

Yelarbon Mens Shed



COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORT GUIDE



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Our local community groups are the heart of our region, and enrich the lives of others through their everyday activities. We are proud to support a vibrant network of volunteer-run organisations across the Goondiwindi Region that truly make us 'Regional Australia at its Best.'

COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Council has available financial assistance to support community organisations that make a positive contribution to the quality of life in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area. Council has in place a *Community Grants Policy* to provide a platform on which decisions regarding allocation of donations and grants are to be based.

Funding will be provided on a 'project' or 'program' basis. All applications will be assessed against eligibility and selection criteria. Such applications will be assessed in an open and equitable manner. The level of assistance available is limited by Council's budget. No applicant can be guaranteed funding nor can any applicant be guaranteed to receive the full amount requested.



Scan here for more information about Council's grants programs, and to submit an application



Yelarbon Silo Art Committee

Community Donations Program

Applications may be made at any time throughout the year, however completed application forms must be lodged a minimum of 30 days prior to the activity/ event or request for in-kind assistance. Donations will only be given up to and including \$500.

For more information, including eligible organisations and projects please read our *Community Donation Program Guidelines* on our website.

Community Grants Program

Organisations seeking funding of \$501 or more are required to provide Council with detailed information regarding the proposed use of the funds and how this use would benefit the Community. Applications can be submitted all year round, but must be received a minimum of eight (8) weeks prior to the activity/ event.

For more information, including eligible organisations and projects please read our *Community Grants Program Guidelines* on our website.

Council can also help connect you to external grant opportunities

Regional Arts Development Fund Grant

Applications may be made at any time throughout the year for organisations and individuals interested in seeking funding to complete arts and / or cultural activities. This funding is made available under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) in partnership with Council.

Goondiwindi Regional Council has four categories of funding for:

1. Developing regional skills
2. Building community cultural capacity
3. Cultural tourism
4. Arts based health & wellbeing projects

Tourism Grant

Goondiwindi Regional Council plays a role in supporting events of economic benefit to the Region. Tourism events within the Region can increase visitor spending, encourage the uptake of overnight accommodation as well as facilitate partnering with local businesses to stimulate local business revenue and local employment. Preference will be given to events that:

- Increase visitation and length of stay from audiences outside the Region
- Gain positive state-wide or national media coverage for the event, and the Region
- Stimulate the local economy through community and business partnerships and involvement

All event applications should be submitted a minimum of 6 months in advance of the event. Applications will be assessed as they arrive.

TRAINING, MENTORING AND SUPPORT

Council's Economic and Community Development team are available to provide mentoring, support and training to local community groups and sporting clubs to assist them with their strategic planning, marketing, project management and grant applications.

We can offer free workshops, mentoring sessions, brainstorming and planning facilitation throughout the year for community groups, not for profit organisations and sporting clubs who provide activities, programs and services in the Goondiwindi Region. We can also meet with you one-on-one to assist your community group.

We can provide workshops to help your community group or club with...

Running community events - Marketing for community groups

Attracting and retaining volunteers - Strategic planning - Good governance



Goondiwindi Cricket and Golf Gala
Day Organising Committee

ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Goondiwindi Regional Council have a number of electronic noticeboards in Goondiwindi, Texas and Inglewood.

The electronic community noticeboards are used for the display of Council information and the promotion of Community Events/Functions only. They will not be used for commercial purposes, or advertising for products and services.

All requests for display of event notices should be submitted by completing the application on Council's website: www.grc.qld.gov.au/news-events/events-region/electronic-community-noticeboard



STREET STALL PERMITS



We recognise that street stalls can be a useful tool for community groups to raise awareness of their initiative and undertake fundraising events. Local community groups and charities are able to apply for Street Stall Permit at no cost which will allow them to set up in the position of their choice (with the consent of surrounding businesses).

A couple of things to consider when considering a street stall for your next fundraising event...

- Applications must be received no later than seven (7) working days prior to the proposed first date.
- A copy of the organisation's or individual's public liability insurance certificate of currency must be sighted by Council and be current for the duration of the activity. The insurance policy must provide indemnity in an amount not less than \$5,000,000.
- Approval will only be provided for fixed location permits. Roaming / walking permits will not be approved.
- Application forms are available on our website or by contacting one of the Customer Service Centres.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTENT

The Goondiwindi Region is a regional success story in Australia. It's why we're known as Regional Australia at its best.

The region is rich in history, home to a thriving country culture and renowned for its agricultural excellence. Just four hours from Brisbane, we are proud of our agricultural roots and confident in our future as a modern regional centre.

From gourmet local producers to global leaders in ag-tech, the Goondiwindi region boasts a unique combination of tradition and innovation.

Council has a library of resources - logos, professional images and video - that is free for local community groups and business to utilise in the promotion of their organisation. You can access the available resources here: www.grc.qld.gov.au/business/resources/regional-australia-at-its-best or by contacting media@grc.qld.gov.au

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Weengallon Campdraft Committee

(photo by Chloe Turvey)

Environmental health concerns

Flood lights hire

Generator hire

Event road closures

Strategic planning

NEED MORE?

Council can also help with...

Mobile toilet hire

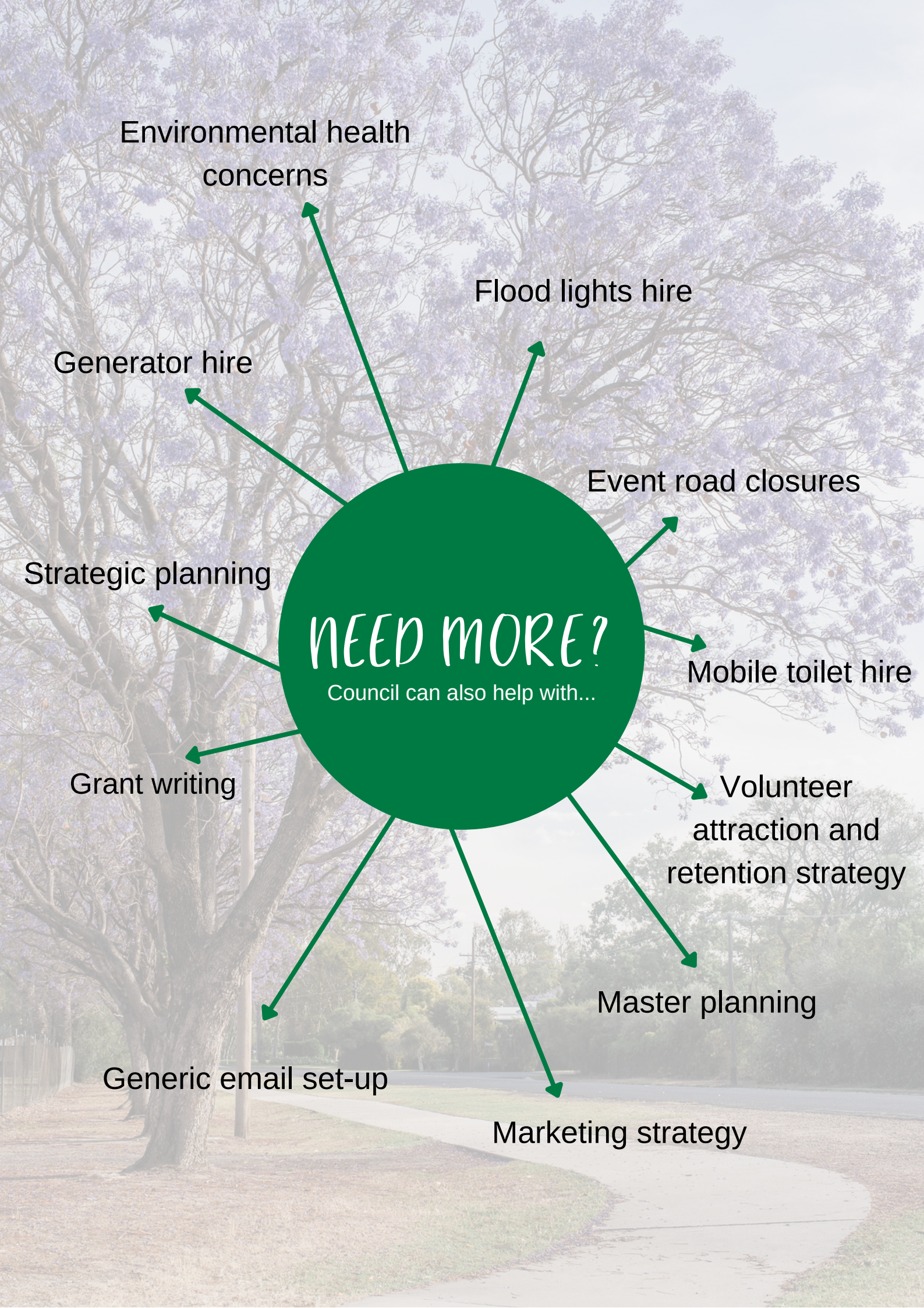
Grant writing

Volunteer attraction and retention strategy

Master planning

Generic email set-up

Marketing strategy





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