

Bega Valley ClubGRANTS

ClubGRANTS is a NSW-wide program that supports community wellbeing by funding local projects and services. Category 1 and Category 2 funding is available to community and not-for-profit organisations delivering initiatives that align with program priorities and guidelines.

About the Program

In the Bega Valley, funding is provided by six participating clubs:

- Bermagui Country Club
- Club Bega
- Club Sapphire Merimbula
- Eden Sports and Recreation Club
- Merimbula RSL
- Tura Beach Country Club

ClubGRANTS is funded by registered clubs that earn over \$1 million in annual gaming machine revenue. These clubs receive a tax deduction for contributing to community projects. Established by the NSW Government in 1998, the scheme now supports tens of thousands of community organisations, sporting groups, and charities across the state.

Full program details are outlined in the **ClubGRANTS Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001 Guidelines**.

Category 1 funding

Category 1 supports projects and/or services that contribute to the welfare and broader social fabric of the local community and are aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people. Eligible activities include:

Community Welfare & Social Services

- Aged care, disability, and youth services
- Domestic and family violence support
- Family assistance programs
- Volunteer emergency services (e.g. Surf Life Saving, Rural Fire Service)

Community Development

- Community education and capacity-building programs

Community Health Services

- Child and family health services
- Community mental health programs
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health initiatives

Employment Assistance

- Group training and employment support programs

For a full list of eligible Category 1 expenditure, refer to the [ClubGRANTS guidelines](#).

2026 Key Dates

- **Opening date:** 1 March 2026
- **Closing date:** 31 May 2026
- **Assessment period:** June 2026
- **Notification of outcomes:** July 2026
- **Payment of grant funding:** By 31 August 2026
- **Project delivery period:** 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027

How to Apply for Category 1 Funding

1. Confirm your eligibility

Review the [ClubGRANTS guidelines](#) to ensure your project meets Category 1 criteria and funding priorities. Previous recipients must complete all required reporting in the ClubGRANTS portal before submitting a new application. The examples of past funded projects (below) provide an indication of the scale, impact and budget range of the funding. Or speak with the Grants Administration Officer if you need guidance.

2. Submit your application online

Apply via the [ClubGRANTS website](https://www.clubgrants.com.au/find-your-local-grant-round): <https://www.clubgrants.com.au/find-your-local-grant-round>. If your postcode returns no results, increase the search radius or use the Bega postcode **2550**. Ensure all sections of the application are completed clearly and accurately, as missing information may delay assessment or affect eligibility. [The](#)

[ClubGRANTS Application Guide](#) outlines general requirements and basic troubleshooting.

Category 2 funding

Category 2 funding supports a broader range of community activities that do not fall under Category 1.

Category 2 contributions may support:

- Community welfare or social services
- Community development initiatives
- Community or professional sporting organisations

Category 2 funding isn't only about cash contributions — many participating clubs also offer **in-kind support**, which can be just as valuable for community organisations.

Projects must align with the ClubGRANTS Guidelines and be delivered by not-for-profit organisations. In-kind support is offered at the discretion of each club.

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Category 2 funds are provided directly by local clubs and are available throughout the year, offering flexibility for emerging needs and smaller-scale initiatives.

How to Apply for Category 2 Funding

Category 2 applications are managed **directly by individual clubs**, not through the local committee process.

1. **Contact your local club** Reach out to participating clubs at any time to discuss eligibility, project fit, and application requirements.
2. **Prepare your project information** Ensure your organisation is not-for-profit and that your project aligns with eligible Category 2 activities.
3. **Complete the club's application process** Clubs may provide their own application form or direct you to the ClubGRANTS online system.
4. **Submit directly to the club** Clubs assess applications independently and may provide funding promptly depending on available resources.

Examples of Past Funded Projects

The following organisations have previously received ClubGRANTS funding for projects that support community wellbeing across the Bega Valley.

2025 Category 1 funding:

- **Marine Rescue Bermagui** – Replacement of batteries to maintain 24/7 marine radio and rescue coverage: **\$5,647**
- **Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services** – Establishment of a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice in partnership with the University of Wollongong Bega campus: **\$23,500**
- **Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service** – Expansion of a community-led domestic and family violence prevention plan: **\$18,590**
- **Marine Rescue Eden** – Upgrade of ageing computers to improve rescue coordination and vessel monitoring: **\$3,000**
- **Connections Plus Australia** – Inclusive recreational activities supporting social inclusion for people with disability: **\$7,332**
- **Sapphire Life Opportunities** – Establishment of a soup kitchen providing free hot meals from a food trailer in Merimbula: **\$25,000**
- **Pearls Place** – Hosting a Christmas lunch for individuals experiencing long-term disadvantage: **\$1,800**
- **Pambula Surf Life Saving Club** – Purchase of essential equipment for nippers, the Same Wave program, and Bronze Medallion trainees: **\$14,725**
- **Burragate Rural Fire Brigade** – Installation of floor coverings in the fire shed (a designated Neighbourhood Safer Place) to improve its use as a community shelter: **\$1,260**
- **The Women’s Resource Centre** – Professional driving lessons to support women’s independence, employability, and community participation: **\$6,025**
- **Bega Valley Meals on Wheels** – Establishment of a mobile seniors café to support social connection and engagement: **\$5,000**
- **Directions Health** – Harm minimisation education for marginalised youth impacted by substance use: **\$5,000**
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** – Gifts for children and Christmas food hampers for individuals and families experiencing disadvantage: **\$9,000**

- **Parkinson's NSW** – Community Education Seminar for people living with Parkinson's, their families, and caregivers: **\$3,746**

2025 Category 2 funding:

Title	Organisation	Amount
U3A Sapphire Coast	U3A Sapphire Coast	\$1,500.00*
Merimbula Jazz Festival 2025	Merimbula Jazz Festival	\$500.00*
Prizes for SCR Events	Sapphire Coast Runners Inc	\$300.00*
Merimbula Pambula Senior Bulldogs 2025 Season	Merimbula Pambula Bulldogs rlfrc	\$8,000.00
Candelo Show	Candelo Show	\$500.00
Merimbula Jazz Festival 2025	Merimbula Jazz Festival	\$6,500.00
BBQ for Community Fundraising	Marine Rescue Merimbula	\$1,000.00
The Dolphin Project	Pambula Community Swimming Club	\$3,000.00
ANZAC School Initiatives	Koori Kids	\$500.00
Merimbula RSL DIGGERS Football Club	Merimbula Digger Australian Rules Football Club Inc	\$9,000.00
Teardrop Banners for Promotional/Fundraising Events	Marine Rescue Merimbula	\$400.00
Something Blue Wedding Fair 2025	Moments Like These Ceremonies	\$500.00
Soccer Equipment	Merimbula Grasshoppers	\$2,000.00
Funding for the 39th Annual Bemboka Garden Club Flower Show	Bemboka Garden Club	\$1,000.00
Community Awareness Signage	Tathra Branch United Hospital Auxiliary	\$800.00
2025 Lions Carols	The Lions Club of Pambula Merimbula Incorporated	\$500.00
Bega District Softball Association	Bega District Softball Association	\$500.00
Pambula Show 2026 Woodchop Competition	South East Axeman's Association	\$1,000.00
Upgrade of sportsground infrastructure and amenities	Pambula United Football Club	\$2,000.00
Walk, Talk, Support Merimbula	The Man Walk	\$0.00
Wolumla P&C Fireworks Festival 3.0	Wolumla Public School Parents & Carers	\$1,000.00
AED - saving our lives	Sapphire Coast Bridge Club	\$500.00
Marco Ostali Music Development	Marco Ostali	\$0.00
Pickleball Lines on court in pambula	Sapphire Coast Pickleball Association Inc	\$1,500.00
Merimbulas Adventure Activity Book	Swannies Clothing	\$500.00
RU OK Cricket and a Conversation and Pink Stumps Day	Kameruka Cricket Club	\$1,500.00

WinterSun Festival StreetFest - Stage/Stage Management	Merimbula Tourism Inc	\$2,500.00
Merimbula New Years Eve Fireworks 2025/2026	Merimbula Tourism Inc	\$2,500.00
Sapphire Coast Orchid Club Inc - Winter and Spring Shows	Sapphire Coast Orchid Club Inc	\$1,500.00
Bemboka Community Choir	How Art Bemboka Community Hub	\$1,000.00
PA System	Eden Killer Whales Soccer Club Inc	\$800.00
Merimbula Basketball Referee Development Program	Merimbula Sharks Basketball Association	\$2,500.00

**In-Kind Support*

In-kind:

- **Venue hire** Access to club rooms, meeting spaces, function areas, or outdoor facilities at no cost or reduced cost.
- **Catering and hospitality** Provision of food, beverages, or catering services for community events, volunteer functions, or training sessions.
- **Equipment and resources** Use of club-owned equipment such as marquees, tables, chairs, audio-visual equipment, or event infrastructure.
- **Promotional support** Assistance with promoting community initiatives through club newsletters, noticeboards, social media, or digital screens.
- **Volunteer or staff assistance** Support from club staff or volunteers for community events, fundraising activities, or program delivery.
- **Prizes or goods** Donation of vouchers, merchandise, or items for raffles, community events, or fundraising activities.

Additional Information

- Reporting and accountability requirements apply to all funded projects.
- Refer to the [ClubGRANTS guidelines](#) for wider program objectives.
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