

Community groups benefit from ClubGRANTS program

Eighteen local community groups and charities will share in a combined \$155,693.50 in funding for projects and initiatives through the 2024 ClubGRANTS scheme.

The successful recipients were announced at a presentation ceremony at the Rules Club Wagga Wagga on Thursday morning (22 August).

Wagga Wagga City Council Director Community Janice Summerhayes said the ClubGRANTS scheme is a state-wide initiative providing the framework for registered clubs to directly fund local priority projects and services.

“Council coordinates the local ClubGRANTS committee, comprising representatives from the Wagga RSL Club, Rules Club Wagga Wagga, Department of Communities and Justice, and a local community representative,” Ms Summerhayes said.

“The funding provided by this scheme assists groups that may not have been able to secure financial assistance through other means and helps to ensure valued services and projects continue to be delivered.

Clubs that earn more than \$1 million annually in gaming machine revenue provide funding for community projects and services, and in turn receive dollar-for-dollar gaming tax deductions.

The 2024 recipients are:

The Smith Family – Goanna Academy mental health program

Riding for Disabled – riding lessons for disabled school children

Learning Links – Reading for Life, supporting disadvantaged children with their literacy

Little Wings Limited – Little Wings Children’s Hospital Flight Program

Stewart House – Support for vulnerable public school children to attend Stewart House

Carevan Wagga – Supporting those experiencing food insecurity and social isolation

Country Hope – Time for Life Children’s Holiday Camp

Ashmont Public School – Breakfast Program

Foodbank NSW & ACT – Regional food relief funding

Boys to the Bush – Wagga Wagga Boys to the Bush school program

Life Education NSW – Empowering Disadvantaged Kids

St Vincent De Paul – Vinnies Crisis Support for Wagga Wagga families

NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) – Ways to Wellness, a multicultural wellbeing program

Autism Spectrum Australia – interactive technology for students at Aspect Riverina School satellite class in Wagga Wagga

Cancer Council NSW – Wagga Wagga Relay for Life

CareSouth – CareSouth Health Hub

Clontarf Foundation – Engage and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young to complete school and support them into employment or study

Willans Hill School – Courtesy bus and school facilities.

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Media Opportunity

What: Attend the presentation of the 2024 ClubGRANTS recognising the 18 successful recipients.

Who: Council's Director Community Janice Summerhayes, 2024 ClubGRANTS recipients.

When: Thursday 22 August 2024 at **10.30am**.

Where: Rules Club Wagga Wagga, Fernleigh Road.

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of \$240 million.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre, and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina, and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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