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# APO COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

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Giving back to the community in  
which we work and live

Committed to  
strengthening connectivity  
and sustainability of our  
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The APO Community Support Program is based on the principles of giving back to the community in which we work and live. Our community program aims to provide support for programs and initiatives that have a positive impact on those that are less fortunate and reside within our local community.

Through a focus on the pillars of education, community health, sustainable livelihood development and rural infrastructure development, as well as support of local events, social and sporting clubs, the APO Community Support Program targets initiatives that build community sustainability, resilience, and connectivity.

We aim to build positive and lasting social and economic benefits by seeking out and supporting activities and projects aligned with these goals.

The APO Community Support Program comprises adhoc requests for funding support and an annual intake for larger funding requests. The annual intake is collated annually by the Environment and Community Team through face-to-face consultation with key stakeholders with requests made by application. Direct consultation assists APO in obtaining a profound understanding of the current challenges, gaps in service availability, and emerging issues that are faced by our local community.

The result of consultation and assessment is our Community Support Program - a program of support for local organisations that are best placed to make a positive impact on the lives of those that reside within the community in which we operate.



## Program Pillars

- Education and Skill Development
- Community Health
- Sustainable Livelihood Development
- Community Infrastructure Development
- Sporting/Social Club and Event Support

## What projects are eligible for funding

To be eligible, the application must:

- be made by an education facility or not-for-profit, incorporated organisation or association
- demonstrate the organisation's ability to manage the proposed project/activity in a professional manner
- primarily benefit the Bowen community in which we operate
- show a clear connection and benefit to the community
- have clearly defined objectives and time frames
- annual intake applications must be received by the 1st of December each calendar year for consideration.

## Organisations or initiatives we are unable to support

The below organisations or initiatives are ineligible for consideration in the program:

- discriminate on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, or lifestyle
- push a political or religious belief
- made by a Pty Ltd or public company or 'for profit' organisations
- support an individual
- overseas appeals
- research projects
- projects that have already been completed i.e. applications for retrospective funding.

## Conditions

Should your application be successful, we will require the following:

- Completion of an acquittal form in December of the year funds are paid, to assist us in measuring the success of our Community Support efforts.
- Funds must be used for the purpose outlined in the application. Should the funding purpose change you must seek approval for the change from the Environment and Community Team.
- If your project or initiative is cancelled or postponed, you must let us know and an agreement reached on alternative plans for the expenditure.
- Where agreed the APO logo is displayed.

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