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Community Capital Infrastructure Grants Program – Council awards \$165,981 to Community Projects in 2012-13

At the July Meeting of Council the final review of five Projects submitted under the Community Capital Infrastructure Grants Program was completed and all five projects were approved for funding.

These five projects bring the total number of projects funded in 2012-13 to eight with a total disbursement of \$165,981. The following groups were successful with their applications:

Penneshaw Progress Association - Electricity distribution panel upgrade and installation to facilitate Farmer's Market activities at the Penneshaw Oval	\$ 5,106
Advance Kingscote Progress Association - Stage 3 Wright Park Irrigation Upgrade - Stage 4 Wright Park Irrigation Upgrade	\$ 25,720 \$ 31,641
Parndana Sports Club - Roof-top solar panel installation on Sports Club Building at Parndana Oval	\$ 22,000
Kangaroo Island Players - New front of house Curtain for Stage at the Kingscote Community Hall	\$ 4,851
Western Districts Memorial Community & Sports Centre - Transformer and Lighting Upgrade	\$ 52,636
Parndana Progress Association - Power Upgrade Project – Parndana Oval	\$ 4,725
Parndana Soldier Settlement Museum - Museum Upgrade – Stage 4	\$ 19,302
Total Funds Committed	\$165,981

These projects successfully leverage external grants, Community contributions (financial and in kind) and Council funds to achieve the project outcomes for the Community in each area. The majority of these projects have been long in the gestation and in the past have completely relied on Community donations and support for fund raising activities as well as the successful application for third party grants from State / Federal Government and other non-Government organisations.

The establishment of the fund by Council for the financial year 2012-13 was a direct result of the Administration being able to deliver savings from the budget for 2011-12. To allow the Community to directly benefit from these savings, Councillor Connell proposed that this fund be established in recognition of the significant value-add that investing in the Community can achieve. This was formally moved and seconded by Councillors Liu and Davis and carried unanimously.

On hearing of the successful award at the July Meeting, Cheryl May, President of the Parndana Progress Association said *'The Community Infrastructure Grant Program has given the Parndana Community a new lease of life. Having the extra funds available ... has made several projects not just a pipe dream but reality.'* In common with other Progress Associations and Community Groups across the Island she added that *'...these projects assist in becoming a more sustainable community and lightening the work load on our valued volunteers...'* finally concluding with *'...we thank the council for their continued community and volunteer support.'*

Council have approved the allocation of a further \$150,000 for financial year 2013-14 and encourage Community Groups to assess whether their projects could qualify for Grant Program Funding.

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