Welcome to the latest edition of the Forbes Shire Council Fortnightly Grants Guide. This is a publication of Forbes Shire Council. Council employees a part time dedicated Grants Officer, Andrew Rawsthorne. Andrew is available to advise on grant funding and can assist with the preparation and acquittal of grant applications.

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Closing Soon

Habitat Action Grants

Angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW can apply for small grants of $2,000 or large grants of up to $40,000.

Habitat rehabilitation projects which may be funded include:

- removal or modification of barriers to fish passage
- rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh)
- re-snagging waterways with timber structure
- removal of exotic vegetation from waterways and replace with native species
- bank stabilisation works
- reinstatement of natural flow regimes


JB Fairfax Award for Rural and Regional Journalism

Are you a budding journalism student with a passion for rural and regional news? Launch your career with the JB Fairfax Award for Rural and Regional Journalism, a prestigious national award for an upcoming young jounro looking to gain practical experience in the field. A suite of three fantastic media internships and a $10,000 cash prize are up for grabs. Applications close this Sunday, 30th September.

For further information: http://fal.cn/VvtW. #RASNSW #RASF

Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - Round 34

Small Grants for Rural Communities is the longest running and broadest program FRRR offers, opening twice per year. It is a great example of a collaborative program that is supported by various partners, and it has the flexibility to address issues that make a real difference to the sustainability of rural, regional and remote communities.

For further information: https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/small-grants-for-rural-communities-round34.php
AgriFutures EvokeAg Pitch Tent

AgriFutures is inviting innovative ideas for the future of the food and agriculture industries to apply for its Pitch Tent session at the EvokeAG event in Melbourne in February 2019. Pitch Tent will provide a dynamic showcase of the agrifood tech ecosystem at evokeAG by:

- Providing opportunities for startups (across three different stages) to pitch in front of a captured audience that may assist in furthering their idea/product/service/problem
- Showcasing a group of high quality startups that are addressing key problems in the agricultural and food industries to delegates.
- Showcasing a variety of innovation cultivators

This is an idea pitching competition. It is an opportunity to pitch your idea – whether it be a business, service, product or any other idea that is relevant to the agriculture and/or food industries – in one of three pitching streams, to a panel of judges in front of a live audience at the evokeAG event, which will take place in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on Tuesday 19, February 2019 and Wednesday, 20, February 2019 at the Royal Exhibition Building.

Applications will be accepted in any one of the following three streams:

- Producer Problem Pitch
- Seed Funding Pitch
- Investment Ready Pitch

Information on the specific requirements for each stream, including further eligibility criteria, is available on the evokeAG website at www.evokeag.com

Protecting our Places grants

The Protecting Our Places grants program is now open for applications. The closing date is Monday, 8 October 2018 (3pm).

The Protecting Our Places Program is a contestable grants program for Aboriginal community groups and organisations, seeking to achieve long-term beneficial outcomes for the NSW environment.

Funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, the program encourages and empowers Aboriginal communities to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways that are of importance to local Aboriginal communities.

Multicultural NSW Celebrating Diversity Grants

Round One of the NSW Government’s Celebrating Diversity Grants is now open. The program provides funding for community projects, events and activities that foster community harmony and celebrate cultural diversity as a precious part of our identity and way of life. There are Two categories under the Celebrating Diversity Program that are open for application.

- Celebrating Diversity: Events – Grants of up to $10,000 available for festivals and events bring communities together, showcase the benefits of cultural diversity and promote social cohesion and community harmony. Applicants are eligible to receive grant funding to cover up to 20% of the total event budget up to the amount of $10,000 annually.

- Celebrating Diversity: Projects – Grants of up to $40,000 for 12-month projects than can make a lasting positive impact on social cohesion at the grassroots level.

Round One of this program closes on 28th September 2018. Round Two and Round Three of the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Grant Program will open in Nov 2018 and January 2019 respectively.
Opening Soon

Creative Kids Rebate

The Creative Kids Rebate can be put towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative and cultural activities such as music lessons, language classes, coding and digital, visual and performing arts.

From 1 January 2019, parents will be able to access both the $100 Active Kids voucher and the $100 Creative Kids Rebate each year for every school-aged child.

Parents will be able to access the rebate online or in person at a Service NSW centre.


Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants

Liquor & Gaming NSW offers grants to communities across NSW to support the building, renovation and fit out of infrastructure. Funding is available for sport and recreation, arts and cultural infrastructure, and projects that enhance facilities used to shelter communities and provide emergency services.


Back to School

FRRR’s Back to School (BTS) is a national program that has been operating since 2005, which helps rural and remote children and young people access quality educational experiences. The Back to School (BTS) initiative helps rural, regional and remote students to engage in learning and strengthen their educational outcomes.

Working through local community organisations, Back to School is a practical, positive program that makes a real difference in the lives of children by providing $50 gift vouchers from Target or local retailers, to students in need.

For further information: https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/back-to-school
Cattle Underpass Scheme

Department of Primary Industries' recently launched Cattle Underpass Scheme (CUPS). The CUPS will provide grants to farmers as a financial contribution towards the cost of constructing underpasses beneath public roads to allow cattle to move safely from paddock to paddock. A lower cost option included as part of the Scheme is to install cattle crossing warning signs with flashing lights to alert motorists. The CUPS aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Reduced risk of fatalities and injuries due to vehicles colliding with farmers, farm employees and cattle at cattle crossing sites.
- Reduced risk of near-misses where vehicles swerve or brake to avoid colliding with farmers, farm employees and cattle at cattle crossing sites.
- Reduced traffic delays for commuters, freight vehicles and tourists at cattle crossing sites.
- Improved productivity and profitability for farms with cattle crossing sites.

The CUPS will offer grants for half (50 percent) of the cost of an underpass, up to a maximum of $70,000 (+ GST). The farmer is responsible for the remaining cost.

As an alternative to an underpass, grants for signs and flashing lights to warn motorists they are nearing a cattle crossing site, are available for half (50 percent) of the cost of their purchase and installation, up to a maximum of $10,000 (+ GST). The farmer is responsible for the remaining cost.

Community

Regional Growth Fund

A new range of initiatives is about to be launched by the NSW State Government Regional Growth Fund. They include:

- **Growing Local Economies** – unlocking the economic potential of regional towns and cities and creating jobs
- **Regional Sports Infrastructure** – supporting participation and high achievement for regional sporting communities
- **Connecting Country Communities** – improving telecommunication connectivity in regional NSW to drive economic growth
- **Stronger Country Communities** – investing in projects that improve local amenities for residents, such as upgrades to local parks, community centres and playgrounds


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Grow a Star

GROW A Star – is an initiative which encourages generational change and encourage community connectedness within our young people and give them access to sporting, musical and academic activities. For further information:

Jetstar Flying Start

This program invites community groups and organisations across Australia to apply for a grant for $30,000, made up of $15,000 cash and $15,000 worth of travel with Jetstar to fund a project that will enrich the lives of people in their local community.

2018 Disability and Inclusion Program

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education Disability and Inclusion Program is to provide funding and support to enable children with disability and additional needs in community preschools to participate in a quality early childhood education program on the same basis as all children.


Australian Communities Foundation

Each year ACF makes hundreds of grants to support charitable organisations and projects all around the country and internationally. Contact ACF on 0394120412 or email grants@communityfoundation.org.au

Australian Ethical Investments Community Grants Program

Every year Australian Ethical Investments donates 10% of its pre-tax profits to organisations making a positive difference in the world. Grants are available for $5000, $10,000 & $20,000. Eligible organisations include those working for charitable, benevolent and conservation purposes as part of a contribution to a positive and sustainable society.


Macquarie 50th Anniversary Grants

Supporting the communities in which we live and work has been an important part of Macquarie’s activities since our inception in 1969. In that time, our people have devoted thousands of hours to work with non-profit organisations around the world and contributed more than $A330 million to drive social change at the local community level.

We are delighted to mark our 50th anniversary by extending this tradition with a further $A50 million commitment. It is expected to be awarded to five non-profit organisations ($A10 million each) over a five-year period to fund projects globally that will have a lasting community benefit.

This new global award seeks to initiate or build on bold ideas that address an area of social need. We encourage non-profits to be imaginative in their thinking about the enduring outcomes they can achieve with this funding. Applications are now open and will close at 5pm, Friday 16 November 2018

For further information: https://www.macquarie.com/au/about/community/50award
Teach Rural Scholarships for Teachers

The NSW Government has introduced a new *teach.Rural scholarship program* aimed at attracting more teachers to rural and remote areas across NSW. The program is intended to allow more regional students to have access to top quality educators, and give teachers from metropolitan areas the opportunity to experience regional NSW and the benefits of rural living. The *grants* will offer university students in teacher education courses a *subsidy to study* and a full-time job after graduation on the condition that they teach in a public schools in regional NSW for at least three years. In addition to the grants, recipients who achieve a credit average or above will have their **HECS debt of up to $50,000 paid.**

Benefits, for both new and existing teachers, vary from school to school but may include:

- rental subsidies of 50-90%
- annual retention benefits of $5,000 gross for a maximum of five years
- additional personal leave
- additional professional development days
- locality allowances
- transfer points

There are a number of destinations across Central West NSW offering special incentives for teachers, including:

- Condobolin area – encompassing Condobolin, Eubalong West, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham and Tullibigeal
- Grenfell area – comprising Greenethorpe, Caragabal and Quandialla
- Parkes area – comprising Bogan Gate, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore

The full range of Benefits and Incentives for Teachers and Executives in rural and remote NSW public schools can be found here. For more information visit the [Department of Education teach.NSW website](http://teach.nsw.edu.au) or find the appropriate contact number here.
Flagship Funding

The Regional Flagship Events Program identifies and supports events in Regional NSW that have the potential to act as 'cornerstone', or Flagship, tourism events for their area by attracting overnight visitation and delivering long term benefits to their region.

Since it was established in 1996, the Regional Flagship Events Program has supported 351 separate events across Regional NSW.


AgriFutures Rural Woman of the Year Award

Women living and working in rural and regional Australia are invited to put forward applications for the 2019 AgriFutures™ Rural Women’s Award.

The Award is Australia’s leading award acknowledging and supporting the essential role women play in rural industries, businesses and communities. It provides a platform to inspire and support Australian women to use and develop their skills to benefit their industries and communities.

It can help you to secure funding for innovative ideas and projects, or open doors to professional development and Alumni networks. If you have an idea or innovation that could make a positive change for a rural industry or community you are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Wednesday 31st October.

For more information on the 2019 selection criteria or to apply online you can go to www.agrifutures.com.au/rwa

For any more information please contact Pip Grant on 0448 352 801 or email at Pip.Grant@agrifutures.com.au.

Jobs of Tomorrow

Jobs of Tomorrow scholarships will provide $1,000 for students who enrol in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related vocational qualifications. These will provide further incentives for students to enter careers that meet NSW's growing skills needs and provide positive job outcomes.

Before and After School Care Fund

Grants are available to help create new before and after school care places. The NSW Government created the $20 million Before and After School Care Fund to help deliver up to 45,000 additional out of school hours care (OSHC) places. NSW schools, local councils and not-for-profit OSHC service providers may apply for grants under the Fund. The one-off grant of up to $30,000 can be used for site modification and fit-out costs, project management (including tendering or regulatory costs), or to pay for necessary equipment to support new or expanded services.


Fostering Integration Grants

Applications are open for the Australian Government’s Fostering Integration Grants under its $5 million Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship Program. Fostering Integration Grant applications for a minimum of $10,000 up to a maximum of $50,000 (GST exclusive) for up to 12 months will be considered. Successful organisations may receive less funding than requested.

Grants will fund services, activities and events that seek to work with:

- newly arrived migrants
- first and second generation migrants
- communities showing early signs of or potential for integration challenges and/or racial, religious or cultural intolerance.

The aim of the Program is to support migrants to integrate into Australia by: encouraging the social and economic participation of migrants by developing skills and cultural competencies to integrate into Australian social, economic and civil life, and build community resilience; promoting and encouraging the uptake of Australian values and liberal democracy and amplifying the value of Australian citizenship; addressing issues within Australian communities that show potential for, or early signs of, low social integration, promoting a greater understanding and tolerance of racial, religious and cultural diversity.

To be eligible to apply for a grant, you must be a not-for-profit organisation that is a legally registered entity in Australia. Applications close at 2pm AEST on 9th November 2018

Aurizon Community Fund

Are you a charity or community group with a project in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment or education? If you are in need of funding, we can help.

Twice a year, we offer cash grants up to $20,000 to eligible organisations in communities we work and live in. In almost 200 locations across Australia, we support hundreds of charities and not-for-profits. You could be eligible to apply for a cash grant if you are a DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) organisation registered with the ATO. It doesn’t matter how big or how small your organisation is, if it benefits our communities, we want to help it succeed.

For further information: https://www.aurizon.com.au/community/community-giving

Community War Memorial Fund

The NSW Government established the Community War Memorials Fund to help conserve, repair and protect war memorials across NSW. Since the establishment of the program in 2008, grants have been provided for a wide range of projects including conservation assessments, honour roll repair, war memorial cleaning and conservation work, arborist advice for war memorial trees, security measures for memorials, repairs to war memorial halls and improvements to the accessibility of memorials. Closes November 11, 2018.


Anzac Community Grants Program

The Anzac Community Grants Program (ACGP) provides small grants for a range of projects that commemorate and educate New South Wales communities about the service and sacrifices of current and former military servicemen and women. Projects which support activities benefiting the NSW veteran community are also eligible for funding.

Small grants of up to $2,000 are provided to educational institutions, ex-service organisations, community groups, local government associations, museums and historical societies. Read the Anzac Community Grants Program information for applicants. Closes November 11, 2018.

Better Start

The Better Start for Children with Disability initiative provides funding for early intervention services. Children are eligible for the Better Start program if diagnosed with one of the following disabilities:

- Cerebral palsy
- Deafblindness
- Down syndrome, including mosaic Down syndrome
- Fragile X syndrome with full mutation.
- Hearing impairment
- Sight impairment
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Williams syndrome
- Angelman syndrome
- Kabuki syndrome
- Smith-Magenis syndrome
- CHARGE syndrome
- Cornelia de Lange syndrome
- Rett's Disorder
- Cri du Chat syndrome; or
- Microcephaly

Each disability included in the Better Start program is subject to an eligibility threshold. Children with an eligible diagnosis must register for Better Start before they turn 6 years old. A child will have until they turn 7 to access funding. Children registered with Better Start can access up to $12,000 (maximum $6,000 per year) to pay for early intervention services.

These services include:

- audiology
- occupational therapy
- orthoptics
- physiotherapy
- psychology and
- speech pathology.

Families living in outer regional or remote areas may be eligible for an additional one-off payment of $2,000. This payment is to assist with additional expenses associated with accessing services. For more information about how to register your child with Better Start call your local Carers Association on 1800 242 636 or http://betterstart.net.au/what-is-better-start/
Trade & Investment N.S.W – Family Energy Rebate

The Family Energy Rebate helps N.S.W family households to pay their electricity bills. $150 credit is given to families that meet the eligibility criteria.


Aged Care Rural, Regional and Remote Infrastructure Grant

The Department of Health is inviting applications from existing approved residential and home care providers in regional, rural and remote areas under the $40 million infrastructure investment in regional, rural and remote aged care. Services can apply for grants up to $500,000.

This grant opportunity is designed to assist existing approved residential and home care providers in regional, rural and remote areas to invest in infrastructure. Commonwealth Home Support Programme services will also be considered, where there is exceptional need. Funding will be prioritised to aged care services most in need and where geographical constraints and significantly higher costs impede services’ ability to invest in infrastructure works.

To be eligible you must be:

an approved residential or home care provider (as defined under the Aged Care Act 1997) or an approved Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) provider in exceptional circumstances (refer Frequently asked Questions)

and currently operating an aged care service located in Modified Monash Model Classification 3-7 or if a CHSP provider, the service is located in MMM 6-7. (MMM Locator).

Applications close 2pm on 24th October 2018.

Coopers Foundation Grants

The Foundation aims to improve and protect the quality of life of Australians by providing support to charitable organisations with recognised strengths in medical research and health care, youth education, aged care and fostering family and community support based on Christian values. Must have DGR Status to apply.

For further information: http://www.coopers.com.au/--community-news-events/the-coopers-foundation/overview/
Australian Lions Mobility Foundation

We empower children who cannot walk unassisted to reach their potential. We do this by facilitating the funding of walking devices that get kids out of their wheel chairs and onto their feet so that they are able to walk, explore, play, work and socialise. This makes them stronger and healthier - physically, emotionally and mentally. Walking is our gift to the child, a gift that benefits the child, their family and friends. Our on-going goal is to provide a walker to every child in Australia who needs one.

For further information: http://alcmf.lions.org.au/what-we-do/

Active in Parks

Active in Parks has funding opportunities to support organisations and community groups across Australia.

Take it Outside grants give you the opportunity to take your programs and activities outside by supporting you to buy equipment or resources. Grants of $500-$1500 are available and we will be sure to let everyone know when these grants are open for application.

‘Local Champions’ grants support organisations to champion Active in Parks in their state or territory. Grant applications between $7,500 and $15,000 will be considered, and funds must be acquitted within 12 months of receipt.

For further information: http://activeinparks.org/funding-2/

The Minderoo Foundation

The Minderoo Foundation was established by Andrew and Nicola Forrest in 2001 and was originally known as the Australian Children’s Trust. The Foundation’s work was based on the mandate to give a hand up, not a hand out and that ethos remains today. Since establishment the Foundation has supported over 250 initiatives across Australia and internationally in pursuit of a range of causes.

With over AU$645 million invested and committed philanthropically to date, the focus going forward has evolved and includes a partnership approach as well as the design and direct implementation of key initiatives. These include: driving change in global cancer research to encourage collaboration, ending modern slavery, creating parity for Indigenous Australians, ensuring all children in Australia reach their full potential, nurturing new talents in the arts, generating world-changing research and innovation in Western Australia and innovative community development and environmental conservation initiatives.

For further information:
https://www.minderoo.com.au/philanthropy/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw_o7NBRDgARIsAKvAgt3M-iudPqxh8mW-7zTvpu2M-aqKpzEvf06MPZ8smkYzE8kgpedwueEaAgHmEALw_wcB
Charity Brunch Community Grant

The Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales is seeking applications from independent organisations for its Charity Brunch Grant.

Established in 2009, the Charity Brunch is an annual fundraiser held during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Funds raised at the brunch (to a maximum of $20,000) go towards a selected grass roots project in country NSW which will have a positive social and economic impact on the broader community around it.

The mission of the Charity Brunch is to support rural communities with infrastructure to better the emotional, health and well-being needs of the community. To date, the Charity Brunch has raised over $230,000, with proceeds going to support communities including Parkes, Baradine, Inverell, Young, Bobadah, Condobolin, Binalong, Kempsey and Armidale with a variety of infrastructure and education needs.

To be eligible for funding, projects must:

- Align with the vision and mission of the Charity Brunch
- Be for initiatives or infrastructure that provide on-going benefit to the wider community
- Make a positive difference to social and/or community welfare, or assist in economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development.
- Be located in rural, regional and remote NSW (aligning with RAS Membership zones)

Preference will be given to applications that address one or more crucial area identified by the Charity Brunch Committee: including; Civil Infrastructure, Family Resilience, Multicultural Diversity, Youth and Education, Primary Production, Health and Wellbeing.

Applications will only be considered from independent organisations, funding will not be provided to an individual.

This grant will not consider projects commercial in nature, operating costs, overheads or salary costs. Applications will close at 5:00pm on Friday 26 October 2018.

Country Education Foundation Scholarships

Ready to take the next step in your education but wondering how you will afford to pay for your degree? CEF’s Scholarship Guide has all the tips you need to apply for financial assistance to help get you on your way.

For further information: http://engage.cef.org.au/page/18/scholarship

Cadbury Fundraiser Community Grants

For many years Cadbury Fundraiser has helped community organisations across Australia raise millions of dollars for their fundraising activities. The intention of the grant program is to support a wide range of community-based projects that increase social inclusion and enhance community engagement in Australia. Grants of up to $500 can be applied for but smaller grant amounts may be awarded. Grants can be applied for under the following grant categories:

- **Live Well**: Initiatives promoting increased opportunities for participation in sports and recreation or general community collaboration.
- **Learn Well**: Initiatives promoting increased opportunities for learning and development.

For further information: https://www.fundraising.com.au/community-grants

Sunsuper Dreams Program

The Sunsuper Dreams Program has four rounds of funding each year where three finalists are awarded $5000. The successful projects are then posted onto Sunsuper’s Dreams for a Better World web site for public voting. The project with the most votes receives a further $5000 and goes into Sunsuper’s annual awards event where the four round winners compete for grants of $25,000, $20,000, $15,000 or $10,000. Projects must aim to make a positive difference in the community and stand out from the crowd.

Australian Geographic Grants

Each calendar year the Australian Geographic Society donates generously to maintain its programme of sponsorship of Australian adventurers, scientific and environmental research, and community projects. Over the years it has spent much time and effort supporting Australian endeavour in all these fields.

For further information:
Local Sporting Champions
The Local Sporting Champions Program provides financial assistance for 12-18 year old people towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official N.S.O endorsed state or national championship competition. Grants of $500 are available.

For further information: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions

The Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program
The Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program provides funding for athletes, coaches, managers or officials to assist with out of pocket expenses when attending eligible international competitions. Up to $1000 a financial year for eligible national championships or $3000 for eligible international competitions is available.

For further information: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/eitaap

Active Kids Program
The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. From 31 January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to $100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

Indigenous Producer Internship Program

The Indigenous Producer Internship Program will provide the opportunity for participants to undertake creative producer internships with successful production companies on a full-time basis over a one-year period, or a part time basis over a two-year period, being mentored by an experienced Australian producer.

The program aims to grow the number of Indigenous Producers currently working in the Screen Industry, ensure sustainable ongoing employment, and increase screen credits for early career producers.

The applications will need to be jointly completed by the Indigenous Producer participant and the mentoring Producer and Company.


Explorers Grant

The Explorer’s Grant is a new initiative by CameraPro developed to support passionate visionaries with a mission to tell a story about a remote community experiencing social, environmental or financial hardship. We are looking to team up with problem solvers, creative geniuses and experienced collectors who are ready to make the world, or their community, a little better by telling their story.

It could be a global project, or it could be in your own backyard, but the community needs to be rural or remote. We will not only support the cause itself, but also give you the financial backing to document the story and help you share it with the wider Australian community. This grant is about providing both financial support and community exposure to a community looking to help themselves.

We’ve set aside $25,000 in total for the 2018 Explorer’s Grant program. We have $10,000 in total available for travel and production, $10,000 in total to donate to causes and $5000 in total for promotion and production. Applications for funding small and large are welcomed – we want to help you make the world better! We are looking for creativity that has impact and a strong reach.

Create NSW’s Creative Koori Arts and Cultural Projects

Indigenous Enterprise Development Funding

The latest round of Create NSW’s Creative Koori Arts and Cultural Projects and Creative Koori Employment funds are now open for applications, aimed at supporting and expanding opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, cultural workers and arts organisations across the State.

Creative Koori Arts and Cultural Projects program offers funding that supports arts projects that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultural identities. Funding of up to $60,000 (within 12 months) for up to $75,000 (for projects delivered over a longer timeframe) is available.

The Creative Koori Employment funding aims to increase Aboriginal employment opportunities, build capacity and increase the number of professional and skills development opportunities on offer to Aboriginal artists, arts and cultural workers. Funding of $15,000 up to $75,000 per project is available through the program.

Individual NSW-based artists, cultural workers or NSW organisations working with Aboriginal arts and cultural sectors can apply. All applications must include Aboriginal practitioners and/or arts & cultural workers in key creative roles. Applications close at midnight Wednesday 21 October 2018.

For further information:

Career Development Grants for Individuals - $5,000 - $25,000

If you are an individual artist, arts worker or group of artists, this grant can provide support to further develop your skills or improve your capacity to build an enduring career. Grants are available from $5,000 to $25,000.

The Australia Council offers three grant rounds each year for this category.

Grants for 2017 are closed but in 2018, the grant rounds will close on:

- Tuesday 6 February 2018
- Tuesday 5 June 2018
- Tuesday 2 October 2018

For further information: http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/
Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups - $10,000 - $50,000

Our arts projects program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences:

The Australia Council offers three grant rounds each year for this category. Grants for 2017 are closed but in 2018, the grant rounds will close on:

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Arts Projects – Organisations - $10,000 - $100,000

This program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences. Only organisations are eligible to apply. Grants are available from $10,000 to $100,000.

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Playing Australia: Regional Performing Arts Touring Fund

This program supports performing arts to reach regional and remote communities across Australia. Grants are available to support the net touring costs associated with a national tour. There is no limit on the amount that can be requested. The Australia Council offers three grant rounds each year for Playing Australia.

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Leg up Grants

Leg up Grants are quick response skill development grants for workers in volunteer managed museums throughout NSW. These grants fund various skill development projects including hosting or attending workshops, conferences or seminars in NSW, in addition to networking activities.

For further information: https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/leg-up/

The Australian Cultural Fund

The Australian Cultural Fund is a collective funding platform for Australian artists. The fund was established in 2003 to encourage donations to the arts and is managed by Creative Partnerships Australia. Through ACF artists upload their project and invite art lovers and supporters to donate to the projects they care about the most.

For further information: https://australianculturalfund.org.au/search-and-donate/

Australian Children's Music Foundation

The Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) is a not-for-profit organisation inspiring creativity and imagination by providing weekly music education classes and instruments to disadvantaged children and youth at risk throughout Australia.


Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grant Funding

The Aboriginal Benefits Foundation provides grants to assist aboriginal communities and individuals by providing funds to support projects which advance the aims of the Foundation with the current focus on art, health and cultural projects with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists. Grants from $500 to $5000 are available. Must have DGR Status.

For further information: http://www.aboriginal.org.au/grants.htm

PPCA Performers Trust Foundation Grants

Grants are available to promote and encourage music and the performing arts. Funds can be used for tuition fees, travel costs, accommodation and venue/PA hire.

Feature films Production and Completion /Post-production

Screen Australia’s Feature Film Production program aims to support a diverse slate of Australian films for theatrical release that entertain and enlighten domestic and international audiences while reflecting the unique characteristics of Australian identity. The program is open to films of any budget size, including low-budget projects and projects that require completion funding. Marketplace attachments are required, but they are not the only elements taken into consideration when Screen Australia makes funding decisions.


For further information: https://visualarts.net.au/nava-grants/
Copyright Agency Cultural Fund

The Copyright Agency Board endeavours to support a mix of writing, publishing and visual arts projects from around Australia. When considering applications to the Copyright Agency’s Cultural Fund, the Cultural Fund Committee gives priority to those that support innovation in the Australian creative industries to develop local and foreign markets for Australian works and to projects that are not supported by government funding bodies. Current areas of focus for the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund include projects that will:

- provide cultural and educational institutions support to give individual artists, authors and publishers opportunities to develop their professional skills and develop new works;
- place artists, authors and publishers in educational settings and build awareness of their work in this sector;
- underpin export market development of Australian publishing and visual arts; and
- provide Australian content with a profile in the increasingly globalised online environment so that Australians can compete effectively on the domestic and international marketplace for creative works.

Cultural fund allocations are made at the discretion of Copyright Agency’s Board, on the recommendation of the Board’s Cultural Fund Committee. For further information:

Regional Filming Fund (RFF)

The Regional Filming Fund offsets costs associated with shooting in regional areas of NSW. Regional NSW is defined as all areas in NSW outside the Sydney Metro area (excluding the ACT). Funding is available for the production of Australian projects in the following categories:

- feature films
- content-rich factual and documentary television or web programs and series
- adult and children’s television drama and narrative comedy including series, miniseries, web series and telemovies
- animation productions
- creative interactive screen entertainment

We do not fund the production of:

- *infotainment, lifestyle, travel, magazine, sports, education, game shows and other magazine-style productions
- current affairs and news programs
- community television
- shorts, short features (under 60 minutes)
- projects being developed as part of a course of study

Applicants may request up to 35% of the budgeted NSW Regional Spend. NSW Regional Spend is the total of the below the line shooting expenses directly associated with filming in regional NSW.

Eligible NSW Regional Spend expenses are limited to:

- location fees
- travel (for cast and crew traveling from other parts of NSW)
- accommodation
- per diems
- local suppliers & services (e.g. construction contractors, security, traffic control etc.)
- catering
- salaries for regionally based cast and crew

Regional spend does not include any above-the-line expenses (including development expenses), indirect costs, company overheads, contingency or post-production expenses. Support is provided as a grant. The maximum grant per production is $100,000.

Habitat Action Grants

Angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW can apply for small grants of $2,000 or large grants of up to $40,000.

Habitat rehabilitation projects which may be funded include:

- removal or modification of barriers to fish passage
- rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh)
- re-snagging waterways with timber structure
- removal of exotic vegetation from waterways and replace with native species
- bank stabilisation works
- reinstatement of natural flow regimes


Waste Less, Recycle More Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) Program

The Waste Less, Recycle More Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) Program provides $57 million over nine years to fund infrastructure and equipment to reduce food and garden organics waste going to landfill.


Protecting our Places grants

The Protecting Our Places grants program is now open for applications. The closing date is Monday, 8 October 2018 (3pm).

The Protecting Our Places Program is a contestable grants program for Aboriginal community groups and organisations, seeking to achieve long-term beneficial outcomes for the NSW environment.

Funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, the program encourages and empowers Aboriginal communities to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways that are of importance to local Aboriginal communities.

Claiming tax benefits for Landcare operations

Australian primary production businesses operating on land may be eligible to claim income tax deductions for certain capital costs. To support the efforts of Australians protecting our rural landscape, the Australian Government provides tax benefits for land managers.

Deductions can be claimed in the year capital expenditure is incurred on a Landcare operation for land in Australia. According to the Australian Taxation Office, eligible Landcare operations include:

- Eradicating or exterminating animal pest from the land
- Eradicating, exterminating or destroying plant growth detrimental to the land
- Preventing or combating land degradation
- Constructing drainage works mainly for the purpose of controlling salinity or assisting in drainage control
- Constructing a levee or similar improvement
- Constructing a structural improvement that is reasonably incidental to a levee or drainage works (such as a bridge over drainage works)
- Alterations, extensions or capital repairs to the above.

The purpose of the Landcare provisions is to assist with the conservation and long-term sustainable use of arable or grazing farmland. The provisions are not directed at the conservation of natural water resources.

More information on these tax benefits can be found on the Australian Taxation Office website or by contacting them on 13 28 66.

Biodiversity Conservation Trust Conservation Management Program

On 16 May 2018, the BCT commenced Fixed Rate Offers under its Conservation Management Program.

The BCT is now offering fixed price conservation management payments ($/ha/year) for landholders in priority investment areas who are willing to manage part of their land for conservation under a voluntary agreement.

Resources:
- Factsheet
- map of NSW eligible areas
- Expression of Interest form
- Program Guide
- Schedule of rates
Conservation Partners Program

The BCT has also commenced its Conservation Partners Program. This program is for landholders wishing to enter into either a Wildlife Refuge Agreement or an in-perpetuity Conservation Agreement to protect and manage biodiversity on their land.

It is available for landholders who are not seeking or are ineligible for conservation management payments. Eligible properties will be offered in-perpetuity Conservation Agreements or Wildlife Refuge Agreements at no cost to the landholder.

Resources:
- Fact sheet
- Program Guide

Conservation Partners Grants

Conservation Partners Grants are now available on an ongoing basis. All existing BCT agreement holders that do not receive annual conservation management payments are eligible to apply for grants. Grants can assist landholders to maintain the ecological values of their properties. For example, a landholder may need funding to manage a weed outbreak or repair a fence to exclude stock.

The grants are also available to those participating in the Community Environment Network’s (CEN) Land for Wildlife or Humane Society International’s (HSI) Wildlife Land Trust programs.

Resources:
- Fact sheet
- Application form
- Program Guide
Small Agricultural Enterprise Logistics

Regional producers could secure sales to city customers with this new project launched by RDA Central West, identifying issues and business solutions in the logistics supply chain for small agri-food producers. Read more here

Farm Innovation Fund NSW

The NSW Farm Innovation Fund provides loans to meet the cost of carrying out permanent capital works that will have a significant beneficial impact on the land, long term profitability of the enterprise and address adverse seasonal conditions.


Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program

As part of the NSW Government's $300 million Drought Strategy, a $45 million Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program has been developed to support farm business in all conditions, but particularly in relation to preparing for and responding to drought. Farmers are now able to view a list of pre-approved courses. This list will be updated as additional products become available.

Approved participants are able to claim reimbursement of costs (up to 50% of eligible costs) upon completion of the course/activity. A maximum reimbursement of $5,000 (covering all courses/activities over the life of the program) applies for any farmer with reimbursements capped at $9,000 per farm business.

Three professional development priority areas have been identified: Risk management, Financial and business management, Farm business planning/drought preparedness. For more info: http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program

NSW Farmers Drought Network

NSW Farmers’ Drought Network has launched a page to provide service information, links to assistance and services to individuals and families conducting, directly or indirectly, primary production businesses, who are being impacted by drought conditions in NSW.

NSW State Government Drought Support


Farming Together

To provide farmers with knowledge, skills and materials on co-operatives, collective bargaining and other forms of collaboration, the Government has invested $14,934,000 (including GST) into the two year ‘Farm Co-operatives and Collaboration Pilot Program

The Program consists of four streams:

1) **Knowledge Exchange**, a combination of on-line portal and Telephone Contact Point, will provide a catalytic role to support farmers to assess their needs, capture their business development goals and identify appropriate collaborative enterprise approaches and future business development considerations.

2) **Expert Support** will offer farmers access to a panel of independent experts, selected through a competitive and selective tender process. Dependent upon need, Standardised Expert Support and/or Customised Expert Support (described later) will be provided to explore appropriate collaborative approaches. This may lead to the development of a project for consideration for additional resource allocation through Farmer Group Projects.

3) **Farmer Group Projects** provides the opportunity to move towards full implementation of a new business approach for a group of farmers. Projects will be selected for funding based on the scope and scale of on-farm impacts, the legacy of the project and development of transferrable knowledge outputs. These projects will receive case management support.

4) **Communications** will develop and implement the communications strategy, marketing strategy, three National Forums, Program branding and information integrity including the Program website. This will involve engaging with the identified stakeholders critical to the success of the Program, building Program awareness, and driving farmer participation.

Science and Innovation Awards

TechVouchersYoung agricultural innovators are being invited to apply for the Federal Government’s 2019 Science and Innovation Awards. Applicants are being invited to submit their agricultural research project ideas for a chance to share in up to $286,000 in grant funding.

There are 13 categories in which to submit an application including; cotton, dairy, eggs and poultry (layers), established, new and emerging rural industries, fisheries and aquaculture, forest and wood products, grains, health and biosecurity, meat and livestock, pork, red meat processing, viticulture and oenology, and wool.

Applications are open for Australian researchers, innovators and scientists between 18-35 years of age. Applications can be made for grants of up to $22,000. Applications close on Friday 12 October 2018.

For further information on the awards, and on how to apply visit agriculture.gov.au/scienceawards
Regional Business Accelerator Program

The Murray Darling Basin (MDB) – Regional Business Accelerator Program, provided by the NSW Government, is supporting businesses to undertake new marketing or technology projects, in order to increase their sales and create jobs.

The Fund will offer funding of up to $10,000, required to be matched by the business, for activities including website development, digital media campaigns, new product packaging, exhibiting at trade shows and multi-channel advertising campaigns.

The program is open to eligible businesses based in the Murray Darling Basin that can demonstrate growth potential beyond local markets and which are not solely reliance on local markets for sales. For more information and to apply, please contact the Business Development Manager in the Office of Regional Development (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet) – Orange on 02 6360 8400 or email ORDOrange@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Workcover Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program makes NSW businesses safer and more productive by connecting small businesses with business mentors keen to share their experience, knowledge and resources in workplace health and safety.


Bin Trim Rebates

Bin Trim Rebates Program, part of NSW EPA’s Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, aims to increase workplace recycling.

Bin Trim rebates are available to:

- small to medium sized businesses of 1-199 employees in NSW
- those managing business waste, such as facility managers and recyclers.

For further information: http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/bin-trim-rebates.htm
Safe Work Australia’s People’s Choice Awards

Safe Work Australia People’s Choice Award Grant Program is inviting entries for is a short-term, competitive grant program run as part of National Safe Work Month.

The organisation is looking for ideas and projects that improve work health and safety in the workplace. The Program provides between $2,000 – $20,000 in funding for projects or initiatives of individuals, businesses, government and non-government organisations.

The aims of this Program are to: increase community awareness and knowledge of WHS and workers’ compensation; build Safe Work Australia’s profile as the national policy body for WHS and workers’ compensation; build relationships with key influencers and national bodies, and support priority areas including industries, action areas and conditions in the Australian WHS Strategy 2012-2022.

Shortlisted applicants’ submissions will be posted on the Safe Work Australia Engage portal and be subject to a public vote. Entries close Wednesday 31st October 2018.

For further information: https://engage.swa.gov.au/win-your-share-of-50000

Export Market Development Grants

An Australian individual, partnership, company, association, co-operative, statutory corporation or trust that has carried on export promotion activities during the year may apply for an export development grant. To be eligible, the business must have:

• income of not more than $50 million in the grant year
• incurred at least $15,000 of eligible export expenses under the scheme (first-time applicants can combine two years expenses)
• principal status for the export business (some exceptions apply, eg. non-profit export focused industry bodies)

The business also must have promoted one of the following:

• the export of goods and most services
• inbound tourism
• the export of intellectual property and know-how
• conferences and events held in Australia

Jobs for NSW business grants

Jobs for NSW, a government-backed industry led initiative, is supporting job growth in NSW by committing $190 million to growing businesses, 30% of which will be spent in regional areas. Regional start-ups and small to medium enterprises can apply for any of the grants and support services provided by Jobs for NSW. These include:

**Minimum Viable Products Grants** – aimed at start-ups that are yet to generate revenue to help them engage with a potential business customer, or channel to market, and create innovative solutions that address compelling industry needs or market gaps (the solution must use an enabling technology). Eligible start-ups can receive up to 50% of approved project costs (maximum of $25,000).

**Building Partnerships Grants** – aimed at high growth potential start-ups to fund new marketing partnerships here in Australia or overseas, or completing pilot projects with key customers, providing evidence to accelerate market adoption of the company’s products or services.

**Gazelle Loan Guarantees** – gazelles, as the fastest growing subset of high growth small to medium enterprises, can partner with Jobs for NSW and financial institutions to offer guarantees for loans provided by financial institutions (due to lack of security and difficulty in assessing risks of new technologies).

**Accelerating Growth Loans pilot** – a pilot program providing direct loans for emerging fast growth small to medium enterprises (SMEs) – otherwise known as Gazelles – with capital to address the barriers they face in accessing affordable finance. The AGL pilot aims to test the market demand for this loans program and its effectiveness in accelerating and expanding businesses and creating jobs in NSW.

For more information visit the [Jobs for NSW website](#) or phone 1300 562 679
Global Innovation Linkages Program

Business Research and Innovation Initiative
The Australian Government is inviting applications for Round Two of its Global Innovation Linkages Program. The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science will provide Australian businesses and researchers with matched funding of up to $1 million per project to collaborate with global partners on strategically focused, leading-edge research and development.

The Program will support projects focused on developing high-quality products, services or processes that respond to industry challenges. To be eligible your project must be in at least one of the following priority areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing – www.amgc.org.au
- Food and Agribusiness – www.fial.com.au
- Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals – www.mtpconnect.org.au
- Mining Equipment, Technology and Services – www.metsignited.org
- Oil, Gas and Energy Resources – www.nera.org.au
- Cyber security – www.austcyber.com

Program objectives are to: build linkages with global economies to enable Australia to improve research and business performance, and access international supply chains and global markets; contribute to improving the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian and global economies in line with government priorities; foster high-quality solutions to identified end user challenges through international collaborative research partnerships between industry, research organisations and global partners and to encourage and facilitate small and medium enterprise (SME) participation in collaborative research.

The maximum grant amount is AU$1 million over a maximum period of 4 years.

For more information please go to business.gov.au or call 13 28 46

The New Enterprise Scheme

If you are an eligible job seeker and are interested in starting and running a small business you may be able to access assistance through the New Enterprise Scheme. It can provide business training, business advice and mentoring as well as ongoing income support for 52 weeks. For further information: http://employment.gov.au/help-available-and-eligibility-neis

Workcover N.S.W Small Business Rebate

The small business rebate gives up to $500.00 back to small business owners who buy and install eligible safety equipment to address a safety problem in their workplace.

The Entrepreneurs' Program

The Entrepreneurs' Program is the Australian Government's flagship initiative for business competitiveness and productivity. It forms part of the Australian Government’s new industry policy outlined in the National Innovation and Science Agenda. This Agenda is the business focus element of the Australian Government’s broader Economic Action Strategy. The Strategy brings together and builds upon other economic reforms to make the most of Australia’s strengths and business opportunities. The program offers support to businesses through three elements:

- **Accelerating Commercialisation** - helps small and medium businesses, entrepreneurs and researchers to commercialise novel products, services and processes

- **Business Management** - experienced Business Advisers and Facilitators review business operations, including business direction, strategy, growth opportunities and supply chain. They provide a report with strategies for business improvement and work with you to make them happen

- **Innovation Connections** - experienced Innovation Facilitators work with your business to identify knowledge gaps that are preventing your business growth. The outcome is an Innovation Facilitation Report.

Practical support for businesses includes:

- advice from people with relevant private sector experience
- co-funded grants to commercialise new products, processes and services
- funding to take advantage of growth opportunities
- connection and collaboration opportunities.

If your business is eligible for Business Management or Innovation Connections assistance, our national team of highly skilled Business Advisers and Facilitators - PDF; 2.81 MB can provide you with a comprehensive Business Evaluation.

For Further Information:


Small Business Grant

The Small Business Grant is a key priority of the New South Wales Government. The grant is designed to encourage the nearly 650,000 small businesses in New South Wales that do not pay payroll tax to hire new employees and expand their business.

Restart – funding to employ mature workers

The Restart programme is an Australian Government wage subsidy that encourages businesses to employ mature aged workers who are aged 50 or older. The Restart wage subsidy is a payment of up to $10,000 (GST inclusive) when an eligible mature job seeker is employed.

To be eligible to receive the Restart wage subsidy, your business must:

• be a legal entity with an Australian Business Number
• have not previously received a Restart wage subsidy for the same job seeker
• not be an Australian, state or territory government

You will get the Restart wage subsidy if the position you offer an eligible mature age person:

• is for a minimum of 15 hours per week
• is ongoing, and
• complies with minimum employment standards applicable to the position.

Apprenticeships and traineeships can also be eligible Restart job placements.

Find out more at jobactive restart

Indigenous Enterprise Development funding

Are you eligible for Indigenous Enterprise Development funding?

• Do you have a great idea that could be turned into a viable business or social enterprise?
• Do you have an existing business or social enterprise that you want to expand or improve?
• Are you committed to developing the skills you need to successfully run your own business?
• Are you having trouble securing finance?
• Do you want to create new jobs for Indigenous Australians or help Indigenous Australians set-up and run their own businesses?

Applications are now open for Indigenous entrepreneurs or organisations to start or grow a sustainable business.

Find out more at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet website: Indigenous Enterprise Development funding
Sustainability Advantage

The Sustainability Advantage program is assisting organisations across New South Wales to achieve increased competitiveness and improved bottom lines through better environmental practices.

Sustainability Advantage is open to organisations from the not-for-profit, government and medium-to-large business sectors, and attracts participants from many industries, including manufacturing, commercial property, registered clubs, health, aged care, transport and education.

While results depend on a company's own efforts, the program provides expertise, training and business tools such as:

- Practical workshops.
- A comprehensive range of guides, case studies and templates.
- One-on-one specialist support.
- Facilitated networking and targeted seminars.
- An extended network of like-minded organisations.

The Office of Environment and Heritage promotes the environmental achievements of participating organisations through its Sustainability Advantage recognition program.

The first step is a management diagnostic to evaluate your organisation's current environmental performance, and help your senior managers identify and prioritise initiatives to minimise risk and create future business opportunities.

Over 18 months you’ll undertake several tailored, flexible projects selected from the seven Sustainability Advantage modules.

Over 530 participants are saving a combined $85 million a year through the program, which helps to identify and implement projects that enable them to:

- Save money and improve productivity.
- Integrate environmental strategies with business planning.
- Use resources more efficiently.
- Engage and train staff.
- Enhance relationships with customers, suppliers and communities.
- Measure their carbon footprint and manage their emissions.
- Manage environmental risk and ensure compliance.
- Gain government support and resourcing.
- Receive the latest advice from business and government specialists.
- Broaden their network by meeting and sharing ideas with others in the same industry and region.
The first step is a management diagnostic to evaluate your organisation’s current environmental performance, and help your senior managers identify and prioritise initiatives to minimise risk and create future business opportunities. Over 18 months you’ll undertake several tailored, flexible projects selected from the seven Sustainability Advantage modules.

To become a member of the Sustainability Advantage program, you will need to:

- Contact the Sustainability Advantage team on 02 8837 6000
- Commit to at least 18 months’ participation and a modest financial contribution.
- Complete the initial sustainability management diagnostic.
- Undertake selected Sustainability Advantage modules.
- Participate in networking meetings and other sustainability events and report to us on your progress.

The Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme

The Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme provides:

- financial incentives to Australian employers to offer apprenticeship opportunities. The incentive payments are based on a skills shortage list of trades as well as a set of high priority occupations
- a living away from home (LAFHA) allowance to apprentices who need to move away from their parent’s home to take up or retain an Australian apprenticeship
- access to an interest-free Trade Support Loan that helps apprentices with the costs related to completing their apprenticeship.


Business Connect

Business Connect is a dedicated and personalised NSW Government program that provides trusted advice to help you start or grow your small business.

Whether you are just starting out with a great business idea or looking to expand and grow your business, Business Connect services can help you on your journey to business success. Register online or call 1300 134 359 to book an appointment with a trusted advisor in your local area.

Accelerating Commercialisation

Accelerating Commercialisation provides access to expert guidance and grants to help businesses commercialise their novel products, processes and services. Accelerating Commercialisation offers the following services and grants to successful applicants:

- Commercialisation Guidance
- Accelerating Commercialisation Grants
- Portfolio Services.
- View the list of applicants that have been offered funding under the Accelerating Commercialisation element of the Entrepreneurs' Programme.


Wage subsidies

Wage subsidies provide a financial incentive to Australian businesses to hire, train and retain eligible job seekers into sustainable jobs. Employers can access financial incentives of up to $10,000 (GST inclusive) for new employees they hire who are:

- between 15 and 25 years of age, or
- 50 years of age and over.
- Financial incentives of up to $6,500 are also available if you hire employees who are either:
  - between 25 and 29 years of age
  - parents
  - Indigenous Australians, or
  - have been registered with an employment service provider for 12 months or more.


Business Growth Grants

Business Growth Grants provide businesses with up to $20,000 for the cost of hiring an expert to assist with implementing the advice and strategies recommended through AusIndustry's Entrepreneurs' Programme.

Businesses who have undertaken a Business Evaluation Report, Supply Chain Facilitation, Growth Plan or Tourism Partnership Plan can apply for this funding to implement these strategies and advice. You can use a Business Growth Grant to engage external expertise to help your business and cover up to half the cost. Applications remain open until funding is exhausted.

Grant Funding Success

During the 2016/17 Financial Year seventy six applications both Council and Community were submitted worth $4,958,689.70 and sixty projects both Council and Community were approved, total values $3,369,217.

In the 2017/18 financial year 21 applications total value $1,263,304.70 were successful. In 2018/19 so far two applications worth $2,063,680.

16 grants are currently pending, total value $8,275,371.

Grant funding, both Community and Council across the Forbes Shire by Financial Year
Congratulations to Ken and Monica Wren. Ken and Monica have been tireless in their efforts to restore Forbes Shire Icon Carrawobitty and have recently reopened the historic homestead for both accommodation and functions. Ken and Monica were successful in the last round of the Heritage Activation Grant Program in gaining funding to restore Carrawobittys balcony.
Residents of the Forbes Shire now have free access to computer modelling program REMPLAN to assist with the preparation of detailed grant applications, businesses cases and benefit to cost ratios.

REPLAN is an easy to use but powerful resource for the planning and preparation of grant applications and business cases. Incorporating data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census (ABS) 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991, REMPLAN provides valuable insights into the unique characteristics of the community and the changes that have occurred over time.

REPLAN Community and Economic Profiles for the Forbes Shire can be accessed via a quick link on Council’s website.
The two tabs below will come up. Press either one to access a wealth of information on the Forbes community and economy that can be easily copied into grant applications, reports, business cases, and benefit to cost ratios.

**Economic profile and population**

Forbes has a population of 9,664 and a catchment population of 65,000.

Gross Regional Product in 2010–2011 was $479.4 million with the largest sector contributors being Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Wholesale Trade, and Health care and social assistance. 1240 registered businesses.

78% of the Forbes resident workforce work within the Forbes LGA.

**Remplan Economic Profile**

Click on the link below to access further economic data on the Forbes Shire

**Remplan Community Profile**

Click on the link below to access further community profile data on the Forbes Shire
For example tables like this can be brought up on Forbes population, converted into a pie chart if necessary and comparisons made between the Forbes Shire, Central West NSW, the rest of NSW as well as previous censuses all in one go. This can then be copied and pasted into a grant application.

For assistance using REMPLAN please feel free to contact Councils Grants Officer Andrew Rawsthorne or Councils Economic Development Officer Sally Duff.
RDA Central West Grant Writing Guide now available

The process to complete an application for funding can be challenging and is often approached with a degree of apprehension.

RDA Central West has developed a Guide to Successful Grant Writing to help individuals, organisations and communities in our region develop an understanding of how to apply for funding assistance.

The Guide to Successful Grant Writing will help you to:

- Identify which grants will support your project.
- Research and collect background material for your proposal.
- Clarify the components of grant applications.
- Learn to write an effective application.
- Have confidence in the final result.

Download the Guide to Successful Grant Writing

FRRR Donation Accounts - a tax-effective fundraising option for community projects

In addition to offering grants, FRRR helps local community groups fundraise for approved causes by hosting a Donation Account on their behalf. This allows tax-deductible donations to be made to groups that may otherwise not receive the funding support, and for organisations that may only be able to make donations to certain types of organisations (e.g. those that have a DGR listing) to donate via FRRR and have the funds support the organisation or particular cause.

As at the end of December 2016, FRRR hosted 54 donation accounts on behalf of a wide range of community groups, for a wide range of causes. For example:

- Border Trust Community Foundation for the Albury/Wodonga region has various accounts raising money for charitable initiatives in specific communities;
- NSW Landcare, a grassroots movement that promotes and advocates for ecologically sustainable development in NSW, recently opened an account to help them attract funding to support their long-term sustainability so they can continue their work;
- LightnUp Inc in Lismore has just expanded their donation account to help them raise the funds they need to repair their lovely lanterns and replace equipment destroyed by the recent floods.

Learn more about how a donation account might be able to help you, whether you’re a community group, a Community Foundation or a donor wanting to support a particular group or cause at http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/donation_accounts.php
Gone Fishing Day
14th Oct 2018

Forbes
Apex Lakeside Park

9am – 3pm

Free how to fish workshops, casting comp, free goodie bags with bonus fishing lures, fishing tip classes by local experts, touch tank, loads of kids activities and lots more on show.

More Info
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
102 4424 7426
gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au

New South Wales Recreational Fishing Trusts
FORBES VETERAN CAR GASLIGHT PARADE AND CARNIVAL 26 SEPT

Carnival
5pm – 9pm
Childrens Activities
Entertainment
Dancing
Circus Group
Town Band
Food Stalls
BBQ
Local Wine & Boutique Beer

VETERAN CAR DISPLAY
From 1pm, Harold Street

Gaslight Parade
5.30pm, Rankin Street
140 vehicles that are over 100 years old!
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FUN FOR KIDS TOUR 2018

HAV
WED 03/10/18
3PM - 8PM
HAY SPORTS GROUND & COMMUNITY HALL, MORGAN ST, HAY
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

HILLSTON
THURS 04/10/18
3PM - 8PM
HILLSTON SPORTS, KEATS ST, DANCE PARTY AT EX-SERVICEMEN & CITIZENS CLUB, HIGH ST, HILLSTON
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

LAKE CARGELLIGO
FRI 05/10/18
3PM - 8PM
LAKE CARGELLIGO BOAT CLUB, 1 PRIOR STREET, LAKE CARGELLIGO
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

CONDOBOLIN
MON 08/10/18
3PM - 8PM
CONDOBOLIN ANGLICAN CHURCH, 28 MCDONNELL STREET, CONDOBOLIN
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

FORBES
TUES 09/10/18
3PM - 8PM
FORBES YOUTH CENTRE, CNR PESS & BAYTEY ST, FORBES
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

COWRA
WED 10/10/18
3PM - 8PM
60 YOUNG RD, COWRA
ACTIVITIES
3:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI-SPORT)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 8:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

FREE!
Rural women's wellbeing workshops

*Taking care of yourself to be better equipped to take care of others*

We have once again teamed up with Landcare across the region to deliver an adaptation of the highly successful Little River Landcare workshop for farming women.

Come along and share a cuppa and a chat with other women from the land and enjoy sessions focusing on your health, wellbeing and mindfulness with experienced presenters Rachel Kerin and Narelle Hunter.

Rachel is the founder of Kerin Physio Co, and is a dedicated Physiotherapist passionate about inspiring and empowering people to self-manage their bodies through quality education via guided consults and specific classes through a mobile business covering large areas of the central west.

Narelle is a Mindfulness Coach and founder of Blissfully Present. As a mother of four daughters and farmers wife of 26 years, Narelle understands how challenging and rewarding the rural environment can be and is passionate about helping others find effective ways to cope during trying times.

Sit back and be indulged with all catering provided at one of these FREE events.

**Monday 24th September**
Coonabarabran 9:30-3pm
Warrumbungle Mountain Motel, 882 Timor Road Coonabarabran

**Tuesday 25th September**
Tottenham 9:30-3pm
Tottenham Hall, Bulbadney St, Tottenham

**Wednesday 26th September**
Bedgerebong 9:30-3pm
Bedgerebong Hall

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