



Stronger Communities Fund Round 1 Central Coast Council Successful Applicants

Organisation Name	San Remo Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated
Project Title	Opportunity Knocks
Project Location	San Remo
Amount Awarded	\$50,000.00
Project Summary	<p>'Opportunity Knocks' is a social enterprise project that will be the catalyst in changing the existing dilapidated shops and foreshore in Liamera Avenue San Remo. The existing shops are run down, graffiti bombed with only three shops from nine trading. The area appears abandoned and creates a feeling of fear for visitors and residents.</p> <p>The project will use a place-making approach to reinvigorate the shops, the park and turn fear into safety. The project will bring socialisation, volunteering and street life to the precinct.</p>
Organisation Name	EDSACC Croquet Club Incorporated
Project Title	Sun Safety and Shelter
Project Location	Bateau Bay
Amount Awarded	\$12,472.00
Project Summary	<p>There is currently not enough seating or shade from the sun at the EDSACC Croquet Club. Funds will be used to provide seating and shelter for our members, visitors and guests making it more enjoyable to watch local and competition matches. These amenities will also enhance the existing facilities making the club attractive to visitors and potential new members.</p>
Organisation Name	Central Coast Bicycle User Group
Project Title	CCBUG RidesAssist Program
Project Location	All over the Central Coast
Amount Awarded	\$11,300.00
Project Summary	<p>The CCBUG RidesAssist program will provide vision impaired people and others living with a disability on the Central Coast, the opportunity to regularly experience the joys and benefits of riding a bicycle in a safe and supported environment.</p> <p>As a “stoker” on the back of a tandem, with an experienced and accredited ride leader as “pilot” up front, our program participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the opportunity to participate in a healthy and popular activity - riding a bicycle; something they are not able to do safely on their own. • Interact socially with able bodied ride participants and ride leaders; during the ride, at our regular coffee stops and at

	<p>other CCBUG events.</p> <p>In addition, our able bodied ride leaders and participants will gain valuable exposure to those living in a vision impaired world or with a disability, helping to create a stronger sense of community for involved Central Coast residents.</p>
Organisation Name	Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Project Title	WiFiSurf - Information Technology Upgrade
Project Location	Norah Head
Amount Awarded	\$15,695.00
Project Summary	<p>Soldiers Beach is one of the few Central Coast beaches untouched by urban development. The modern clubhouse facility was built in 2011 and is a popular venue for the local community.</p> <p>Given the isolated location, away from the nearby residential area of Norah Head, the club is situated in a blackspot area with very limited mobile coverage and NBN access.</p> <p>Poor connectivity has negative implications for our volunteer lifesavers, such as limiting access to online weather/surf reports to issue timely warnings to beachgoers. Also, recording of patrol statistics and other administrative functions requires adequate online access. In an emergency situation, weak mobile coverage on the beach could potentially place the community at risk.</p> <p>Training capabilities are also impacted as lifesavers require extensive and regular training to maintain existing skills and learn new techniques. Much of the 'off beach' training is offered in an online format. Failure to offer quality training can impact our volunteer recruitment and retention ability, particularly with our youth members.</p> <p>In order to retain the valuable youth membership base, relevant activities and challenges are required and the current lack of WiFi is proving a deterrent for youth to become involved and spend their extra-curricular time at the club.</p> <p>The 'WifiSurf' project aims to deploy high quality, wireless infrastructure throughout the clubhouse, and to the shark and observation tower. In the future the aim is to increase coverage over the beach to expand the surf lifesaving services.</p>
Organisation Name	Wyong District Tennis Association Incorporated
Project Title	Upgrade of Courts 6 and 7
Project Location	Wyong
Amount Awarded	\$30,000.00
Project Summary	Courts six and seven at the Wyong Tennis Club are not useable due to damaged and uneven surfaces. With increasing membership and the conduct of regional and NSW sanctioned tournaments, these courts are greatly needed.
Organisation Name	Davistown Progress Association
Project Title	Davistown Progress Hall Centenary Restoration Project
Project Location	Davistown

Amount Awarded	\$10,824.50
Project Summary	<p>Davistown Progress Hall is a community-owned hall, and is a much loved pretty little hall located on the waterfront at historic Davistown.</p> <p>It is at this location where colonial ship building began along the foreshore near the hall, before extending to Bensville and Kincumber, and then on to Blackwall. Local ship building maps show Davistown as having more ship building sites than any other in Brisbane Water.</p> <p>Captain Arthur Philip had earlier passed by Davistown, in search of good agricultural land not that long after the first fleet landed.</p> <p>The progress hall was built in 1921 and has been in continuous use by the community to this day. Davistown residents will enjoy celebrating their halls centenary year in just five years' time.</p> <p>Funding for the project will enable a number of upgrades including a fire door, emergency lighting, whirly birds and drainage.</p> <p>The upgrades will bring it to a more appropriate state to continue as a safe and healthy venue for the community.</p>
Organisation Name	The Rotary Club of East Gosford Incorporated
Project Title	East Gosford Community Garden
Project Location	East Gosford
Amount Awarded	\$10,442.50
Project Summary	<p>This project is the creation of the East Gosford Community Garden within Newman Park. Driven by Rotary members, locals will be encouraged to visit and participate in a variety of activities in the garden. From planting, tending and harvesting the vegetables, fruits and flowers, to relaxing and enjoying the garden as a place for reflection and relaxation.</p> <p>Installation of raised garden beds and wheelchair friendly paths enables people with disabilities and the elderly to garden side by side with other community members. To foster social interaction and include non-gardeners, there will be park benches positioned under existing shade trees and water tanks to ensure our gardens will prosper all year.</p> <p>The garden will be a place of activity and relaxation and a place for organised group visits. School groups will be invited to visit and learn about growing vegetables. Aged care facilities can attend on a regular or one off basis to enjoy time in the garden. Many residents of these facilities have been keen gardeners and no longer have access to gardening. They can plant seedlings, pick flowers or just get their hands dirty in the garden.</p> <p>This garden will be a true community space, designed for all ages and abilities, fulfilling a need for people living without their own garden and a place to teach and learn about the food we eat. All produce grown will be made available to our 'gardeners'.</p>
Organisation Name	The Central Coast Montessori Primary School (CCMPS) Limited
Project Title	The Central Coast Montessori Primary School Kanyini Community Garden
Project Location	Bateau Bay

Amount Awarded	\$10,000.00
Project Summary	<p>The CCMPs community garden is a welcoming space for the local community to experience the interconnectedness of the garden to all of life. A place to grow, harvest, prepares and share food together.</p> <p>The garden will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautify the local natural and built environment • Foster a sense of pride and community connection • Improve local food producing capabilities • Provide accessible food education opportunities <p>•Form an integral part of the Stage two prepared Montessori environment and curriculum which focuses on social development and education for peace.</p> <p>Run by staff and a voluntary crew of skilled individuals, the garden will comprise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Garden: garden plots within the school grounds, accessible only to school members to ensure child safety, except on nominated community days. 2. Verge and reserve garden: fruit trees, edible herbs and ornamental plants for easy community access and enjoyment. 3. Education facility: opportunity to participate in 'Community Planting Days' and by donation sustainable gardening workshops. Other local primary schools will also be invited to visit the garden for excursions. <p>Produce from the garden will be accessible to the local community by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 'Share the Harvest' shelf and donation trust box at the entrance of the school. 2. Regular 'Community Harvest Days' with fresh organic fruit and vegetables available for purchase at minimal expense. 3. A 'Patch to Plate' initiative where produce not sold is prepared into frozen meals and kept for community members in need. The initiative can be listed on Council's Emergency Food Guide.
Organisation Name	Central Coast Primary Care
Project Title	Older Persons Mental Health Peer Work Program
Project Location	Based in Erina, but delivered across the whole of the Central Coast region
Amount Awarded	\$20,000.00
Project Summary	<p>This program aims to provide people over the age of 65 years residing on the Central Coast with access to peer-based mental health recovery services.</p> <p>The Australian National Framework for Recovery Orientated Mental Health Services describes peer work as a core strategy in promoting recovery for people with a lived experience of mental illness. A peer worker in the mental health setting is defined as a person with a lived experience of mental illness who offers help, based on understanding, respect and mutual empowerment to people in similar situations. The project is unique in that it will be designed, delivered and evaluated by older people in partnership with Central Coast Primary Care (CCPC), Partners in Recovery (PIR) and Specialist Mental Health Services for</p>

	<p>Older People (SMHSOP) and is the first peer based program to specifically meet the recovery needs of older people.</p> <p>The Central Coast population is ageing with the greatest age group increase being in people over 70 years. Enhancements to services that support and keep older people active, healthy and in their homes should be a priority and represents significant gaps in service.</p> <p>Older Peer workers will provide a range of recovery based services to older people including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual sessions with older people which focus on individualised recovery plans and activities. 2. Provision of a Recovery Group Program for Older People living with a mental illness 3. Provision of community education for staff of community organisations, older people and carers about recovery from Mental Health problems.
Organisation Name	Cancer Council NSW - Central Coast
Project Title	NSW Cancer Council Community Resource Van - Central Coast
Project Location	Central Coast Area
Amount Awarded	\$10,000.00
Project Summary	<p>The Central Coast community has raised money to purchase a Community Resource Van that will essentially take the Cancer Council to our community. This resource van will provide an interactive and engaging experience to all demographics within our community. It will allow CCNSW to educate our community about cancer prevention and cancer support services offered locally by CCNSW.</p> <p>This grant will allow us to add resources to the van including printed materials and brochures, sun screen, hats and other promotional / educational materials that spread the word about the work we do to support the local community.</p> <p>The van will be used in a variety of settings including and not limited to: Schools, retirement homes, events, fetes, sporting events, workplaces and more.</p> <p>Our mission at CCNSW is to ensure no one faces cancer alone. The van will encompass our organisational strategic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Prevention • Advocacy • Information and Support • Fundraising
Organisation Name	Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd Umina Beach (PCYC Umina)
Project Title	PCYC Community Bus
Project Location	PCYC Umina Beach
Amount Awarded	\$27,948.00
Project Summary	<p>PCYC Umina undertakes transport for over 50 young people between ages of per week for various PCYC and community programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Back on track' NSW Police Force

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Boxing @ Sunrise' • PCYC Boxing Institute Interstate Competitions • PCYC Umina Committee fundraising events <p>With this bus, PCYC Umina can provide a service to other local community partners, as well as provide safer and better transport solutions for young people who use the Umina PCYC facilities and programs.</p> <p>Future projects for the bus will include an afterhours 'Youth at risk' program designed to take youth out of local crime hotspots, such as the local skate park, and provide safe transport to and from the Club, providing activities and meals.</p>
Organisation Name	Road Safety Education Ltd
Project Title	RYDA Central Coast
Project Location	Wyong Racecourse
Amount Awarded	\$17,955.00
Project Summary	<p>Each year, over 1,500 year 11 students from the Central Coast area attend RYDA Central Coast at Wyong Racecourse. RYDA is a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. As part of an interactive one-day experience, students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family. Perhaps the most impactful moments come from the personal stories of loss and survival.</p> <p>The combined clubs of Rotary on the Central Coast are our community partner to provide this event with volunteers, combining with NSW Police Schools Liaison officers, speakers from the Central Coast Disability Network and train facilitators. Of the 13 schools in Wyong LGA, seven are already regular attendees as well as Job Centre Australia-Wyong, Oasis Youth Centre and Breakthru in Wyong. With further support we can keep the costs as low as possible, and even provide additional subsidies (such as for buses) to enable students and schools to spread the important message of safety to young people on the Central Coast.</p>
Organisation Name	Razorbacks Rugby Club
Project Title	Sports Facilities - Toilets and Showers
Project Location	Ourimbah
Amount Awarded	\$10,000.00
Project Summary	<p>The project is to provide amenities to the Ourimbah Rugby Park. This multiple staged project includes: home and visitor change rooms and showers, male and female toilets, an accessible toilet and shower and canteen and a club room. Stage one of the project is currently underway and includes preparation of construction and engineering plans, installation of a sewer pump station and site preparation. Stage two, which is the subject of this application, is for a contribution to the construction of the building that will accommodate the changerooms and toilets.</p>

Organisation Name	Youth Off The Streets Limited
Project Title	Fit Out of Lakes College Alternative High School
Project Location	Youth Off The Streets 'Lakes College', Blue Haven
Amount Awarded	\$10,000.00
Project Summary	<p>In January 2017, Youth Off The Streets will be opening the Lakes College, an accredited alternative high school in Blue Haven for young people (aged 14-16), who have disengaged from mainstream school due to homelessness, abuse, substance dependency and other issues. Funding will provide a contribution towards fitting out the school with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic Educational Resources: Textbooks, learning aids, school uniform loan pool etc. that will become permanent resources at the school; ensuring students in necessitous circumstances do not miss out on basic resources. - Life Skills Program Resources: Meal preparation resources, personal hygiene items, kitchen safety items etc. to facilitate lessons in health, nutritional and self-care skills. - Technology for Digital Literacy: Computers with educational software installed to develop digital literacy for school and workplace settings, as well as skills for independence (e.g. online banking, cyber safety, internet research). - Furniture for Teaching and Learning: Desks, chairs and other furniture essentials for day-to-day learning and teaching needs. <p>The Lakes College will support 15-20 students with complex needs per year, with the first student intake commencing in the school Term 1, 2017.</p> <p>The resources will enable Central Coast youth in crisis to receive the specialised support they need to overcome their challenging circumstances, complete their high school education and transition into productive post-school employment and learning pathways and continue to benefit disadvantaged Central Coast youth beyond the project period, with an extended lifespan of 5-10 years.</p>