



NEW: Raymond Piera, Glenn Rippon and Brian Ritchie take a delivery of Colac Driver Reviver's new mower from Rick Cole. The South West Community Foundation provided a grant for the mower.

Grants will assist community work

Seven Colac and district community groups will share in \$14,600 for equipment, events and community initiatives.

The Colac Sub Fund of the South West Community Foundation has announced the recipients of its latest round of grants.

Colac Driver Reviver has received a grant to buy a new ride-on mower to maintain its roadside stop in Colac's west.

Driver Reviver treasurer Brian Ritchie said the group's 52 volunteers appreciated

the support to maintain the site, which offers hot drinks to motorists on 83 nights a year.

"We are just so appreciative of the support provided to us by the Colac Sub Fund and excited by the prospect of being able to achieve our goal," Mr Ritchie said.

The Country Women's Association's Polwarth Group received funding to showcase arts and homecrafts through an annual exhibition.

Otway Rotaract and Eat-Up Australia re-

ceived money to continue providing school lunches to children in need.

Apollo Bay's Marrar Worn Neighbourhood House has received a grant for creative tools for digital learning for younger people.

The funding will also allow Cororooke's Red Rock Regional Theatre and Gallery to house a defibrillator to assist in medical emergencies.

South West Do Care will use its funding to increase community awareness of its work and recruit more volunteers.

Colac's Wydinia Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre picks up funding to develop its outdoor space.

Colac Sub Fund chair Robyn Alexander said the foundation was pleased to allocate local money for local needs.

"This is a permanent fund which is built and operated by our community," she said.

"It is a way for ordinary people to support and invest in the future of their community. So if you wish to support us, we would love to hear from you."