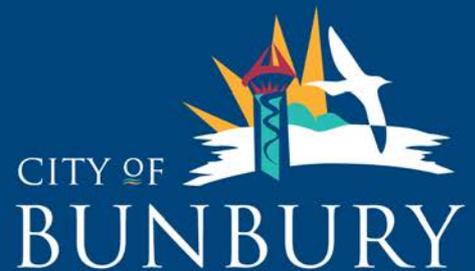


MEDIA STATEMENT



Tuesday, 28 March 2017

Community to benefit from grant funding program

A new category designed to help kick start new, innovative and emerging events is a highlight of the City of Bunbury's 2017/18 Grant Funding Program.

The Seed Funding category is a multi-year grant for events that will bring significant benefits to the Bunbury Geopraphe region. It joins other categories including Community Assistance, Arts, Place Making and Events that make funding available for a range of programs, events and activities that will enhance the community and economy.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said he was excited to see the Seed Funding sub-category included for 2017/18.

"This new category is aimed at helping events that will generate a significant number of visitors and also raise the profile of Bunbury Geopraphe as a tourist destination," Mr Brennan said.

"Events successful in gaining funding in this category will also be a driver of tourism, and they must also be innovative while adding vibrancy to Bunbury."

Mr Brennan said it was important the City provide a range of grant funding options so groups could attract the support required to hold events or activities.

"The City has funded many events, both big and small, over the years that have benefitted the community and I encourage those planning an activity to apply."

Every proposal must complete a grant application, which will be reviewed and assessed against a number of criteria around social, economic, strategic and community benefit. The final grants pool of funding will be subject to endorsement by Council as part of the Budget process.

Applications open 3 April and close at 5pm on Friday, 30 June and can be made via the City of Bunbury website at www.bunbury.wa.gov.au

Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Grant Funding Workshop on 26 April from 12noon to 2pm and 27 April from 4pm to 6pm at the City of Bunbury Function Room, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury.

Applications can also be discussed at a Q&A Session on 11 May from 4pm to 6pm, 19 May from 12noon to 2pm, or 26 May from 10am to 12noon at the City of Bunbury Function Room, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury.

To attend any of these workshops or sessions, please RSVP to Krystine on 9792 7216 or kingram@bunbury.wa.gov.au

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