

Sapphire Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Round One Recipients Awarded

Several local community organisations are set to receive a financial boost after the first round of the Sapphire Wind Farm Community Fund Benefit was awarded earlier this month.

The funding is a result of the Sapphire Wind Farm's commitment to support local initiatives and strengthen the local community.

Sapphire Wind Farm Facility Manager, David Williamson says "It's great to see the first round of funding go to so many worthy organisations. Sapphire Wind Farm looks forward to continuing support for our local community."

Community initiatives to share in the almost \$98,000 awarded were widespread and varied, with project funding ranging from upgrading out-dated or unsafe equipment to assisting with local festivals and events.

In many cases, the Community Benefit Fund has enabled small community groups to fulfil long-held desires and enhance their organisation's viability into the future.

The Inverell Volunteer Rescue Association was one of the successful recipients, claiming a \$10,000 grant from the fund.

Jason Tom, Captain of the Inverell VRA, says the money they will receive to replace old and worn equipment is greatly appreciated. "It is wonderful to see money being offered locally for worthy community organisations and projects that will give back to the town."

Other organisations awarded funding were:

- Inverell Town & Country Club - \$8,948
- National Transport Museum - \$17,000
- Ashford Golf Club - \$8,845
- Elsmore Rural Fire Brigade - \$800
- Inverell Show Society - \$5000
- Inverell NAIDOC Committee - \$1500
- Inverell Junior Cricket Association - \$4257
- Inverell Events Inc. - \$10,000
- The Blue Sky Film Project - \$4,500
- Ashford Pony Club - \$14,000
- Sapphire Sports Shears - \$4,454
- Inverell Motorcycle Sports Club - \$8,850

The Sapphire Wind Farm's aim to deliver community benefits through the funding of grants within the Inverell Shire Council local government area will continue when Round Two of the Community Benefit Fund opens in early September.