



Grants Bulletin

January 2016

Before starting a grant application make sure you read the guidelines & eligibility to make sure your project fits the criteria. If you have any questions &/or would like assistance please contact the Community Grants Officer on 6540 1172 or jmckiernan@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for an incredible 2015. It was a rewarding year and I continue to learn from everyone within our community. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with and discuss opportunities with the broad spectrum community based committees, groups, organisations and individuals across the Upper Hunter. From the plethora of local sporting groups through to performing arts, men's shed groups and generous community minded people, our region should be proud of the social fabric you all contribute towards.

In my short time supporting these vital community services we have achieved a number of successful local grants that will be implemented this year, but also there is lots of work to be done in securing funding for groups to continue delivering services, activities and events across our region. Personally, it gives me great satisfaction to support, help and enable the community through this position, and I very much look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in grant applications or even just to touch base and catch up for a chat to discuss funding options to help achieve your goals. This edition is rather packed with information, so please pick up the phone and give me a call if needed.

All the best,

Jo McKiernan



Grant Summary

Category & Grant Name	Amount	Closing Date
Arts/Culture/Sport/Education		
Development Grants – Arts NSW	Max \$25,000	2 Feb
Local Sports Grant Program	Max \$50,000	11 Feb
James N Kirby Foundation	Min \$3,000	26 Feb
Holden Home Ground Advantage	Max \$100,000	28 Feb
Local Sporting Champions	Max \$3,000	29 Feb
NSW Club Grants – Cultural Infrastructure	Not Specified	29 Feb
Eco Schools Programme	Max \$3,500	31 March
NRMA – Environment	\$5,000	31 March
Whole Kids Small Seeds	Max \$5000	31 March
Accessible Arts Grants	Max \$20,000	4 April
NAIDOC Grants Funding	Not Specified	29 April
Heritage/Environment		
NSW Heritage Reports Grant	Max \$10,000	31 Jan
NSW Heritage Major Works Project	Max \$150,000	31 Jan
Environmental Education Grants	Max \$100,000	31 March
Community Heritage Grants	Max \$15, 000	9 May
Business/Economic Development/Tourism		
The Industry Skills Fund Youth Stream	Max \$7,500	29 Feb
Regional Visitor Economy Funding	\$500,000	11 March
Festivals Australia	Not Specified	31 March
Community/Health/General		
NSW Mental Health Innovation Fund	Not Specified	5 Feb
Com Banks Youth focussed Grants	\$10,000	29 Feb
NRMA – Crime Prevention	\$5,000	31 March
NRMA – Road Safety	\$5,000	31 March
NRMA – Emergency Readiness and Response	\$5,000	31 March
Mercy Foundation Small Grants	\$5000	31 March
NSW Club Grants – Emergency relief Facilities	Not Specified	30 April
Ongoing		
Australian Communities Foundation Funding	Not Specified	Ongoing
Organics Market Development	Max \$50,000	30 November
NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Funds	Not Specified	Ongoing
Saluting their Service	Max \$4000	Ongoing
Links to Learning	Not Specified	Ongoing

January

NSW Heritage Reports Grant: Provides funding for the preparation of conservation documents and management reports for items listed on the State Heritage Register or of state heritage significance. Who can apply:

- Individuals, organisations, community groups and local governments who are owners and managers of State Heritage Register-listed items
- State government agencies may only apply for funding if they are involved as a project partner with one of the above owners or managers.

Amount – \$10,000

Closing Date – 31 January 2016

Website – <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage>

NSW Heritage Major Works Projects: Assists owners and managers of State Heritage Register and state significant heritage items to conserve, restore and upgrade their heritage properties.

Priorities for funding:

- Heritage items recently added to the State Heritage Register
- Places at risk from natural disasters
- Heritage and sustainability conservation works
- Adaptive reuse works
- Interpretation to facilitate heritage tourism.

Who can apply:

- Individuals, organisations, community groups and local governments who are owners and managers of State Heritage Register-listed items
- State government agencies may only apply for funding if they are involved as a project partner with one of the above owners or managers.

Amount – \$40,000 - \$150,000

Closing Date – 31 January 2016

Website – <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage>

February

Arts NSW Development Grants: Development Grants for Individuals & Groups

Funds a range of activities that benefit your career as an individual artist or group.

You can apply for a range of activities. Some examples of the activities we fund are:

- Professional skills development
- Showcase opportunities
- Forum/workshop attendance
- Residencies
- Mentorships
- Arts market attendance and exploration.

If you are applying as an individual or group, you must be a practicing artist or arts worker and an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

Amount – \$5,000 - \$25,000

Closing Date – 2 January 2016

Website – <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/development-grants-for-individuals-and-groups/>

NSW Mental Health Innovation Fund: Provides seed funding for innovative local initiatives that aim to improve mental health service delivery and outcomes in NSW. The intention of the Innovation Fund is to support people who as a result of their mental illness, require services and support from multiple agencies and other organisations. Encourage collaboration across state government agencies including health, education, human services and criminal justice services to deliver person centred care, particularly at the local level. Initiatives may also include third parties such as non-government organisations, the Commonwealth Government (for example PHNs, CentreLink), the private sector, local businesses and/or people impacted by mental illness.

Amount – \$5,000 - \$25,000

Closing Date – 5 February 2016

Website – <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/health/?event=public.rft.show&RFTUID=0EE9995A-B788-598C-937A9946108D596C>

Local Sport Grant Program: The Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport and active recreation across NSW.

There are four project types within the Program:

- Sport Club Development
- Community Sport Events
- Sport Access
- Facility Development and Capital Equipment.

Amount – \$1,000 - \$50,000

Closing Date – 11 February 2016

Contact - If you are not sure of the project type please contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or email grantsunit@sport.nsw.gov.au

Website – <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport>

Holden Homeground Advantage helps grass roots sport by giving local clubs and community organisations the chance to upgrade their facilities. You can apply for money through Home Ground Advantage for projects, or equipment, that make life easier for the members and supporters of your club. For example, you might want to make improvements to your clubrooms, install new hot showers, get a new scoreboard, or purchase new sporting equipment that will help your team perform on the field.

Any sporting club or community organisation which runs and supports sporting activities within Australia can apply.

Amount – Grant of up to \$10,000 or \$100,000 for your local sporting club

Closing Date – 28 February 2015

Contact – communitysupport.holden@gm.com

Website - [Home Ground Advantage - Holden.com.au](http://HomeGroundAdvantage-Holden.com.au)

NSW Club Grants – Cultural Infrastructure: The NSW Government has committed to provide \$50 million in ClubGRANTS project funding: \$8 million a year for sport and recreation infrastructure, \$2.5 million a year for cultural infrastructure, and \$2 million a year for emergency relief facilities. Check out the website and sign onto the news letter to keep track of when rounds are open and guidelines are available

Amount – \$5,000 - \$25,000

Closing Date – 29 February 2016

Website – <http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/ClubGRANTSCategory3/>

Local Sporting Champions - AIS: The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach or official.

Amount – \$500 for individuals and \$3,000 for teams

Closing Date – 29 February 2016

Website – http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions

Commonwealth Bank Community Grants: Funds youth-focused community organisations across Australia. To be eligible to receive a Community Grant your organisation must run, manage, conduct or implement a program that supports children and youth up to the age of 21 years in Australia.

Amount – \$10,000

Closing Date – 29 February 2016

Website – <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/who-we-are/in-the-community/community-grants.html>

The Industry Skills Fund Youth Stream (Australian Government): includes two pilot programmes, Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways, which will address youth unemployment by supporting businesses to employ more young people; and community organisations to help young people return to school, start vocational training or move into work.

Community service organisations may be eligible for financial support to purchase or provide services to meet individuals' needs such as intensive case management, job search, mentoring and other services relevant to young people.

The two pilot programmes; Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways, are available until 29 February 2016 in selected regional areas and areas of high youth unemployment.

Amount – Various

Closing Date – 29 February 2016

Contact – 13 28 46

Website – <http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/youth-stream/Pages/default.aspx>

March

NSW Visitor Economy Fund – Contestable Pool of Funds: Provides investment into the NSW regional visitor economy on a matched dollar-for-dollar basis to deliver projects that contribute to achieving the strategic imperatives identified in the NSW Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan.

The Contestable Fund provides up to \$3.5m and is available for Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs), Local Tourism Organisations (LTOs), Industry or Sector Associations, local government and industry.

Amount – \$50,000 - \$500,000

Closing Date – 11 March 2016

Contact – Destination NSW RVEF team
P: 02 9931 1593
Email: rvef.program@dnsw.com.au

Website – <http://app.thegrantshub.com.au/grant/2089>

NRMA Crime Prevention: Projects should focus on community education to help prevent crime in and around the home and local community.

Examples of such projects may include:

- Community education on ways to prevent crime in and around the home and make homes more secure
- Providing the community with safety and security tools/technology making people less vulnerable to crime in their homes and local community
- Early intervention projects working with 'at-risk' groups to change attitudes and behaviour and prevent the cycle of crime.

Amount – \$500 - \$5,000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – E: sharedvalue@iag.com.au
P: 1300 306 496

Website – <https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/how-apply-grant>

NRMA Road Safety: Initiatives considered will be projects that promote safe driver behavior and safe road use in 'at-risk' groups to reduce the likelihood and severity of road accidents.

Examples of such projects may include:

- Promotion of safe driver behavior in 'at-risk' groups through structured mentoring programs
- Projects promoting safe road use and independence for the elderly, children, people with disabilities and new migrant communities
- Community education on local accident hot spots and key causes of accidents.

Amount – \$500 - \$5,000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – E: sharedvalue@iag.com.au

P: 1300 306 496

Website – <https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/how-apply-grant>

NRMA Emergency Readiness and Response: Initiatives considered will be projects that educate the community on how to prepare for and respond to severe weather events and bushfires and those that raise awareness of home fire hazards.

Examples of such projects may include:

- Community education events on how to prepare for and respond to severe weather events and bushfires
- Projects that identify and raise awareness of home fire hazards and educate communities on how to mitigate their risk
- Projects that provide communities with emotional and psychological support in the aftermath of a natural disaster
- Non-standard issue equipment to aid in emergency response and recovery activities.

Amount – \$500 - \$5,000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – E: sharedvalue@iag.com.au

P: 1300 306 496

Website – <https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/how-apply-grant>

NRMA Environmental Grants: Initiatives considered will be projects that directly engage communities in on-ground activities to address local environmental issues.

Examples of such projects may include:

- Essential revegetation work to protect communities against storm and flood
- Educate community members on ways to reduce waste, water and carbon emissions
- Promote sustainable approaches to rural and urban living
- Engage communities in activities that address local conservation and biodiversity issues that support a safer community.

Amount – \$500 - \$5,000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – E: sharedvalue@iag.com.au

P: 1300 306 496

Website – <https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/how-apply-grant>

NSW Environmental Education Grants: Supports educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of skills in, and commitment to, protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behavior.

The objectives of the Environmental Education grants program are to:

- Facilitate changes in behavior of individuals and groups which affect specific environmental problems
- Develop and promote education projects that improve the environment.

For 2016, the Environmental Education grants program has three priority areas. Expressions of Interest will be considered for other environmental education projects; however, the following areas will be given priority:

- Water conservation and management
- Air quality
- Biodiversity and native vegetation.

Amount – \$5000 - \$100,000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – For further information please contact the Environmental Trust:

- Phone: (02) 8837 6093
- Email: info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au

Website – <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm>

Whole Kids Small Seeds: Whole Kids Small Seeds seeks to provide funds to organisations and groups that work at developing creative and innovative solutions to root-cause problems at the local community level. They look for projects that have strong local community support and participation as they believe that lasting change comes about at the local level through direct community involvement.

Amount – \$5000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – 1300 099 744

Website – <http://www.wholekids.com.au/small-seeds-about-us/>

Mercy Foundation Small Grants: The Small Grants Program provides seed funding and prioritises those activities and projects which focus on addressing disadvantage in regards to women and children. The types of project areas that may be funded include: poverty, domestic violence, women's groups and activities, activities that focus on assisting children, women and/or children with disability, mental health and addictions. However, the Small Grants Program are not limited to these areas and these are only provided as a guide.

Amount – \$5000

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Contact – office@mercyfoundation.com.au

Website – <http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/grants/index.cfm?loadref=18>

Festivals Australia: Supports the presentation of arts and cultural activities that will enable community members living in regional or remote Australia to participate in or attend an arts driven experience at a festival, or significant one-off community celebration. Keep an eye on the web page for when the next round opens.

Amount – Not Specified

Closing Date – 31 March 2016

Website – <http://arts.gov.au/festivals-australia>

Eco Schools Grant Program: In 2015 the Eco Schools grants program has combined with the Food Gardens in Schools program to make it easier for schools to apply for funding. **2016 Program will re-open for application in March 2016:**

- increase funding available for school environmental education projects
- provide greater opportunity for students with special needs by funding a broader range of environmental projects
- offer up to 80 grants of \$3,500 each over two years. A further 18 grants of \$3,500 each will be available for projects catering for students with special needs.

The Eco Schools Grant Program aims to provide learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community, through hands-on curriculum-based environmental projects that focus on strong student participation.

Amount – \$3,500

Website – <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm>

James Kirby Foundation: the third generation of Kirby's are proudly embracing Sir James' philanthropic philosophies. Together with the board we oversee a breadth of grants that impact not only towards the future educational and technical development of young Australians, but also on the health and welfare of many Australians in need as well as The Arts and The Environment. The James N Kirby Foundation makes distributions within Australia only, with priority given to organisations in NSW or, in some cases, to national level programs whose work primarily benefits NSW.

Amount – Small Grants up to \$15,000 Large Grants over \$15,000

Website – <http://www.kirbyfoundation.com.au/applications/apply/>

April

Accessible Arts Program 2016: Funds not-for-profit arts and disability services/organisations and/or groups or individual artists with disability living in NSW.

Funds projects that improve access for current and future Lifetime Care & Support Scheme participants, other people with brain and/or spinal cord injuries and people with disability more generally. As such, funded projects will need to demonstrate the legacy the project will leave.

Amount – \$5000 - \$20,000

Closing Date – 4 April 2016

Contact – Ellen Lowrey
Strategic Projects Manager
Accessible Arts NSW
+61 2 9251 6499 ext. 103
elowrey@aarts.net.au

Website – <http://www.aarts.net.au/grants/>

NAIDOC Week 2016: NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, achievements and contributions to modern Australia. Local activities during NAIDOC Week are encouraged and can be organised by communities, community associations, workplaces, schools and others, with a principal requirement being that the body applying for funding is a legal entity. The Department provides grant funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and/or organisations to partly or fully meet the costs of local/regional NAIDOC activities across Australia.

Amount – \$200 - \$5000

Closing Date – 29 April 2016

Website – <http://www.indigenous.gov.au/news-and-media/grants-and-funding>

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Amount – Not Specified at this stage

Closing Date – 30 April 2016

Website – <http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/ClubGRANTSCategory3/>

Endowment Challenge Fund: Targets non-profit organisations in Queensland and New South Wales, such as sporting, artistic, cultural or music organisations. The aim of this award is to encourage non-profit organisations to consider how they could directly include people with a disability (especially an intellectual disability) within their current work. Non-profit organisations may request a grant to develop and/or run a project that would enable them to expand their current activities and better engage with persons with a disability, or to fund the purchase of specialist equipment to allow them to include people with a disability. Disability-specific non-profit organisations may also apply for innovative projects that enhance social inclusion for people with a disability, but ongoing programs of service delivery will not be funded.

Amount – \$20, 000

Closing Date – 30 April 2016

Website – <http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/ClubGRANTSCategory3/>

May

Families and Community Programme – Multicultural Arts and Festivals:

Provides organisations with assistance to host multicultural arts and festivals projects, providing opportunities for Australians of all backgrounds to come together and experience different cultural traditions. Keep an eye in the web page below for Grant open date and application pack.

Amount – up to \$5,000

Closing Date – 30 May 2016

Website – <https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/grant-programmes>

Community Heritage Grants: The program provides grants to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups.

Grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artifacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material.

The types of projects supported include:

- Significance assessments of collections
- Preservation needs assessments of collections
- Conservation activities and collection management
- Training workshops.

Amount – up to \$15,000

Closing Date – 9 May 2016

Website – <http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg>

Ongoing

Propeller: celebrates the social change projects of everyday young people in communities across Australia through the development of short stories through film.

Amount – \$500 each week

Website – <http://www.propellerproject.com.au/Home/About>

Australian Communities Foundation Funding: ACF is committed to helping build healthy and resilient communities. To achieve this, ACF supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year. Grants are made domestically and internationally through Australian registered charitable organisations for specific projects, or for purposes that support the ongoing activities of those organisations.

Amount – Undisclosed

Website – <http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants/>

EPA Organics Market Development – Product Quality: Funds projects that can best deliver outcomes to improve the quality of recycled organics products.

The Waste Less Recycle More Organics Market Development Grant Program provides grant funding of \$2.55 million over two years to support the long-term expansion of the market in NSW for recycled organics that have been diverted from landfill.

Amount – \$10,000 - \$50,000

Website – <http://epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/organics-market.htm>

NSW Recreational Fishes Trust Fund: Anyone can apply for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups and individuals.

A comprehensive angler survey of the Recreational Fishing Trusts, completed in 2013, indicated widespread support for the current range of programs funded from the Trusts. Over the years, the Trusts have provided funding to a wide range projects including:

- recreational fishing enhancement - fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking
- recreational fishing education - fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory
- fishing access and facilities - fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other facilities, enhancement of fishing access
- [aquatic habitat rehabilitation and protection](#) - grants to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting & protecting river bank vegetation, restoring water flows etc.
- research on fish and recreational fishing - fishing surveys, biology of popular recreational species, angler catch projects, effectiveness of stocking etc
- enforcement of fishing rules - fisheries officers

Amount – Not Specified

Website – <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds>

Saluting Their Service Community Commemorative Grants: The STS Commemorative Grants program is designed to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

Three categories of grants are available under the STS program:

- a. Community Commemorative Grants (CCG) - Grants up to a maximum of \$4,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities. This includes, for example, the building of community memorials and the preservation of wartime memorabilia that is significant locally but is not necessarily nationally significant.
- b. Vietnam War Commemorative Grants (VWCG) - Grants between \$4,000 and \$20,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities that directly commemorate **any** aspect of the Vietnam War, and which focus on camaraderie.
- c. Major Commemorative Grants (MCG) - Grants in excess of \$4,000 are available for projects and activities that are significant, usually from a national, state or territory perspective and that contribute to Australia's understanding of its wartime heritage and honour the service and sacrifice of its servicemen and women.

Amount – \$4000

Website – <http://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/saluting-their-service-commemorative>

Links to Learning: Provides funding to approved, not-for-profit, community based organisations and local government authorities to deliver targeted Links to Learning projects. Projects are to focus on the development of skills, knowledge and attitudes to support students' re-engagement with education in a safe, challenging and supportive learning environment.

Amount – Not Specified

Website – <https://linkstolearning.info/>

For assistance with your grant application please contact –
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Whilst Council endeavours to obtain the most current information possible please make sure you check all funding details by getting in contact with the funding provider or by viewing their website.