

Playground shade sails

Bowning Hall Association

Yass Valley Council

Funding requested: \$65,000

Summary: This project will install a shade sail over the playground at Bowning Hall to improve accessibility and safety during the summer months. Identified as a priority in the Bowning Village Masterplan, the lack of sun protection currently limits use of the playground, particularly for young children and families.

The shade structure will provide essential UV protection, making the playground more comfortable and usable year-round. The total project cost is \$64,408, which includes \$54,408 for supply and installation, and \$10,000 for DA fees, contingency, and site-specific costs. Funding will be sought through grants.

The Bowning Hall Association has demonstrated strong capability to deliver, having successfully managed nine grant-funded improvement projects over the past five years. These have included upgrades to flooring, windows, solar panels, and a community website, often with support from local volunteers.

The implementation plan includes community consultation on design and colour, engagement with Yass Valley Council for approvals, appointment of a project manager, and selection of a preferred supplier through a competitive quoting process. The project will conclude with a formal opening and budget acquittal.

Community value: This project will deliver a much-needed shade structure over the playground at Bowning Hall, improving accessibility and safety for children and families during the warmer months. Currently, the playground lacks sun protection, limiting its use in summer and reducing its value as a community space.

The installation of a shade sail will create a more inclusive and comfortable environment, encouraging greater use of the playground for recreation, social connection, and community wellbeing. It responds directly to the Bowning Village Masterplan, which identified shade provision as a priority for the area.

The Bowning Hall Association has a proven track record of successfully delivering community projects, having managed nine grant-funded initiatives over the past five years. This project will be delivered with strong local involvement, including community consultation on design and colour, and engagement with local suppliers wherever possible.

Once complete, the shaded playground will be a safer, more welcoming space for families, supporting outdoor activity, social interaction, and the mental health benefits of green space. It will enhance the liveability of Bowning and contribute to the long-term sustainability of community infrastructure.



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