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AusNet Services Announces \$20,000 in Grants for Strathbogie Community

Eleven Strathbogie Shire community groups were presented with a total of \$20,000 in grants under AusNet Services' "Energising Your Community" Development Grant Program at a ceremony today.

Offered with the support of Strathbogie Shire Council, eligible applicants could apply for grants of up to \$3,000 for local community groups to deliver their projects.

AusNet Services' Customer and Community Manager, Craig Velt said AusNet Services is committed to partnering with local community groups to help undertake 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 relationships within the local area," Mr Velt said.

"At the presentation, I was delighted to welcome Strathbogie Shire's Mayor, Councillor Amanda McClaren and Councillor John Mason.

"Before the Mayor and I handed over the cheques, we listened to representatives from the successful community groups talk about the significant contributions these community-minded projects will make to the Strathbogie Shire.

"Working with the communities in which we operate is paramount for AusNet Services - whether it's by being an employer of choice, or by collaborating with councils such as Strathbogie Shire to identify and support worthy community activities," he added.

Strathbogie Mayor, Cr Amanda McClaren also said it was a pleasure to be part of the presentation's proceedings.

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

"The sporting and recreational clubs, and community groups in the Strathbogie Shire, play a pivotal role in strengthening ties in our community, so recognising them through offering grants such as this is important."

"I'd also like to thank the volunteers who give up their time to help others in our community; without their commitment, community projects would be extremely difficult to deliver, promote and maintain.

"It is pleasing to see such a broad range of community groups receiving grants across all regions of the Shire - I look forward to seeing the outcomes of the projects awarded a grant," she added.

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

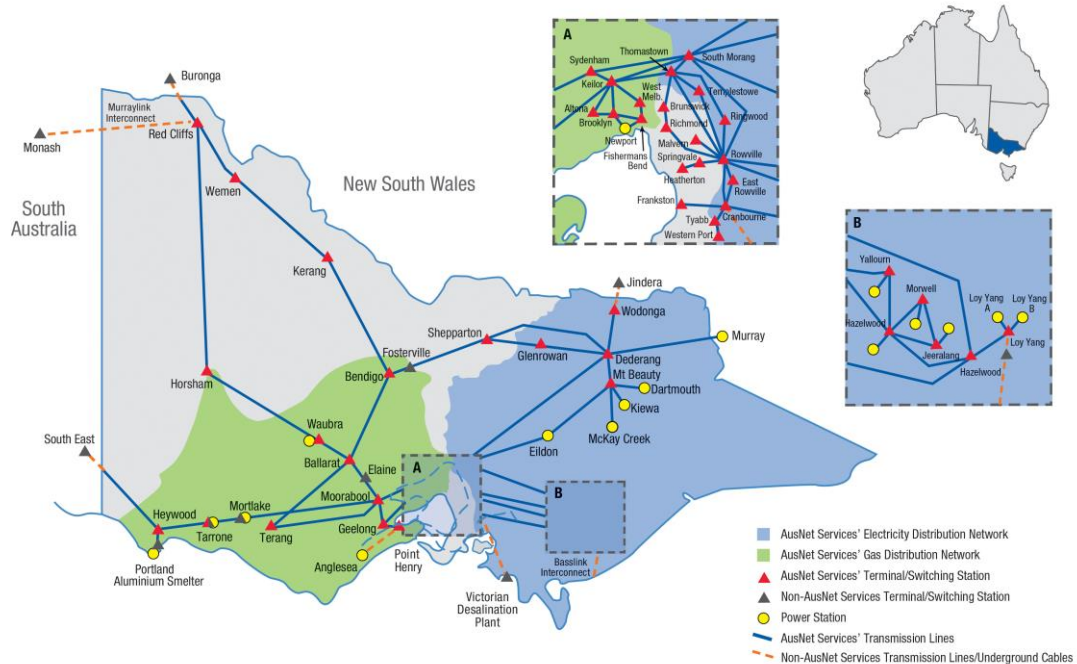
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Winners of the Strathbogie Shire “Energising Your Community” grants are:

- Avenel Bowling Club Incorporated for new bench seats on the rinks
- Euroa Basketball Association for playing equipment and umpire development
- Euroa Historical & Genealogical Society Incorporated for a display cabinet
- Nagambie Bowls Club for bowling equipment for a barefoot bowls and school program
- Nagambie Lakes Men’s Shed Incorporated for funds to connect the venue to the electricity network
- Nagambie & District Historical Society for a gazebo and chairs for events
- Nagambie Fire Brigade for an upgrade to their mobile trailer
- Ruffy Recreation Reserve to replace kitchen storage cupboards
- Strathbogie Golf Club for steps and sliding door improvements
- Strathbogie Memorial Hall for ceiling fans
- Tablelands Community Centre for an air-conditioning unit

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