

Grants in Action in Our Community

Case Study

Glastonbury Hall & Recreation Association Inc



Fun-filled carnival atmosphere style event held in November 2022 at the Glastonbury Hall's Recreation Grounds. The objective was to get 'people off the couch' and engage in some good old-fashioned fun and engage with the community.

There were sack-races, three-legged races, egg and spoon races and dunking for apples. The event was supported by live entertainment, face-painting, fairy-floss and a sno-cone machine! The concept was to get to know your neighbours and embrace the local community in a low-cost fun-filled event suitable for all ages for the residents of Glastonbury and surrounding region. This event was designed to encourage stronger community engagement and was the ideal platform to promote recreational activities that we have planned to reinvigorate the Glastonbury Hall & Recreation Grounds to improve overall community connection.

We believed this event would be the catalyst to create and foster friendships in a fun-filled environment to ensure every community member knows there is support during the good times and in times of need.



Project Outcomes:

The benefit of the Glastonbury Carnivale Fun Fair was to reconnect Glastonbury and surrounding districts by joining together in a fun-filled day of 'country style' atmosphere, with entertainment and country style activities suitable for everyone.

The unexpected benefits were the number of volunteers who were willing to provide endless hours to support our local community in the pre-planning, set-up, securing donations of equipment, baking for the cake sale and overall clean up.

The engagement from our Widgee and District community members such as Gympie & District Woodworkers Club and Widgee & District Pony Club allowed these clubs to generate donations/sales and be part of the greater community spirit.

Plus the Cooloola Classic Car Club and Goomeri Chrome Bumpers said they would bring more 'cars' next year! The event really did create a sense of pride in living in a close-knit rural and regional community.



25
volunteers
involved



300
attendees



Community Grants Program 2022/2023 category:

Get Local Community Grants

Amount funded: \$1500

Category purpose: To support communities impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and natural disasters to deliver activities and events that enable social connectedness and recovery.

"The Get Local Community Grant was the catalyst to create the event with plans to grow annually."

Rochelle Uechtritz, Secretary, Glastonbury Hall & Recreation Association

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