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Community Assistance Grants Program open for Applications

Council's annual 2026/2027 Community Assistance Grants Program (CAGP) is now open for applications. The grants program is designed to provide support to local community groups and organisations that aim to enhance the wellbeing and connectedness of our district's residents.

Mayor Stephen McCarthy expressed his enthusiasm for the program, saying, *"The Community Assistance Grants Program has been retained to again reinforce Council's commitment to the wellbeing and development of our community. Through this initiative, we empower local organisations to create positive change and foster a sense of togetherness and to build our resilience and sustainability. I encourage all eligible groups to take advantage of this opportunity"*.

The CAGP seeks to foster a sense of wellbeing, promote collaboration among community stakeholders, and encourage innovative ideas and projects that will contribute to the betterment of our community. Through this program, Council aims to create a vibrant and inclusive community by supporting projects and activities that improve residents' quality of life and promote community engagement.

For the 2026/2027 CAGP, Council approved via its budget process to make available \$30,000. Eligible organisations can apply for a maximum funding amount of \$5,000 (excluding GST). Applicants may submit multiple applications if they have more than one eligible project.

It is important to note that funding applied for is not guaranteed, as allocations will be determined through a competitive, merit-based process. The selection will prioritise projects that offer the most significant benefits to our community to the greatest number of residents.

Applications for the 2026/2027 CAGP opened 3 August 2026 and close 11 September 2026. Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website.

Applications will be assessed based on a set of Council approved criteria, including incorporation details (including the provision of audited 2025/26 financial statements), project details, and budgets. The weighted scores for all criteria will be used to determine the applicant's ranking against the criteria. The criteria, as well as examples of eligible project and ineligible projects are contained with the CAGP guidelines.

Information about Council's Community Assistance Grants Program is available on Council's website: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/community/communityassistancegrantprogram>

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