

## ClubGRANTS 2024 – Grant Recipients

Recipient	Project Funded
<b>The Smith Family</b>	<p><b>Goanna Academy – Mental Health Program</b></p> <p>The Smith Family is running a First Nations Girls Program called 'Girls at the Centre' at Mount Austin High School, supporting and mentoring students to reach their aspirational goals, keeping them engaged in school and teaching them life skills. The purpose of bringing Goanna Academy to Girls at the Centre is to educate students and provide them with positive tools and strategies to manage their emotions, Mental Health, healthy relationships, self-care, and self-esteem. The funding will go a long way to cover the cost of bringing key speakers to Girls at the Centre from Goanna Academy, a Mind Education booklet for students to work with during session and take home, activities run by Goanna Academy, program planning management, pre and post-check-ins and progress reports.</p>
<b>Riding for Disabled (NSW) Wagga Centre</b>	<p><b>Riding Lessons for Disabled School Children</b></p> <p>Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Wagga Centre provides riding lessons for children with any form of disability. During the year we have school children attend the centre for one-hour lessons.</p>
<b>Learning Links</b>	<p><b>Reading for Life – Supporting Disadvantaged Children with their Literacy</b></p> <p>Learning Links will deliver an evidence-based literacy program, Reading for Life, to support 10 children in Years 2-4 at Red Hill Public School to assist with their literacy development. The program works by providing the local school with trained Reading Buddies who will support the children one-to-one weekly for 15 weeks to improve their literacy skills and build their confidence to learn, develop and thrive.</p>
<b>Little Wings Limited</b>	<p><b>Little Wings Children’s Hospital Fight Program – Wagga Wagga</b></p> <p>Since 2012, Little Wings has provided free, safe, and professional flight and ground transport service for seriously ill children and their families located in regional NSW. Our aim is to reduce the emotional and financial stress associated with traveling long distances to seek specialised medical treatment in Sydney and Newcastle. We are seeking financial support for 35 flights for children from rural, remote, and regional NSW requiring treatment at the Sydney Children’s Hospital Network.</p>
<b>Carevan Wagga</b>	<p><b>Supporting Those Experiencing Food Insecurity and Social Isolation by Providing Nutritious Meals and Socialisation.</b></p> <p>Our first project is for funding to provide nutritious meals to vulnerable people and families within our community. Our second project is to build a new website that will increase awareness of our work, build our volunteer base and create a mechanism for the community to donate</p>
<b>Country Hope</b>	<p><b>“Time Out For Life” Childrens Holiday Camp</b></p> <p>Country Hope's "Time out for Life" children's holiday camp is a haven for children diagnosed with cancer or another life-threatening illness, and their siblings to experience a truly transformative retreat, aged from 7 to 16. The camp lets kids be just kids. The camp also gives parents some much needed respite. Each child has a buddy. The children are mixing with other children who are going through very similar journeys.</p>

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<b>Ashmont Public School</b>	<p><b>Breakfast Program</b></p> <p>Ashmont Public School caters breakfast for our students every morning throughout the year. This is only possible through the support of grants like this and our lovely volunteers.</p>
<b>Foodbank NSW &amp; ACT</b>	<p><b>Foodbank NSW &amp; ACT: Regional Food Relief Funding</b></p> <p>Regional communities are in food crisis. Whilst only 32% of the population are based in these communities, more than 50% of all Foodbank food relief deliveries are too regional/rural locations. Foodbank NSW &amp; ACT works with a network of 700 place-based partners across NSW to ensure food relief can reach communities in crisis. In 2024, we are seeking specific funding for regionally based community partners to increase their capacity to access &amp; distribute food relief supplies to those in need.</p>
<b>Boys to the Bush</b>	<p><b>Wagga Wagga Boys to the Bush School Programs</b></p> <p>The grant will fund two Boys to the Bush (BttB) School Programs for 20 local students, to be held in 2024. The programs aim to build confidence, leadership, and social connection with the local community. BttB's School Programs are highly popular with educators because of their outcomes with youth school attendance and attitude, and assistance with key transition to secondary education milestones for vulnerable boys.</p>
<b>Life Education NSW</b>	<p><b>Empowering Disadvantaged Kids: Preventative Health Education in Response to Increased Vaping and Mental Wellbeing Concerns</b></p> <p>This project addresses increasing vaping and mental wellbeing issues by subsidising Healthy Harold's program for disadvantaged children in the Wagga Wagga LGA. Life Ed NSW/ACT (LENSW) aims to empower disadvantaged children through comprehensive preventive education to make informed decisions resulting in safer, happier, healthier lives. Offering 40 subsidised sessions will overcome accessibility and financial barriers, ensuring disadvantaged children receive crucial preventive health education.</p>
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society NSW</b>	<p><b>Vinnies Crisis Support - Wagga Families - Prevention and Support of Homelessness</b></p> <p>Providing emergency relief to families in crisis, with material support towards providing food, and economic subsidies toward rent and bill payment, for families experiencing financial distress and hardship within the Wagga Wagga Region. Families are facing extreme pressure due to loss of income and employment, while at the same time demand for assistance has increased exponentially. 30% of people coming to Vinnies are first timers and we are aiming to prevention and support of homelessness.</p>

<p><b>NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)</b></p>	<p><b>Ways to Wellness Multicultural Women Wellbeing Program</b></p> <p>The program will provide culturally appropriate, inclusive, and trauma-informed yoga sessions and swimming and water safety classes to up to 40 women from diverse refugee and refugee-like backgrounds residing in Wagga Wagga and surrounds. Participants can access supportive and structured activities that aim to improve overall physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing as well as an opportunity to promote social interaction and strengthen participation of women in the community.</p>
<p><b>Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT)</b></p>	<p><b>Interactive Technology for Students on the Autism Spectrum at Aspect Riverina School Satellite Class in Wagga Wagga</b></p> <p>Students on the autism spectrum have high sensory and developmental learning needs and can experience communication barriers, with some students being non-verbal. To best support these specific learning and communication needs, Aspect use iPads in the classroom to teach an autism-specific curriculum tailored to visual learning. The use of these recourses in our curriculum enables our students to participate, interact, and thrive in classroom learning to the best of their abilities.</p>
<p><b>Cancer Council NSW</b></p>	<p><b>Wagga Wagga Relay for Life</b></p> <p>Wagga Wagga Relay For Life is an annual community fundraising event for Cancer Council NSW held at Riverside Precinct Wagga on Saturday 21st September 2024. Teams raise money before and during the event to assist Cancer Council NSW in its mission of a cancer free future.</p>
<p><b>CareSouth</b></p>	<p><b>CareSouth Health Hub</b></p> <p>Since 2016 CareSouth's Health Hubs have provided health services like dental, hearing, speech, and occupational therapy checks and assessments for young people in foster care and early intervention programs. Caseworkers recognised the need for Health Hubs after foster carers reported difficulty accessing multiple health care appointment for young people in care for a range of reasons including fear of health providers, distance travelled in rural regions, accessibility to multiple appointments.</p>
<p><b>Clontarf Foundation</b></p>	<p><b>Engage and retain Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander young to Complete School and Support them into Employment or Study.</b></p> <p>The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem, and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so equips them to participate more meaningfully in society. This project is specifically focused on the two Wagga Wagga based Clontarf academies (Mount Austin &amp; Koorinal) to improve attendance, retention, and graduation .The academies have a combined total of 144 young men enrolled in the two programs.</p>
<p><b>Willians Hill School</b></p>	<p><b>Courtesy Bus and School Facilities</b></p> <p>The money is being applied for to support the school in the purchase of a new bus, with wheelchair access, to transport students with a disability to community events, work experience and excursions. The funds have been committed over an extended period of time to pay for the lease of a bus. A small amount of this money is also being used to purchase a stage extension for the school hall to enable children to have wheelchair access.</p>