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NSW Ports awards \$150,000 in Community Grants

NSW Ports has awarded \$150,000 in Community Care Grants. The projects sponsored will support communities local to NSW Ports' operations at Port Botany, Port Kembla, Cooks River and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre.

In April 2021, NSW Ports invited proposals for activities needing support across four areas: Education, the Environment, Community Participation and Wellbeing. One-off grants were on offer to support projects, services and initiatives that benefit our local communities.

Twenty-four groups have been awarded funding, including the Northcott Society which helps empower people living with complex disabilities; Community Cancer Link, providing medical equipment enabling Illawarra nurses to meet the demand for delivery of at-home care for cancer patients; and Dress for Success, which empowers women to achieve economic independence.

NSW Ports CEO, Marika Calfas, commented: "In our role as manager of NSW's key trade gateways, NSW Ports plays a critical role in supporting the population, businesses and economy of New South Wales. It's a privilege on behalf of the entire NSW Ports team to be supporting these groups in their mission to enhance community care. We look forward to sharing more about the achievements from these projects over the next 12 months."

NSW Ports has been a long-standing supporter of local clubs and conservation groups, including Conservation Volunteers Australia, Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC), South Maroubra SLSC and Port Kembla SLSC. NSW Ports also supports educational programs in the Port Botany and Port Kembla areas through partnerships with the Permaculture Partners - Living Classroom Program and The Marine Team, an in-schools educational program for primary school children.

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About NSW Ports

NSW Ports manages Port Botany and Port Kembla, key export and import gateways connecting to global markets, and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal. NSW Ports is a private consortium of leading institutional investors: IFM Investors (including Cbus, HESTA and Hostplus), AustralianSuper, Tawreed Investments Limited and Q Super. Our shareholders represent over six million Australian superannuation fund members and are long term investors with interests in a range of Australian infrastructure assets.

NSW Ports Grant Projects 2021

EDUCATION:

Banksmeadow Public School: Upgrade of the school's reading resources via the acquisition of decodable readers and guided reading packs, supporting the needs of all students.

La Perouse Public School: Provision of a suite of iPads and laptops to improve digital learning outcomes, boost digital literacy and improve students' ability to access the curriculum at school and at home.

Cringila Public School: A Bee-Biodiversity project enabling students to actively participate in an Inquiry Based Learning unit of work aligned to the NSW Science and Technology, English and Geography syllabus outcomes.

South Coast Writers Centre: A series of 6 creative writing and art workshop programs for 90 children aged 9-14 years in the Wollongong City Council area, to improve their writing and illustration skills and provide opportunities to share their creative work with the broader community.

SYC – Sticking Together Project: Targeted support for young adults in Port Kembla to improve vocational soft skills, understanding of workplace responsibilities and the development of a sense of community and cultural connection.

Strathfield South High School: Creation of an outdoor 'living' Science laboratory incorporating native vegetation, native sting-less bees and compost worm farming, providing students with practical experience in permaculture.

ENVIRONMENT:

Botany Public School Parents & Citizens Association: Provision of compost bins and classroom caddies for recycling stations to be installed in all school classrooms, play areas and staff rooms.

CaringKids: Rescuing and reallocating 5,000 toys from the local community that would otherwise end up in landfill and supporting the unique needs of young carers with special needs siblings.

PCYC Wollongong: Delivering a new 13,000 Litre water tank that will water the PCYC soccer field and the adjacent community garden helping to reduce water waste and contributing to a more sustainable community facility.

Port Kembla Public School: Introduction of native sting-less social bees into the school outdoor living space to complement the permaculture garden.

PARTICIPATION:

La Perouse Netball Club: Increasing First Nations player coaching and participation in a culturally safe learning environment within the Randwick Netball and St George Netball Associations.

Lever Street Community Garden: Construction of an additional lease-free community garden bed for local residents to grow their own food and spend time in nature.

Scouts NSW - 1st Little Bay: Improving Club resources so that children can participate in safe Scout excursions in addition to preparing for relevant Scout and Cub awards programs.

Dress for Success Sydney – Illawarra Branch: 12 workshops to support approx. 100 disadvantaged women in the Illawarra, providing free clothing and styling services in addition to assistance with job

interviews and complementary career support services.

Kemblawarra Public School: Creation of a food forest to provide a safe space for intergenerational and multicultural friendships to blossom. With food insecurity being a reality for parts of the student population, the food forest will be a place to share knowledge and stories, investing positively in the future of the community.

Port Kembla Junior Rugby League FC: Installation of a digital scoreboard at the Club's playing field to support the retention of talent, to help the Club attract senior games and to increase community attendance and support.

Randwick Petersham Cricket Club - Cricket4Community: A community spirit program empowering young players to engage in community outreach with the goal of positively impacting youth, elderly and disadvantaged community members across South Eastern Sydney and Sydney's Inner West.

WELLBEING:

Marine Rescue Botany Port Hacking: Training of 30 new marine radio operators to increase the provision of public boating safety services and resources to host local community engagement events.

Northcott Society: Upgrade of the Hillsdale sensory room which helps empower people living with complex disabilities and provides a safe space for adults and children.

Community Cancer Link: Provision of 8 additional syringe drivers (vital medical devices for at-home patient care) and complementary care packages, enabling cancer patients the ability to have their symptoms managed in the comfort of their homes, surrounded by family and carers.

Coniston Public School: Introduction of a Buzzing Sensory Garden for use by K-2 students during class-time for sensory and wellbeing experiences and environmental education.

Port Kembla and District Meals on Wheels: Installation of new commercial ovens, extra freezer capacity and more ergonomic workspace for volunteers to enable the preparation of approx. 200 additional meals per week, facilitating a potential 75% increase in output.

Port Kembla Youth Project: A program to support young people in the Port Kembla community to reach educational milestones by transitioning successfully to high school. Young people will experience peer mentor training and will be supported to develop the necessary skills to cope with change, building resilience and wellbeing.

Streethart: A homeless care and support evening in the Strathfield South area to provide hot drinks, food and clothing for local vulnerable people.