



# GRANTS BULLETIN

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Well after a bumper crop of grants last month October is a little quieter, however the indications are it is the calm before the storm. The budget announcement confirms that the Government will continue to stimulate the economy through infrastructure projects and opportunities to support community organisations and projects.

Barnaby Joyce's office has advised funding support towards Drought Resilience Grants (currently open), with Building Better Regions Fund and Stronger Communities Programme anticipated to open soon.

There was also an additional funding allocation from the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure fund of just over \$1 million to our Shire. We will be able to access this from January 2021.

If you have small or major projects on your wish list now is the time to get them 'shovel ready'. I outline how to do this in the Topic of the Month (below).

## October is Small Business Month

I think we can all agree that our small businesses have had a rough time of it, with three years of drought and then a pandemic thrown into the mix. So this Small Business Month is a bit of a celebration of the hard work, faith and determination that our businesses put in that keeps our towns running. Upper Hunter Shire Council and the Scone Chamber of Commerce are collaborating to bring a range of events for businesses in our Shire.

We started with a 'Women in Business' event at the start of the month, with Lucy Turnbull as our Keynote speaker. I was incredibly impressed at Lucy's CV, and a little embarrassed to have known so little about her independent accomplishments (so much more than a Prime Ministers wife!!).

We are now making the final preparations for our Small Business Expo, to be held October 26 in Campbells Corner. A range of stands and guest speakers will be available throughout the day. Make sure you follow Council's and/or the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

We are also running a 'Purchase and Win' campaign, with any purchase from our small businesses eligible for entry to win one of four \$250 'We LIVE Here' local investment cards. Simply complete an entry form at the business you made the purchase and leave with the sales staff. The winners will be drawn at the Expo on October 26.

*Jacqui*

## Topic of the Month—Getting 'Shovel Ready'

The term 'shovel ready' is used widely in the world of grants, and loosely speaking means that your project is ready to go on execution of a deed (signed contract) with the funding body. With grants being so competitive you should only look to put forward applications that have everything in place. If you are applying for infrastructure funds (to build something) you should have all approvals in place including Development Applications and permissions.

Plans should be drawn up and detailed costings prepared. Quotes for the work should be on file and ready to submit. Supporting documentation may include letters of support, committee minutes, survey results and photographs.

When you are preparing a project you should have all of these things on hand. Grant applications work best when they are pro-active, not reactive. And there is nothing more stressful than having a deadline looming and still be waiting on a letter of permission (needed if you don't own the land) or a letter of support that will increase your chances of funding. Therefore they should be organised well in advance—including giving people plenty of time as they can be time consuming to do. You might like to draft a sample letter of support outlining the sort of information you need. This is usually appreciated very much.

Once you have all of these documents on hand it can be much easier to recycle with revised costings and updates if you apply for more grants for the same, or similar project. This makes grant writing far less stressful and increases your chance of success.

If you would like some advice or support on your grant application please don't hesitate to contact me.

	CLOSING	FUNDING BODY	FUND NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	GRANT SUMMARY	SUITED TO	GRANT LINK
	16/10/2020	Federal Govt	Festivals Australia	Average \$40k	Supports individual art projects that allow community members living in regional or remote Australia to participate in or appreciate an arts driven experience in a festival or one off celebration of significant community impact	Arts/Culture/Events	<a href="https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/festivals-australia">https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/festivals-australia</a>
	30/10/2020	Federal Govt	Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program	Up to \$200k	The program will provide grants to organisations, farmer groups and individuals to deliver on-ground activities that build drought resilience on agricultural landscapes.	Community Services	<a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund/nrm-drought-resilience-program-grants">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund/nrm-drought-resilience-program-grants</a>
	30/10/2020	Department of Primary Industries	Recreational Fishing Grants	Less than \$10k Over \$10k	for projects that improve and promote recreational fishing across the State	Sporting	<a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds</a>
	2/11/2020	Transgrid	Community Partnerships Program	Up to \$5k	Provides not-for-profit groups with funding to help deliver initiatives that will have a tangible and lasting impact on local communities.	Community Services	<a href="https://transgrid.com.au/being-responsible/community-partnership-program">https://transgrid.com.au/being-responsible/community-partnership-program</a>
	23/11/2020	NSW Office of Sport	Local Sport Defibrillator Grant	\$1,250	50% of costs associated with the purchase of defibrillators for NSW sports clubs and councils providing the opportunity to acquire an AED package for their club or sports	Sporting	<a href="https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator?inf_contact_key=6aae0a6196c12c5d265448037542ecd680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1">https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator?inf_contact_key=6aae0a6196c12c5d265448037542ecd680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1</a>
	24/11/2020	FRRR	Small and Vital	Up to \$10k	Funds a broad range of projects that increase community participation including infrastructure	Community Services	<a href="https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/Strengthening_Rural_Communities?utm_source=FRRR+Master+Newsletter+List+Nov+2016&amp;utm_campaign=25c9e9ff2-eNews_August_2020&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_836e76c36c25c9e9ff2-77402961&amp;mc_cid=fad890c2dc&amp;mc_eid=e8775ea4a1">https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/Strengthening_Rural_Communities?utm_source=FRRR+Master+Newsletter+List+Nov+2016&amp;utm_campaign=25c9e9ff2-eNews_August_2020&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_836e76c36c25c9e9ff2-77402961&amp;mc_cid=fad890c2dc&amp;mc_eid=e8775ea4a1</a>
	31/05/2021	Federal Govt	RISE (Restart Investment to Sustain & Expand)		Provides targeted funding assistance for sector organisations seeking to restart, re-imagine or create new activities. The program is intended to assist by providing funding for the presentation of new or re-shaped cultural and creative activities and events including festivals, concerts and tours	Arts/Culture/Events	<a href="https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/rise-fund?mc_cid=fad890c2dc&amp;mc_eid=e8775ea4a1">https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/rise-fund?mc_cid=fad890c2dc&amp;mc_eid=e8775ea4a1</a>
	Until allocation exhausted	Department of Primary Industries	Drought Resilience	Approx \$3k	Projects and events that bring drought impacted communities together	Community Services	<a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rural-support/rural-resilience-program">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rural-support/rural-resilience-program</a>
	Until allocation exhausted	Regional Arts Fund	Relief Grants	Up to \$3k	Relief grants are designed to assist regional artists, arts organisations and communities to meet their immediate needs.	Arts/Culture/Events	<a href="http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/raf-relief-grants/">http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/raf-relief-grants/</a>
	OPEN	Glencore	Community Fund	Up to \$3k	Community initiatives that will make a positive impact	Community Services	<a href="https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/G08447">https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/G08447</a>
	OPEN	Local Land Services (NSW)	Community Small Grants	Up to \$2k	Projects that build skills and knowledge in land management practices and community participation	Community Services	<a href="https://hunter.lis.nsw.gov.au/our-region/grants-funding-scholarships">https://hunter.lis.nsw.gov.au/our-region/grants-funding-scholarships</a>
	OPEN	Sport Australia	Sporting Schools - Programme Delivery Grants	Up to \$3,100	Funded per term to deliver sport based activities before, during or after school hours	Sporting	<a href="https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/funding">https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/funding</a>
	OPEN	Matana Foundation for Young People	Matana Foundation	Up to \$10k	Funds NFP that improve the lives and opportunities of disadvantaged young people	Charity	<a href="http://matanafoundation.org.au/">http://matanafoundation.org.au/</a>
	OPEN	Bengalla	Community Grants	Unfixed	building community capacity, address development challenges	Community Services	<a href="mailto:community.relations@bengalla.com.au">community.relations@bengalla.com.au</a>
	OPEN	Wettenhall Environmental Trust	Small Environmental Grant Scheme	\$up to \$10k	projects that make a different to the environment	Community Services	<a href="https://wettenhall.org.au/">https://wettenhall.org.au/</a>
	OPEN	Australia Council for the Arts	Leg Up Grants	Up to \$500	Funds for museum volunteers to attend professional development	Arts/Culture/Events	<a href="https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/leg-up/">https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/leg-up/</a>
	OPEN	Australian Department of Industry, Innovation & Science	Maker Grants	Up to \$20k	Supports the establishment of maker spaces in school	Schools	<a href="https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/inspiring-australia-science-engagement/maker-projects">https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/inspiring-australia-science-engagement/maker-projects</a>
	OPEN	Regional Arts NSW	Quick Response Grants	Up to \$1500	Regional artists, organisations and communities who need funds quickly	Arts/Culture/Events	<a href="http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/org/">http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/org/</a>
	OPEN	Hunter Bird Observers Club	Wilma Barden Memorial Grant	Up to \$2k	for research projects promoting the protection of birds	Individual	<a href="https://www.hboc.org.au/field-studies/wilma-barden-grants/">https://www.hboc.org.au/field-studies/wilma-barden-grants/</a>
	OPEN	Department of Veterans' Affairs	Saluting their service	Up to \$4k	projects and activities that commemorate Australia's involvement in wars	Community Services	<a href="https://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/consultation%20and%20grants/sts/STS_Program_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/consultation%20and%20grants/sts/STS_Program_Guidelines.pdf</a>
	OPEN	Keep NSW Beautiful	Community Litter Grants	Up to \$5k	Projects that reduce litter long term in the public space	Community Services	<a href="http://knsbw.org.au/our-programs/community-litter-grants/community-litter-grants-faq/">http://knsbw.org.au/our-programs/community-litter-grants/community-litter-grants-faq/</a>
	OPEN	IOOF Foundation	Grants for Organisations	Up to \$60k	NFP working with disadvantaged families, children, youth & aged care	Community Services	<a href="http://www.iooffoundation.org.au/grant_application">http://www.iooffoundation.org.au/grant_application</a>
	Varied	Harcourts Foundation	Harcourts Foundation Grants	Up to \$10k	Funds projects and activities with a wide community impact	Charity	<a href="http://harcourtsfoundation.org/apply/">http://harcourtsfoundation.org/apply/</a>
	OPEN	Hunter Valley Operations	Community Funding Grants	Unspecified	Projects & activities that build positive and lasting social & economic benefits	Community Services	Contact Merri Bartlett merri.bartlett@hvo.com.au Phone 0455782292