

**News Release**

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**GRANTS FOR SHIRE'S SMALL TOWNS**

Thirteen small towns throughout the shire have received \$23,400 worth of grants as part of the annual Mansfield Shire Council Small Towns Community Grant Scheme.

Mansfield Shire Council Mayor Cr Tom Ingpen said the grants are designed to provide financial assistance to small town community groups so they can implement initiatives that have been identified by the communities themselves.

“Community groups within our small towns make an invaluable contribution to the health and wellbeing of our communities, and these grants are an acknowledgement of that role,” said Cr Ingpen.

“They are aimed at promoting local autonomy, strengthening communities’ capacity and encouraging community decision making.”

The townships of Ancona, Barjarg, Bonnie Doon, Gaffneys Creek, Goughs Bay, Jamieson, Howqua and Macs Cove, Kevington, Merrijig, Merton, Sawmill Settlement / Alpine Ridge, Tolmie and Woods Point all received funding to a maximum of \$2000 via the 2009-10 funding round.

The grants are used to support projects and initiatives that are of broad community benefit.

One committee within each township oversees the administration and distribution of funds within its community.

The following people within each township can be contacted in relation to the administration of the small town grant relevant to their township.

- Ancona – Dawn Kipping 5775 9555
- Barjarg – Roger Coates 5776 4235
- Bonnie Doon – Dick Hutchinson 5778 7202
- Gaffneys Creek – Melissa Guy 9736 3666
- Goughs Bay – John Quinn 5777 3100
- Jamieson – Phil Masters 5777 0696
- Howqua / Macs Cove – Lauren Eades 5775 1105
- Kevington / Upper Goulburn – Noel Denton 9807 5029
- Merrijig – Noel Willaton 0419 476 334
- Merton – John Fraser 5778 9540
- Sawmill Settlement / Alpine Ridge – Georgie Deyell 9841 0356
- Tolmie – John Plummer 5776 2360
- Woods Point – Gail Liddell 5777 8212

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