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Making Learmonth

When it comes to prioritising projects, no one knows better what is needed at the local level than the locals. That's the philosophy behind the City of Ballarat's Engaging Communities Program.

Last year Council invested \$300,000 into community-led projects in Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong, designed to strengthen community links and build local community confidence.

The Learmonth Community Action Team was created in August 2013 and has supported projects including the new netball change room facility at the Learmonth Recreation Reserve.

The good news is a further \$300,000 will be invested in Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong in the City of Ballarat's 2014/15 Budget.

Community news

Did you know Learmonth has its own community newspaper? The "Learmonth Thunderer" is distributed throughout Learmonth and district four times a year.

Auspiced by "The Friends of Learmonth" and in its fifth year, the newspaper is produced on a voluntary basis. Around 50 local people contribute to the writing, editing, proofreading, information gathering, photographing, distributing and printing every edition.

The newspaper gives the local community a chance to hear local success stories and to know about up and coming events.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newspaper contact Kate Serrurier via email at serrurier1@bigpond.com



Library Services on your doorstep

Did you know the Library Outreach Van visits the Learmonth Bowling Club in McKay Street, 10am to 12pm, every Wednesday?

The City of Ballarat's Library Outreach Service provides the Learmonth community with a fresh collection of adult, young adult and junior fiction, as well as picture books, non-fiction, magazines and CDs, DVDs and talking books.

There is also a four-week rotation of Duplo, musical instruments, wooden blocks, and puppets for children. Or sign up for a 'Get to know your iPad' and 'Using the Library eResources' session.

Want to know more?

Call the Ballarat Library at 5338 6800 or chat to the Outreach Staff at Learmonth.



Learmonth's Pathway to Growth

The City of Ballarat and the Learmonth Community Action Team received \$415,000 from the State Government for the 'Learmonth Pathway to Growth Project'.

Announced in August, the City of Ballarat will contribute \$250,000, and the Learmonth Community Action Team will give \$15,000 to the Project.

The funding will deliver the:

- regeneration and extension to the walking track along the Lake Learmonth Foreshore including distance markers,
- installation of interpretive signage and a bird watching hide,
- a community shelter and BBQ, and
- seating and public art.

The project also includes the upgrading of 2.1km of the existing path, and 1.2km in new pathways that will create a loop from Lake Learmonth back to the Sunraysia Highway. The pathway will connect walkers to local businesses and the Learmonth streetscape.



Avenue of Honour

The Learmonth Avenue of Honour will be restored, thanks to a Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant.

Works include:

- pruning and tidying the trees,
- improving drainage along the Avenue,
- installation of a plaque to commemorate the names of soldiers not listed on the Charles Vaughan Monument, and
- landscaping of the garden beds surrounding the Charles Vaughan Monument.

VicRoads will also install wire safety barriers along sections of the Avenue, improving the safety of the Sunraysia Highway

Restoration works are expected to be completed by October 2014.



Cemetery upgrade

The historic Sexton Hut at the Learmonth Cemetery will be restored in the coming months. The project includes replacing rotten weatherboards and repainting the hut.

During restoration, the Hut will be temporarily relocated off-site and will return renewed to its original location, ensuring many more years of service to the community.

New signage will also be installed at the Learmonth Cemetery. The signage will include information on the denominations and locations at the Cemetery to assist visitors to locate gravesites of interest.

Community grant successful for Learmonth Bowling Club

The Learmonth Bowling Club has been successful in obtaining a City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant to upgrade the club room kitchen.

The upgrade included new bench tops, commercial cooker and a dishwasher.

The venue regularly hosts functions and the refurbishment will provide improved facilities and enhance the amenity of the venue for the community.



Apply now for a Community Impact Grant

The City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant Program (CIGP) welcomes applications year round with grant money allocated every month.

Not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations may apply for grant funding for projects, events, exhibitions and performances that contribute to a vibrant community for the City of Ballarat.

The CIGP encourages organisations to build community relations, create connections and improve health and wellbeing opportunities in Ballarat.

The CIGP Guidelines and application forms are available at the City's Customer Service Centre, The Phoenix, Armstrong Street South; or at www.ballarat.vic.gov.au.



New facilities for Learmonth netballers

Learmonth netballers have a brand new change room facility, thanks to \$34,500 from the Learmonth Community Action Team, as part of the City of Ballarat's Engaging Communities Program.

The completion of the new change room facility at the Learmonth Recreation Reserve delivers a more comfortable home for members of the netball club.



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