MEETING AGENDA

MEETING TITLE:	Community Reference Group – Allocations Meeting	DATE:	Monday 11 December 2023, 5.30pm
LOCATION:	Rokewood Hotel		
ATTENDEES:	**GPWFM:** Mark Bruty **CRG:** Bryan Vincent, Jo Sibbison, Sophie Whitlock, Pam Bailey, Marg Bufton, Carolyn Rankin		
APOLOGIES:	Peter Clifton		

1. INTRODUCTION - MARK

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Mark delivered a short introduction about the marketing and comms plan that was delivered for this round of grants, and highlighted the significant number of applications received this round.
- Mark sought confirmation that everyone had accessed the applications and had come to the meeting prepared with their thoughts and feedback as required.
- Bryan noted the large number of applications and that it would be a different situation regarding allocations, with so many applications and the same $20k to deliver.

2. APPLICATION DISCUSSION – BRYAN VINCENT & CRG

- Bryan commenced by welcoming everyone and opened the discussion around the allocation process for the evening. The suggestion was to look at all applications holistically first, to see if there were any that had achieved a consensus / were unanimous as being unsuccessful.
- Having looked at the thirteen (13) applications and going around the table to seek feedback and position on each submission, there was a consensus that:
    - The Advertising Van for Cape Clear would not be funded due to the cost of the project and the fact that town signage can be sought through Golden Plains Shire Council, and other more feasible advertising options were available.
    - The Movie Night infrastructure for Cape Clear would not be funded due to many 'unknowns' with the application around licensing, liability, the use at other locations etc.
- The remaining applications had more robust discussion and thought due to the nature of the application, the location, the allocated funding vs requested funding and because there were differing views from CRG members that warranted further exploration.
- The flagpole lighting for the RSL would be declined due to the pole not being lockable and the illumination at accessibility to the flag being a risk to theft or damage. Suggestion that potentially a lockable flagpole is sought first, and / or funding from DVA.
- Extreme Cowboys discussion centered around the event being held, the very niche market that access this kind of activity and the location being in Mount Rowan. It was determined this application would not be funded.
- The two applications for the Dereel Men's Shed were discussed and there was certainly merit seen in each application (Bonfire event, Christmas event) however with the timing of these events, there is scope to seek funding in the next round (early 2024) which will be the recommendation put forward. These were both declined.
- The tennis court for the Rokewood Primary School was seen as a very worthwhile project, but the cost of the project and the magnitude of the project was bigger than this round of grant funding. The DET have no money, but it would be good to have some support for the project through them. This is to be discussed as a 'legacy' project when the funding pool is bigger.

- Barunah Park Hall requested funding for a reverse cycle air conditioning unit to replace one that had ceased to operate. While there was support for this and a valid concern around the heating and cooling of the venue, the limited use and inability to 'part fund' saw this application denied and suggested to be re-applied for in future.

Successful Applications:

- There was extensive discussion around the shortlist of applicants that the CRG wanted to fund, and how this was going to be structured.
- Hesse Health was unanimously favoured for full funding due to the nature of their application to support women's health and the community garden / hub.
- The Leigh Seniors application was unanimously favoured due to the lack of funding now being supplied by the Golden Plains Shire Council and the importance of providing opportunities for seniors to socialise and improve quality of life, as well as providing respite for those who care for seniors. The money also gets spent back in the community through meals and entertainment.
- The Dulcie Long Memorial on behalf of the Golden Plains Womens Rural Network was funded after extensive discussion around the project and the ability to see it finally come to fruition after a long period of time. Having already secured funding in previous rounds, this grant will ensure the project is complete and is a great initiative for the community's health, wellbeing and education.
- The Cricket Club was identified as a recipient of part-funding to continue to assist them in providing an avenue for physical activity, health, physical / mental / social wellbeing. It's great for the community and they haven't received any support before.
- The Tennis Club was also approved for part-funding as they continue to build momentum within the community for juniors and tennis overall. Physical activity, social engagement and community impact were highlighted as reasons for part funding.

Allocation of funds:

- Hesse Health - $5,000
- Leigh Seniors - $2,500
- Golden Plains Womens Rural Network - $5,000
- Rokewood Cricket Club - $3,200
- Rokewood Tennis Club - $4,300

3. UPCOMING FUNDING ROUND

- No more rounds of funding until 2024
- Look at the structure / process / timelines as early in 2024 as possible

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- Support for the partitioning of funding to allow a pool of money to be used as determined by the CRG when a relevant project is identified. $50k when the project is fully operational. Must be communicated through the grants process how much is going be to ALLOCATED in that specific round, not advertise $200k and only allocate $150k.
- New CRG members: process moving forward in early 2024.
- GPSC towns / township plans taking place in April 2024. CRG should have some representation with the Golden Plains Shire Council led initiative.
- Progress group?

5. NEXT MEETING

- To Be Determined in 2024

Meeting closed at 7.24pm