

## The Ripple Effect Community Partnerships Guidelines 2017

At Wannon Water, we are seeking opportunities to partner with community groups for win-win outcomes under our new community partnership program, known as *The Ripple Effect*.

**How to apply - *The Ripple Effect* has two streams of support:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The Ripple Effect</i> Community Events Support</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open all year round</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit your application any time at <b>least six (6) weeks prior</b> to the event</li> <li>• A range of great water gear is available as donations or loans to support your event (browse below).</li> <li>• Financial support up to \$500</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Is this the old sponsorship program?      Yes, and the process is the same.</p> </div> <p><b>To apply</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read these guidelines</li> <li>2. Go to our website for the on-line application form</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The Ripple Effect</i> Community Grants</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Awarded annually</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications due 5pm, Tuesday 21 November 2017</li> <li>• Successful applicants announced early December 2017</li> <li>• For projects being implemented between December 2017 and June 2018</li> <li>• Grants up to \$5,000 (matched dollar for dollar with cash or in-kind by the applicant)</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>This looks new!      Yes, first round this year.</p> </div> <p><b>To apply</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read these guidelines and browse the application form on our website</li> <li>2. Call the grant contact Jackie Bowe on 5565 6675 to discuss your application</li> <li>3. Complete the application form on our website</li> </ol>
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***The Ripple Effect* criteria – we are seeking win-win projects and events that:**

1. Contribute to the themes in our community strategy: regional prosperity; education, training and volunteering; health and wellbeing; and/or natural environment;
2. Align with our mission and capabilities: to provide safe, reliable, innovative and sustainable water services and strengthen communities in south-west Victoria;
3. Are designed to maximise the scale of their impact within our service region, whether that be in your town, district or across our whole service area. Innovation will be rewarded here;
4. Collectively, will result in impacts of *The Ripple Effect* across our whole service area;
5. Are great value for money;
6. Will promote the messages of the project or event to the community and will acknowledge the support provided by Wannon Water; and
7. Are not retrospective (that is, activities that have already happened are not eligible).

## You are the kind of community organisation we have in mind if:

- You are a not-for-profit, volunteer-based, community organisation within our service area.
- You can demonstrate your ability to carry out the event or project successfully. Use the application form to show us how you have thought through your proposal and how you will deliver maximum impact.
- You do not have outstanding reports due for grants or sponsorship from us.

## Timing and reporting requirements

- For *Community Events Support*
  - Submit your application any time **at least six (6) weeks prior** to the event
  - Recipients will be asked to send us a photo of the event and a brief message on how it went.
- For *Community Grants (Annual Round)*
  - For 2017, applications are due 5pm, Tuesday 21 November 2017. Successful applicants will be announced early December 2017. Activities will need to be implemented between December 2017 and June 2018, with acquittals due 30 June 2018.
  - Future rounds will be announced and assessed in the first half of the calendar year so that payments are made 1 July each year for a 12-month implementation period.
  - Recipients will be asked to complete a simple acquittal form once the project is completed, by 30 June.

## Fairness

- All applications will be assessed against *The Ripple Effect* criteria above.
- *The Ripple Effect Community Events Support* applications will be assessed as they are submitted - allow up to six (6) weeks before your event. Applications will be assessed against the criteria, including collectively achieving impact across the region and across Wannon Water's Community Strategy themes. For example, if we have already supported a number of events addressing a particular theme in a particular town, similar requests may be denied with the suggestion of resubmitting the following year.
- *The Ripple Effect Community Grant* applications will be subject to a competitive assessment process as part of the annual round.
- We will be monitoring for impact across our service region and Community Strategy themes. If we see low uptake in some areas we will actively promote *The Ripple Effect* in those areas.
- Lack of experience in applying for a grant should not be a disadvantage. We are here to discuss your project and event ideas with you and assist you with the application process.
- Wannon Water employees are required to comply with the Code of Conduct for the Victorian Public Sector in respect to providing sponsorship and other matters of ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

## Logistics

- Pick-up of equipment and merchandise for events will be available at your nearest Wannon Water office unless otherwise arranged – if we can make it more convenient for you, we will.
- Payments for event support will be made up front.
- Payments for annual community grants will be made in two stages: 80% up front and 20% on receipt of the final report.

## Contact

Contact Jackie Bowe on 5565 6675 if you have any questions or to discuss your application.

**Great water gear available to support community events**

Apply for free hire or a donation of these items through *The Ripple Effect Community Events Support*. All items are subject to availability. See above for how to apply.



**Choose Tap water bottle refill stations**

- Designed as an ergonomic way to be smart and Choose Tap to refill your drink bottle at events
- Available for free hire
- Requires access to drinking water tap
- Hose and fittings included
- Value estimated at \$50 per day



**15-litre water container/dispensers**

- Be smart and Choose Tap at your event when there is not a tap handy
- Available for free hire
- Has tap at the bottom (not shown in photo)
- Value estimated at \$10 per day



**Choose Tap water bottles**

- Everyone loves our great water bottles
- Use as prizes at your event
- Made in Australia
- PBA free, recyclable plastic
- Value based on the cost price to us - \$3.50 per bottle



**Reusable plastic cups (left)**

- Available for loan for your community event
- Value is estimated at \$1 each per event



**Prize pack in bucket**

- We can customise the packs to suit your event
- Value is estimated at \$50 per pack



**Prize packs in tote bag**

- We can customise the packs to suit your event
- Value is estimated at \$50 per pack

**Choose Tap paper cups (right)**

- Where reusable cups are not possible
- Made in Australia
- 100% recyclable
- Value based on cost to us - 50c each