

Organisation & Project Description	Requested Grant amount (\$)	Panel Recommendation (\$)	How will your project support the objectives of the Outlying Communities Infrastructure Fund?	Why is your project needed?
Bonnie Doon Community Group Inc. - Billy's House. The project aims to re-locate and upgrade a 1930's Bonnie Doon residence from its current site at 31 Amot Street to the rear of the Community Centre at 75 Amot Street. The funding is required for the first stage of this project which is relocating and weather proofing the house.	\$20,000	FUND \$20,000	The main objective of the project is to enhance Bonnie Doon's visual and aesthetic character in a way that benefits locals and visitors alike and to raise the community's awareness and pride in their town's pioneering history. It has been well documented that this 'sense of place' strengthens a community because individuals are more willing to bond with each other, to congregate, to talk to each other and to care for their environment. The Community Centre has a very good track record of encouraging participation and social interaction. In 2011 we relocated and renovated the dilapidated Free Library building to the Community Centre. It is now a much-used asset. Now, after covid and the ever-growing local population, it is vitally important that we build on what has previously been established and to meet the future needs of our growing area to connect and engage permanent and semi-permanent residents as well as tourists. The project fits with Council Plan, Connected and Healthy Community, Strategy 2.2 Create environment where community can recreate and contribute to health and well-being. It also complies with Strategic Objective 3. Intelligent Land Use and Infrastructure; Strategy 3.2 Enhance Township Character.	Once a bustling little township, Bonnie Doon has not much else to offer than its proximity to Lake Eildon. Its infrastructure is poor consisting of a pub, a licensed post office, two petrol stations, a hall, a church and the Bonnie Doon Community Centre. Through its interaction with the public, the latter is ideally placed to gather information on people's wants and needs for their environment and it appears that locals and visitors alike are interested in Bonnie Doon's unique history. A whole town that was moved to make way for a weir, naturally intrigues and sets people wondering. Furthermore, the pioneering days of the township reach back to 1865 and tell stories of gold rush fever, squatters and farming settlement: a rich tapestry of human endeavours, social development and culture. The project is needed because it provides a venue where historical data in the form of pictures, objects, memorabilia and written material is stored and displayed for the public to peruse and study. Additionally, it is envisaged that basic refreshments will be sold with the proceeds going back to the community. Interest in the story of the town's relocation has always been strong. Bill's back to front house features on our old township walks, receiving positive feedback as a local icon ideal for showcasing our past. A number of people have offered to volunteer their services including help with the 1st stage and in the future. An end goal is to provide an interesting place to meet, visit and volunteer as Bonnie Doon grows.
Jamieson Art & Gardens (JAG's) under the auspice of the Jamieson & District Historical Society Inc. - Relocation of JAG's to St Peter's, Jamieson Anglican Church. The Jamieson Arts & Gardens has outgrown its current space and have been offered a unique opportunity to move from the Jamieson Historical Society outbuilding into St Peter's Anglican Church in Jamieson which will save this historic building for Jamieson Community use. The Jamieson Historical Society are supportive of this move, providing them with much needed space.	\$12,800	FUND \$10,000 \$2,800 not funded, items outside of grant guidelines	The Jamieson Arts & Gardens (Gallery on Nash) has been operating for eight years as a community co-operative with a group of eight local volunteers who give of their time to maintain and open the Gallery and nursery on weekends and public holidays. It is a most successful and valuable asset to the Jamieson Community providing local artisans and producers exposure and a venue to sell their goods at a low commission in Jamieson. We also provide local holiday makers and visitors a place to visit, appreciate and purchase local gifts and be greeted by friendly and knowledgeable locals able to provide brochures and points of interest within the local area (Information Centre). The Gallery has been offered a most exciting opportunity to move to a more local and usable venue - The Anglican Church in Grey St, just down from the Jamieson Memorial Hall and Cafe. It is a rare opportunity to keep the church open for wider community use, providing us with a more prominent location, larger display area in a unique and historic building. Our current location in a room off the Jamieson Museum in Nash St is very small and would be best used for further expansion of exhibitions by the Jamieson Historical Society. This opportunity to apply for a grant to relocate the Gallery would be beneficial to support many groups within the Jamieson Community and visitors, as well as the local arts and producer's, providing a historic and beautiful new venue and many more exciting community events. We aim to provide an environment where our Jamieson and the wider Mansfield community can come together to socialise, contribute and improve our health and wellbeing, enhancing the Jamieson experience.	This project is needed to ensure St Peter's Church stays within access by the Jamieson Community. This church is now rarely used for masses, funerals and the occasional wedding, thus the Parish of Mansfield and District and the Diocese of Wangaratta have offered the chance for the Jamieson Arts and Gardens Gallery to relocate, rent and work with them to promote and increase the community usage of this beautiful, historic venue. This unique opportunity has come at an invaluable time for the Jamieson Historical Society also. At present the Jamieson Arts & Gardens is located in a side room of the Jamieson Museum in Grey St providing minimal room for displays and nursery. The Jamieson Historical Society are keen to reclaim this space to extend their exhibitions. This offer to relocate to the beautiful and historic St Peter's Anglican Church in Grey St, just down from the Jamieson Hall and Cafe would be a great value not just to growing our Gallery, supporting the Jamieson Historical Society and adding another Tourist attraction/ venue. Relocation is seen by all groups such as the Jamieson Community Group, Jamieson Historical Society and businesses in Jamieson as being an exciting new venue to support the ever-growing tourist population to Jamieson as well as supporting and promoting local artisans and producers. The Jamieson Arts & Gardens Gallery is run and supported by local volunteers and any profits made go back to further develop the growth of this gallery and run free community events. We hope to create an environment where community and clubs can socialise and contribute to the health and wellbeing of our Jamieson Community, supporting our arts and local producers. (
Merton Recreation & Memorial Hall Reserves Inc -auspice for Merton Community Planning Committee - Merton Community Skate Park. To build a Skate Park at the Merton Recreation Reserve, constructed from concrete and steel including a quarter pipe, a funbox/grind box and a jump box. Designed to be fit-for-purpose now and expandable in future, with the addition of a grind rail and extra quarter pipe. Installed by local professionals with the assistance of in-kind labour and equipment.	20000	FUND \$20,000	The project will deliver significant benefits to the Merton community and the wider Mansfield Shire area, fitting perfectly within the vision of the Merton Recreation and Memorial Reserves Inc: *To manage the facilities and public spaces at hand, pro-actively and sustainably, to nurture, build and expand a thriving, inclusive, safe and adaptable community in Merton. *To encourage co-operative educational, environmental, sporting and group interest/social events resulting in a healthy, financially viable and culturally respectful Merton population hub. *To enhance overall community awareness and provide support for the physical and mental well-being, promoting the benefits of social interaction, connectedness and resilience, especially in times of crisis. The skatepark will: -Provide for a more inclusive and positive experience for community members and families, where recreation in a safe outdoor environment is important—providing for exercise, learning and enjoyment, facilitating families getting to know each other better and sharing experiences. -Promote community connectedness, resilience, mental health, care and support in this outlying community of the Mansfield Shire, that has no other public skate facilities within 30km. It will be a great benefit to our local children, adolescents and adults, promoting community cohesiveness and support. "Spaces like these draw locals from their homes. By actively supporting a diversity of ages and household types encourage neighbours to build cross-generational connections, improving our overall resilience and our sense of community." Michael Smith, Architect, The Age 28/9/22 Strong support and enthusiasm for expanding our local sporting and community facilities was expressed at our community planning meeting in July. Accordingly, we plan to expand and improve the sporting activities for our community at the Merton Recreation Reserve—adding to the skatepark in future years, planning a pump track and soccer facilities, upgrading and improving our existing facilities	Merton is a small outlying community on the South West edge of Mansfield Shire. The 2021 census identified approximately 216 residents (13% increase since 2016), 63 families (46% increase). The demographic is changing rapidly and the community is growing—most new residents have families. If we consider the wider area covering postcode 3715 which includes Ancona and Woodfield, the population is 371, there are 111 families and 66 children under 20 years all of whom would have access to the facilities in Merton. Bonnie Doon has 77 people in the under 20 age group who would also benefit. There is currently no skating equipment and little in the way of safe, adolescent friendly areas for these residents to play and exercise between Merton and Mansfield. This skate park facility is needed to support the growing number of families who now reside in the area. These families—both the children and their adult carers, need a safe and accessible skating area. The Merton Community Planning Meeting was well attended (over 50 local residents plus MSC officers and Councillors) and this project was the highest priority from the formal survey taken on that evening. It fits the Mansfield Shire Plan Strategic Objective 1—"The health and wellbeing of families and communities is maximised" by connecting and supporting young people, encouraging the community members to be healthy, safe and active; improving community connectedness, and improving playgrounds and recreation spaces.
Matlock Cemetery Trust - Shelter and interpretative information for visitors to the Cemetery. We would like to provide a Rotunda style shelter for the comfort of visitors and an interpretative sign that briefly outlines the history of the Cemetery	\$11,000	\$0	The Matlock Cemetery has been recovered, maintained and developed by the small group of Trustees and associates for approximately the past 25+ years. These individuals are either property owners at Matlock and St. Clair or their associates and have voluntarily given both their time and resources, both equipment and financial in the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Cemetery and it's environs. This has become a key element in maintaining and developing community connectivity and resilience whereby 'working bees' are an important focal point for the communities engagement and their sense of place and belonging. Also, being an Historic Cemetery, having been establish in 1864 it has become a source genealogical researchers as well as passing tourists who appreciate the history, care and respect that has been given to it.	The Cemetery currently has no Public facilities and as Council will be aware it can experience a variety of climatic extremes. The Trustees would like to provide a lightly protected area with basic seating whereby visitors could take advantage of experiencing the serenity and beauty of the location. Also, as it is on a well used Tourist route, the provision of an interpretative sign would help to make the visitors experience more appreciative and informative. As we have entered into this Application with minimal preparation, having only discovered and discussed this Funding offer at a recent Trustees meeting, we must apologise for the lack of details as to the costing and funding breakdown of the two proposals as we have had insufficient time to satisfactorily quantify them. The two items identified are examples of real needs at the Cemetery and are two of the many projects that we have on our wish list. Should you consider that either of these two projects have merit or believe that the Council may be able to assist our organisation in another way, we would be happy to discuss this further with you. May I extend my thanks to Clare Berghofer for assisting me with this application at such short notice.
Woods Point Progress—Woods Point Playground	46665-89	Funded as part of Council's capital works plan	Woods Point lacks many basic facilities other townships in the Shire take for granted. These basic facilities will enhance livability and provide a safe and fun space for community members and tourists alike. Many "holiday homes" in town have been owned for generations by individual families. This generational living is what provides Woods Point with so many rate payers and future community members. Often it is when we are children that we develop a deep love for people and places.	We would love to upgrade the facilities for the young families that already have houses in town and for the many others that pass through our town. Long weekends and Easter in particular, hundreds if not thousands pass through both in the summer months and in the winter months for the free snow. The more facilities we can provide the more tourism we can expect. *Please note that although the local pub is currently closed. This is not expected to go on much longer.