



Councillor Zamprogno secures \$90,750 grant for Richmond School of Arts Lighting refurbishment

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With Hawkesbury MP, Robyn Preston, School of Arts committee member, Ross Wanstall, and President of Richmond Players, Sean Duff

There are a range of grant programs that community groups can avail themselves of in supporting their work.

Hawkesbury Council have their own Community Sponsorship program, recently revamped by Council with clearer processes and assessment guidelines, which groups can access [here](#) in the case of facilities, and [here](#) in the case of events.

For more major works, the State Government have grant programs like the [Community Building Partnership](#) grant program, [ClubGrants](#), and the new [MyCommunity grant program](#). There are also non-government philanthropic programs like the [Crown Resorts Foundation](#).

As part of my work supporting Hawkesbury organisations, I have become adept at identifying and advocating for groups to get funding in this way.

If your community organisation want a hand in securing grant funding, [get in touch](#), because I'd be happy to help.

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📍 Wilberforce

\$ 8,000

Building a new Men's Shed

To erect a larger men's shed for our members. This will improve our amenity and help with community assistance projects.



📍 Hobartville

\$ 6,140

Richmond Swimming Centre S & Seating Installation

Installation of additional permanent shade structures & accessible seating (including wheelchair access to tables)

I successfully initiated and pursued a grant for \$25,800 to install a sound system in the Richmond School of Arts building in 2010, followed up by \$3,655 in 2015 for a new projection screen for the same building.

In the case of the School of Arts and its anchor tenants, the Richmond Players dramatic society, the masterplan was always to attempt to complete the auditorium refurbishment with a new lighting system.

The old lighting system in that building is old and fragile. The filament lights could only be driven to 80% brightness – if they blew, there were no replacement parts. Once it dies, that's it.

It was obtained second hand from Channel 9 in the early 1970s, and was old even then. I hear, in the past, the lighting operator John Phipps dimmed the lights by plunging a live coil of wire wound around a broom handle into a bucket of water!

I'm hugely proud to say that this year, a grant I initiated and pursued [for \\$90,750 has been successful](#), finally allowing this wonderful community organisation, now in its 68th year, to complete the refurbishment.

The pivotal moment was when the State Government launched a new grant scheme, the [MyCommunity Grant Scheme](#), in which the winners would be voted on by the public. I knew there was a large and enthusiastic community of patrons of this space, and of community theatre, who would rally to the cause. They handed our fliers at shows, letterbox dropped the local area, and gained the support they needed.

I'm also very pleased that a number of other local Hawkesbury community groups have secured funding, including for an expanded [Men's Shed in the grounds of the Pioneer Village at Wilberforce](#), for [shade structures at Council's community pool at Richmond](#), and for [public-access heart defibrillators for the Wiseman's Ferry community](#).

Of course this would not be possible without the support of the NSW State Government, and of our [local Hawkesbury MP, Robyn Preston](#), whose office has facilitated information about the grant programs throughout. Thank you, Robyn.

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