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Community grants to make a difference

Ten community organisations from across the state are set to benefit from TasNetworks latest round of community grants.

Ranging from support to help 15-18 year-olds experiencing homelessness to a statewide program of Aboriginal-led reconciliation education and regional engagement, this years' round proved to be extremely popular.

"This year, we received an overwhelming response to the program, with 146 applications requesting over $1.25 million in funding for projects valued at nearly $2.7 million," TasNetworks CEO Renée Anderson said.

"It is important that we continue to provide this support because there are so many great projects across the state that meet the challenges and needs of our customers."

Each year, TasNetworks invites not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants of up to $10,000. These grants support practical, grassroots initiatives that improve the lives of Tasmanians, whether that's by reducing household costs, improving access to essential services, or helping communities prepare for and recover from challenges.

"Our community grants program is all about helping to support at-risk groups, delivering meaningful outcomes for Tasmanians in need, building community resilience and connection, and offering lasting, local impact," Ms Anderson said.

"I'm really pleased to see such a range of services that are going to be able to make a real difference benefiting from this year's program."

A total of $80,877 was provided this year to the following projects:

- Karinya Youth Services Tas - The Karinya Youth Services Tasmania Bridge Set-Up Project provides essential household goods to help 15-18 year-olds experiencing homelessness establish safe homes and reduce immediate cost-of-living pressure.

- ParaQuad Association of Tasmania Inc - Person centred, grab and go emergency packs empowering Tasmanians with spinal cord injury and physical disability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

- East Devonport Primary School - Expanding their school garden with fruit trees, garden infrastructure and student-built projects to increase food production, support hot lunches and build community resilience.

- Food for Community Tasmania Inc - Expanding Food for Community Tasmania's capacity to prepare, store and distribute nutritious ready-made meals to people experiencing food insecurity and cost-of-living pressures. Through new refrigeration and appliances.

- Brighton Bowls & Community Club - A free youth community program providing glow bowls, BBQs and positive social activities that build connection, confidence, respect and community participation between generations.

- Devonport Surf Life Saving Club - The purchase all-weather protective clothing for Devonport SLSC emergency responders, IRB drivers and patrolling lifesavers operating in Tasmania's cold, wet and windy conditions.

- Find Our Lost Loved Ones Inc - Equipping search teams with 'ArduSimple Rover' surveying devices for accurate grid searching during searches for long-term missing persons in Tasmania.

- Rotary Club of North Hobart Inc. - Donated phones, refurbished and gifted free to Tasmanians escaping violence — restoring safety, independence and connection at their most vulnerable moment.

- Heartwood Rosebery Co-op - Free practical and creative workshops in Rosebery that build skills, confidence and community connection while reducing isolation and barriers to participation.

- Reconciliation Council of Tasmania Limited (RAP) - A statewide program of Aboriginal-led reconciliation education and regional engagement, creating accessible opportunities for Tasmanians to learn, connect and take meaningful action throughout the year.

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