

## **Attachment – Grant Application Panel Review Recommendation**

Organisation and Project	Total Project Cost	Requested amount	Panel Review
<b>Tolmie Community Social Club</b> : Upgrade of Community Space to Improve Functionality at Recreation Reserve. The new Tolmie Community Social Club proposes to rebuild the existing Secretary/Treasurers Office, which will be a multi-purposed facility, serving as a bar from the Social Club and offices for Tolmie Sports and all-weather facilities for campers and local users.	\$47,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Very strong application and in-kind contribution. Demonstrates strongest link to criteria and funding objective. Community Connectivity and ongoing community benefit is evident. Received grant to upgrade public toilets in 2021 on same reserve (but different applicant group). This upgrade was completed in the specified timeframe. <b>Recommendation: this project to be funded as applied: \$20,000</b>
<b>Goughs Bay Area Progress Association</b> : Goughs Bay Shelter and BBQ, with the installation of a 4x4 metre skillion roof shelter and a single electric hotplate BBQ. The shelter and BBQ would be located in the newly developed recreational area which has seating and landscaping.	\$30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Good application, however project had an unconfirmed funding component and its effect on the entire project was not clear. Picnic Point has an existing shelter and BBQ, but this is a fair distance from the proposed location, the location proposed is more prominent and will compliment streetscape works (tables and chairs) being installed this year. The support letter from GMW requires that the MOU be updated to give ongoing management responsibilities to Council for cleaning BBQ etc - this will need to be addressed. Currently no water or power at the proposed site either. Council has allocated \$50,000 this year to the Goughs Bay Streetscape project and has also allocated funds from the Outdoor Activation Program towards tables, chairs and shades at the Boat Club. <b>Recommendation: this project be funded at 50% of applied amount, being \$10,000 to cover costs to build the shelter.</b> <b>Council Officers to review purchase of BBQ in conjunction with finalising the Streetscape project scope and look into MOU re: cleaning of BBQ.</b>

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Jamieson Community Group & Associated Bodies Inc.: The reparation of existing structure in Jamieson Recreation Reserve to make safe for use for the community, create an appealing gathering point for all community members and to increase the utilisation of the Recreation Reserve which has flagged as underutilised by Council and DELWP.	\$21,000.00	\$ 19,800.00	Good application and high need to repair shelter but application would benefit from more detail on how it will increase community use of the reserve. Recreation reserve is recognised in the Open Space Strategy as an underperformer and it is acknowledged the local community are very keen to improve this underutilised space. Further works would be required to improve the open grass surface to promote use for junior sport etc., and development of further improvement plans in conjunction with the community would be beneficial (eg masterplan recommended). Toilet improvements may also be required, and DELWP should be approached as the existing structure appears in poor repair, is possibly unsafe and falls under their land ownership. Council has committed \$25,000 this year for acquisition of the Police Paddock in Jamieson and \$200,000 for upgrade of the Perkins St toilets. <b>Recommendation: no funding be allocated in this round, however there is support for Council Officers to work with the group to seek support for funding from other sources (e.g. DELWP or Open Space budget allocation/bid.)</b>
Merton Campdraft: Improve Sporting and Recreation Facilities at Merton Recreation Reserve by purchasing and installing permanent infrastructure. The added infrastructure will be accessible for all levels of various rural sporting pursuits. The project will reduce risk and increase safety by providing permanent purpose-built facilities for the community. We are proposing the purchase and installation of steel livestock yards, loading race and cut out pen.	\$29,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Strong application with multiple letters of support. Strong Community Group with a demonstrated capacity to delivery projects successfully. Completion of this project adds additional value to the community as it would provide secure yards which could be used for protecting stock in bushfire situation. Acknowledgement of a very good 'in kind' contribution in application. <b>Recommendation: this project be funded as applied: \$20,000</b>

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<b>Merrijig Public Hall Inc</b> .: Painting of Community Hall and maintenance of interior. The Merrijig Hall had major renovations in 2009. Since then the hall has not been repainted. The pain work of all sides in areas is flacking off, but especially the front and back of the hall.	\$13,000.00	\$ 12,347.50	The Hall is heavily used by the community, however a site inspection indicated that the Hall exterior looks acceptable currently and recommended assessing the need again in two years. As this is maintenance work it may be eligible for DELWP funding. <b>Recommendation: no funding be allocated in this round, however there is support for Council Officers to facilitate connecting the Committee of Management to DELWP funding opportunities.</b>
<b>Bonnie Doon Community Group</b> : The Bonnie Doon Historical House Project is a two staged project. Stage 1 is to relocate a 1930's historical Bonnie Doon house to the Community Centre, undertake re-stumping and external renovation including all abilities access. Stage 2, continue to seek funding and local contributions for internal refurbishment, utilise the building to inform, educate and tell our story by way of photographs, displays and artefacts.	\$57,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	The application only covers the relocation of the building and does not address the plan for interior/utility upgrade. No confirmation of where the shortfall (\$30,000) of funds will be sourced to complete the project. Possible standstill on project given extra funding is required from elsewhere and remains unconfirmed. Council has allocated \$50,000 this year to the Bonnie Doon Streetscape project and \$15,000 for upgrade of existing Community Centre facilities, in addition to taking on the Committee of Management responsibility for the Bonnie Doon Recreation Reserve. <b>Recommendation: no funding be allocated in this round, however there is support for Council Officers to work with the group in conjunction with the Bonnie Doon streetscape project and help identify funding opportunities.</b>
<b>Woods Point Progress Association:</b> Upgrade of playground with additional equipment to address the current lack of facilities in operation and provide a tourism boost for the local area.	\$20,000.00	\$ 19,666.25	Good community involvement but limited detail in application on the community difference the project would make. Panel acknowledged it's a small community and has a need for input from Council. Council Officers are currently working with the community to seek funding for river bank repairs (with assistance from local mining company) and with DELWP on upgrade plans for local reserves. <b>Recommendation: no funding be allocated in this round, however there is support for Council Officers to work with the group and prepare a budget bid/seek other funding opportunities to offer goodwill assistance to Woods Point Community</b>

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