

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) is pleased to provide this high level overview & analysis of the grants partnership to the Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

## Working in Dairy Communities Small Grants Program

### Program Aims

Grants (of up to \$5,000) aim to strengthen small Victorian dairy communities, build their capacity to deal with local issues and enhance existing community infrastructure. The program has opened continuously from 2003; 2016 is the 14th year operating.

### Fast Facts

- 346 Grants
- 533 Requests
- \$2,311,977 Requested
- \$1,303,377 Granted
- \$2,449 Average Grant
- 161 Communities Supported

### What Recipients Say

Simon Dewar, Principal of Colac Secondary College, said their "Going Poddy" project received \$2,500 in 2015. Dairying provides more job opportunities than tourism in the Western Victoria dairying region and has a high multiplier effect for the community for dollars invested.

*"This grant went towards building additional agricultural educational infrastructure to enable the year round operation of our 'Cows Create Careers' program for year nine students, which teaches skills essential to working in the dairy industry,"* said Mr Dewar.

Narelle O'Donoghue from Murrabit Special Project Committee Inc, received \$3,000 in 2013 for assistance with the Men's Shed. She said the grant was fabulous support for their small dairy community, and helped attract more than \$17,000 in total.

*"Times are challenging but community projects help bring people together with small grants boosting morale, motivation and enthusiasm for keeping the fabric of communities going. In fact, the Gardiner funding kick-started the project and enabled additional funds to be sought,"* said Ms O'Donoghue.

### Key Trends

#### Grants by Dairy Region

This reflects applications received



Recent rounds are more equal

#### Funds Leveraged

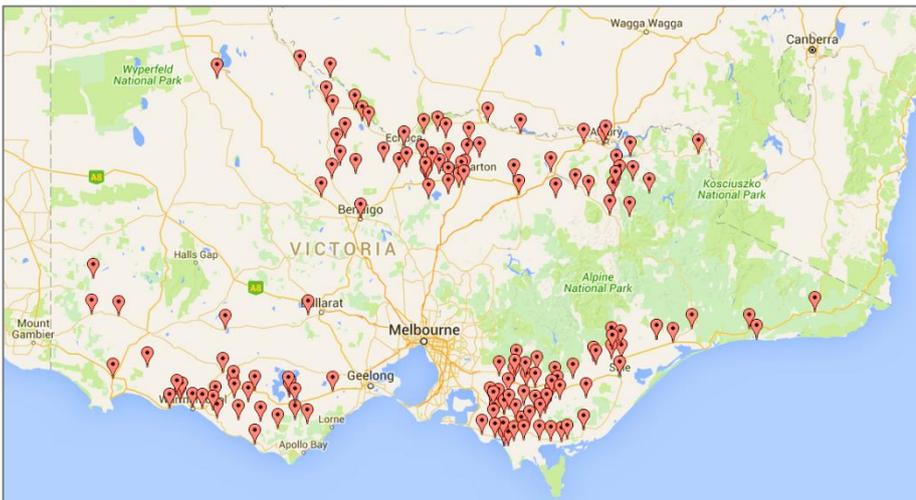
Tracked Round 10 onwards



#### Grants by Impact Area



### Location of Grants



### Partnership Impact

Investing in communities that make up the dairy industry is critical to the sustainability of Victorian dairying. FRRR thanks Gardiner Dairy Foundation for their continued partnership and commitment to strengthening dairy communities through small, impactful, localised grants.



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