

Media Release



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AusNet Services to provide Bass Coast with \$20,000 in community grants

AusNet Services has launched a \$20,000 community development grant program to support Bass Coast not-for-profit organisations.

With the support of Bass Coast Shire Council, the 'Energising Your Community' program will award grants of up to \$3,000 for eligible projects run by not-for-profit organisations in the Bass Coast region.

AusNet Services' Customer & Support Team Manager, John Wills, said that AusNet Services is proud to assist community-minded groups that provide sustainable projects.

"Each year, we commit \$100,000 in sponsorships and donations to contribute to projects in the communities we service across Victoria," Mr Wills said.

"The Bass Coast Shire Council plays a significant role in the community, which is why we're proud to have their support in providing a total of \$20,000 in community grants to help the development of Bass Coast organisations.

"Our community development programs have been highly successful in helping not-for-profit organisations tackle the challenges facing their communities and we encourage eligible organisations to apply," he said.

Mayor of Bass Coast Shire, Councillor Kimberley Brown, said that the AusNet Services 'Energising Your Community' program would provide valuable funds for local groups.

"We know there are many community groups seeking funds to develop projects that have broad community benefits," Cr Brown said.

"This sort of funding creates real opportunities to improve social wellbeing, deliver projects or perhaps help pay for much needed equipment.

"We would encourage all eligible groups to consider making an application for a grant," she said.

Applications open on 1 October and close on 30 October, with application forms and guidelines available www.ausnetservices.com.au/aboutus/community

AusNet Services has completed major upgrades to South Gippsland's backbone powerlines running from the Morwell Terminal Station to Phillip Island, via Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

Since 2008, AusNet Services has replaced more than 80 kilometres of powerlines and hundreds of poles to improve the safety and reliability of the electricity supply to residents and businesses in South Gippsland, particularly during the summer tourist season, when the population swells.

AusNet Services sincerely thanks South Gippsland communities and businesses for their patience and cooperation.

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