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## **NEWCASTLE PERMANENT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OPENS \$750,000 FUNDING GRANT ROUND**

Not-for-profit and charity organisations seeking funding for local projects have until 13 April 2021 to apply for a grant from Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation as part of its latest funding round.

Charitable Foundation Executive Officer, Graham Batten, says the Foundation has again allocated three quarters of a million dollars in this funding round to supporting local community-based organisations across regional NSW who require funding for a new or existing project that aims to address key areas of disadvantage in their community.

“Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation has a long history of supporting regional communities, with our grant program having invested, since 2003, more than \$22-million in 270 organisations who are making a real impact to the lives of others.”

“In this funding round, we will allocate \$750,000 to make an impact in local communities across our footprint through helping charities to rewrite the future for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised, or isolated,” Graham said.

Applying for a Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation funding grant is a simple process via an application portal accessed on our website, and a range of guidance materials is also available.

“We know there’s a lot of worthy programs looking for support, especially following the added challenges of the last year. We’ve made it as simple as possible for organisations to apply via our website where they’ll also find a range of guidance materials as well as information on virtual funding grant support workshops we will hold in coming weeks,” said Graham.

Twice a year the Charitable Foundation provides approximately \$750,000 in funding for projects across regional New South Wales. In the past, the Charitable Foundation has funded:

- \$160,000 to Fighting Chance Australia for an innovative Co-Working Space which provides opportunities and long-term change to people with a profound disability.
- \$48,400 to The Kaden Centre for its Home Exercise Oncology Platform that is delivering a web-based home exercise program for people affected by cancer and chronic health conditions.
- \$26,600 to RizeUp Limited to create an online education awareness program for people affected by domestic violence, and engage community members to understand ways to support vulnerable families affected or attempting to flee domestic violence.

“Each successful project is selected for its ability to make a meaningful difference for our communities’ most vulnerable people.”

Applications open via the Charitable Foundation website from 17 March and close on 13 April 2021.

### **Eligibility information:**

To be eligible for funding, a group must be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Type 1 Deductible Gift Recipient and hold Tax Concession Charity status, be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission, and be a not-for-profit organisation which is charitable at law, and a legal entity such

as an incorporate association of corporation. Groups are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria available at [www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation](http://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation).

**About Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation:**

The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation distributes approximately \$1.5 million in grants each year to facilitate charitable projects that address disadvantage, marginalisation, and isolation in local communities throughout the Hunter, Central West, Central Coast, New England, Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers regions of NSW. Since its establishment in 2003 as a gift to the community as part of Newcastle Permanent's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Charitable Foundation has provided more than \$22 million to almost 500 community initiatives.

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