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A wine-selling initiative from GROW Myrtleford+ has helped raise \$6000 for community benefit.

GROW Myrtleford+ is a community-run charity fund which raises money to support causes, project and ideas which benefit Myrtleford and surrounding communities. It is a sub-fund of the Into Our Hands Community Foundation.

Chair Fiona Nicholls said a recent fundraiser to sell wine had been an outstanding success and well supported by district winemakers.

"The wineries, which included Mayford Wines, Bush Track Wines, Michelini Wines, Feathertop Winery, Gapsted Wines, Billy Button Wines, Eagle Range Estate Wines, Homestead Estate wines and Bike and Barrel Wines provided their wines at wholesale cost or better, which was extremely generous of them," she said.

"We also want to thank community-members who bought the wines and, in doing so, ensured direct benefits to their communities.

"The money which we have raised through selling the wines will now be part of our next grants round, which opens in September, and which will support projects which enhance liveability, sustainability and community connections in our communities.

"We have also been extremely fortunate to receive more than \$6,000 through community donations."

Last year, GROW Myrtleford+'s grants program saw more than \$20,000 of grants distributed to five community initiatives in the town and it is hoped that the 2023 grants round will be at a similar level.

"We are calling on our community members to support our program by making further donations, which will enable us to distribute grants to worthy causes and initiatives around Myrtleford," she said.

"We want to be in a position to continue our good work and build community resilience, both now and into the future."

As a Community Foundation, Into Our Hands is able to accept donations of cash, shares and property with donations of more than \$2 being tax deductible.

If you have ever considered how you can leave a meaningful and lasting legacy for your community, Into Our Hands Community Foundation can help you achieve this.

To discuss, please contact the Executive Officer of Into Our Hands on 0466 252 866.

To donate, or to find out more about GROW Myrtleford+'s work, go to

<https://intoourhandsfoundation.com.au/fund/GROWmyrtleford/>

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