

# Media Release



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## AusNet Services Announces \$20,000 in Grants for Bass Coast Community

Ten Bass Coast Shire community groups were presented with a total of \$20,000 in grants under AusNet Services' "Energising Your Community" Development Grant Program tonight.

Offered in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council, eligible applicants could apply for grants of up to \$3,000 for local community groups to deliver their projects.

AusNet Services' Customer Team Leader - East Region, Derek Walton, said AusNet Services is committed to partnering with local community groups to help complete sustainable projects.

"The Energising Your Community Development Grant Program is a meaningful way to support community groups who share AusNet Services' commitment to building stronger community relationships," Mr Walton said.

"I was delighted to present community group representatives with their certificates and listen to the significant contributions these community-minded projects will make to the Bass Coast community.

"Working with the communities in which we operate is paramount for AusNet Services - whether it's by being an employer of choice, or by partnering with organisations such as the Bass Coast Shire Council to identify and support worthy community activities," he said.

Each year, AusNet Services contributes \$100,000 through its sponsorship program to energise the communities in which it operates across eastern Victoria.

"The projects that are being funded are worthy initiatives that will have flow-on benefits not just for the groups involved but for the wider community," Mr Walton said.

Winners of the Bass Coast "Energising Your Community" grants include:

- Bass Coast Special School for "Music to Our Ears" – providing musical instruments for students
- Wonthaggi Genealogy Incorporated for two printers for members to print off their genealogy information
- Rhyll Mechanics Hall and Park Committee for a dishwasher in the kitchen
- SalvoCare Eastern Youth Services for "Skills for Life" – providing technical equipment to run independent living courses for underprivileged teenagers
- Corinella Bowling Club Incorporated for "Please be Seated" – new chairs for the bowling club
- Dalyston Hall Committee for an air-conditioner
- Inverloch CFA for a gazebo to run community information sessions
- Inverloch Stars Soccer Club for a gazebo to provide shelter for teams on game days
- Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre for "LtoP" - car safety equipment for learn-to-drive cars helping disadvantaged teenagers to obtain their driver's licence
- Rhyll Community Association Inc. for printing maps for walking tours around the local area

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