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AusNet Services Offers $20,000 in Community Development Grants for Strathbogie Shire

AusNet Services, Strathbogie's electricity distribution company, has announced a $20,000 community development program that will award grants of up to $3,000 to local not-for-profit organisations for eligible projects.

With the support of Strathbogie Shire Council for the first time, the 'Energising Your Community' development program will accept applications from Monday, 8 August until Friday 16 September 2016.

AusNet Services' Customer and Community Manager, Craig Velt, said that AusNet Services was proud to offer eligible community-minded groups grants to deliver sustainable projects within our electricity distribution network.

"Empowering the diverse communities we service is important at AusNet Services, which is why we're working with Strathbogie Shire Council to offer the funding program to help local organisations," Mr Velt said.

"Our community development programs have successfully helped not-for-profit organisations tackle the challenges their communities face for a number of years," he said.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor, Councillor Colleen Furlanetto, said that the AusNet Services 'Energising Your Community' program would provide valuable funds for local groups.

"We know there are many passionate people in our diverse community who support strengthening local connections. These people work hard at local sporting and recreation clubs, service organisations and support groups, to name a few, to deliver sustainable projects . Being able to access grants to purchase equipment to progress projects or deliver services will benefit not just these groups, but the wider community."

"This sort of funding program creates real opportunities to improve social wellbeing, deliver community projects or perhaps even pay for much needed equipment or renovations for groups to continue offering services that community members rely on."

"It's easy to apply and we would encourage all eligible groups to consider making an application for a grant," Cr Furlanetto said.
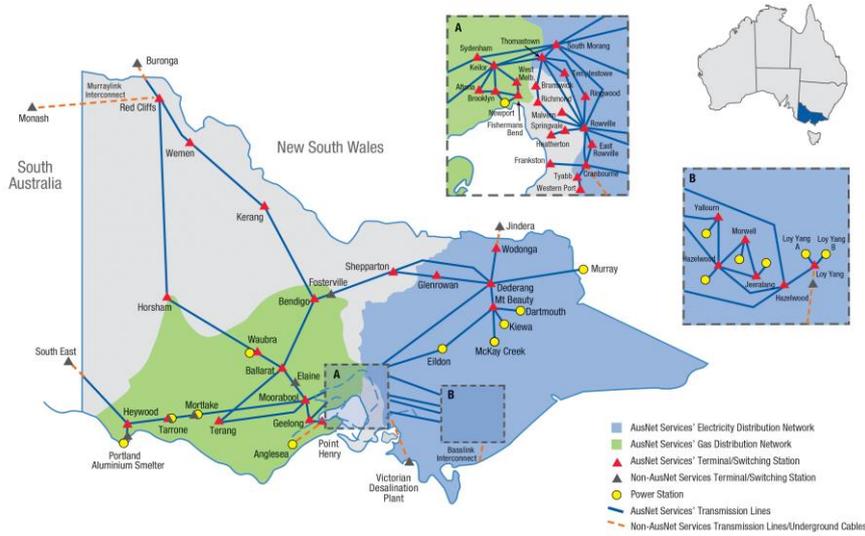
Applications open Monday, 8 August and close on Friday 16 September, with application forms and guidelines available at www.ausnetservices.com.au > About Us > Community

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