the current partnerships fostering significant projects that align with the Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan, and other strategic frameworks.

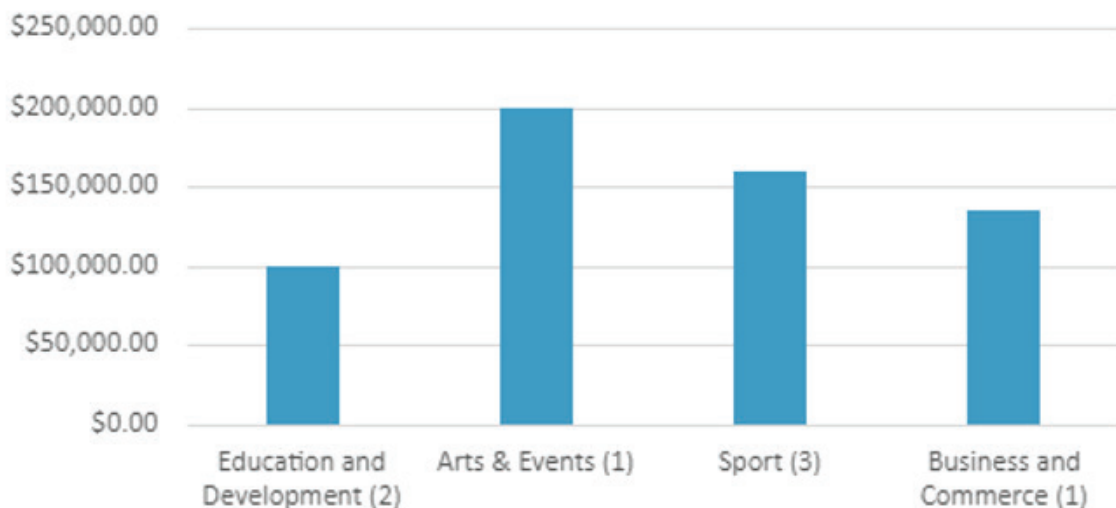
There were seven Strategic Partnerships in place for 2023/24 with a total of \$499,459.00 invested. Five existing partnerships will continue through to the 2024/25 year, while two partnerships concluded.

The below table shows the Strategic Partnerships and the expiration dates of each agreement.

Ongoing Strategic Partnerships	Expiry Date
Ballarat Cricket Association	June 2025
Ballarat Sports Foundation	June 2025
Clemente Partnership	June 2025
Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Inc.	July 2025
Rowing Victoria	June 2028
Expired Strategic Partnerships	
Baallarat Mechanics Institute	July 2024
Ballarat International Foto Biennale	June 2024

Strategic Partnerships grants can be categorised into relevant sectors which the funding benefits. The below graph outlines the funding amount spent in each sector across the 2023/24 Strategic Partnerships.

Sector and Spend



The following section of this report contains a profile on each of the Strategic Partnerships providing an overview of the project, the community benefits and amount allocated over the agreed period of time.



The Melbourne Renegades Women's Team during a cricket match at Eastern Oval in October 2022.

Ballarat Cricket Association

In 2023/24, the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) successfully leveraged the efforts of cricket community volunteers and utilised the Council's financial contributions through the Strategic Partnership to achieve significant outcomes. The focus remained on increasing participation in junior, women, and all-abilities cricket while ensuring high standards of wicket preparation and maintenance.

Key Outputs:

- Hosted the Cricket Australia Boys Under-17 carnival over eight days.
- Implemented the "coach the junior coach" program with events attracting 30 junior coach participants.
- Established a dedicated sub-committee to support junior and senior female cricket, resulting in a 134 percent increase in women's participation from 64 in 2022 to 150 in 2024.
- Increased senior women's teams from four to nine.
- Playing numbers for all-abilities cricketers rose from 21 to 58, a 176 percent increase over three years.
- Fielded multiple junior girls' and boys' teams in regional and state competitions.
- Continued junior programs such as the Blaster Program and introduced an under-11 girls' competition with six teams.
- Turf wicket preparation and maintenance continued with clubs ensuring high standards and compliance with Occupational, Health & Safety requirements.
- Clubs maintained, repaired, and replaced synthetic wickets at 23 ovals and 14 practice facilities.

Community Benefits:

- Increased opportunities for junior, women, and all-abilities cricket through targeted programs and competitions.
- Enhanced community engagement through major events such as the Cricket Australia Boys Under-17 carnival and local competitions.
- Promoted inclusivity and accessibility in cricket by expanding all-abilities programs.
- Improved community facilities and infrastructure for cricket, fostering a vibrant local sports culture.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Strengthened pathways for cricket development, particularly for junior players, ensuring ongoing participation growth.
- Sustained focus on inclusivity and diversity in cricket participation, particularly for women and all-abilities players.
- Ensured high standards of wicket preparation and maintenance, securing Ballarat's reputation as a premier cricket destination.
- Maintained sustainable ground maintenance practices, activating more spaces for major cricket events, and boosting local interest.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson on 29 May 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the five-year agreement will be \$500,000.



Ballarat Sports Foundation

The Ballarat Sports Foundation provides support and encouragement to local athletes, promoting sporting excellence. Through its structured financial assistance and strong community partnerships, BSF has maintained its commitment to helping athletes achieve their goals at state, national, and international levels.

Key Outputs:

- Awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to 18 athletes, enabling them to pursue high-performance opportunities.
- Developed and relaunched a new website with an online application process, streamlining the procedure for lodging applications.
- Welcomed Olympic swimming gold medallist Shayne Reese OAM as a new patron, alongside continued support from Olympian and marathon runner Steve Moneghetti AM.

Community Benefits:

- Ballarat Sports Foundation provides a coordinated structure for community financial support to athletes, building partnerships between the community and the corporate sector.
- Offers financial scholarships and encouragement to local sportspeople, fostering community pride and supporting their pursuit of sporting excellence.
- Encourages participation in a healthy lifestyle through support for local athletes, contributing to the overall well-being of the community.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Maintained strong community and corporate partnerships, ensuring ongoing support for local athletes.
- Since its inception in 1996, Ballarat Sports Foundation has supported numerous Ballarat athletes, enhancing the city's reputation as a sporting hub of national significance.
- Continued support from Ballarat Sports Foundation is expected to help future generations of Ballarat athletes achieve their dreams and contribute to the city's sporting legacy.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson on 27 May 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$15,000.



Clemente Partnership

The Clemente Program in Ballarat is a transformative, higher education initiative for disadvantaged adults. This program is a collaboration between Australian Catholic University, Federation University, CatholicCare Victoria, The Ballarat Foundation, and the City of Ballarat. It aims to support adults facing significant disadvantages by providing free, supported tertiary education within Humanities. The program provides a pathway for participants to rebuild their lives through education, boosting self-esteem, and developing essential life skills.

Key Outputs:

- Delivered University-level Humanities courses with the support of volunteer Learning Partners and Academic staff.
- Provided wrap-around support including tutoring, counselling, and mentoring to ensure student success and well-being.
- Participants who completed four units received a Certificate of Liberal Arts from Australian Catholic University, opening doors to further education and employment opportunities.
- In semester two 2023, there were seven students who studied Global History; one new student, and six return students, all with a desire to learn.
- Semester one 2024, saw nine students enrol at the beginning of the semester: three new students, and six returning. In this semester, students studied Early Modern Europe.
- One student completed and passed four units at the end of semester two 2023. This resulted in the student graduating, receiving a Certificate in Liberal Arts.
- Two recent students are now studying a Bachelor of Arts degree at Australian Catholic University Ballarat.

- For Semester Two 2024, starting in August, so far there are two new students and eight returning students. This semester students will be studying Global Society and Change
- There are six Learning Partners who volunteer their time to provide academic support and encouragement through the students process of learning.

Community Benefits:

- Enabled adults facing significant disadvantages to access higher education and develop new skills.
- Enhanced self-esteem and confidence among participants through educational achievement and community support.
- Fostered a sense of community and belonging among participants, reducing social isolation, and promoting engagement.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Continued collaboration with partner organisations ensures the program's sustainability and ability to adapt to changing community needs.
- Established a lasting impact by providing a clear pathway for further education and personal development.
- Strengthened community ties and created a legacy of inclusivity and support for participants in Ballarat.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Engaged Communities, Pete Appleton on 18 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the five-year agreement will be \$75,000.



Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Inc.

The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, a community-managed charity based at Barkly Square, Ballarat East, continues to support local community organisations in improving their governance through the Strategic Partnership with the City of Ballarat. The funding provided by the City of Ballarat supports workshops, one on one training sessions, and resources aimed at building capacity and capability in community groups.

Key Outputs:

- During the reporting period, 28 workshops were conducted on topics identified through a community survey, including:
 - Introduction to Child Safe Standards
 - Grant Writing
 - Committees and Boards; what are they?
 - Online communication for community groups
 - Privacy online for community groups
 - Collaborating for success
- The workshops received 374 registrations with 247 attendances.
- Collaborations with Ballarat and Grampians Community Legal Service, Community Bank Buninyong, Ballarat Tool library, Styled for Success, Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, City of Ballarat staff, Ballarat Cemeteries Trust and Food is Free organisations.
- Continued to engage with over 180 community groups and organisations.
- Articles published in local media including the Ballarat Times and Ballarat Courier.
- Collected participant feedback and implemented suggestions.

Community Benefits:

- Improved governance skills and knowledge among community groups, leading to better program delivery and efficient use of time.
- Increased participation and engagement: Participants reported feeling more informed and inspired to engage in community leadership roles.
- Workshops provided valuable networking opportunities for community members, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Maintained a dedicated page on the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House website for Community Governance support and resources.
- Continued efforts to establish a community of practice group to facilitate idea-sharing and networking on a quarterly basis.
- Developed and maintained an annual calendar of free workshops, informed by community surveys, to identify and address the training needs of community groups.
- Conducted regular surveys to understand the evolving needs of community groups and adapt the workshop program accordingly, ensuring ongoing relevance and impact.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 6 month 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Engaged Communities, Pete Appleton on 6 November 2023.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$333,784.



A photo captured in the Ballarat Courier for the launch of the Rowing Victoria calendar. Photo credit Ballarat Courier.

Rowing Victoria

Rowing Victoria is the governing body for rowing in Victoria, which includes the Ballarat region. The Strategic Partnership objectives are to make rowing in Ballarat more accessible and enjoyable for the community, increase awareness of rowing and its benefits to the community, improve the support to clubs, schools and associations to serve the needs of their members, and provide an economic benefit to Ballarat.

Key Outputs:

- The delivery of the Ballarat Head of Lake event on 25 February 2024, attracting 542 competitors and 3500 spectators.
- Delivery of the Head of School Boys Championships on 10 February 2024, attracting 1111 athletes, an increase of 22 percent from last year.
- The delivery of the Victorian State Championships from the 1-3 March 2024, 2221 athletes competed over three days with a large proportion of visitors from outside of Ballarat, contributing significantly to the local economy.

Community Benefits:

- Providing support for hosting rowing events at Lake Wendouree has encouraged greater interest in the sport.
- Offering high level competitions locally has provided a progression pathway for interested and talented athletes.
- Increased events provide the Ballarat community, visitors and spectators greater opportunities for participation.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Stability in annual and regular events that are delivered in Ballarat contributing to the local economy.
- Provide ongoing support to local athletes through increased competitions and competition levels.
- Justification for the ongoing maintenance and improvement program designed to provide a high class eight lane rowing facility on Lake Wendouree.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson on 21 June 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the ten-year agreement will be \$420,000.



Ballaarat Mechanics Institute

Established in 1859 and independently run, the Ballaarat Mechanics Institute continues to be a cornerstone of the community, providing a comprehensive library service that includes lending heritage books and archives. The Ballaarat Mechanics Institute is also a vibrant cultural hub, hosting tours, cultural events, and exhibitions, alongside offering venue hire for various community and City of Ballarat events.

Key Outputs:

- Hosted over 60 cultural events, including exhibitions, concerts, and community forums, drawing over 5,000 attendees.
- Lent out over 25,000 heritage books and archival materials to the public, promoting local history and literacy.
- Provided a venue for over 40 City of Ballarat events during the renovation of Her Majesty's Theatre.

Community Benefits:

- The Ballaarat Mechanics Institute maintain a full library service, host public events and provide community activities and volunteer programs to support the Ballarat community.
- Provided a venue for City of Ballarat events whilst Her Majesties Theatre was undertaking renovations.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Established a permanent calendar of community talks, forums, and presentations, ensuring regular and ongoing community engagement.
- Developed strong relationships with local groups and community organisations to deliver a range of ongoing programs that meet diverse community needs.

- Continued restoration and preservation of the heritage building in Ballarat's arts precinct, providing enhanced facilities for hosting significant events and preserving local heritage.
- Maintained a well-managed Heritage Book and Photographic collection, documenting the rich history of Ballarat and making it accessible to the public.
- Provided ongoing support for local performers and small businesses through events and programs, fostering local talent and economic growth.
- Actively participated in Ballarat City Tourism events, contributing to the promotion and growth of Ballarat's cultural tourism sector.
- Implemented environmentally sustainable practices within the Institute, including energy-efficient lighting and waste reduction programs, aligning with the City's sustainability goals.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Engaged Communities, Pete Appleton on 8 March 2023.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement was \$135,000.



Ballarat International Foto Biennale

The Ballarat International Foto Biennale partnership was formed to enable the delivery of the 2021 and 2023 Biennale Events. Held every two years, the Ballarat International Foto Biennale showcases work from domestic and international photographic artists. Founded in 2005, the Ballarat International Foto Biennale is a world-class event that continues to evolve, expand, and attract audiences and renowned photographic artists from across the globe.

Key Outputs:

- Hosted over 25 exhibitions for the Ballarat community, featuring over 130 photographers, including 15 international artists.
- Presented ten First Nations photographic exhibitions, strengthening partnerships with the National Aboriginal Photography Collective, BlakLens.
- Delivered an open program of free exhibitions in over 90 locations across Ballarat, featuring photographs from artists of all ages, cultures, and abilities.
- Continued delivery of Ballarat International Foto Biennale education programs for primary, secondary, and tertiary students.
- Enhanced the events program to engage visitors in meaningful exchanges of ideas and experiences.
- Established new local business partnerships to showcase a range of Ballarat produce and services.

Community Benefits:

- With audiences growing to over 260,000, the festival has significantly boosted the Ballarat economy in the lead-up to and during the event.
- Expanded locations provided more variety and options for viewing exhibitions, enhancing accessibility.

- The education programs offered through the Ballarat International Foto Biennale presented valuable learning opportunities for students.
- Increased promotion and opportunities for artists of all ages, cultures, and abilities, fostering a more inclusive artistic community.
- Strengthened community engagement through interactive events and public discussions.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The Biennale has established itself as Australia’s most significant and prestigious photographic festival, ensuring continuity and growth for the Ballarat community and economy.
- Ongoing opportunities for established and emerging photographers to showcase their work, encouraging artistic development.
- Continued championing of the work of local, national, and international photographers.
- Offered masterclasses, competitions, community programs, and interactive exhibitions as part of ongoing collaboration with artists and artistic development.
- Progressed plans for the development of a permanent gallery and art institution, ensuring a lasting legacy for the Ballarat International Foto Biennale and its contributions to the arts.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Arts & Events, Jeff Johnson on 8 August 2023.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the four-year agreement was \$800,000, with \$50,000 per year of in-kind support from City of Ballarat.

City Partnerships

On 24 August 2022 Council formally adopted a revised Partnerships and Grants Policy with new arrangements for the City Partnerships Program, including an internal assessment process and the creation of a City Partnerships Delegated Committee. This structure ensured a transparent and efficient allocation of resources to impactful projects and initiatives.

The City Partnerships Program is based on two streams of funding: a community stream and a commercial stream.

Community Stream:

- Available exclusively for not-for-profits and charitable organisations.
- Organisations based primarily in Ballarat.
- Funding range \$20,000 - \$100,000 per applicant, each financial year.
- Assessment based on alignment with Council Plan, project need, use of local suppliers, community benefit (participation rates and community inclusion), value for money and contribution from applicant.

Commercial Stream:

- Open to businesses, not-for-profit and charitable organisations.

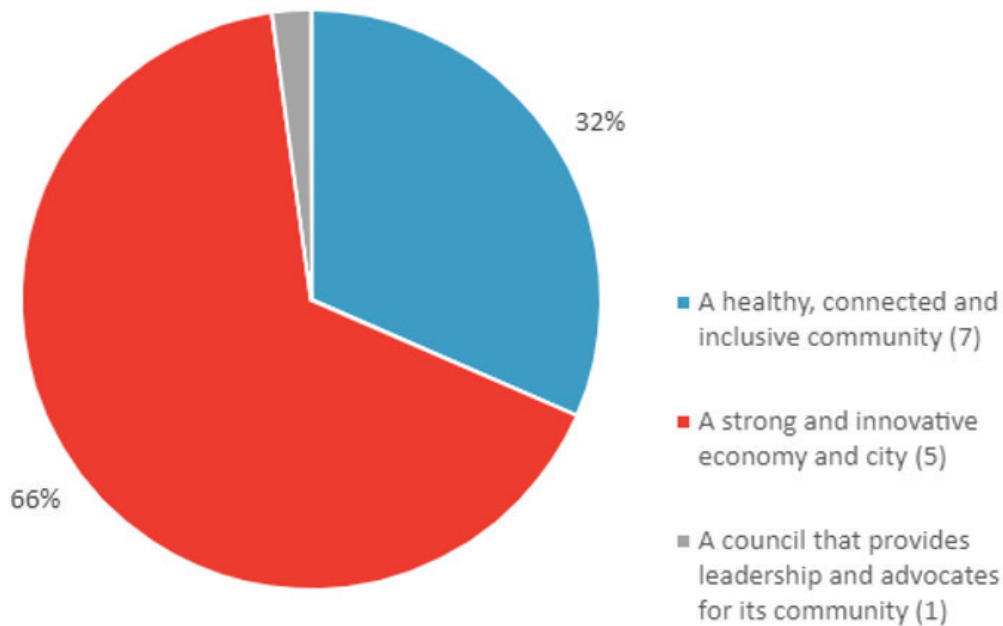
- Funding range; Applications greater than \$20,000.
- Assessment based on alignment with current Council Plan, project need, economic return on investment and community benefit / inclusion.

Partnerships are funded for a maximum of three years, providing sustained support for community initiatives.

In 2023/24, the first year of the City Partnership Program, Council received 23 applications: 13 in the Community Stream and 10 in the Commercial Stream. Twelve applications were successful with a total of \$919,074 allocated in year one. Nine partnerships will continue into the new year, providing ongoing support for initiatives.

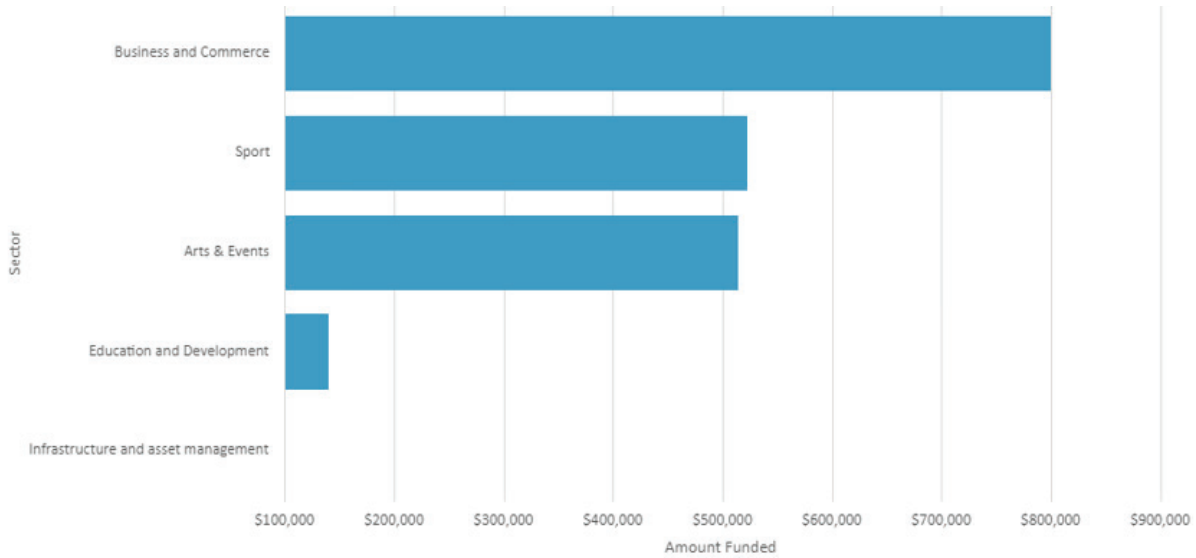
The City Partnership Program supported a range of initiatives across both community and commercial streams, promoting economic development and community well-being. By aligning with the Council Plan, the program aims to ensure that the funded initiatives not only addressed immediate needs but also contributed to the long-term sustainability and growth of the City of Ballarat.

The below graph shows the percentage of how the funds were distributed across Council’s goals.



City Partnerships grants can be categorised into relevant sectors which the funding benefits. The below graph outlines the funding amount spent in each sector across the 2023/24 City Partnerships.

Sector and Spend



The below table shows the City Partnerships and the expiration dates of each agreement.

Ongoing Strategic Partnerships	Expiry Date
COMMUNITY STREAM	
Bridge Mall Business Association Inc	June 2024
Committee for Ballarat	June 2024
Western United Football Club	June 2025
Ballarat Athletic Club Inc.	June 2026
Ballarat Carols by Candlelight	June 2026
Rotary Club of Ballarat South	June 2026
WestVic Academy of Sport	June 2026
COMMERCIAL STREAM	
Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society	June 2024
Ballarat Basketball	June 2026
Ballarat Evolve Creative Industries	June 2026
Royal South Street Society	June 2026
Sovereign Hill Museums Association	June 2026

The following section of this report contains a profile on each of the City Partnerships providing an overview of the project, the community benefits and amount allocated over the agreed period of time.



Bridge Mall Business Association Inc

The Bridge Mall Business Association (BMBA) is dedicated to supporting and promoting the Bridge Mall precinct in Ballarat. The BMBA works to maintain a vibrant and active community space, fostering local businesses, and engaging the community through various events and initiatives. The partnership between the BMBA and the City of Ballarat focuses on activating the Bridge Mall precinct during significant construction and redevelopment phases. This collaboration aims to ensure the continuity of community events and the overall vibrancy of the bridge mall.

Key Outputs:

- Maintained and kept the Market functioning in the CBD during construction, partnering with Rotary to grow the market post-redevelopment.
- Continued the Xmas festival, Secret Santa, and Easter events, keeping the community engaged and creating a buzz about the evolving space.
- Delivered 16 markets, a Xmas festival with Santa, a Secret Santa event, and an Easter festival with activities for children.

Community Benefits:

- Ensured continuous community engagement with the precinct during construction.
- Provided family entertainment and maintained festive events.
- Enabled access to locally grown produce and locally made products through the markets.

- Supported local traders by maintaining business exposure during events.
- Benefited the community, visitors, suppliers, market stall holders, and traders in the Bridge Mall community.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The partnership aims to rebuild the Mall precinct into a sustainable, events-based community hub.
- It supports the growth of businesses and employment within the community.
- Attracts capital investment and fosters a commercially sustainable environment.
- Ensures continuous community engagement with the CBD through ongoing events.
- Works with the City of Ballarat's events team to incorporate annual attractions into the space.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager of Economic Growth, Kelli Moran on 1 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the one-year agreement was \$70,000.



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Committee for Ballarat

The Committee for Ballarat is a strategic membership body with a long-term focus on promoting regional development, collaboration, and leadership. The organisation works closely with local government, businesses, and community leaders to advocate for sustainable growth and address key issues affecting the region. The City Partnership is aimed at delivering the Future Shapers regional community leadership program, which brings together emerging leaders to foster community development and leadership.

Key Outputs:

- Successfully ran the 2023 Future Shapers program, with 20 participants graduating on 30 November 2023.
- Launched four community projects addressing local challenges, all of which are expected to continue into 2024 and beyond:
 - Life After Release
 - Volunteering Awards
 - Project Management Training Workshop
 - Catering and Event Support for Project Management Program Days
- Significant growth in the program's profile within the community and among stakeholder organisations.

Community Benefits:

- The program enhances the skills and capabilities of emerging community leaders.
- Increased engagement through participant-led program days and community projects.

- Addressed various local challenges through community projects, benefiting vulnerable groups and promoting social cohesion.
- Contributed to the local economy through events and activities associated with the program.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Established a legacy of ongoing community engagement and leadership development.
- Secured funding through memberships, sponsorships, grants, and donations to support operational costs.
- Encouraged collaboration among local government, businesses, and community organizations to enhance service delivery and project implementation.
- Demonstrated resilience by adapting to funding challenges and continuing to support the community during times of change.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager of Economic Development, Kelli Moran on 5 February 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the one-year agreement was \$20,000.00.



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Western United Football Club

The City of Ballarat and WUFC collaboration has not only strengthened Victoria's major events calendar but has also showcased Ballarat as a premier destination for women's football and other major events, driving economic activity and community engagement. WUFC Women's Team's presence in Ballarat has significantly contributed to the growth and visibility of women's sport in the region. This collaboration has driven economic activity, fostered community pride, and supported the development of local sports infrastructure.

Key Outputs:

- Hosting A-League Women's matches at Morshead Park.
 - ALW vs Perth Glory (Morshead Park, 4 February 2023): 545 attendees
 - ALW vs Newcastle Jets (Morshead Park, 8 February 2023): 320 attendees
- Conducting the Western United Cup, attracting teams from across Australia.
 - 48 teams and over 700 participants
 - Total of 3,000 people across the three-day tournament.
- Implementing the United Football Program, including a three-day pre-season training camp.
- Extensive marketing and media engagement to promote women's football in Ballarat.
- Approximately 50% of attendees from outside Ballarat, including interstate travellers.

- Increased local economic activity through tourism and event-related spending. \$200,000 of estimated economic activity generated in the region.
- Enhanced community engagement and pride by showcasing elite women's sport.
- Improved youth participation in football through junior engagement initiatives.
 - Juniors (12-14 years old) engaged as ball kids and for half-time games.
 - 12 ball kids and 40 half-time players at each game, sourced from local clubs.
- Strengthened relationships between local and interstate football clubs.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Establishment of Ballarat as a destination for major football events.
- Ongoing support for high-performance pathways for female athletes.
- Long-term economic benefits from sustained tourism and event hosting.
- Legacy of increased female participation in sports within the community.
- Strengthened relationships between WUFC and local clubs.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson on 27 June 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the two-year agreement will be \$140,000.

Community Benefits:



Ballarat Athletic Club

The Ballarat Athletic Club (BAC) has organised the Ballarat Gift for over 100 years. It is one of Australia's premier professional running events; second only to the Stawell Gift in terms of status and entries on the Victorian Athletic League circuit. The club has a long-standing tradition of fostering community engagement in a 2-day carnival and promoting health and well-being through athletics, attracting, junior, amateur as well as elite athletes to races from 70m to 3,200m and fostering community engagement.

Key Outputs:

- The 2024 Ballarat Gift included its wide range of athletic events such as the 70m Handicap, 120m Junior Gifts, 400m Open Handicap, and more, attracting significant participation from elite athletes.
- Over 30 partners and sponsors contributed to the success of the Gift.
- The event saw an estimated attendance of 2,000 people, who enjoyed the relaxation, excitement and community involvement while contributing to the local economy.
- Environmentally sustainable practices were a highlight and included use of recycled materials for event furniture, provision of chilled water fountains.
- This year's gift included community stalls for the first time as well as a greater array of food and drink vendors.
- The event was live streamed.

Community Benefits:

- Significant economic benefits from visitor stays and local supplier engagement, with the majority of event expenses spent with local suppliers.
- The Ballarat Gift fosters a sense of community through various activities, including the Little Athletics Dash for Sash, Footballers Sprint, Sponsors Challenge, and Stable Relay.

- Promotes a healthy lifestyle and community involvement through athletic events, enhancing the region's cultural and social vibrancy.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Commitment to reducing the event's carbon footprint through sustainable practices and partnerships with local businesses like Michael Unwin Wines.
- Continuous support for the local economy through visitor spending on accommodation, meals, and other services.
- The Ballarat Gift serves as a platform for fostering community spirit, engaging various demographic groups, and promoting inclusivity and equality in sports.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 Acquittal report was received by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson, on 5 August 2024 and is currently being reviewed.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the one-year agreement was \$63,050.00.



Ballarat Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight is a cherished Christmas tradition in Ballarat, celebrating its over 70-year history. The family-friendly event features a variety of local talent and culture, promoting social connectivity and community causes.

Key Outputs:

- Successfully staged the 2023 Ballarat Carols by Candlelight at Mars Stadium.
- Delivery of a high calibre event with over 10,000 local attendees.
- Engaged local suppliers, contractors, and performers, including an orchestra and MCs from Ballarat.
- Hosted a diverse pre-show featuring local children, Emotion21 Dance Group, and the Chinese Dance Society.

Community Benefits:

- Supported local businesses through contracts and participation. –
- Provided a platform for over 60 local performers and various community groups.
- Raised \$2,211 for Child and Family Services (CAFS) through donations.
- Ensured accessibility with low-cost entry, disability-friendly features, and Auslan interpreters.
- Providing a free family-based event for the community.
- Opportunities for homegrown talent who have started their performance journey at this event and are now performing professionally on a national and international level.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The event remains an annual community fixture, fostering local pride and cultural heritage.
- The partnership with the City of Ballarat helps ensure the event's continuation and success.
- Aims to become self-sustaining in the future, despite being a free event.
- The committee is committed to maintaining the event's quality and inclusivity, reflecting Ballarat's community values.
- Providing local food and beverage vendors to be a part of the event and benefit financially.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Arts & Events, Jeff Johnson on 8 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$90,000.



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Rotary Club of Ballarat South

The Rotary Club of Ballarat South, part of Rotary District 97890, is dedicated to community service and humanitarian efforts. The club's initiatives aim to improve community welfare through various projects and partnerships, including the Ballarat Community Care Centre. This facility will be used to receive, sort, repurpose, store, and distribute household goods to citizens of Ballarat who have experienced life trauma, such as fleeing domestic violence or losing their house due to flood or fire. Goods will be distributed to individuals referred by partner welfare organisations.

Key Outputs:

- The Community Care Centre Ballarat (CCCB) has been established as a company limited by guarantee with a Board comprised of Rotarians and individuals experienced in the governance of not-for-profit organisations.
- A warehouse has been sourced and provided by the City of Ballarat, with storage racks installed to facilitate the storage and distribution of emergency relief goods.
- Agreements are being established with Ballarat-based welfare organisations to support their clients.
- Many goods that would have been sent to landfill have been secured and prepared for distribution to vulnerable residents.
- Medical aids have been distributed to Shannon's Bridge, a charity organisation that supports home-based care at the end of life.

Community Benefits:

- The centre fosters greater collaboration among community welfare organisations and government agencies, enhancing the delivery of emergency relief goods and services.
- The centre provides material aid to people experiencing trauma or loss, including those affected by long-term illness, unemployment, domestic violence, and homelessness.

- Active involvement of volunteers from Rotary and the community, providing training and work experience opportunities, especially for women and refugees.
- By recycling and distributing goods, the centre reduces waste and supports civic health.
- Partnered with the Nappy Collective for the storage and redistribution of nappies, benefiting financially vulnerable families.
- Donation of medical aids to individuals in end-of-life care.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The centre will serve as a model for community material aid support, encouraging other municipalities to adopt similar initiatives.
- The centre aims to secure funding through memberships, sponsorships, grants, and donations to cover operational costs.
- The centre will enhance the capacity of welfare organisations, enabling them to focus more on delivering services rather than sourcing and storing material aids.
- Substantial community support has been received in the form of donated equipment and household goods.
- The CCCB business model incorporates ongoing financial support from Ballarat-based welfare organisations and Rotary.

Milestones and Acquittal: All milestones have been completed, and the 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Engaged Communities, Pete Appleton on 31 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$120,000.



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WestVic Academy of Sport

The WestVic Academy of Sport (WVAS) is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation based at Federation University, Mt. Helen. WVAS supports athletes and families across western Victoria, providing a pathway for talented athletes to achieve success. The Academy is one of six Regional Academies in Victoria, sitting beneath the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) in the State's talented Athlete Pathway. The strategic partnership with the City of Ballarat focuses on providing ongoing support to elite and developing athletes in the region. This partnership helps facilitate high-performance programs, athlete development, and community engagement initiatives.

Key Outputs:

- Established a new scholarship program targeting individual athletes across the region to offer 1:1 tailored support across the disciplines of performance services, wellbeing support and an athlete support fund.
- Engaged with local community business and organisations to provide the relevant tailored support to the scholarship athletes.
- Continued delivery of the athlete education program educational sessions focusing on a range of different areas athlete media training, nutrition, and mental health.
- Strengthened partnerships with local schools and sports organisations to support the development of young athletes in the region.

Community Benefits:

- The programs and scholarship support engage with local businesses and organisations to provide services, contributing and giving back to the local economy.
- Athletes benefit from access to state-of-the-art training facilities, professional coaching and further connection into the high-performance pathway.

- WVAS promote the health and wellbeing of young athletes through various programs and support services:

- **Athlete Education Program:** This series runs throughout the year and covers topics such as injury prevention, nutrition, sports integrity, and sport psychology.

- **Strength and Conditioning Program:** These sessions aim to enhance physical capabilities, prevent injuries, and improve overall sporting performance.

- **Wellbeing Network:** WVAS offers access to consultants in various areas, including nutritionists and sport psychologists.

- **Sport-Specific Training and Coaching:** These sessions are conducted by highly experienced coaches and are designed to develop sport-specific skills.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Ongoing financial and infrastructural support from the City of Ballarat ensures the sustainability of high-performance programs.
- The partnership has established a clear pathway for athletes to progress from regional to state and national levels.
- The initiatives foster long-term community engagement and support for local sports, creating a legacy of athletic excellence in western Victoria.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report is yet to be reviewed.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$120,000.



Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society

The Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society (BAPS) is dedicated to fostering agricultural and pastoral excellence and innovation through a variety of events, competitions, and educational programs. Since its establishment during the Victorian gold rush era, BAPS has remained a steadfast institution in Ballarat's dynamic social landscape. The strategic partnership with the City of Ballarat is aimed at ensuring the continuity of services and facilitating the relocation of BAPS to its new site on Rosehill Road, Mt Rowan.

Key Outputs:

- Civil Construction: Roads, drainage, and walking paths are 70% complete.
- Site Road Upgrades: Upgrades include the Midland Highway, Rose Hill Road widening, and internal roadworks.
- Building Projects: The new multi-purpose South Pavilion, poultry, and storage sheds are well underway.
- Equestrian Centre Usage: Increased usage of the indoor equestrian centre by horse clubs and individual riders.
- Infrastructure Construction: Commencement of power upgrades, sewer, water and fire services, fencing, and landscaping.

Community Benefits:

- New and improved facilities and ovals to host the Ballarat Show.
- Ongoing opportunities for hiring and hosting various events.
- Modern facilities and amenities to cater to the broader Ballarat community upon completion. Enhanced safe family-oriented spaces, all-abilities access, improved equestrian facilities, and additional agricultural facilities.
- Opportunities for more community groups to become involved.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Development of an improved and modern facility available for hire.
- Creation of recreation spaces for community groups and organizations to increase participation.
- Delivery of a more inclusive Ballarat Show, increasing community participation opportunities.
- Commitment to creating an environmentally friendly complex with alternative energy sources and sustainable practices.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 Acquittal report was received by Director Development & Growth, Natalie Robertson on 19 August 2024 and is currently being reviewed.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the one-year agreement was \$100,000.00.



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Ballarat Basketball Association

Basketball Ballarat is committed to delivering community-based basketball programs to grow participation and support the basketball pathways and competitions which exist throughout Ballarat and the Western Victoria Region. Basketball Ballarat also provides opportunities for the community to participate in other sports such as netball, volleyball, and badminton. The organisation partners with various not-for-profit groups to deliver programs for groups such as older residents and the disability sector, promoting inclusivity and community well-being.

Key Outputs:

- Continued growth in participation with more than 700 teams competing in local sports each week.
- Delivered 154 community programs to local schools.
- Successfully hosted the Australian Junior Championships, bringing athletes and families from across Australia.
- Hosted the Victorian Country Championships, held over 5 days.
- Developed elite pathway programs for athletes from Ballarat and the Western District.
- High-Profile Events:
 - Hosted the Harlem Globetrotters, attracting over 3000 participants.
- Developed partnerships with key stakeholders to promote healthy eating habits among participants. Actively participated in community events such as NAIDOC Week, IDAHOBIT Day, and promoted key events like the Begonia Festival.

- Hosted various basketball tournaments and games, including the Women's National Basketball League game with Perth Lynx in January 2022, the Australian Under-18 Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup in April 2022, and the Ballarat Junior Basketball Tournament in June 2023, which attracted over 3,500 attendees, 94% of whom travelled from outside the Ballarat region.

Community Benefits:

- With over 700 teams and participants ranging in age from 4 to 60 years old, there are increased opportunities for inclusive community involvement.
- Worked with 39 schools in Western Victoria, conducting basketball and healthy living programs.
- Developed grassroots programs impacting over 6000 participants weekly.
- Achieved a 17% increase in female participation in basketball.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Basketball Ballarat continues to attract tournaments and events, delivering over \$10 million in economic output annually, significantly benefiting the local economy.
- The organisation's initiatives and partnerships ensure the sustainability of community programs and the legacy of increased participation in sports and healthy living activities.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 Acquittal report was received by Executive Manager Recreation Services, Mark Patterson, on 13 August 2024 and is currently being reviewed.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$300,000.00.



Ballarat Evolve Creative Industries

Ballarat Evolve is dedicated to supporting the creative industries within the Ballarat region. The organisation works to transform underutilised spaces into lively hubs for creative practitioners, fostering a sustainable and inclusive creative community. Their programs link creative industries to business services, skills, and commercial spaces, optimizing empty locations in the city centre.

Key Outputs:

- Successfully activated several underutilised spaces in Ballarat, providing opportunities for local artists and creative practitioners.
- Assisted over 150 local creatives through space provision, commissions, mentoring, and training.
- Welcomed new board members and refined strategic plans, including marketing, quality management, and fundraising plans.

Community Benefits

- Enhanced community engagement and economic activity through the activation of creative spaces.
- Provided material aid and support to people experiencing trauma, loss, and financial vulnerability.
- Fostered active volunteer participation, providing training and work experience opportunities, especially for women and refugees.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- Established a legacy of continuous community engagement and economic growth through creative industry support.
- Secured funding through memberships, sponsorships, grants, and donations to cover operational costs.
- Encouraged collaboration among community welfare organisations, government agencies, and creative practitioners, enhancing the delivery of services and creative projects.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report has been received and approved by Executive Manager Economic Growth, Kelli Moran on 11 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$75,000.00.



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Royal South Street Society

The Royal South Street Society (RSSS) is dedicated to promoting performing arts through the Ballarat Eisteddfod. This annual event significantly contributes to the cultural and economic vibrancy of Ballarat, engaging schools, students, families, teachers, and theatre companies. The partnership with the City of Ballarat aims to ensure a sustainable future for the eisteddfod, historically contributing over \$14 million annually to the Ballarat economy.

Key Outputs:

- Creation and hiring of a Business & Marketing Manager to professionally manage and promote the eisteddfod.
- Successful execution of the 2023 program with over 1,000 participants and increased audience numbers.
- Increased promotion and entries for the 2024 season despite the continued closure of Her Majesty's Theatre.

Community Benefits:

- Significant economic benefits from visitor stays and local supplier engagement, with over \$600,000 spent with local suppliers.
- Enhanced community involvement through robust promotion of the 2024 season.
- Active volunteer participation ensuring the preservation and support of one of Ballarat's notable historical and cultural events.
- Support for hospitality and accommodation venues, and venue providers from the influx of participants, adjudicators, and supporters.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The partnership has facilitated the RSSS Ballarat Eisteddfod's recovery from the impacts of COVID and the ongoing closure of Her Majesty's Theatre.
- The Royal South Street Society Ballarat Eisteddfod continues to promote engagement, participation, and enrichment through performing arts, contributing to the region's cultural and economic vitality.

Milestones and Acquittal: The 2023/24 acquittal report was received and approved by Executive Manager Arts & Events, Jeff Johnson on 1 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$349,528.00.



The Sovereign Hill Museums Association Ltd.

Sovereign Hill is one of Victoria's premier tourist attractions at the 1850's goldfields site. The Sovereign Hill Events Pipeline Project aims to create and sustain a series of signature events that enhance economic impact by increasing visitation to Ballarat through the Heritage Harvest Weekend, Winter Wonder lights and Lunar New Year events.

Key Outputs:

- The Lunar New Year (February 2024) at Sovereign Hill is a vibrant celebration featuring dragon and lion parades, cultural performances, traditional food, and family-friendly activities, honouring the legacy of the Chinese community in Ballarat.
 - › Attendance: Approximately 7,500 visitors.
- The Heritage Harvest Weekend (May 2024) is a weekend- long event celebrating traditional and contemporary culinary practices with live cooking demonstrations, local produce markets, and engaging family activities, highlighting the rich history of the goldfields.
 - › Celebrity chefs like Julie Goodwin, Darren Purchase and Tim Bone headlined the event, providing cooking demonstrations and engaging with visitors.
 - › Attendance: 5,000 visitors.
- The Winter Wonderlights (July 2024) at Sovereign Hill, now in its 10th year, is a dazzling event featuring immersive light displays, festive entertainment, and seasonal activities, attracting visitors to Ballarat during the winter season.
 - › Attendance: TBA

Community Benefits:

- Working in partnership with the Chinese Australian Cultural Society, Sovereign Hill's Lunar New Year deepened the community's knowledge of the historical and cultural contributions of the Chinese community in Ballarat.
- Collaborates with local organisations and stakeholders to deliver successful events and programs.
- Significant volunteer involvement with 130 hours for Lunar New Year and 548 hours for Heritage Harvest Weekend.
- Collaboration with local vendors and suppliers, spending significant funds on local procurement for these events.
- Drives significant tourism to Ballarat, contributing to the local economy through increased visitation.

Sustainability and Legacy:

- The project is projected to generate a \$17.65 million economic impact over three years.
- Emphasis on local sourcing minimises environmental impact and supports local economies.
- Strengthening of existing partnerships with local cultural organisations like the Chinese Australian Cultural Society and the Country Women's Association, ensuring cultural accuracy and community engagement in event planning.

Milestones and Acquittal: The acquittal report has been received and approved by Executive Manager Visitor Economy, Sarah Pilgrim on 22 July 2024.

Total Funding Amount: The total funding amount over the three-year agreement will be \$600,000.

Community Impact Grants Program

The Community Impact Grants Program is for local community projects and initiatives aimed to increase community participation, encourage connected communities, promote healthy lifestyles and build resilient communities.

The Community Impact Grants Program remains a cornerstone of community support offering grant funding of up to a maximum of \$20,000 per applicant.

Addressing the Council Plan 2021-2025, the key priorities for the Community Impact Grants Program are:

- A healthy, connected, inclusive community
- An environmentally sustainable future
- Community capacity building

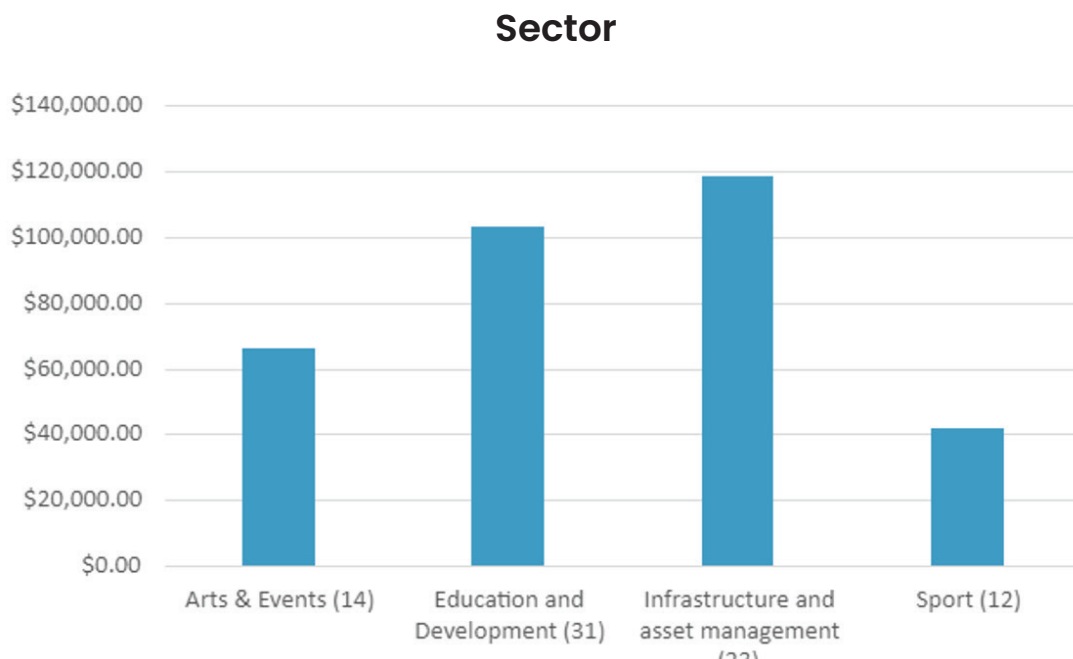
In 2023/24, the Community Impact Grant Program received a total of 80 applications across two rounds; 55 applications in Round 1 and 25 applications in Round 2 with a total amount of funding requested of \$630,026.73. Of the 80 applications received, 58 applications were funded for an approval rate of 73 percent, an increase from 61 percent in 2022/23 and, receiving a total of \$293,467.84 from a budget of \$300,000.

The following table provides a comparison of funding over the past four financial years, illustrating the program’s expansion and support for valuable community projects.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of applications received	90	72	75	80
Number applications awarded	56	44	47	58
Approval rate	62%	61%	62%	72%
Funding allocated	\$253,494*	\$241,623*	\$277,927*	\$293,468

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Funding for the Community Impact Grants Program can be categorised into relevant sectors that the funding benefits. The below table outlines the spend in each sector across the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants.



The following section of this report contains a profile on each of the successful Community Impact Grant recipient and provides an overview of the project, the community benefits and the amount of funding that was allocated.

99.9 VOICE FM

Project: Fit out of Recording Studios

Objective: 99.9 Voice FM, Ballarat's independent not-for-profit community broadcaster led by volunteers, will use the funding to purchase equipment for two of the studio's recording booths.

Community Benefit: The new equipment will enhance the quality and reliability of the station's broadcasts, supporting the Ballarat community by providing a robust platform for diverse voices and local content.

Allocation Amount: \$5056.36

ALFREDTON BASEBALL CLUB INC.

Project: Club Defibrillator

Objective: The Alfredton Baseball Club will use the funding to purchase a defibrillator for baseball competitors and other nearby sports players.

Community Benefit: The addition of a defibrillator at the Alfredton Baseball Club will significantly enhance the safety of the sports facility and surrounding clubs. This equipment will ensure rapid response in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Allocation Amount: \$2,238.50

BALLARAT AFRICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Project: Strategies to deal with racism

Objective: The Ballarat African Associations will use the funding to host three workshop sessions led by an experienced psychologist to assist African children and families dealing with racism.

Community Benefit: These workshops will provide support and resources for families, promoting mental health and well-being within the community.

Allocation Amount: \$2,659.10

BALLARAT BONSAI SOCIETY INC.

Project: Ballarat Bonsai Society Website

Objective: The Ballarat Bonsai Society will set up a website as a focal point for communication with members, interested parties, and the wider national bonsai community.

Community Benefit: The new website will enhance the Society's ability to connect with its members and reach out to enthusiasts across Australia. It will provide a centralised platform for sharing information, resources and event updates.

Allocation Amount: \$2,000.00

BALLARAT CITY ROWING CLUB

Project: Spin Bikes

Objective: The Ballarat City Rowing Club will purchase two spin bikes for their gym, addressing the increase in members.

Community Benefit: The addition of spin bikes at the Ballarat City Rowing Club's gym will enhance the training facilities available to members, supporting the club's growth. Improved fitness equipment will also aid rowers in their fitness, contributing to better performance and overall health.

Allocation Amount: \$4,425.00

BALLARAT CLOVERS GAA CLUB INC.

Project: Gaelic Games Equipment and Playing Kits

Objective: To purchase equipment including Gaelic footballs, ball bags, and free-standing Gaelic and hurling goals to support the club's growth.

Community Benefit: The new equipment will enable the club to expand its activities and enhance the experience for current and new members. By providing the necessary resources, the club will promote Gaelic Games, encouraging participations and fostering a sense of community.

Allocation Amount: \$5,855.00

BALLARAT EAST COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

Project: Technology Upgrade

Objective: The Ballarat East Community Men's Shed will use the funding to purchase two new desktop computers and associated equipment, including reliable internet access, for members and groups that utilise the space.

Community Benefit: Enhanced digital access will foster skill development, improve communication, and broaden the range of services Ballarat East Community Men's Shed can offer, thereby strengthening community ties and providing a supportive environment.

Allocation Amount: \$6,153.00

BALLARAT HOSPICE CARE INC.

Project: Creating Legacies: A Biography Program for Palliative Care Patients

Objective: Ballarat Hospice Care Inc (BHCI) is a Community Palliative Care service. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and stationary to enable palliative care patients to share their life stories, experiences, and reflections through a personalised biography program.

Community Benefit: The 'Creating Legacies' biography program offers palliative care patients a meaningful way to document and preserve their life stories, providing emotional and psychological comfort. This initiative will not only benefit patients by preserving their legacy but also enrich their families and the wider community by preserving personal history.

Allocation Amount: \$4,342.72

BALLARAT MENTAL HEALTH COLLECTIVE - BALLARAT ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Project: Free Community Event & Circle of Solidarity 2024

Objective: The Ballarat Mental Health Collective, a consortium representing groups across the Greater Ballarat Region, will host the 2024 Free Circle of Solidarity at Lake Esmond. This event will bring together local services, businesses, and volunteers to support those experiencing mental health distress, their families, carers, and supporters.

Community Benefit: The 2024 Free Circle of Solidarity will provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals facing mental health challenges, along with their families and carers. By connecting attendees with local services and resources, the event will promote awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage community solidarity. This gathering will strengthen the network of support within the Greater Ballarat Region.

Allocation Amount: \$5,577.10

BALLARAT NEPALI SAMAJ INC.

Project: 'Dashain, Tihar, Chhat Event'

Objective: Ballarat Nepali Samaj aims to support new Nepalese migrants and the existing Nepalese community of nearly 700 individuals. The groups promote Nepalese culture through various community activities and celebrations.

Community Benefit: By organising these important cultural events, Ballarat Nepali Samaj will foster cultural exchange and understanding, providing Nepalese migrants with a sense of belonging while enriching the cultural diversity in Ballarat.

Allocation Amount: \$9,824.00

BALLARAT PETANQUE CLUB

Project: 'Marquee Wind Rain and SunSmart'

Objective: The Ballarat Petanque Club, established in 2020 with 70 members, will use the grant to purchase three marquees to provide sufficient shelter from the elements.

Community Benefit: The acquisition of three marquees will ensure that events can proceed regardless of weather conditions. This improvement will encourage greater participations in club activities, promote regular attendance and strengthen community bonds.

Allocation Amount: \$8,460.00

BALLARAT POLICE AND CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB (PCYC)

Project: Youth Outreach - Mobile Activity Centre

Objective: Ballarat PCYC will purchase a trailer, BBQ and related equipment to commence a Mobile Activity Centre operation in Ballarat. Additionally, a website and social media presence will be launched to communicate its activities.

Community Benefit: The Mobile Activity Centre operation will enable Ballarat PCYC to connect with youth across the community, offering recreational activities and fostering positive interactions. This initiative will promote engagement and strengthen community ties.

Allocation Amount: \$10,000.00

BALLARAT REGIONAL MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

Project: Ballarat Welcome Centre - Community Hall Activation

Objective: Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council will use grant funds to purchase chair trolleys and stacking chairs for the Community Hall at Barkley Square.

Community Benefit: The acquisition of chair trolleys and stacking chairs will enhance the functionality and accessibility of the Community Hall, supporting the activities of 30 cultural associations, faith and interfaith groups and members affiliated with Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council.

Allocation Amount: \$9,000.00

BALLARAT RENEGADE BOOTSCOOTERS

Project: Defibrillator Attainment

Objective: The Ballarat Renegade Bootscooters teach and perform line dancing. Grant funds will be used to purchase a portable defibrillator to be held at the hall and taken out during performances.

Community Benefit: The acquisition of a portable defibrillator will enhance the safety and emergency preparedness of the group. The equipment will ensure rapid response in the event of a cardiac emergency, benefiting both the bootscooters and the community they engage with.

Allocation Amount: \$2,414.50

BALLARAT SOCIAL TRAIL HORSE RIDERS CLUB INCORPORATED

Project: Defibrillator and CPR Training Equipment

Objective: The Ballarat Social Trail Horse Riders Club has 170 registered members who ride in isolated bush. Funds will be used to purchase a small portable defibrillator to be taken on rides and to train volunteer riders in CPR.

Community Benefit: The addition of trained volunteers and a portable defibrillator will significantly enhance the safety of the riders in isolated bush during a cardiac emergency.

Allocation Amount: \$1,789.00

BALLARAT SOUTHERN WARRIORS KARATE CLUB INC.

Project: Summer Facility Improvements

Objective: The Ballarat Southern Warriors Karate Club, a community karate club that has operated in Ballarat for 27 years, will use grant funds to purchase a split system air condition and two dehumidifiers to provide a more comfortable training space for its 60 students, ranging from children to adults.

Community Benefit: The installation of a split system air conditioner and two dehumidifiers will improve the training environment for members of the club. This enhancement will ensure a comfortable and conducive atmosphere for practice.

Allocation Amount: \$5,232.00

BALLARAT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INC.

Project: Orchestral Connections

Objective: The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra will hold a concert aimed at attracting and engaging young families with performances of music pieces of well-known films.

Community Benefit: The concert will promote the appreciation of live symphonic and orchestral music among young families. By featuring well-known film music, the event will create an accessible and enjoyable cultural experience for children and their parents, fostering a love for orchestral music, supporting the growth of local arts.

Allocation Amount: \$5,000.00

**The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra has returned the grant funds to the City of Ballarat due to a change in circumstances.*

BALLARAT TAMIL SANGAM INC.

Project: Integration Workshops

Objective: Ballarat Tamil Sangam will use grant funds to conduct workshops focusing on the migrant community and bringing together members of the wider Ballarat community. The project includes a Tamil cultural showcase and a migrant interactive workshop.

Community Benefit: The workshops will facilitate cultural exchange and mutual understanding within the Ballarat community. By showcasing Tamil culture and providing interactive opportunities, the workshops will promote inclusivity, cultural appreciation, and social cohesion.

Allocation Amount: \$1,975.00

BALLARAT WESTERN CROQUET CLUB

Project: Creating a Flexible Space

Objective: The Ballarat Western Croquet Club will purchase stacking chairs for their club rooms, allowing the space to be easily set up or cleared for various activities. The club rooms, built in 1914 and recently renovated by the City of Ballarat, serve 50 club members, and are utilised by community groups.

Community Benefit: The acquisitions of stacking chairs will create a more flexible and versatile space within the club rooms, enhancing their functionality for both members and other community groups. This improvement will enable the space to accommodate a wider range of activities and events, promoting greater community use and engagement.

Allocation Amount: \$3,120.00

BIGGER HEARTS DEMENTIA ALLIANCE BALLARAT

Project: Community Consultation/ Codesign Project

Objective: Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance Ballarat will conduct two community consultation and co-design workshops. These workshops aim to facilitate connection and engagement with people living with dementia and their families/carers, helping the group better understand their ongoing needs and preferences for community initiatives.

Community Benefit: The workshops will enhance the support and services provided to people living with dementia. By directly engaging those affected, Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance Ballarat will gain valuable insights, ensuring that future programs and initiatives are tailored to improve quality of life. This inclusive approach will foster a more dementia-friendly community, promote understanding, and strengthen the network of support available to those impacted by dementia.

Allocation Amount: \$3,863.00

BOOTBLACK PLUS

Project: APATT '24 (formerly: A Place at The Table)

Objective: Bootblack Plus will use grant funds for the APATT '24 event, an expo-style event to be held in June 2024 at Barkly Square. The event aims to connect LGBTQIA+ community with community organisations and policymakers in Ballarat, fostering understanding of the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Community Benefit: The APATT '24 event will bring together the LGBTQIA+ community, community organisers, and policymakers, creating an inclusive environment for dialogue and connection. This initiative will enhance social cohesion, support diversity, and strengthen community bonds.

Allocation Amount: \$9,965.27

**Bootblack Plus cancelled their event and has returned the grant funds to the City of Ballarat.*

BUNINYONG COMMUNITY GARDEN

Project: Buninyong Community Garden Engagement

Objective: The Buninyong Community Garden will use grant funds to continue the garden's completion at Royal Park at Buninyong. This project will include the installation of park signage and pathways, as well as the creation of a communication strategy and the engagement of experts to assist with establishing an online presence.

Community Benefit: Finalising the Buninyong Community Garden will enhance its accessibility and usability for the local community. The installation of signage and pathways will make the gardens

more navigable and welcome, encouraging greater community participation and engagement. The development of a communication strategy and online presence will promote the garden's activities, attract volunteers, and facilitate knowledge sharing.

Allocation Amount: \$20,000.00

BURRUMBEET SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL

Project: Defibrillator and Outdoor AED Storage Cabinet

Objective: The Burrumbeet Soldiers Memorial Hall will use grant funds to install an Automated External Defibrillator in an outdoor storage cabinet. This installation will ensure the AED is accessible to the entire community.

Community Benefit: The installation of an AED will enhance safety and emergency preparedness for the community. This initiative supports the Hall's mission to offer a high-quality, fully maintained meeting place and strengthens the community's connectivity and well-being through increased safety measures.

Allocation Amount: \$3,435.00

CENTRAL WENDOUREE BOWLS CLUB INC.

Project: New Bowling Greens Mower

Objective: The Central Wendouree Bowls Club will use grant funds to purchase a new bowling greens mower to replace their current 25-year-old mower that requires regular repairs.

Community Benefit: The acquisition of a new bowling greens mower will ensure that the Central Wendouree Bowls Club can maintain high quality greens for its members and visiting sporting groups. The investment will support the club's ability to host regional events and provide a well-maintained facility for the community. Improved greens will enhance the playing experience, attract more participants and promote the sport of bowling.

Allocation Amount: \$9,045.45

CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH

Project: 4YOUTHFEST Youth Event

Objective: The Centre for Multicultural Youth will use grant funds to deliver the 4YOUTHFEST project, a free youth-led festival focused on promoting mental health and suicide prevention for young people in Ballarat and surrounding areas aged 12-25. The festival will consist of a series of events co-facilitated and designed by local youth organisations and young people.

Community Benefit: '4YOUTHFEST' will provide a supportive and engaging platform for young people to interact with mental health services and support organisations in a low-stakes, safe, and inclusive environment. By demystifying these services and fostering open dialogue, the festival will increase the

likelihood of young people seeking help when needed. This initiative will promote mental well-being, reduce stigma around mental health issues, and empower young people to take proactive steps towards their mental health, ultimately strengthening the community's overall resilience and support networks.

Allocation Amount: \$6,780.16

CHINESE AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY BALLARAT INC.

Project: 2024 Chinese New Year Gala Concert

Objective: The Chinese Australian Cultural Society of Ballarat will use grant funds to assist in providing the 2024 Chinese New Year Gala Concert in February 2024. The event will feature performances by the Society's dance and artistic groups and will re-engage with the Melbourne Chinese community to bring outstanding cultural performances to Ballarat.

Community Benefit: The 2024 Chinese New Year Gala Concert will celebrate and showcase Chinese culture, fostering a sense of community and cultural pride among the 200 members of the Chinese Australian Cultural Society and the broader Ballarat community. By bringing in performers from the Melbourne Chinese community, the event will enhance the cultural vibrancy of Ballarat and provide an enriching experience for all attendees. This concert will highlight the contributions of the Chinese community to the cultural diversity of Ballarat.

Allocation Amount: \$5,030.00

CITY OVAL BOWLING CLUB INC

Project: Barefoot Bowls

Objective: The City Oval Bowling Club will use grant funds to purchase six sets of bowls specifically designed for youth, the elderly, and people with special needs. These bowls will be used for hosting barefoot bowls events, catering to the needs of community groups that find standard commercial bowls too large and heavy.

Community Benefit: The acquisition of appropriately sized bowls will make barefoot bowls more accessible and enjoyable for users. This initiative will encourage greater participation in recreational activities, promoting physical activity, social interaction, and inclusivity within the community. By accommodating a wider range of participants, the City Oval Bowling Club will foster a more welcoming and supportive environment.

Allocation Amount: \$2,670.00

FOREST RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

Project: Equipment to support the club's growing participation and use of facilities

Objective: The objective of this grant is to provide the Forest Rangers Soccer Club with the necessary equipment to accommodate the anticipated increase in player participation and enhance the use of club facilities.

Community Benefit: The grant will benefit the local community by enabling the Forest Rangers Soccer Club to cater to a larger number of participants, particularly in light of the increased interest in soccer following the Women's World Cup. By improving equipment and facilities, the club will offer a more inclusive and supportive environment for players of all ages and skill levels.

Allocation Amount: \$9,874.00

HEARTBEAT VICTORIA BALLARAT BRANCH PROJECT

Project: Cardiac Peer Support Promotional Video

Objective: Heartbeat Victoria Ballarat Branch will use grant funds to develop an educational promotional video. This video will aim to raise awareness about the support and resources available to patients, families and caregivers affected by heart disease.

Community Benefit: The creation of this promotional video will provide substantial benefits to the community by increasing awareness and understanding of heart disease and the support services available. This resource will help to connect more individuals and families affected by heart disease with vital peer support, improving overall well-being.

Allocation Amount: \$4,620.00

HOCKEY BALLARAT

Project: Junior Development for Girls & Gender Diverse Individuals

Objective: To enhance the skills and leadership of girls and gender diverse individuals aged 12-17 through the Hockey Ballarat Junior Development program.

Community Benefit: This program will benefit the community by fostering inclusivity, skill development, and confidence among girls and gender diverse individuals. Participants will not only enhance their hockey skills but also develop leadership abilities and a sense of belonging within the Ballarat Hocket community.

Allocation Amount: \$3,116.90

LAKESIDE ANGLERS CLUB INC.

Project: Fishing Brag Mats

Objective: To promote sustainable fishing practices by providing fishing brag mats, enabling anglers to quickly and accurately measure their catch and release it back into the water.

Community Benefit: The fishing brag mats will benefit the community by encouraging responsible and sustainable fishing practices. This initiative supports conservation efforts and ensures the long-term health of local fish populations.

Allocation Amount: \$2,000.00

LITTLE DREAMERS AUSTRALIA

Project: School Holiday Program

Objective: To support young carers by providing engaging and enjoyable activities through the Ballarat School Holiday Program.

Community Benefit: The School Holiday Program will benefit the community by offering young carers much-needed respite and opportunities for social interaction. Activities such as cooking, workshops, sports, and community events like visits to water parks and laser tag will help young carers build friendships, develop new skills and enjoyed a well-deserved break from their responsibilities, enhancing their overall well-being.

Allocation Amount: \$5,969.82

**Little Dreamers declined grant funding, citing the inability to run the program on partial funding.*

MT CLEAR CRICKET CLUB

Project: Inspiring All-Abilities, Girls, Women and Gender Diverse People to play Cricket

Objective: To create inclusive and accessible opportunities for young people with disabilities, girls' women, and gender diverse individuals to participate in cricket by providing suitable equipment and promoting diverse pathways.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by fostering inclusivity and diversity in sports. By providing a safe and supportive environment tailored to the needs of all participants, the Mt Clear Cricket Club will encourage more individuals to engage in physical activity, build confidence, and develop a sense of belonging. The investment in appropriate equipment and promotional efforts will ensure that everyone, regardless of ability or gender, has the chance to experience the benefits of cricket.

Allocation Amount: \$3,407.00

PAX HILL SCOUT CAMP

Project: Archery Renewal 2023

Objective: To renew and expand archery equipment and improve safety measures at Pax Hill Activity and Accommodation Centre.

Community Benefit: The renewal and expansion of archery equipment will benefit the community by enhancing recreational opportunities for youth groups. By providing new bows, safety equipment, and removing hazards from the course, the project ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for young participants. Additionally, the new storage shed will protect the equipment, ensuring its longevity and availability for future use.

Allocation Amount: \$7,889.97

PROBUS CLUB OF BALLARAT NEW GENERATION

Project: Vicennial Celebration Book

Objective: To commemorate the Probus New Generation Club's 20th anniversary by creating a memorial pamphlet celebrating the fellowship and activities of current and past members.

Community Benefit: The creation of the Vicennial Celebration pamphlet will benefit the community by preserving the rich history and achievements of the Probus New Generation Club. It will highlight the positive impact of the club on its members, fostering a sense of pride and belonging. By distributing the pamphlet for free, it will also engage and inform potential new members, promoting continued community involvement and participation in club activities.

Allocation Amount: \$1,900.00

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Project: Reverse Advent Calendar & Big Blessing Day

Objective: To provide essential supplies and Christmas gifts to people in need through the distribution of reverse advent calendar boxes and by hosting the "Big Blessing Day" event.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by offering critical support to individuals and families in need during the holiday season. The reverse advent calendar boxes, filled with non-perishable food, toiletries, and Christmas gifts, will provide much-needed relief to recipients. Additionally, the "Big Blessing Day" will bring the community together, with welfare agencies and volunteers collaborating to offer free activities, fresh food, and practical supplies, fostering unity within the community.

Allocation Amount: \$8,985.40

SCOUTS VICTORIA

Project: Digitising the Heritage Centre Collection

Objective: To digitally record the collection of scouting memorabilia at the Ballarat Heritage Centre to Museums Victoria standards.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by preserving and making accessible the rich history of scouting in Ballarat. Digitising the collection ensures that valuable historical artifacts are protected and can be easily accessed by the public, researchers, and future generations. This initiative will enhance cultural heritage preservation and education, fostering a deeper appreciation for the contributions of Scouts Victoria to the community.

Allocation Amount: \$4,155.00

SEBASTOPOL MENS SHED INC.

Project: Improved Computer Skills for Members

Objective: To enhance computer skills and provide digital access to members of the Sebastopol Mens Shed by equipping the facility with two computers and internet connection.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by bridging the digital divide for members who lack computer access at home. By providing computers and internet access, the initiative will enable members to stay connected with family and friends, access essential online services, and develop valuable computer skills.

Allocation Amount: \$2,136.00

SEEDING VICTORIA INC.

Project: Banking on a Greener Future: A Seeding Victoria and Leigh Catchment Group Initiative

Objective: To deliver a seed knowledge project in partnership with Leigh Catchment Group, aimed at enhancing biodiversity and environmental sustainability in the Buninyong and surrounding community.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by promoting environmental sustainability and biodiversity through the dissemination of seed knowledge. By partnering with the Leigh Catchment Group, Seeding Victoria will provide valuable resources and education to support indigenous restoration efforts. This initiative will help the community adapt to climate change, preserve local ecosystems, and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of native plant species.

Allocation Amount: \$6,978.00

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLARAT EAST

Project: Publication of 'Lives of Honour: Ballarat East and the Great War.'

Objective: To publish the book 'Lives of Honour: Ballarat East and the Great War,' which documents the stories of the 177 men from St Paul's Anglican Church who served in World War One.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by preserving and sharing the historical legacy of Ballarat East during World War One. The book, researched and written by local historian Dr. Anne Doggett, will provide valuable insights into the lives and sacrifices of the 177 men commemorated on the church's honour board. By making this history accessible, the publication will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the community's heritage.

Allocation Amount: \$10,000.00

THE HIDDEN ORCHARD

Project: Pruning Workshops and Storage Shed Building Workshop

Objective: To assemble two donated sheds and host pruning workshops to enhance the skills of The Hidden Orchard members.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by improving the operations of The Hidden Orchard, a volunteer group that harvests and redistributes unwanted fruit to local food relief charities. By assembling the sheds, the group will have better storage facilities, enhancing their efficiency. The pruning workshops will upskill members, leading to increased fruit yields and higher quality produce. This initiative supports food security in Ballarat and promotes community involvement in sustainable food practices.

Allocation Amount: \$3,207.97

THE LAB BALLARAT

Project: Supporting Neurodiverse Individuals in Social Sessions

Objective: To provide autism-specific equipment to support the delivery of social sessions for neurodiverse individuals at The Lab Ballarat.

Community Benefit: This project will benefit the community by enhancing the support available for autistic young people in Ballarat. By providing sensory toys and autism-specific equipment, The Lab can better manage anxiety in social situations, creating a more inclusive and supportive environment. This initiative will help neurodiverse individuals develop social skills, build friendships, and gain confidence, contributing to their overall well-being.

Allocation Amount: \$1,215.46

THE SALVATION ARMY (VICTORIA) PROPERTY TRUST

Project: The Salvation Army - Karinya Support Services Ballarat

Objective: The funding aims to create a safer, more engaging, and supportive environment for children at Karinya Support Services through upgrades to the outdoor childcare area and the installation of a safety fence.

Community Benefit: The community will benefit significantly from this project as it addresses both immediate safety concerns and the overall quality of the childcare environment at Karinya Support Services. By replacing the artificial grass and cleaning and repairing the rubber and soft flooring, the outdoor area will become safer and more enjoyable for children. Additionally, installing a 3-meter-high chain mesh safety fence opposite the basketball court will prevent balls from entering a busy road, ensuring the safety of children during play.

Allocation Amount: \$9,209.10

VRI DELACOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Project: Empowering the VRI Delacombe Cricket Club

Objective: The objective of this project is to enhance the training capabilities and safety measures at VRI Delacombe Cricket Club. By acquiring a modern bowling machine and an Automated External Defibrillator, the club aims to improve the skill level of its members and ensure the safety and wellbeing of players, spectators, and the broader community.

Community Benefit: The community will benefit from this project through improved sports training and increased safety at the club. The modern bowling machine will enable consistent and targeted practice sessions, helping players to hone their skills and improve their performance. The addition of an AED will provide critical support in case of cardiac emergencies, ensuring that both members and visitors have access to lifesaving equipment if needed.

Allocation Amount: \$7,163.30

1ST MOUNT CLEAR SCOUT GROUP

Project: Gearing up Mount Clear Venturers for four season adventures

Objective: The objective of this project is to equip the 1st Mount Clear Scout Group with the necessary gear to ensure safe and comfortable participation in outdoor activities throughout all seasons.

Community Benefit: The 1st Mount Clear Scout Group's new equipment will allow the scouts to safely engage in outdoor adventures year-round, fostering skills in leadership, teamwork, and environmental

stewardship. Additionally, the emergency beacons will enhance safety during expeditions, ensuring quick location and rescue if needed.

Total allocated: \$6,502.73

1ST WENDOUREE SCOUTS

Project: Jamboree Equipment

Objective: The objective of this project is to equip the 1st Wendouree Scouts with necessary gear for the upcoming Jamboree in January 2025, to be held in Maryborough, QLD. The funding aims to reduce the overall cost of the event for participants by providing essential equipment, ensuring that more young people can take part in this enriching scouting opportunity.

Community Benefit: The Jamboree is a significant weeklong event that offers valuable experiences in leadership, teamwork, and outdoor skills for young scouts. The equipment purchased will not only support the scouts during the Jamboree but will also be available for future scouting activities, benefiting the broader community. By reducing the financial burden on participants and their families, this grant ensures that more young people can engage in the Jamboree, promoting personal development and community spirit.

Allocation Amount: \$6,267.00

BALLARAT AUTISM NETWORK

Project: 'Autism Fest 2024'

Objective: To create an inclusive and secure environment for families, caregivers, and neurodiverse individuals to connect and celebrate autism through a day of fun activities.

Community Benefit: The festival promotes autism awareness, fosters social connections, and provides a safe, inclusive space for neurodiverse individuals and their families, benefiting the entire community. Funding will be used for entertainment and venue hire.

Allocation Amount: \$9,994.00

BALLARAT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Project: Wheelchair for Ballarat Wheelchair Badminton League

Objective: To establish the Ballarat Wheelchair Badminton League at the Ballarat Badminton Stadium, providing a social league for wheelchair users.

Community Benefit: The league promotes inclusivity and physical activity for wheelchair users, fostering community engagement and supporting local sports. Funding will be used to purchase a sports wheelchair from a local supplier.

Allocation Amount: \$7,788.72

BALLARAT BLAZE HOCKEY CLUB

Project: Player Shirt Library

Objective: To establish a library of team shirts for the Ballarat Blaze Hockey Club, allowing players to borrow shirts for up to a season.

Community Benefit: The shirt library enhances community participation by providing accessible team attire, reducing financial barriers for players. Funding will be used to purchase 45 playing tops in various sizes from a local company.

Allocation Amount: \$1,554.75

BALLARAT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Project: Storage shed to secure assets and provide enhanced community space

Objective: To purchase a storage shed to secure assets and enhance the community space at the Ballarat Community Garden.

Community Benefit: The storage shed will provide a secure place for tools and equipment, supporting garden operations and improving the overall functionality and accessibility of the community garden. Funding will be used in line with the Master Plan, enhancing the garden's appeal and usability for all members.

Allocation Amount: \$5,896.00

**Ballarat Community Garden declined grant funding, due to a change of circumstances.*

ROWING BALLARAT INCORPORATED

Project: Portable shelters for volunteers

Objective: To purchase portable shelters for volunteers at regattas held by the Rowing Ballarat on Lake Wendouree.

Community Benefit: The portable shelters will provide protection and comfort for volunteers, enhancing the experience and supporting their vital contributions to rowing events. This funding will improve the efficiency and enjoyment of the regattas, benefiting both volunteers and participants.

Allocation Amount: \$5,000.00

BLOC MUSIC THEATRE

Project: 2024 Junior Production

Objective: To support the 2024 Junior Production by providing local lighting and sound design and operation.

Community Benefit: The funding enhances the quality of the junior production, offering young performers a professional theatrical experience and fostering community interest in musical theatre. This supports the development of local talent and provides entertainment for the Ballarat community.

Allocation Amount: \$4,545.45

COMMITTEE FOR MINERS REST

Project: Miners Rest Creative Christmas

Objective: To organise the Miners Rest Creative Christmas event, featuring wooden Christmas trees decorated by the local community.

Community Benefit: The event fosters community spirit and engagement by involving local schools, businesses, and organisations in creative activities, enhancing festive celebrations. Funding will be used for materials, storage costs, and hosting the community Christmas event.

Allocation Amount: \$2,000.00

INTERCLUB DROP-IN CENTRE

Project: Connecting Senses Workshops

Objective: To run Connecting Senses Workshops for adults with disabilities, providing activities in woodwork, leather work, and sound therapy.

Community Benefit: The workshops offer therapeutic and skill-building activities, fostering social inclusion and enhancing the well-being of participants. Funding will be used to purchase the necessary equipment for these sessions.

Allocation Amount: \$3,958.00

Scotsburn Hall Community Asset Committee

Project: An AED for the Scotsburn Hall

Objective: To enhance the safety and emergency preparedness of Scotsburn Hall by equipping it with an Automated External Defibrillator and related emergency response tools.

Community Benefit: This project aims to ensure the safety of all hall users by providing life-saving equipment and resources. The installation of an AED, along with an alarmed mounting cabinet, wall sign and first responder kit, will enable immediate and effective response in case of cardiac emergencies, significantly increasing the chances of survival for anyone experiencing a cardiac event at the hall.

Allocation Amount: \$2,295.00



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UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A) BALLARAT

Project: U3A Creative Arts and Computer Access Initiative

Objective: To enhance U3A Ballarat’s capacity to offer manual and creative arts classes and improve computer access for ageing well programs.

Community Benefit: This project will support U3A Ballarat in providing valuable learning opportunities for older adults. The purchase of a kiln, printing press, and computers will expand the range of creative arts activities and improve access to technology for educational and administrative purposes. This initiative, in partnership with the Ballarat Special School, will help meet the high demand for manual and creative arts classes and promote lifelong learning and social engagement for the community.

Allocation Amount: \$8,672.73

VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

Project: Expansion of the Women and Girls Teams

Objective: To support the growth of women and girls’ soccer teams by providing uniforms and equipment.

Community Benefit: This project aims to promote women’s and girls’ participation in soccer by providing essential equipment such as uniforms and footballs. The initiative supports the expansion of the club’s teams, fostering inclusivity and physical activity within the community.

Allocation Amount: \$6,313.74

WAT THAI BHAVANA BALLARAT AUSTRALIA INC.

Project: Songkran Community Wellness

Objective: To foster community wellness and cultural celebration through the Songkran event.

Community Benefit: This half-day event will bring together community members to honour their elders, engage in cultural activities, and strengthen social bonds. The initiative promotes cultural awareness, respect for traditions, and community cohesion, enhancing the well-being and cultural richness of the community.

Allocation Amount: \$1,772.73

Tourism Events Grants

The Tourism Events Grants Program is intrinsically linked to the implementation of Council’s Ballarat Events Strategy 2018-2028 and the Visitor Economy Strategy. This program provides funding for festivals, events, and activities that promote increased visitation, participation, and economic yield. Additionally, it supports initiatives that contribute to the presentation and marketing of Ballarat as a tourism destination.

The primary goal of the Tourism Events Grants Program is to curate a balanced calendar of events that offer compelling reasons for tourists to visit Ballarat while enhancing the city’s vibrancy for both visitors and residents. By funding a diverse range of events, the program aims to create a dynamic and engaging environment that attracts new visitors and encourages repeat tourism.

Aligned with the strategic objectives of the Ballarat Events Strategy 2018-2028, the program focuses on several key outcomes:

- 1. Increased Visitation:** Supporting events that draw visitors to Ballarat, thereby boosting the local economy through tourism spending on accommodation, dining, shopping, and other activities.
- 2. Enhanced Participation:** Encouraging community involvement and active participation in events, fostering a sense of local pride and community spirit.

3. Economic Yield: Funding events that provide substantial economic benefits, including job creation, business growth, and increased investment in the local area.

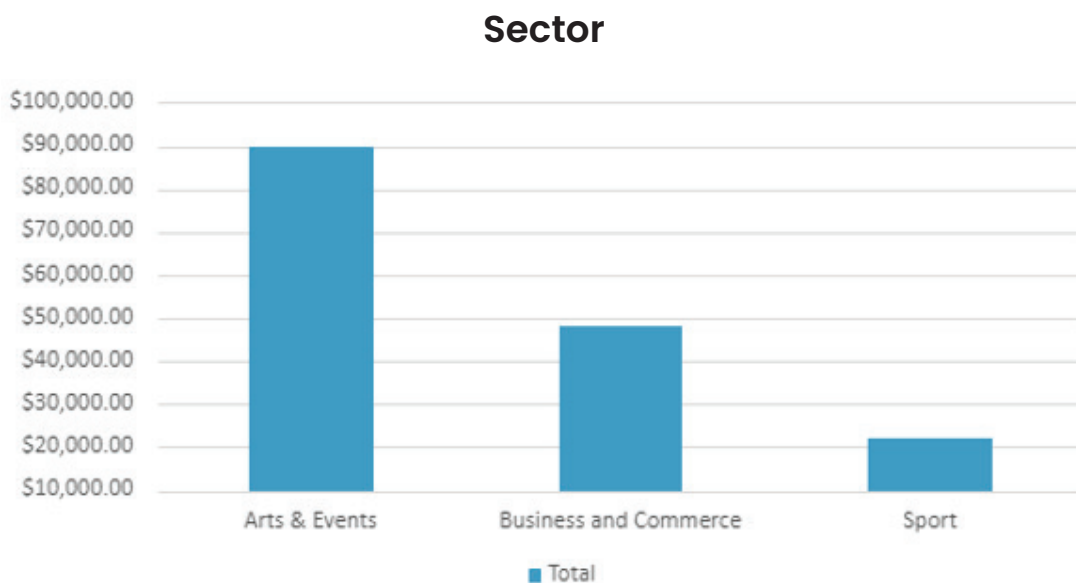
4. Brand Promotion: Elevating Ballarat’s profile as a destination of choice through high-quality events that receive regional, national, and international attention.

5. Diverse and Inclusive Programming: Ensuring a variety of events that cater to different interests and demographics, enhancing the cultural fabric of the city and promoting inclusivity.

The program supports a wide array of events, from large-scale festivals and sporting events to smaller, niche activities that offer unique experiences. By aligning with the strategic priorities outlined in the Ballarat Events Strategy 2018-2028, the Tourism Events Grants Program plays a crucial role in realising the vision of Ballarat as a vibrant, dynamic, and economically robust city. Through targeted funding and support, the program helps to create memorable experiences for visitors, foster community engagement, and drive sustainable economic growth.

In 2023/24, 21 applications were received, with 13 events being funded, resulting in a 62 percent approval rate, an increase of one percent from 2022/23. A total budget allocation of \$155,000, \$153,500 was allocated.

The below graph outlines the spend in each category across the 2023/24 Tourism Events Grants Program.



This section of the report contains a profile on each of the Tourism Events Grant agreements in place and provides an overview of the project, how the project has benefited the community and the amount of funding that was allocated for each project.

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM AND GALLERY ASSOCIATION (AMAGA)

Objective: The annual AMaGA National Conference is the major national symposia event for the Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAM) sector, covering all areas of visual arts, material culture and heritage sites. As this is the only Australian conference that encompasses issues relating to the whole sector, it is a significant professional development and networking opportunity, particularly for participants from rural and remote locations and smaller organisations.

Economic Impact: \$272,330.00

Allocation Amount: \$20,000

Number of participants: 700

SPIRITS VICTORIA ASSOCIATION

Objective: The SVA Conference 2024 is the annual conference of the Spirits Victoria Association, the peak body for distillers in Victoria. The event will comprise of a welcome night drinks, full day of presentations and workshop, followed by a day of local distillery tours.

Economic Impact: \$55,900

Allocation Amount: \$15,000

Number of participants: 150

FORESTRY AUSTRALIA SYMPOSIUM

Objective: The Forestry Australia Symposium is a biennial event that attracts more than 300 delegates from across Australia and internationally. Healthy forests deliver a range of environmental, cultural, social, and economic benefits and values. Healthy forests are diverse and resilient. They can be achieved through active and adaptive forest management. A healthy and resilient forest should be a primary objective for forest and land managers regardless of land tenure. The Symposium is a focussed three-day gathering, consisting of two days of plenary and concurrent sessions and a Field Trip day. The two-day program will feature a range of Keynote and Invited Speakers, who are experts and thought leaders in their field.

Economic Impact: \$201,200

Allocation Amount: \$15,000

Number of participants: 375

POCO FILM FESTIVAL

Objective: POCO is a short film competition, open to students and professional filmmakers, with eligible entries - Australian made films under 20 minutes - accepted from around Australia across all genres including documentary, fiction, music videos, animations and more. Filmmakers are competing for the major award, POCO Best Short, with a prize of \$8,000, Best Student Award (\$3,000) and a jury prize. Finalists' films are judged by a panel of 3 industry experts, including some major names in the Australian film industry. The 2024 festival has events across two days: Day one sees the event 'POCO Talks' taking place at a 300-seat theatre - live keynote speakers from the Australian film industry. Day two is the screening of approximately 20 finalist films at The Regent Cinema, Ballarat, in the magnificent, 600 seat; Cinema One. A chance for filmmakers to watch their work on the big screen in front of a live audience. POCO attracts an audience from Ballarat, Regional Victoria, Melbourne and Interstate, with many visitors staying overnight in Ballarat.

Economic Impact: \$62,000

Allocation Amount: \$20,000

Number of participants: 800

THE RED SERIES

Objective: The Red Series brings together the top cellar doors from the Grampians, Pyrenees and for the first time, the Ballarat wine regions under one roof at the ambient, heated indoor space of the Mining Exchange. Located in the heart of Ballarat, just a two-minute stroll from the train station, it's the ultimate wine experience. 2024 marks the eighth edition of the Red Series, a testament to its enduring popularity with sessions consistently selling out over the years.

With the Grampians and Pyrenees wine regions right on Ballarat's doorstep, boasting over 160 years of winemaking tradition, breathtaking scenery, and a reputation for producing award-winning wines, it's no wonder the Red Series is a must-attend event. Plus, you'll get to rub elbows with some seriously talented yet approachable winemakers.

At the Red Series, guests can sample and purchase wines from 22 different wineries, each expertly paired with local charcuterie boxes for the ultimate tasting experience.

Economic Impact: \$109,025

Allocation Amount: \$13,000

Number of participants: 1200

U13/U17 YONEX AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & PARA BADMINTON COME AND TRY

Objective: Badminton Australia will host National Championship competitions across several age groups, these competitions are designed to promote badminton, align with high performance pathways, to crown national champions in all the different categories and is also a selection event for the national junior program called the Junior Falcons.

Badminton Australia – U13 National Team Championships
Badminton Australia - U13 National Individual Championships
Badminton Australia – U17 Australian National Team Championships
Badminton Australia – U17 Australian National Individual Championships
Badminton Australia – Para Badminton Come & Try.

Economic Impact: \$387,850.00

Allocation Amount: \$10,000

Number of participants: 600

U15 BOYS & GIRLS NATIONAL LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Objective: Lacrosse Victoria in conjunction with Lacrosse Australia and the Ballarat and Goldfields Lacrosse League are hosting the National Under 15 Boys and Girls Junior Tournament at Morshead Park, Ballarat. The week-long tournament will host approximately 20 boys and girls teams from around Australia and New Zealand. Each team will have 17 players with coaches and team managers who will all be staying in Ballarat for the week.

Economic Impact: \$749,600

Allocation Amount: \$10,000

Number of participants: 8,000

BALLARAT ROCK 'N' ROLL FESTIVAL 2023

Objective: The Ballarat Rock 'N' Roll Festival will be a two-day event. The aim of the event is to provide an opportunity to celebrate everything Rock 'n' Roll and highlight the 50's and 60's eras including the dancing, the 50's and 60's music, the fabulous fashion and the classic cars. The Saturday of the festival will include a daytime event open to the general public from 10am to 4pm and feature Rock 'n' Roll and line dancing lessons, fashion parade, stalls with Rock 'n' Roll/Retro merchandise, food and coffee trucks and multiple live bands. The Saturday will also include an evening

ticketed dance event from 6pm to 11.30pm featuring two of Victoria's iconic Rock N Roll bands.

Economic Impact: \$619,500

Allocation Amount: \$15,000

Number of participants: 4000

AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF QUEER THEATRE

Objective: The Festival of Australian Queer Theatre will invite leading Australian artists and thinkers amongst the queer theatre making community to participate in a daytime program of talks and panel discussions. The daytime offering will include script readings of classic queer Australian plays by local performers, open rehearsals of a new text or production in development, and performance workshops lead by some of Australia's leading queer theatre makers. The evening program will follow a format of a short early show, followed by a major/headline work and a late show. This would likely also include a social program including networking events, opening night party, closing night party and a festival bar. The Festival of Australian Queer Theatre will also seek to commission new works to be created, developed and refined for staging in the following year. It is envisioned that Festival of Australian Queer Theatre is scheduled to occur in Ballarat during the fourth weekend of August each year.

Economic Impact: \$52,300

Allocation Amount: \$10,000

Number of participants: 500

MINITUBE DOG TECHDAYS 2024

Objective: Minitube Dog TechDays 2024 aims to bring together the respective parts of the dog breeding industry – veterinarians, veterinary nurses, dog breeders, academics and industry - for discussion and further learning on canine reproduction, obstetrics and neonatal care, through multiple prestigious speakers. The event is run over two days at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre, Ballarat, Victoria.

Economic Impact: \$45,920

Allocation Amount: \$5,000

Number of participants: 120



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THE GRUFFALO TRAIL

Objective: Gruffalo Trail is a family event that involves a virtual reality app that is downloaded onto a mobile device. Over the month that the festival will be held in Ballarat, the trail will change many times to include the Ballarat Botanical Gardens and The Ballarat Wildlife Park. When the family follows the trail, place markers trigger the software to show the different characters in the story. Through the app, the children can have their photo taken with them. There will be prizes each day for those completing the trail. Changing the trail regularly will encourage people to stay in Ballarat longer to undertake the trail numerous times.

Economic Impact: \$3,260,000

Allocation Amount: \$15,000

Number of participants: 20,000

BALLARAT ROCK 'N' ROLL FESTIVAL 2024

Objective: The Ballarat Rock 'N' Roll Festival will be a two day event. The aim of the event is to provide an opportunity to celebrate everything Rock 'n' Roll and highlight the 50's and 60's eras including the dancing, the 50's and 60's music, the fabulous fashion and the classic cars. The Saturday of the festival will include a daytime event open to the general public from 10am to 4pm and feature Rock 'n' Roll and line dancing lessons, fashion parade, stalls with Rock 'n' Roll/Retro merchandise, food and coffee trucks and multiple live bands. The Saturday will also include an evening ticketed dance event from 6pm to 11.30pm featuring two of Victoria's iconic Rock N Roll bands.

The event will aim to attract 3000 people.

Economic Impact: \$350,400

Allocation Amount: \$15,000

Number of participants: 3000



Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement

At the heart of our grants program lies a commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring that our processes are efficient, effective, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of our community.

Some of the key initiatives that were undertaken in 2023/24 to enhance the grants programs include:

Gender Impact Assessment: A Gender Impact Assessment was developed to ensure grant programs were equitable and accessible to all genders. This assessment helped identify potential biases and implement strategies to promote gender inclusivity in our grant opportunities. As a result, hard copy application forms were introduced, and applications were able to be submitted in different languages. Additionally, the Community Inclusion Officer reviewed the grant guidelines, and amendments were made to encourage more inclusive applications and promote overall inclusion.

Transition to a New Grants Platform: A procurement process was undertaken to find a suitable online grants management system. Good Grants was the successful tenderer, and the migration was undertaken mid-way through 2023/24. This transition aims to streamline the application and management processes, making it easier for applicants to navigate and for Officers to administer grants efficiently.

Business Improvement Initiatives: Building on the 2022/23 initiative, refining of the reporting system has continued. The system captures a detailed breakdown of grant program data, including amount requested, categories, sectors, and alignment with our strategic priorities. The enhanced reporting capabilities enable better understanding of the community impact of the grants programs and provide a benchmark to make informed recommendations about future funding.

Incorporating these continuous improvement measures, the aim is to enhance the effectiveness, transparency, and accessibility of the City of Ballarat Partnerships and Grants program, ensuring it meets the evolving needs of our community. Our commitment to ongoing evaluation and refinement of our processes will help Council achieve its goals and priorities and foster a more inclusive and supportive environment for all grant recipients.

Appendices A – Strategic Partnerships funded for 2023/24

Partnership	Start Date	End Date	Total Amount Funded or to be Funded	Comments
Ballarat Mechanics Institute	July 2021	July 2024	\$135,000	Agreement Complete
Ballarat International Foto Biennale	July 2020	June 2024	\$800,000	Agreement Complete
Ballarat Cricket Association	July 2020	August 2025	\$500,000	Ongoing partnership
Ballarat Sports Foundation	March 2023	June 2025	\$15,000	Ongoing partnership
Clemente Program	July 2020	July 2025	\$45,000	Ongoing partnership
Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Inc.	March 2022	June 2025	\$333,784	Ongoing partnership
Rowing Victoria	August 2018	August 2028	\$420,000	Ongoing partnership

Appendices B – City Partnerships funded for 2023/24

Community Stream	Start Date	End Date	Total Amount Funded or to be Funded	Comments
Bridge Mall Business Association Inc	1 September 2023	30 June 2024	\$70,000.00	Agreement complete
Committee for Ballarat	1 September 2023	30 June 2024	\$20,000.00	Agreement complete
Western United Football Club	1 September 2023	30 July 2025	\$140,000.00	Ongoing partnership
Ballarat Athletic Club Inc.	1 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$63,050.00	Ongoing partnership
Ballarat Carols by Candlelight	15 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$90,000.00	Ongoing partnership
Rotary Club of Ballarat South	15 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$120,000.00	Ongoing partnership
WestVic Academy of Sport	1 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$90,000.00	Ongoing partnership
TOTAL			\$593,050.00	

Commercial Stream	Start Date	End Date	Total Amount Funded or to be Funded	Comments
Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society	1 November 2023	30 June 2024	\$100,000.00	Agreement complete
Ballarat Basketball	1 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$300,000.00	Ongoing partnership
Ballarat Evolve Creative Industries	15 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$75,000.00	Ongoing partnership
Royal South Street Society	15 September 2023	30 June 2026	\$349,528.00	Ongoing partnership
Sovereign Hill Museums Association	12 October 2023	30 June 2026	\$600,000.00	Ongoing partnership
TOTAL			\$1,424,528.00	

Appendices C – Community Impact Grants funded for 2023/24

Community Group or Organisation	End Date	Total Amount Funded
ROUND 1		
99.9 Voice FM	\$5,056.36	November 2024
Alfredton Baseball Club Inc.	\$2,238.50	November 2024
Ballarat African Association Inc	\$2,659.10	November 2024
Ballarat Bonsai Society Inc.	\$2,000.00	November 2024
Ballarat City Rowing Club	\$4,425.00	November 2024
Ballarat Clovers GAA Club Inc	\$5,855.00	November 2024
Ballarat East Community Mens' Shed	\$6,153.00	November 2024
Ballarat Hospice Care Inc	\$4,342.72	November 2024
Ballarat Mental Health Collective - Ballarat Action for Mental Health	\$5,577.10	November 2024
Ballarat Nepali Samaj Inc.	\$9,824.00	November 2024
Ballarat Petanque Club	\$8,460.00	November 2024
Ballarat Police and Citizens Youth Club	\$10,000.00	November 2024
Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council	\$9,000.00	November 2024
Ballarat Renegade Bootscooters	\$2,414.50	November 2024
Ballarat Social Trail Horse Riders Club Incorporated.	\$1,789.00	November 2024
Ballarat Southern Warriors Karate Club Inc.	\$5,232.00	November 2024
Ballarat Symphony Orchestra Inc	\$5,000.00	*Due to this event not proceeding, funds have been returned.
Ballarat Tamil Sangam Inc.	\$1,975.00	November 2024
Ballarat Western Croquet Club	\$3,120.00	November 2024
Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance Ballarat	\$3,863.00	November 2024
Bootblack Plus	\$9,965.27	*Due to this event not proceeding, funds have been returned.
Buninyong Community Garden Engagement	\$20,000.00	November 2024
Burrumbeet Soldiers Memorial Hall	\$3,435.00	November 2024
Central Wendouree Bowls Club Inc.	\$9,045.45	November 2024
Centre For Multicultural Youth - Ballarat	\$6,780.16	November 2024
Chinese Australian Cultural Society Ballarat Inc.	\$5,030.00	November 2024
City Oval Bowling Club Inc	\$2,670.00	November 2024
Forest Rangers Soccer Club	\$9,874.00	November 2024
Heartbeat Victoria Ballarat Branch	\$4,620.00	November 2024

Community Group or Organisation	End Date	Total Amount Funded
Hockey Ballarat	\$3,116.90	November 2024
Lakeside Anglers Club Inc	\$2,000.00	November 2024
Mt Clear Cricket Club	\$3,407.00	November 2024
Little Dreamers Australia	\$5,969.82	*Little Dreamers declined partial funding.
Pax Hill Scout Camp	\$7,889.97	November 2024
Probus Club of Ballarat New Generation	\$1,900.00	November 2024
Reverse Advent Calendar	\$8,985.40	November 2024
Scouts Victoria	\$4,155.00	November 2024
SEBASTOPOL MENS SHED INC.	\$2,136.00	November 2024
Seeding Victoria Inc.	\$6,978.00	November 2024
St Paul's Anglican Church, Ballarat East	\$10,000.00	November 2024
The Hidden Orchard	\$3,207.97	November 2024
The Lab Ballarat	\$1,215.46	November 2024
THE SALVATION ARMY (VICTORIA) PROPERTY TRUST	\$9,209.10	November 2024
VRI Delacombe Cricket Club	\$7,163.30	November 2024
ROUND 2		
1st Mount Clear Scout Group	\$6,502.73	June 2025
1st Wendouree Scouts	\$6,267.00	June 2025
Ballarat Autism Network	\$9,994.00	June 2025
Ballarat Badminton Association	\$778.72	June 2025
Ballarat Blaze Hockey Club	\$1,554.75	June 2025
Ballarat Community Garden Inc	\$5,896.00	*Due to a change of circumstances, Ballarat Community Garden declined grant funding.
Rowing Ballarat Incorporated	\$5,000.00	June 2025
BLOC Music Theatre	\$4,545.45	June 2025
Committee For Miners Rest	\$2,000.00	June 2025
InterClub Drop-In Centre	\$3,958.00	June 2025
Scotsburn Hall Community Asset Committee	\$2,295.00	June 2025
University of the Third Age (U3A) Ballarat	\$8,672.73	June 2025
Victoria Park Football Club	\$6,313.74	June 2025
Wat Thai Bhavana Ballarat Australia Inc.	\$1,772.73	June 2025

Appendices D – Tourism Event Grants funded for 2023/24

Event	Total Amount Funded	Date of Event
U15 Boys & Girls National Lacrosse Championship	\$10,000.00	27 September 2023
U13/U17 Yonex Australian National Championships & Para Badminton Come and Try	\$10,000.00	25 September 2023
Ballarat Rock 'N' Roll Festival	\$15,000.00	11-12 Nov 2023
Australian Museum and Gallery Association (AMaGA) 2024	\$20,000.00	17 September 2024
Australian Festival of Queer Theatre	\$10,000.00	22 August 2024
Minitube Dog TechDays 2024	\$5,000.00	22 February 24
Golden City Classic - Disc Golf	\$2,000.00	20 – 21 January 2023
The Gruffalo Trail	\$15,000.00	9 March – 14 April 2024
Spirits Victoria Association	\$15,000.00	4 – 6 August 2024
Forestry Australia Symposium 2024	\$15,000.00	29- 31 October 2024
Ballarat Rock 'N' Roll Festival	\$10,000.00	6 – 7 April 2024
Poco Film Festival 2024	\$20,000.00	2 – 3 August 2024
The Red Series*	\$13,000.00	26 – 27 July 2024

**The Tourism Events Assessment Committee fully funded the Red Series 50 percent of the budget allocation was funded from the 2023/24 budget and the remaining 50 percent is to be funded from the 2024/25 budget.*



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