



Congratulations to the 2021 Community Care Grants Recipients

“It’s a privilege to be supporting these groups in their mission to enhance community care”

Marika Calfas,
NSW Ports CEO



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Grants Awarded



\$150,000

Grant Funding



2,000+

People Directly Supported

Project Focus Areas



Education

Creating opportunities for education



Environment

Improving the local environment



Participation

Enhancing community spirit



Wellbeing

Increasing community wellbeing

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 through the 'Sticking Together Project' 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

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 inter-generational 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 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

Update 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. Resource toolkits are also provided for families to enhance support.



Streetheart

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

