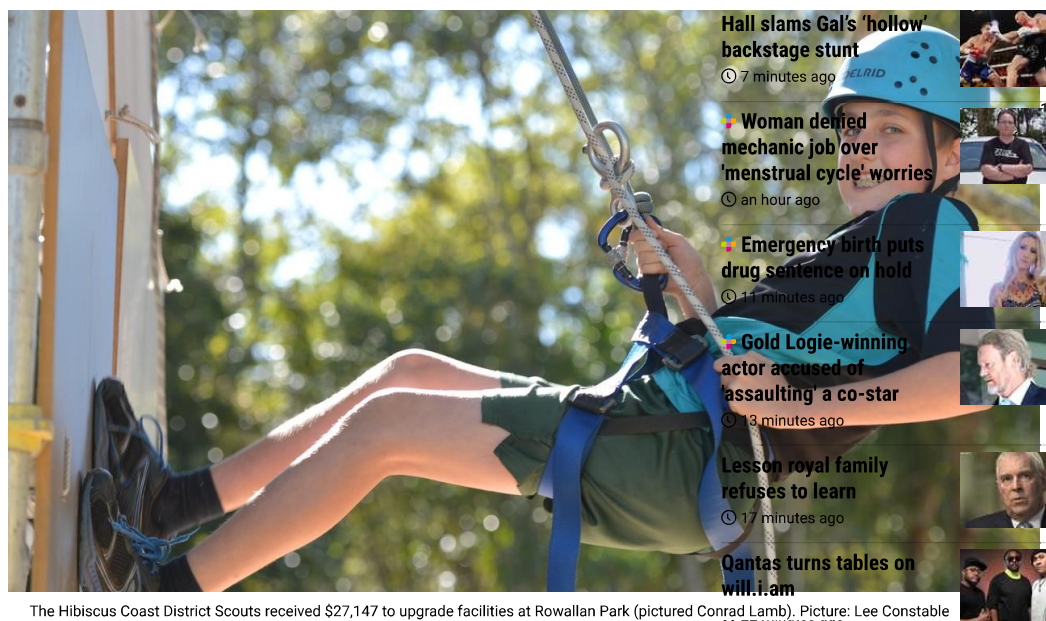


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Community grants: Nearly \$300k of funding awarded



The Hibiscus Coast District Scouts received \$27,147 to upgrade facilities at Rowallan Park (pictured Conrad Lamb). Picture: Lee Constable

COMMUNITY groups in the Mackay region received a cash injection of more than \$280,000 during this week's ordinary meeting of council.

Funding was awarded under three categories of council's community grants including small equipment (up to \$1500), community initiatives, programs, events and upgrades (up to \$7500) and a new minor infrastructure and assets category (up to \$30,000).

One of the organisations to receive a \$30,000 grant was the Mackay Riding for The Disabled Association.

Cr Fran Mann said the club would use the grant to construct a roof over their riding arena.

"Organisations like Riding for the Disabled do amazing work, and this grant will allow them to create a covered space to protect riders from the elements," Cr Mann said.

The Mackay Netball Association also received \$30,000 for renovations at Leisure Street Hall, Hibiscus Coast District Scouts received \$27,147 and the Mackay Community Visitors Association received \$24,750.

Also receiving grants were:

- Mackay Softball Association – \$1450 for new laptops
- Mackay Society of Model Engineers – \$14,300 for a shed extension
- Mackay Pioneer BMX Club – \$3800 for track lighting maintenance
- Mackay Canoe Club – \$4586.37 for the purchase of three Epic V7 skis
- AM Media Consultants Pty Ltd – \$1100 for Mackay Special Children's Christmas Party
- Kidney Support Network – \$1500 for office equipment
- Bloomsbury Soldiers Memorial Hall Association – \$7500 for toilet block improvements
- YIRS One Stop Youth Shop – \$7000 for a structured program to assist disadvantaged youth to gain their Learner License
- Rugby League Mackay & District – \$4800 for the development of a business plan
- Mackay Regional Community Legal Centre – \$1467 for new filing cabinets
- The Neighbourhood Hub – \$7,500 for an Early Years Health and Wellbeing Program
- Pioneer Valley Machinery Preservationists Society – \$6149 for the purchase of a purpose-built trailer
- C&K Eimeo Road Community Kindergarten – \$460 for an iPad
- Sarina Surf Life Saving Club – \$7500 for the Cruisin' the Coast Fun Run and Walk

- Mackay Community Garden – \$7500 for the installation of a stand-alone solar system
- Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association – \$1500 for computer equipment
- Mackay NAIDOC – \$7500 for the 2019 Mackay Family Day
- C&K Mackay Children and Family Centre – \$5706 for trauma training of educators
- Mackay Kennel Club – \$7500 for the Centenary Show and show weekend
- Sarina Golf Club – \$17,400 for a new mower
- QCWA Branch Mackay – \$4919 for computer equipment
- Iona West Men's Shed – \$2194 for upgrading their bandsaw
- Pinnacle Cricket Club – \$7500 for the replacement of a cricket pitch
- Mackay Wanderers Football Club – \$7500 for a new mower
- Pioneer River Valley Hack and Pony Club – \$3000 for developing a business plan
- Sugarshed Road Horse Sports Club – \$3000 for developing a business plan
- 21 Degrees South Multisport Association – \$1838 for orienteering equipment
- Finch Hatton Progress Association – \$5275 for Finch Hatton Christmas Lights 2019
- Mackay Contract Bridge Club – \$5776 for replacing an air conditioner
- Autism Queensland Limited – \$5761 for four iPads
- St Pauls Mackay – \$6000 for upgrading electrics, lights and fans in the church
- Road Accident Action Group – \$2200 for a new computer

The second and final round of council's Community Grant (also worth \$280,000) for the year is open now and applications close on May 1, 2020.

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