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Newsletter

Community Bank · Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud

BUILD100 Grant results!

The Avoca District Co-operative Limited is pleased to announce the recipients of their recent BUILD100 Community Grant Program.

Thirty applications were received from community groups, requesting \$372,875 in financial support to deliver projects that totalled \$704,850.

Sixteen projects were selected to be funded from a variety of community sectors from Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud to the value of \$98,691.

"COVID-19 has had real impact on our communities. So many of our local groups rely on fundraising activities to survive which has not been possible for most of this year," said Lloyd Gollop, Chairperson of the Co-operative.

"Now in its second year, the BUILD100 Community Grant Program is a great opportunity for our community to receive much needed financial support for a range of projects and activities, especially during the pandemic."

As the managing company for Community Bank Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud, the Co-operative has donated a portion of its profits back to the community since its inception in 1999.

"This years grant round brings our community contributions to over \$15 million dollars. We thank all of our customers for making this possible. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to have such a large impact," Mr Gollop added.

"Receiving this grant will allow McCallum to build a disability compliant, inclusive art and craft space that

caters for everybody in the community," said Leigh Cooksley, Operations Manager for McCallum Disability Services Inc in St Arnaud.

"Specifically, it will allow those living with a disability the chance to partake in art and craft specific groups and programs, and also provide a space that will be available to the general public to run art classes and groups without the need to be concerned about keeping the area clean and spotless," he added.

"The project involves the purchase of photographic equipment to allow ASTERIA to provide photographic workshops for people with disability," said Michael Ritchie, Asteria Services Inc President.

"This exciting project will help build the skills, confidence and social inclusion of the participants," he added.

"The Community Bank support means we can upgrade our projector for a much clearer picture. We try to provide a wide range of movies for a small cost and we wouldn't be able to do this without the continued support of the Community Bank," said Allen May, Casablanca Movie Club Inc President.

"Being able to invest part of our profits back into local communities is what makes Bendigo Bank stand out from the rest. Our banking products and services rival any bank in the country and we encourage people to drop into our branches in Avoca or Maryborough or the agency in St Arnaud and talk to our friendly team," Mr Gollop said.

The BUILD100 recipients

Maryborough Theatre Company Inc \$8,701

Equipment for the 2021 Maryborough Carols in the Domain which features a variety of entertainment, food trucks and children's entertainment.

Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre Inc. \$12,500

Funds towards a new first response vehicle which will be used by the registered nursing staff that undergo Remote Area Nurse (RAN) training.

McCallum Disability Services Inc \$22,599

A purpose-built art and craft space for use by the McCallum community, and also local community groups.

Dymocks Children's Charities Limited \$7,500

Dymocks will match the Community Bank contribution which will enable a \$15,000 Library Regeneration Program at MEC.

Navarre Historical Society Inc. \$3,861

The purchase of IT equipment to support the volunteers and visitors.

Maryborough Community House Inc. \$6,000

Software to support the Central Goldfields Volunteering Program which will provide opportunities to those seeking more connection within the community.

Wareek Public Hall Reserve Committee of Management \$6,000

An upgrade to the kitchen cupboards and storage facilities.

Central Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network Inc \$5,000

A contribution towards the purchase of a second L2P Vehicle which will assist St Arnaud (and surrounding areas) learner drivers to obtain their 120 hours driving experience.

Maryborough Midlands Historical Society \$1,518

The purchase of IT equipment to support the volunteers and visitors.

Avoca Country Golf and Bowling Club \$1,625

The purchase of a continuous flow hot water service which will allow a variety of patrons safer access to free tea and coffee.

Casablanca Movie Club Inc. \$1,500

Purchase of a replacement movie projector.

ASTERIA Services Inc \$7,376

The purchase of photographic equipment to allow instructional photography workshops for people with a disability.

Stuart Mill Cemetery Trust \$1,400

Software to store information on the location of unmarked graves within the cemetery.

Community Men's Shed St Arnaud Inc \$1,100

The purchase of a combination sliding drop saw.

Goldfields Employment and Learning Centre Inc \$2,011

A range of equipment to run a Female Self Awareness Training Program.

Lord Nelson Park Fundraising Group Inc \$10,000

A contribution towards the \$150,000 community fundraising project which will allow for the completion of landscaping, footpaths, ramps, garden bed plantings and secure storage for equipment and assets of the user groups.

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