

Local community groups receive funding boost

Projects receive share of Council's Community Sponsorship Funding for 2019

A community garden project, support for new mums and a youth service program are among the initiatives to receive a share of \$29,600 in funding through Council's Community Sponsorship Policy for 2019.

The aim of the Community Sponsorship Policy is to provide financial assistance by way of a sponsorship agreement to local community groups and organisations. These funds are for activities and projects that benefit the health and wellbeing of Tweed Shire residents.

Mayor of Tweed, Councillor Katie Milne, met with representatives from the successful organisations at an event to announce the funding.

"Well done to all the recipients of Council's Community Sponsorship Funding. These projects and organisations make a wonderful contribution to enrich the community and protect our fragile environment," she said.

"Thank you for all your hard work and we hope this sponsorship enables your organisations to grow and continue with your beautiful work to support our community."

One of the recipients was Victory House, a residential program providing recovery for people overcoming drug or alcohol addiction or other life-controlling issues.

David Nahi, Director and Founder of Victory House said, "Part of the recovery for residents of our program involves 'giving back', where residents give back by helping elderly people with gardening, giving out groceries to families in need, assisting other charities and churches, moving furniture and removing graffiti.

"This funding will enable us to buy a new vehicle to help more people in the community through our giving back program and we are very grateful for the funds," he said.

The successful recipients for 2019 were:

- Tweed Valley Rural and Community Advancement Co-Op received \$10,000 for the Murwillumbah Community Garden project
- Victory House Rehabilitation Program received \$5,000
- Support for New Mums Inc received \$5,000
- Public Art Theatre Company received \$2,600 for the Murwillumbah Mixed Ability Theatre Group
- Cabarita Youth Service received \$7,000 for their Community Connections Program

Applications for the next round of funding open toward the end of this year. For more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding