



Community Financial Assistance Program

Purpose

Baw Baw Shire Council is a dynamic and vibrant place, with a residential population of around 48,477 people (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016 Census) and hundreds of community organisations, all striving to make Baw Baw a great place.

Baw Baw Shire Council has a proud history of working in partnership with the community and volunteers to meet local needs. One of the ways Council supports community and volunteer groups is through the Baw Baw Shire Community Funding Assistance Program which includes:

- Community Development Grants;
- Sponsorship;
- Education Scholarships;
- Australia Day Event Funding;
- Rural Tree Grants;
- Worm Farm and Compost Bin Reimbursements;
- Recreation and Public Hall Maintenance Allocations; and
- Town and Rural Community Group Administration Allocations.

Scope

Residents, landowners and not-for-profit organisations within Baw Baw Shire.

Related policies and documents

- Council Plan 2017-2021 <http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Publications-and-Policies/Our-Performance/Council-Plan>
- Fact sheets for each of the program funding streams, if available.

Policy principles

Baw Baw Shire Council's approach to working with community is underpinned by community strengthening principles. This guides how we work with community and the projects prioritised for funding. These principles include:

- asset-based approach that builds on the strengths that exist within our community;
- evidence-based approach that acknowledges the needs and aspirations of our community;
- access and equity to ensure a socially inclusive community;

- valuing collaborations and partnerships; and
- valuing the social, economic and environmental sustainability of our municipality.

Policy detail

The objectives of the Community Funding Assistance Program include:

- build relationships and allow the Baw Baw Shire Council to partner with community to support shared outcomes;
- provide the opportunity for community to identify and respond to local issues, concerns and priorities that link with our priorities;
- build community capacity and empower the community to take an active role in improving their quality of life; and
- foster community involvement and participation.

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