



Highways and Byways *A Community of Service*

In the spirit of the Missionary Sisters of Service and Fr John Wallis

2020 Small Grants Program – Successful Projects

Name, Organisation, Region of Aus. Pop.	2020 Theme - <i>NOURISHING OUR LAND AND OUR COMMUNITIES</i>	Amount of grant
<p>1.2020</p> <p>Greening Our Oval</p> <p>Carinda Sewing Group,</p> <p>Carinda, far north NSW in Walgett shire</p> <p>Pop: 158 NSW</p>	<p>This is a project to involve school students in the planting of trees at the local oval which has suffered severely from ongoing drought. Some rain has arrived in the last few months. The community, with help from the Shire, has established a watering system at the oval along with exclusion fencing to make sure trees and grass get the best possible start and continue to grow and provide much needed shade and durability. School Staff have agreed to include monitoring the trees in the school curriculum, such activities as measuring, checking on watering etc.</p> <p>Their revised application outlined clear social distancing measures, and understanding of restrictions with very limited numbers at any one time. E.g. staggering times when a family can plant their tree. They are very keen to take advantage of the recent rains. Each community group in this small region has committed \$100.00 each towards the trees. Free compost is coming from a local feedlot. Funds will contribute to the purchase of the trees.</p>	<p>\$2,000.00</p>
<p>2.2020</p> <p>Quilts for bushfires and drought victims</p> <p>Clever Country Quilters Cleve,</p> <p>Pop: 730 SA</p>	<p>This is an initiative from a group of volunteer quilters in Cleve, a small town on the central Eyre Peninsula in South Australia to initially supply quilts to bushfire and drought affected victims.</p> <p>Their revised application has stated that they would now like to broaden their reach to any vulnerable community members as a result of Covid 19. They have also emphasised the potential value for the quilters, some of whom are older to be part of a positive and engaging community initiative at this isolating time.</p> <p>Funds will contribute to the purchasing of the wadding for quilt making.</p>	<p>\$450.00</p>
<p>3.2020</p> <p>Silver Jewellery Making Workshop in the Australian Landscapes</p>	<p>This grant will provide isolated rural women from very sparsely populated areas with an opportunity to be inspired by the Australian Landscapes to create a beautiful piece of silver jewellery for themselves following the cumulative impacts of eight years of sustained drought in their region. This is an opportunity for the women to step away from the stresses of their lives and nourish themselves for a change.</p>	<p>\$1,000.00</p>

CWA of NSW -
 Weemelah Branch,
 Weemelah – Moree
 Plains Shire,
Pop: 140 NSW

Their revised application states they are flexible with the timeline as they are a volunteer organisation. They would like to commence the project towards the end of the year if Covid 19 restrictions allow this. The project would also support a local small business making silver jewellery. Funds will contribute to the cost of silver and jewellery making items.

4.2020

Ecological Restoration/
 Green Job Guarantee
 Symposium

North East Bioregional
 Network St Helens

Pop: 2,065
 TAS

The project was to initially host a community event consisting of expert speakers at a venue followed by a field trip to inspect ecological restoration projects in the local area. The event is to highlight the benefits of ecological restoration as well as promote the concept of a Green Job Guarantee program as a means to unlock opportunities for employment and training in the field of ecological restoration.

The revised application indicates a good adaption to current circumstances - An alternative to holding a Symposium at a venue (assuming social distancing rules are still in place) will be to initiate a Zoom style event where various ecological practitioners from around Tasmania and interstate showcase their ecological restoration projects on site providing information about their methodologies, challenges and successes.

In addition a few keynote speakers will talk about the significance of ecological restoration as a national conservation strategy that can also be a unifying social principle in moving towards a more restorative culture in society. The event will be open to interested community members and recorded for future use and access.

The grant is being used to hire someone with the requisite technological and organisational skills to pull the event together.

\$1,200.00

5.2020

Maintaining Wellness
 and Connection in
 Isolated Communities in
 Difficult Times

ICPA - Isolated
 Children's Parents
 Association
 Western NSW.
 Hatfield – **Pop less than
 20 people.**
 NSW

The original application was for three workshops to be held at the Hatfield Hall (100kms north of Balranald) to provide training in writing as a self-management tool for health, healing and stress recovery to parents of isolated children living between Ivanhoe and Balranald.

The revised application indicated that the workshops will be run through Zoom conferencing, which will mean those in isolated areas will not need to travel or find accommodation. The facilitator Stephanie Dale of The Write Road, has been running Zoom writing workshops for 5 years. This project will be an opportunity to focus on something creative and with a strategy that offers further nourishment for the community on the land. Some rain has come to some districts, but not others. The community is still suffering the effects of long term drought.

Potential Recipients will be women from small communities and farms around Hatfield, Funds will contribute to the facilitators fee and any technology support needed by the participants.
 Hatfield has a population of less than 20 people.

\$800.00

<p>6.2020</p> <p>Interconnection</p> <p>Warwick Artists Group Inc</p> <p>Warwick, South East Queensland</p> <p>Pop; 12,000</p> <p>QLD</p>	<p>This is an invitation for community groups and individuals to contribute to an art installation that will be part of the thirty year anniversary of the opening of the Warwick Regional Art Gallery. Together the Gallery and the Warwick Artists Group have supported the creative aspirations of the Southern Downs community for over five decades. This project will demonstrate the interdependence of diverse sections of community in difficult times.</p> <p>The revised application indicates that the gallery has given its commitment to support this initiative when it is able to do so, which they hope to be later in the year. The gallery considers the exhibition more important now with Covid 19 restrictions to help the community re-group and connect. All fundraising events have been cancelled. The artists are all currently working from home creating their art pieces. Funds will contribute to art materials, and gallery costs.</p>	<p>\$850.00</p>
<p>7.2020</p> <p>Food For All</p> <p>Live Well and Permaculture Australia,</p> <p>Wynyard,</p> <p>A town on the north west coast between Burnie and Stanley,</p> <p>Pop 5,000 TAS</p>	<p>The original initiative was to run workshops related to sustainable/regenerative agriculture/permaculture for people interested in providing low cost or free food to those who cannot afford decent food. The aim was to form a network of people interested in working together to provide local food security.</p> <p>The revised application indicates their adaption to current circumstances with an even greater focus on food security with the Covid19 situation making it harder for disadvantaged people to afford healthy food. Instead of workshops, the groups will grow seedlings to distribute to those not able to access them.</p> <p>They will also establish a network using online means to identify those able to supply excess produce for those in need, and link those experiencing food insecurity with the excess produce. Funds will go to materials for growing the plants, transport and storage costs.</p>	<p>\$1,550.00</p>
<p>8.2020</p> <p>Resurrecting Dirt patch Eco Friendly Veg Garden</p> <p>Granite Belt Support Services GBSS (NDIS Provider)</p> <p>Stanthorpe</p> <p>Southern Downs Region</p> <p>Pop: 5,400</p> <p>QLD</p>	<p>This is a disability support service. The original application was to resurrect a once functional outdoor garden wiped out by drought into an eco-friendly, sustainable vegetable garden. The clients and support workers have experienced first-hand the devastating effects of the drought on the community over a number of years. This project will provide the centre with an opportunity to educate their client's about healing and nurturing the land and using sustainable practices (water recycling, food scrap recycling) to protect the land into the future, giving them knowledge that they can apply and share more broadly in the community.</p> <p>They have revised the application according to Covid 19 restrictions and will work one on one with their clients, staggering all aspects of the garden program to enable only very small numbers of people in the centre – this is already happening with other centre activities. Funds will contribute to garden beds, materials and seeds.</p>	<p>\$900.00</p>

9.2020	Electrical Installation to KVC Men's Shed	The original application was for the cost of the installation of electricity to Kilkivan Veterans & Community Men's Shed. The volunteer members have raised the funds to purchase and erect a large shed according to Gympie Regional Council specifications.	\$2,758.00
Kilkivan, Gympie Region Pop: 713 QLD		The volunteer members support many of the older population of this isolated town in many ways – transporting them to doctors in Gympie – 100km round trip, getting medical scripts filled, doing grocery shopping etc. They have revised the use of the shed to one volunteer at a time or a married couple, and are still carrying on their community support and still using a generator for the power in the shed. All public fundraising events have been cancelled. Funds will cover the erection of the power pole and connection.	
10.2020	Kentish Kids Garden Club	This project aims to address disadvantage through regular garden club sessions including school holiday activities at Kentish House Glenhaven and Family Care Centre. Kentish has an above average population of young people and high levels of youth unemployment. Young people and their families will be involved in learning skills to develop self-confidence, increased environmental awareness, food security, self-sufficiency and the fostering of social networks in their own back yards and in the community.	\$750.00
Kentish House & GlenHaven Family Care Kentish Pop: 6,130 TAS		The revised application will deliver much of the initial planning online through social media, phone contact and the local newspaper The Kentish Voice. This will involve how to do online garden designs, online garden use planning, and involvement now in a limited way and once Covid 19 restrictions ease. Funds will be used for gardening materials, plants and seeds.	
11.2020	Restoration of 'World Heritage Neighbour' acreage property	The intention of this initiative is to restore the land health of a property neighbouring a World Heritage area by removing all invasive weeds, replant with wildlife/insect food plants, and enhance it to support wildlife, especially the Southern Cassowary that visits the property on an almost daily basis. The enhancements will include maximising breeding support for local frog species, a chemical-free sanctuary for wildlife and insects, and the inclusion of beehives and bee food plants to boost declining bee populations.	\$1,600.00
Frogsafe Carmoo Pop: 178 QLD		Frogsafe is a not for profit organisation working for frog and natural environment conservation run by volunteers. Long term they aim to offer guided walks, environmental interpretation and eco-tourism in the area. Once the invasive weeds are removed volunteers will undertake removing the smaller weeds, planting and developing beds and set up and maintain frog breeding ponds. They have already adjusted to Covid 19 restrictions and any volunteers are working in separate parts of the property. Funds will contribute to the cost of a contractor to remove the invasive species – calamus and bramble.	
12.2020	Rainwater tank	The Deloraine Community Garden is part of Deloraine Community House. They have recently had a shed added to the infrastructure, and a rainwater tank to collect water that would otherwise run to stormwater, now being used on the community garden. They wish to expand the garden with use of a further tank. This	\$1,200.00

<p>Deloraine Community Garden, Deloraine Community House Pop: 2,850 TAS</p>	<p>application is to purchase a 11,250 Litre tank and provide labour for a local handyman to construct a base, and to fit the plumbing to the tank.</p> <p>The revised application indicated that this initiative can proceed safely with distancing and sanitation requirements as per Covid 19 restrictions. The centre has increased its provision of food to those in need during this time, and are keen to be able to increase even further as the needs arise as a result of Covid 19 impacts.</p>	
<p>13.2020</p> <p>DIGNity Supported Community Gardening Inc</p> <p>Nubeena, Pop: 481 TAS</p>	<p>DIGNity Supported Community Gardening (DIGNity) aims to make a Community Garden at Nubeena, in rural Tasmania, more inclusive to people with dementia.</p> <p>DIGNity is a model of therapeutic horticulture which aims to be inclusive of the most vulnerable people in the community, who may be socially isolated due to mental health issues, physical disabilities, grief, or cognitive impairments. They run a fortnightly therapeutic horticulture program during which a team of health professionals, garden coordinators and artists help people of all abilities to engage in the garden. Each session attracts around 20 participants.</p> <p>Recent work with people with dementia at a partner site in Dodges Ferry revealed features of community gardens which help people with dementia feel included. Their revised application indicates they would do much of the planning online, and then follow social distancing guidelines as to when they can enable more people to be involved in working bees. A Community Gardener will make a short video that can be shared with regular garden users and supporters. Funds will contribute to accessibility equipment, plants and landscaping.</p>	<p>\$1,100</p>
<p>14.2020</p> <p>Feed & Support our Community 2020</p> <p>Acts Community Care Network Copping Community Care Centre,</p> <p>Copping, A small town in the south east Pop: 183 TAS</p>	<p>Funds are sought to replace a Community Centre oven with a larger and more functional one to provide meals for vulnerable community members.</p> <p>The revised application indicates that they have increased their community pantry and have set up take-away and delivery, especially for those sick and or self- isolating. They have put in place a home delivery protocol and worked out routes and days to make this as efficient as possible in line with Covid 19 restrictions. They are expanding care packages of essential pantry items, fresh bread, fruit & veg as well as frozen meals. They are also expanding care packages of pre-made meals and snacks for those who are unwell or overwhelmed by their circumstances.</p> <p>Their next project is to get a kitchen garden up and running to expand on the recycling and composting already taking place. This food will be used to supplement the rescued food for the pre-made meal program. The goal is to get as many healthy vegetable rich meals out to those in need as possible. Funds will be used for freestanding oven and cooktop.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>

<p>15.2020 Water tank and garden</p> <p>Wallangarra and Jennings Progress Association Inc.</p> <p>Wallangarra Pop: 385. QLD</p>	<p>Wallangarra has suffered both fires and drought in recent times and is a small town struggling to survive, let alone thrive. This application is for funds to install a water tank off the village hall to provide water to native and indigenous plant and vegetable garden with a 'bush tucker' theme. These plants will then be sold at the local community market as well as provide a welcome area of growth and life beside the village hall.</p> <p>The revised application states that they can proceed as planned and have already instigated Covid 19 restrictions in their organisation. They have two volunteers working at a distance in the area to prepare the base for the tank. They will delay any sales until markets etc are permissible. Funds will contribute to the purchase of the tank. Wallangarra is a small town in the Southern Downs region.</p>	<p>\$1,900</p>
<p>16.2020 Community Garden</p> <p>Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House</p> <p>Fingal is a small town in the north east of Tas. Pop: 405 TAS</p>	<p>To employ a part time gardener to maintain a community vegetable garden, to assist the current volunteers and to expand the garden to better accommodate the needs of the community. Fingal has a depressed economy, and high unemployment. Current circumstances have seen a rise in community anxiety and vulnerability.</p> <p>The revised application states that the Neighbourhood house has already implemented social distancing and scaled back activities. A gardener to develop and maintain the community garden will work alone until Covid 19 restrictions ease to enable some community participation. Funds will contribute to the part time wage for a gardener for 24 weeks.</p>	<p>\$1,500.00</p>
<p>17.2020 Community and Parish Connections – Communal Garden bed</p> <p>CatholicCare Tas and St Francis Xavier – South Hobart Parish TAS</p>	<p>The project is to build a communal garden on parish owned land outside a social housing complex “Buenos Aires” for women over 55 who are unable to afford private rental market housing costs. The vision for the garden is to create a peaceful space out the front of the apartments on an unused carpark area that allows for contemplation, productivity and a sense of community for residents of “Buenos Aires”, parishioners and local people.</p> <p>The revised application states that with social distancing and self-isolation for older residents this is an ideal opportunity to get the infrastructure into place with the funds being requested specifically for construction of the wicking beds and the purchase of native plants. All of the community consultation, design and garden layout has been completed prior to Covid 19 restrictions coming into place.</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>Total: \$24,058</p>		