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COUNCIL GIVING EVERYONE A SPORTING CHANCE

Coonamble Shire Council is helping make dreams come true for some young sportspeople, while also providing valuable support for two key local community services.

The support comes through Council's Donations Policy that provides the opportunity for local organisations and charities to apply for financial assistance for projects considered to benefit the community.

Under the Donations Policy applications are invited quarterly for consideration by the Council. The total amount of donations approved for this financial year exceeds \$80,000.

Council resolved at its June meeting to provide financial assistance to eight local community entities.

The allocations are:

Gulargambone Tennis Club	\$1,350
Coonamble Netball Club	\$3,000
Coonamble Junior Rugby Club	\$5,500
Coonamble District Education Foundation	\$1,640
Coonamble Royal Far West	\$2,500
Coonamble Meals on Wheels	\$1,000
Coonamble DV Collective	\$1,000
St Brigid's Catholic Primary School.....	\$510

Mayor Tim Horan said, "I am delighted to be able to support a range of local organisations in this way and help them deliver programs that have a very positive social impact on the community."

These donations will help two young netballers take part in interstate and international competition.

It will also support Coonamble Junior Rugby Club players who will run out with players for the national anthems at an international rugby union match in Sydney, between the Wallabies and Wales, as well as to compete against other junior rugby clubs in Sydney.

Gulargambone Tennis Club has been supported with a \$1,350 donation to offset the costs of the water and sewer access charges for the clubhouse and courts.

Meanwhile, St Brigid's Catholic Primary School received a contribution of \$510 towards the cost associated with its hire of the Coonamble Sportsground for its yearly athletics carnival.

Coonamble Royal Far West has received \$2,500 towards the cost of hosting its 90th birthday celebration at the Coonamble Showground Pavilion, where it hopes to host up to 150 people for its event.

Coonamble District Education Foundation has received \$1,640 towards the cost of the hire of the Coonamble Showground Pavilion for a proposed luncheon as its major fundraising event for 2024.

Council also supported some two vital community services – Coonamble Meals on Wheels and the Coonamble Domestic Violence Collective – both of whom assist sections of the community in need.

General Manager Paul Gallagher said, “Sport is in the lifeblood of Coonamble residents and a very important part of our community. We work closely with and support all local groups including the Meals on Wheels and DV Collective. Residents rely heavily on these services.”

Paul Gallagher
GENERAL MANAGER