

**COUNCIL POLICY PE404****SUSTAINABLE CLAREMONT – COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the Town’s funding program to support local community groups to improve the Town’s natural environment, assist in driving a more sustainable Claremont and assist in community capacity building,

**Policy**

The Town of Claremont recognises the importance that local not for profit, community groups, schools and businesses all play a role in creating a vibrant and sustainable Town. Council also recognises the difficulties these groups can face with accessing funds to support initiatives, and as such has developed (this program) to provide a platform to support and partner with the Town toward achieving the objectives of the Town’s Claremont Ahead 2027- Strategic Community Plan. The goals of this program in line with the Town’s vision and objectives are:

- To provide positive opportunities and participation of all community members within the Town
- To support community groups / clubs and not for profit groups that contribute to community participation and activation
- To promote civic pride
- To develop local ownership in community development initiatives
- To assist in the development of a more environmentally sustainable community
- Enable groups to maximise their development for both their social and environmental opportunities;
- Provide an equitable and accessible means by which community groups can access funding;
- Provide a process for distributing funds to meet defined outcomes;
- Involve stakeholders in a shared approach to the development of sustainable initiatives in the Town

Council will support a Sustainable Claremont Community Support Program through the provision of funds in the Annual Budget and where appropriate, providing exemption on Development Applications for community based development activities and providing use of the Town’s community facility known as ‘Meals on Wheels’ subject to application and availability.

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