

Media Release



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AusNet Services awards \$20,000 in grants

Today, Mansfield's electricity distributor AusNet Services presented 10 local non-profit organisations with grants totaling \$20,000 as part of its 'Energising your Community' Community Development Fund (CDF).

This development fund was run in partnership with the Mansfield Shire Council to support local organisations with project grants of up to \$3,000.

AusNet Services Regional Community and Customer Manager, Craig Velt, said the company recognises the significant contribution local volunteer groups make to the community and is keen to support them.

"AusNet Services is committed to supporting local volunteer-based groups through our CDF programs in partnership with councils across our electricity network in eastern Victoria," Mr Velt said.

"Many of our staff live and work in these communities, seeing first-hand the significant contribution they make.

"We're pleased to support non-for-profit organisations in the Mansfield Shire and believe the projects run by the 10 worthy recipients will benefit the community," he said.

Mansfield Shire Council Mayor, Ray Robinson, said: "The 'Energising Your Community' Fund was a fantastic opportunity to work together with AusNet Services to benefit our community."

"The fund builds on Council's Community Matching Fund and supports the valuable work undertaken by volunteers and community groups in our Shire.

"Thank you AusNet Services for the opportunity and congratulations to all the community groups who were successful and are now achieving their goals," said Mayor Robinson.

Recipients of grants include:

- Arts Council of Mansfield;
- Ancona Hall Committee;
- Bonnie Doon Recreation Reserve;
- Bonnie Doon Football/Netball Club;
- Merton Recreation Reserve & Memorial Hall;
- Mansfield Gymnastics Club;
- Jamieson Community Group;
- Mansfield & District Equestrian Club;
- Merrijig Public Hall; and
- Mansfield Armchair Cinema.

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