

Dear Friends

Below you will find the details of a range of grants, both from Governments and from private organisations. Some grants have deadlines for applications while others accept applications at all times.

I wish you luck in any applications that you make and please let me know how you go.

<b>GRANT NAME</b>	<b>MAXIMUM AMOUNT</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
Port Stephens Council grants			Port Stephens Council has announced a number of grants for the 2023-24 year. A number of these grants accept applications at any time during the year. Grants include: -Community Event Development Fund -Major Event Sponsorship Fund -Aboriginal Projects Fund -Mayoral Funds -Rapid Response Fund -Micro Grant Fund  Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Aurizon Community Giving Fund	\$20,000	5 May 2023	Charities or community groups can seek funding for projects in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment or education. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .

Community Heritage Grants	\$20,000	8 May 2023	Local organisations can seek funding to undertake conservation and collection management activities, as well as collection assessment and staff training projects. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Saving Koalas Fund - Community Grants	\$200,000	9 May 2023	Organisations can apply for funding to support small-scale community projects and local activities that support the recovery and protection of the koala. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Qantas Regional Grants		10 May 2023	Not for profit groups in regional Australia can seek funding for projects that benefit regional communities. Organisations can seek support in the form of cash, flights and/or marketing support. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grants	\$250,000	22 May 2023	Tourism businesses (including tour, attraction, and accommodation businesses) can apply for matched funding to develop nature-based experiences.

			Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Just Futures National Open Grant	\$1,000,000	26 May 2023	EOIs are open for early-stage programs that aim to prevent or reduce further contact with the justice system, or prevent intergenerational incarceration. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Anzac Day Schools' Awards	\$5,000	31 May 2023	This annual prize recognises the work of students, teachers and schools who engage with Australia's wartime history. The 2023 theme is 'Commemorating Australia's Vietnam War service'. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Strengthening Rural Communities Grant	\$10,000	31 May 2023	Organisations can apply for funding to support projects that reduce social isolation and foster stronger, more resilient regional communities. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Sporting Schools Grant	\$3,600	2 Jun 2023	Schools can seek funding to support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build

			confidence and capability. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
P&C OOSH Transition Grant	\$10,000	30 Jun 2023	OOSH services that have transitioned to P&C ownership as a result of a recent Provider Category Review can seek funding to assist with transition costs. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Men's Shed defibrillator grant	\$2,250	30 Jun 2023	Men's Sheds can seek funding to support the purchase of a defibrillator for their facility. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Community War Memorials Fund	\$10,000	25 July 2023	Organisations can apply for funding to conserve, repair and protect local war memorials. Projects can include conservation assessments, honour roll repair, war memorial cleaning and conservation work, arborist advice for war memorial trees, security measures for memorials, repairs to war memorial halls and improvements to the accessibility of memorials. Further

			information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Sporting Schools Grant	\$3,600	25 Aug 2023	Schools can seek funding to support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build confidence and capability. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
NAB Foundation grants	\$10,000	31 Aug 2023	Organisations can seek funding for projects that help communities prepare for natural disasters, support long-term recovery and build resilience to future disasters and climate change. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Community War Memorials Fund	\$10,000	11 Feb 2024	Organisations can apply for funding to conserve, repair and protect local war memorials. Projects can include conservation assessments, honour roll repair, war memorial cleaning and conservation work, arborist advice for war memorial trees, security measures for memorials, repairs to war memorial halls and improvements to the accessibility of memorials.

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## ONGOING GRANTS

GRANT NAME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	SUMMARY
<b>FOCUS: Community groups or general grants</b>		
PSC My Incredible Place Micro Grant	\$500	Port Stephens Council is offering funding for short term, low cost projects that encourage community-based place activation. Examples include workshops and street performance, community picnics and street activities. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
PSC Financial Assistance Grants	-	Individuals and organisations can apply for small funding grants which are approved by the elected Councillors in Port Stephens. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
PSC Financial assistance for the disposal of waste	-	Charitable and not for profit groups can apply for an exemption from Port Stephens Council rubbish fees for the disposal of up to 20 tonnes of waste. School working bees can also apply. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Active Kids voucher	\$100	Families can apply for 2x vouchers for school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Creative Kids voucher	\$100	Families can apply for 1x vouchers for school-enrolled children to use towards registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts programs with a registered activity provider. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
ClubGRANTS	Varies from club to club	ClubGRANTS funding is available to community groups, charities and sporting teams across NSW. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Maitland Mutual Bank Sponsorship		Applications for sponsorship can be submitted by educational, sporting, cultural clubs and event organisers. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Newcastle Permanent Bank Sponsorship		This sponsorship program focuses on children's education, children's sport, and free community events. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Regional Australia Bank Sponsorship		Regional Australia Bank offers sponsorships or donations for grass roots community initiatives and small infrastructure projects. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .

Variety Community Grants	-	The Variety Community Grants assists organisations to purchase equipment that will promote access and inclusivity in the community for children aged 0-18 years from financial disadvantage, geographic isolation and/or living with a disability or chronic illness. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Sunrise Project	\$5,000	This grant supports not for profit groups to deliver projects which drive the shift to renewable energy. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Port Waratah Coal Community Grants	-	PWCS provides funding to community organisations for projects focused on diversity, education, environment, community vibrancy, or health. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Awesome Newcastle	\$1,000	The local version of an international program seeks proposals for local projects which will benefit the community. A panel of ten judges each donate \$100 and then vote of which proposal gets the funding. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Sun bites Good Fuel Fund	\$25,000	This monthly grant offers \$25,000 to the charity connected to a nominated local charity hero. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Grow a Star Scholarships	\$1,500	Funding is available for young people aged 10-18. Funds must be spent on educational, artistic, musical or sport programs. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Dylan Alcott Foundation		This grant helps young Australians with disabilities overcome the barriers of entry to sport and education. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Australian Communities Foundation	-	ACF funds a number of private grants in the area of arts, advocacy, disability, training and employment, environment, health and education. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Joseph Seridis Trust Fund	-	The JST Trust assist people of all ages with physical and multiple disabilities by meeting the cost of providing equipment associated with enhancing daily living, independence and quality of life. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
NSW Environmental Trust grants	Varies	A range of grants are available through the NSW Environmental Trust to deliver programs which benefit the environment. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Vincent Fairfax Foundation Grants	\$50,000	Organisations can seek funding for programs which seek to improve lives through education and employment, or for programs with a Christian focus. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .

Matana Foundation for Young People Grant	\$10,000	Grants available to support organisations which seek to improve the lives and opportunities of disadvantaged young people. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
State Heritage Register Emergency Works Grant	\$10,000	This grant provides funding for emergency works projects for State Heritage Register-listed items or items with a current Interim Heritage Order made by the Minister for Heritage. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>FOCUS: Artistic endeavours</b>		
Performers' Trust Foundation Grants	\$5,000	Funding is available to individuals and groups or organisations to promote and encourage music performance across a range of activities. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Regional Art NSW – Quick Response Grants	\$5,000	Funding is available for professional, skills, or market development activities to artists and arts/cultural workers in regional NSW. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Gordon Darling Foundation Grants for Visual Arts Projects	-	The Gordon Darling Foundation provides funding for a range of visual arts projects including exhibition development, symposia, research projects, and professional education. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Sidney Myer Fund & The Myer Foundation	-	The Sidney Myer Fund & The Myer Foundation offer a range of grants with differing focuses. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>FOCUS: Business and Industry</b>		
Financial incentives for businesses to hire staff	\$10,000	Support is available for businesses to employ and retain eligible job seekers in ongoing and sustainable positions. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Destination NSW Grant	\$20,000	Destination NSW provides one-off grants of \$20,000 (or triennial \$30,000 per year for three years) funding to event organisers to support the marketing and advertising of events that have tourism potential, reflecting the character and culture of an area, and act as a “flagship” for their region. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .

## FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

ORGANISATION	SUMMARY OF SUPPORT
Bulk Return and Earn	Organisations can raise funds by collecting bottles and cans to deposit in a Return and Earn machine. Containers can be returned in bulk (hundreds at a time) at the St Vinnies Cardiff facility. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Bunnings Local community support	The Bunnings Local Community Support program allows community groups operate a fundraiser BBQ out the front of the store. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .



Play For Purpose	Sporting clubs can sign up to be part of a joint raffle which allows for larger prizes to be offered. Tickets are sold for \$10 each and the club receives at least \$5 from each ticket sold. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Cadbury Fundraisers	Cadbury offers fundraising chocolate boxes for not for profit groups. Groups which use this service are also able to apply for grants of up to \$500. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Coles Local Community Support	The Coles Local Community Support program allows community groups to apply for raffle prizes (eg gift cards) or to set up a fundraiser out the front of the store. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Dominoes Doughraiser Fundraisers	The Dominoes Doughraiser Fundraiser allows local groups to receive a pre-determined amount, usually between 50c to \$1, from every pizza sold on that evening. Contact your local store to discuss availability.
Entertainment book fundraiser	The Entertainment book fundraiser allows not for profit groups to sell Entertainment books and keep a percentage of the proceeds. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Kmart local store investment program	The Kmart local store investment program allows community groups to apply for donations (eg gift cards). Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .
Officeworks Local community support	Officeworks store teams select local charities or groups they would like to support based on their connections within the community, and who needs it the most. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .

Kind Regards,

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