



The Community Foundation
of the Bega Valley Region
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MUMBULLA FOUNDATION

ABOUT US

The Mumbulla Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation, supporting the communities of the Bega Valley. We raise funds to support community groups in the Bega Valley whose viability and activities depend on additional funding.

The Foundation was launched in November 2000. Initial financial support was given by the Myer Foundation, the newly established Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Bega Valley Shire Council. The BVSC continue to provide ongoing financial support.

The Foundation's slogan "*Give where you live*" explains our ethos. We seek local, national and international grants and donations, and do our own fundraising from local residents and businesses. Other financial support comes from private donations, which are tax deductible. Bega Valley Shire Council co-funds our Community Grants program with \$25,000 each year, under our Memorandum of Understanding. Mumbulla Foundation commits to match this amount dollar for dollar.

The Foundation's work is done entirely by volunteers. There are no paid staff and administration expenses are largely unavoidable costs such as audit and insurance fees and advertising for grant applications.

Mumbulla Foundation (a company limited by guarantee) and Mumbulla Foundation Trust are listed with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). Both entities are registered with, and regulated by, the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

WHAT WE DO

Each year we provide community grants, Small grants up to \$2000 and Large grants up to \$9000 to community groups involved in a wide range of charitable work in the Bega Valley area. Our work helps to make the beautiful Bega Valley and Sapphire Coast a place of community – not just a place to live. It is well known that small groups and their activities are the glue that keeps regional communities together.

In the 20 years since our establishment the Foundation has given more than \$1.4 million as grants to over 300 organisations. Many groups only seek one-off funding for a special project, while others receive regular support for new and worthwhile activities. Often funding is for a simple piece of equipment such as a computer but it makes all the difference in how well a community group can function.

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Mumbulla Foundation recognises the First Nations peoples as the first people and Custodians of Country. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which Mumbulla Foundation operates, the people of the Yuin Nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Areas supported are diverse and range from health care to museums, after school care to marine rescue, music and the arts to family support, teen and mental health, projects in our First Nations communities and so on. Most organisations, as long as what they do is charitable in nature, are eligible to apply for funding.

In addition to the grants program the Foundation provides scholarships each year to local students attending Wollongong University at the Bega campus (five undergraduate scholarships and one postgraduate scholarship). In 2021 we have been able to offer an additional series of Continuing Education scholarships, funded by Bendigo Bank and FRRR. We partner with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal to provide support to low-income families to purchase school supplies and equipment. We also present school book prizes to each of our eighteen local schools.

ABOUT THE BOARD

Our board of professional people manage the Foundation on a volunteer basis. There are no permanent support staff. This means that we operate with a very small administrative budget to distribute practically all of our funding to deserving groups.

OUR FUTURE

In the 20 years since our establishment, the Foundation has played an important role in supporting local community groups. However, we feel that more could be done. Each year funding applications received from local groups exceed the amount the Foundation is able to provide. Lifting the Foundation's profile would help us to respond more effectively to changing community needs and give local donors more attractive options for channelling their charitable interests.