

# STAWELL GOLD MINES COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Stawell Gold Mines respects the environments and communities in which it works and encourages all employees to become involved in their local community.

The Community Grants Program provides grants to individuals or community groups for projects or activities that benefit the communities surrounding the mine at Stawell. **The Stawell Gold Mines Community Grants Program** covers the area of the local community of Stawell. The aim of these grants is to enhance the overall social, educational, recreational and environmental aspects of the communities in which we operate.

Environmental projects must consider the current regulations of relevant land managers and government authorities when preparing an application. Projects involving revegetation must submit a list of plant species.

Grants will be made to projects or activities under one of the following areas:

**Educational Environment Recreation General** 

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Run biannually, the Community Grants Program invites applications for financial support from a wide range of community groups and individuals.

Applications must be made on the official Community Grants Program Application form – available to download from the Stawell Gold Mines website.

Applications should be made to the **Stawell Gold Mines Community Grants Program** either by post or email – see contact details on page 2.

Additional supporting material may be attached to your application.

## **CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION**

- A detailed budget and schedule of works must be submitted with the application.
- The project must demonstrate forward planning, be well organised, and include ongoing support from the group.
- Applications for retrospective funding will not be considered.
- Any unspent grants must be returned to the Program at the end of the grant period unless prior approval has been sought.
- Offer of grant by the Program in no way implies any ongoing funding commitment or obligation.
- No information will be divulged regarding progress of applications prior to grant announcements.
- The Administrators and/or Company personnel will be entitled to view a grant project at any time.
- The application must not be completed and submitted by a third party to the organisation.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

The following criteria will be applied when evaluating the eligibility of grant applications.

All applicants / applications must:

- Not be for commercial purposes.
- Applications for the funding of business administrative costs, such as business planning and strategy or compliance are not eligible.
- Include direct benefits to the community.
- Be able to demonstrate their own contribution in the form of funds, services or in-kind support.
- Be based in our local community –within the city of Stawell for the Stawell Gold Mines grants.
- Agree to expend grant monies only in accordance with the successful project application.
- Obtain all Planning, Building Permits and any other authorizations including public liability insurance
- Acknowledge the contribution of the Stawell Gold Mines Community Program in all media and promotional material regarding the project. A copy of the Company's logo can be provided for your usage.
- Complete the project within 1 calendar year. Extensions may be granted in consultation with the administrators/Company.

## ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT: Reporting

- A short report identifying how grant funds have been expended is due no later than 60 days after the completion of the project (photos could make up part of this report)
- Relevant financial records detailing project expenditure
- Supply copies of any publicity materials or media coverage. Assistance with acknowledgement of funding will be given (e.g. help with press releases and Company logo etc.)

#### **LIMITATIONS OF GRANTS**

The Grants Program will not consider funding applications from:

- Individuals not linked to a community-based project
- Political organisations or campaigns
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Projects which, in the opinion of the Administrators/Company, are the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government
- Appeals on behalf of auxiliaries or foundations undertaking capital appeals of a general nature

### Funding is approved at the discretion of the Company/Administrators.

Where support is declined the Company/Administrators do not normally advise the reasons for individual decisions.

# **Community Grants Program**

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