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Communities benefit from Bell Bay Aluminium grants program

A program to tackle bullying, new equipment to help the SES deliver road crash rescue training, and a facility upgrade for the Exeter Show Society, are three of the five projects selected by Bell Bay Aluminium to receive a community grant.

West Tamar SES Unit, Exeter Show Society Inc, George Town Community Bowls Club, Angels Goal Inc. and George Town Ambulance Social Club are all the most recent grant recipients from Bell Bay Aluminium's community grants program.

An employee committee had the arduous task of assessing the smelter's most recent round of community grants which has again proved to be very popular.

The successful organisations received a \$2,000 grant at a morning tea and presentation at Bell's Café in George Town on Tuesday, 13 May.

The grants will enable these organisations to purchase much needed equipment or deliver specific support programs.

Exeter Show Society Inc. will use the funds to upgrade facilities by replacing a dilapidated and unsafe roof on a toilet block used by a range of sporting and community groups.

George Town Ambulance Social Club will purchase a new rescue mannequin for training purposes.

Angels Goal Inc. will use the grant funds to help deliver Angels Goal Social Media Peer Support Program to George Town Schools to support and help students affected by bullying and anti-social behaviour.

West Tamar SES Unit will purchase a vehicle trailer to assist with road crash rescue training and the George Town Community Bowls Club will use the grant to help provide universal access to their ladies toilet facilities.

Bell Bay Aluminium has a long and proud history of supporting Tasmanian communities. The community grants program provides financial support to not-for-profit and community organisations and individuals across the state.

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Background information:

Bell Bay Aluminium is located on the Tamar River near George Town in Northern Tasmania.

Bell Bay Aluminium directly and indirectly employs more than a thousand Tasmanians and contributes \$690M per annum to Tasmania's Gross State Product.

Annual production in 2013: 189,423 tonnes

Bell Bay was the first aluminium smelter built in the Southern Hemisphere, commencing production in 1955 as a joint venture between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments.

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