



Grants for the Month of November 2016

2016 Shortland Volunteer Awards

Nominations are now open for the **2016 Shortland Volunteer Awards**, which recognise individuals and groups from the Shortland community who make an outstanding contribution to our local community through volunteering.

These awards recognise the invaluable contribution that volunteers make to not for profit organisations in our community. As we all know, volunteers make a significant difference to the lives of many. These awards endeavour to pay tribute to the unsung heroes who give so much and ask for nothing in return.

The 2016 Shortland Volunteer Awards call on community members to nominate exceptional **volunteers who live in the Shortland Electorate and/or donate their time to assist not-for-profit organisations within the Shortland Electorate.**

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

1. Junior Volunteer (17 and under)
2. Youth Volunteer (18-25)
3. Senior Volunteer (65 and over)
4. Volunteer Group
5. Education Volunteer
6. Emergency Management Volunteer
7. Environment Volunteer
8. Long-term Commitment to Volunteering

Each award recipient will receive a certificate of appreciation at an award ceremony to be held in December to celebrate the achievements of our local volunteering heroes.

Nominations will close at 5pm on Friday 25 November. Please visit www.patconroy.com.au to complete an online nomination form or the printable version is attached. [Click here](#)

I encourage you to nominate someone you know – someone who has made a difference and deserves a little recognition.

For more information about the awards, please phone the electorate office on 4954 2611.

Volunteer Grants

Purpose: To help community organisations

Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Funding Provider: Department of Social Services

Closing Date: 2pm AEDT on Tuesday, 20 December 2016

These grants help community organisations and groups support their volunteers by making their volunteering work easier, safer and more enjoyable.

Grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help not-for-profit community organisations or groups support their volunteers through practical measures such as the purchase of small equipment items, reimbursement for volunteers' fuel and transport costs, and contributions towards the cost of training and background screening checks. The grants provide a valuable opportunity for your organisation to support its volunteers.

You can contact the Volunteer Grants 2016 Hotline on 1800 020 283

For more information: [Click here](#)

Local Sport Grant Program

Purpose: The Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport and active recreation.

Amount: Up to \$50,000 per electorate

Funding Provider: NSW Office of Sport & Recreation

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 11 November 2016

The Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport and active recreation. There are four project types within the Program:

The maximum amounts available are:

- Sport Development - \$2,000
- Community Sport Events - \$5,000
- Sport Access - \$5,000
- Facility Development - \$20,000.

The overall objectives of the Program are to:

- Increase regular and on-going participation in sport or structured physical activity.
- Address barriers to participation in sport or structured physical activity.
- Assist sport clubs provide quality service to their members.

Your project must address at least one of these objectives.

The minimum amount available is \$250 for all project types with the exception being for facility development which has a minimum request of \$1,000.

Organisations may apply for one project per project type. The maximum available to any one organisation is \$25,000 in a financial year. The amount organisations request should reflect the scale of the project.

Organisations may only receive State Government funding once for the same project or component of a project from this program or any other State Government funded grant program.

Organisations must contribute to the project, the higher the contribution the more favorable it will be looked upon. This can be a financial contribution or through use of voluntary labor, donated materials and/or equipment or other resources directly related to the project. Third party organisations are also encouraged to contribute, including Local Government Authorities and these contributions will be counted as part of the club contribution.

Funding should be expended within 18 months of the date of signing the funding agreement.

For all project types must clearly demonstrate an identified need for the project and articulate how the project outcomes will be achieved.

Documentation is required to be uploaded in the application for all Facility Development projects.

If you are not sure of the project type please contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or for more information: [Click here](#)



Purpose: Improve children's health and wellbeing

Amount: \$6,000

Provider: Aim for the Stars Foundation

Closing Date: 17 November 2016

The Foundation will award a minimum of \$60,000 worth of grants each year. Successful applicants will receive a financial grant in accordance with the following amounts and conditions:

- \$1,500 – “Kickstart” Grant, 12 to 15 years
- \$2,000 – “Environmental” Grant, 12 years and above
- \$2,000 – “Academic” Grant, 12 years and above
- \$3,000 – “Individual” Grant, 16 years and above
- \$3,000 – “Business” Grant, 16 years and above
- \$1,500 – “Junior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 12 to 15 years
- \$3,000 – “Senior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 16 years and above
- \$6,000 – “Group” Grant, 2 or more people 12 years and above

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Females, 12 years of age and above (**core target is girls and women 12 – 26 years**); and
- Females who aim to achieve their goals in their field of choice

Grants will be awarded, at the discretion of the Foundation, to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their educational and/or personal development.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Bankwest Easy Grants

Purpose: Supporting Local Community Clubs

Amount: \$1,000

Funding Provider: Bankwest

Closing Date: Last Thursday of each month

We're accepting applications on an ongoing basis. The first 20 Easy Grant applications received each month that meet the entry criteria will be up for public vote. The three groups with the highest number of votes will receive \$1,000 each. The remaining groups will receive \$200 each.

If your application falls beyond the first 20 received, we'll automatically include you in the next available month's voting period. We'll be in touch once your application progresses to the voting stage.

Voting runs for one month starting from the first Monday of each month, and closing on the last Thursday of each month.

More information: [Here](#)

Cadbury Fundraiser Community Grants

Purpose: Support Community based projects that increase social inclusion

Amount: Up to \$500

Funding Provider: Cadbury Fundraiser

Closing Date: 30 November 2016

The intention of the grant program is to support a wide range of community-based projects that increase social inclusion and enhance community engagement in Australia.

Grants will be awarded under two categories:

- **Live Well:** Initiatives promoting increased opportunities for participation in sports and recreation or general community collaboration.
- **Learn Well:** Initiatives promoting increased opportunities for learning and development.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Community Led Grants

Funding provider: Department of the prime Minister and Cabinet

Amount: Undisclosed

Closing date: Ongoing

The Community Led grants process that will enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and service providers to seek grant funding to address emerging needs and/or opportunities that they have identified as priorities.

Who can apply: Organisations will be able to apply for Community Led Grants at any time. As a first step, potential applicants must discuss their proposal with their local PM&C Regional Network office, by calling 1800 079 098 and asking to speak to a staff member in their local office.

What can be applied for: Community Led Grants provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to devise strategies that will support their community and the people living in it.

For more information: [Click here](#)

IKEA Living Local Community Grants

Purpose: To assist the Local community on helping the homeless

Funding Provider: IKEA

Amount: \$5000

Closing date: 27 November 2016

The IKEA Living Local Community Grants are about combining our products, our home furnishing expertise and our co-worker volunteer leave days to support local non-profit and charity organisations whose efforts are focused on helping those without homes, and children.

Who can apply:

Your organisation is a not-for-profit or registered charity whose primary focus is either:

- The support and development of children;
- Providing housing and shelter for people in need;
- Rebuilding following Australian environmental emergencies such as floods, bushfires and cyclones.
- You must hold and provide a certificate of currency for Public Liability Insurance to \$10 million.

For more information: [Click here](#)

The Financial Literacy Australia (FLA) Awards

Purpose: To celebrate achievements of organisations & individuals working to improve literacy.

Funding provider: Financial Literacy

Amount: Undisclosed

Closing date: 11 December 2016

The Financial Literacy Australia (FLA) Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of organisations and individuals working to improve Australians' financial literacy.

The FLA Awards aim to:

- recognise best practice in financial literacy
- acknowledge the contribution of teams and individuals to the financial literacy sector
- inspire others

What can be applied for:

- Developed a program, on a large or small scale, to improve financial literacy
- Developed a program to meet the needs of a specific audience (e.g. CALD, women, indigenous, retirees)
- Created a resource (e.g. an app, game or booklet) or run a communication campaign to assist people in making better financial decisions
- Conducted research or an evaluation that helps advance our understanding
- Contributed in any other substantial way to financial literacy in Australia (i.e. as a long-term volunteer, educator or communicator)

For more information: [Click here](#)

NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund

Purpose: Recognise outstanding managers

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Funding Provider: Australian Institute of Management (AIM)

Closing Date: December 31 2015

There are many Awards programs out there in the business world, but the Australian Institute of Management Excellence Awards are in a class of their own. They celebrate the individual contributions and achievements of outstanding managers on a national scale, rather than the businesses or organisations they own and run.

The NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund is a new \$1 million fund established to provide mission-driven organisations with targeted advice and support to help them secure investment for scaling up their social or environmental impact.

The Fund will offer grants of up to \$100,000 for not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers such as advisory, financial, intermediary or legal services.

More information available from [Click here](#)

Neighbourhood Activation Program

Purpose: To support the efforts of our local volunteers and community members.

Funding Provider: Central Coast Council

Amount: \$2,000

Closing date: 30 December 2016

Central Coast Council recognises the importance of assisting localised, grassroots initiatives that provide positive community outcomes such as:

- Increased opportunities for our residents to participate in social, cultural and environmental activities – do you want to start a “get to know your neighbour” program or does your neighbourhood need a walking group or maybe a community newsletter?
- Opportunities for creativity and expression - do you want to start a singing or acting group in your suburb or maybe record the oral history of the older residents in your street?
- The development of new skills and capabilities - do you want to start a photography group, community garden or could you establish some skill-sharing workshops with local residents?
- Minor infrastructure improvements to enhance neighbourhood amenity – do you want to build a neighbourhood seat, arrange a neighbourhood clean-up, establish a graffiti removal group or fix that laneway fence that has been vandalised?
- Tools, equipment or support to further a volunteer based community enterprise – does your volunteer group need a new mower, a printer or help registering the trailer you use to transport your equipment?

A maximum grant of up to \$2,000 can be received per application for those individuals/groups who meet the eligibility criteria.

Council's Neighbourhood Activation Program is offered all year round and is assessed on a two monthly basis. Closing dates for each assessment period for 2016-2017 are as follows:

- Friday 28 October 2016 - 5pm
- Friday 30 December 2016 - 5pm
- Friday 24 February 2017 - 5pm
- Friday 28 April 2017 - 5pm
- Friday 30 June 2017 - 5pm

For more information: [Click here](#)

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Purpose: Provide jobseekers with support to start and run small businesses

Amount: Undisclosed

Funding Provider: Department of Education

Closing Date: Ongoing

If you are an eligible job seeker and are interested in starting and running a small business, you may be able to access assistance through the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS).

NEIS can provide you with accredited small business training, business advice and mentoring, as well as ongoing income support for up to 52 weeks.

NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund

Purpose: To support, develop and promote the game of football.

Amount: Up to \$150,000 per project

Provider: NSW Government

Closing Date: Friday 24 February 2017.

The NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund (the Fund) is an initiative of the NSW Government, Football NSW (FNSW) and Northern NSW Football (NNSWF), which has been established with the NSW Government's surplus from the 2015 AFC Asian Cup to improve football facilities (including FUTSAL) for a variety of benefits including increasing participation, improving safety and security, assisting in building stronger communities through football and improving the overall football experience for all stakeholders.

- The Fund may fund up to 50% of the net project costs, with a maximum funding contribution of \$150,000 per project. The minimum amount an applicant can apply for is \$50,000.
- Applicants must contribute 50% or more of the funding required for their project, and this can include contributions of voluntary labour, donated materials and/or equipment or other resources. It is also expected that the Applicants will cover any administration costs incurred with the project.
- Incorporated clubs, member zones and associations, bodies or other deliverers that are affiliated, recognised and/or sanctioned by FNSW or NNSWF.
- The Fund can be used for all community football facility development or enhancement. Funds can be used to upgrade existing pitches, amenities or facilities, or for the development and construction of new pitches, amenities or facilities.
- Upgrades and improvements could include pitch drainage, irrigation or resurfacing, seating, canteens, lights, fencing, drainage, change rooms, match official amenities or storage spaces.

For more Information: [Click here](#)

NSW Community Litter Grants

Purpose: To tackle litter

Amount: \$5,000

Funding Provider: Keep Australia Beautiful

Closing Date: 1st March 2017.

Grants of up to \$5,000 from Keep NSW Beautiful (KNSWB)'s Community Litter Grants are available for community groups who are keen to tackle litter in their area and have the local knowledge to make a difference. Any community group can apply for a litter grant: youth groups, scouts and guides, surf clubs, pony clubs – not just your usual environmentally-minded subjects.

The grants are easy, accessible, and can be a fund bonding opportunity for groups. They start with a local litter check (like a clean-up and an audit) in their chosen public space: a beach, or a park, or a football field, etc. For this, the group receives \$500.

From there, groups can apply for a grant to create a project that will reduce litter long-term in their chosen public space.

For more information: [Click here](#)

NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards

Purpose: To acknowledge positive achievements

Amount: Category winners will each receive \$2,500; Young Achiever of the Year will receive \$5,000.

Funding provider: Awards Australia

Closing Date: 15 December 2016

The purpose of the NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December each year.

Awards category:

- Aboriginal Education Council Aboriginal Education Award
- Awards Australia Small Business Achiever Award
- First National Real Estate Leadership Award
- Freemasons of NSW/ACT Community Service Award
- The Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award
- Who Printing Environment & Sustainability Award

For more information: [Click here](#)

NSW Heritage Grants

Purpose: Provide jobseekers with support to start and run small businesses

Amount: Undisclosed

Funding Provider: Department of Education

Closing Date: 12 December 2016

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that our heritage is valued, protected, and enjoyed. The Heritage Grants Program is designed to help owners,

managers and communities to know, value and care for their heritage. Categories include:

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Community Heritage Projects (Peak Organisations)
- Community Heritage Projects
- Major Works
- Heritage Reports
- Local Government Heritage Advisors
- Local Heritage Places (Small heritage grants program)
- Local Government Heritage Planning Studies

For more information: [Click here](#)

Performers' Trust Foundation

Funding provider: Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA)

Amount: \$3,000 for an individual; or \$5,000 for a group or organisation.

Closing date: Ongoing

Established in 1975, the PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation provides grants to promote and encourage music and the performing arts.

All applications for grants are reviewed by the trustees and must be for one or more of the following purposes:

- Performances at concerts at or for charitable institutions such as hospitals or homes for the aged;
- Scholarships for the promotion and encouragement of musical and theatrical education;
- The promotion and encouragement of the performing arts to the general public;
- The aid or assistance of any beneficiary who is unable to adequately maintain herself/himself by her/his own exertions and other income

A grant under the PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation can be used for costs associated with the above, including:

- Tuition fees;
- Travel costs (hire, airfares, petrol);
- Accommodation;
- Venue hire/ PA hire

For more information: [Click here](#)

Perpetual IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program

Purpose: To connect philanthropists and Not-for-Profits (NFPs)

Amount: undisclosed

Funding Provider: Perpetual

Closing Date: 5.00pm, 2 December 2016.

Perpetual's IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program allows philanthropists and Not-for-Profits (NFPs) to connect, and allows NFPs to demonstrate how they improve outcomes for the communities in which they operate. High quality outcomes are encouraged by identifying organisations that can maximise their impact through:

- good governance
- solid leadership
- strong strategy
- an outcomes focus.

Contact: 1800 501 227 or philanthropy@perpetual.com.au

For more information: [Click here](#)

Sport & Cultural Sponsorship Program - Central Coast Council

Purpose: Provide jobseekers with support to start and run small businesses

Amount: Undisclosed

Funding Provider: Department of Education

Closing Date: 12 December 2016

The Sport & Cultural Sponsorship Program (SCSP) assists Wyong Shire residents to participate in sporting and cultural events of Regional/State, National and/or International significance. The SCSP aims to recognise individuals and groups who achieve excellence in their field and represent the Central Coast.

Council's Sport & Cultural Sponsorship Program is offered all year round and is assessed on a two monthly basis.

Closing dates for each assessment period for 2016 - 2017 are:

- Friday 30 December 2016 - 5pm
- Friday 24 February 2017 - 5pm
- Friday 28 April 2017 - 5pm
- Friday 30 June 2017 - 5pm

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their request within 60 days of the closing date.

Successful applicants are required to complete a final report including receipts for the amount funded (and photos where possible) within three months of the event. A link to this report will be emailed from SmartyGrants.

The annual pool of funds is \$20,000. Funding of any applications will be subject to approval by Council.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Saluting Their Service

Purpose: To encourage community participation in commemorative events.

Amount: Up to \$4,000

Funding Provider: Department of Veterans Affairs

Closing Date: Ongoing

To preserve our heritage from wars and conflicts and encourage community participation in commemorative events.

Projects must be directly commemorative of Australia's servicemen and women involved in wars, conflicts and peace operations to be eligible for funding under the Saluting Their Service commemorations grants program.

Each application is considered on its merits and in accordance with program priorities. Organisations and communities are expected to contribute towards the project, financially and by providing in-kind support. Up to \$3,000 may be available.

Further Information: [Click here](#)

State Heritage – Emergency Works Projects

Purpose: To provide funding for emergency works projects for State Heritage Register-listed items or items with a current Interim Heritage Order made by the Minister for Heritage

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Funding Provider: Heritage Branch (NSW)

Closing Date: Ongoing

Who can apply?

- Owners and managers of State Heritage Register-listed items and items with a current Interim Heritage Order made by the Minister for Heritage
- State government agencies are NOT eligible to apply for funding unless they are involved as a project partner with one of the above owners or managers.

Projects eligible for funding

Works projects as outlined below for items listed on the State Heritage Register or covered by an Interim Heritage Order including:

- buildings
- cemeteries
- industrial sites
- landscapes
- archaeology
- maritime archaeology
- moveable items
- pipe organs
- stained glass

For more information: [Click here](#)

Veteran & Community Grants Program

Purpose: To maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community

Amount: \$10,000

Funding Provider: Department of veteran Affairs

Closing Date: Ongoing

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, on behalf of the Australian Government, administers the Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) Program. These grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and/or enhance wellbeing.

V&CG funding rounds occur on an ongoing, rolling basis. When sufficient applications are received or a two month period has elapsed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister's decision.

For more information: [Click here](#)

'With One Voice' Program Start your own Choir Grants

Purpose: To strengthen communities by song

Amount: \$10,000

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

Closing Date: 5.00pm, 23 November 2016

The *With One Voice* movement is about strengthening communities and inspiring individuals to find their voice. Empowered individuals and supportive communities are better placed to solve society's big challenges including cross-cultural integration, unemployment, mental illness, productivity, skills shortages, loneliness and isolation, family fragmentation, homelessness and more.

Creativity Australia is offering a limited number of seed funding grants, up to \$10,000, to make it easier for communities to start their own choir.

For more information: [Click here](#)

National Youth Week funding

Purpose: To celebrate youth and the contribution young people have in our community.

Amount: \$1,000

Funding Provider: Department of veteran Affairs

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 16 December 2016.

Lake Macquarie City Council will support a number of National Youth Week events across the City, which aim to give local young people a platform to express their ideas and views, act on issues that affect their lives, and, importantly, enjoy themselves.

Any non-profit organisation that is incorporated, or auspiced, by an incorporated organisation to fund National Youth Week 2017 activities or events.

The event must occur within the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area during National Youth Week, Friday 31 March to Sunday 9 April 2017 and be for young people aged 12-24 years.

Applications must clearly show how the aim and objectives of Youth Week and the [Lake Macquarie Youth Strategy 2014-2019](#) will be met, as outlined in the application guidelines.

Young people must be involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the events or activities, as outlined in the application guidelines.

Complete the application form and email it to council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au. If you are unable to send it electronically, please post it to Community Planner Youth and Safer Communities, Lake Macquarie City Council, PO Box 1906, Hunter Regional Mail Centre, NSW, 2310.

For further information please contact us on 02 4921 0333.

Visit the www.youthweek.gov.au for more details.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Till next time

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