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MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING ON OFFER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation grant round opens today

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation's latest funding round is now open, with a pool of over half a million dollars available for new or existing projects which support health, young people and social wellbeing.

Local not-for-profit organisations and community groups have until Monday, 1 May, to apply.

To assist with the application process, the Charitable Foundation is hosting a free, online workshop on Wednesday, 5 April, from 10:30am –12:00pm (AEST). Groups can register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/community-grant-workshop-or-newcastle-permanent-charitable-foundation>

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Acting Executive Officer, Anita Lucas, encouraged both new and existing partners to apply, particularly in the face of challenging economic times.

"Regional charities are facing the unique combination of increased community demand for services and ongoing barriers to the delivery of their services," said Ms Lucas.

"It's been a tough couple of years for not-for-profits, having come through covid and all the challenges it presented, to now when the rising cost of living is placing pressure on local communities and driving an even higher need for assistance.

"As the Charitable Foundation celebrates our 20th anniversary, we have renewed drive and motivation to support these organisations that play such a pivotal role in ensuring our regional NSW communities thrive."

Since being founded in 2003 as a gift to the community, Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation has provided over \$25 million in funding, touching hundreds of thousands of lives.

Recent projects include:

- **\$127,000 for Jenny's Place** to support the operation of the Sunshine Hut Clinic, assisting children receive expert help to recover from the trauma of domestic and family violence.
- **\$121,000 for Spinal Cord Injuries Australia** to help expand their community-based peer and family support program to people living with a spinal cord injury.
- **\$98,700 for Hunter Medical Research Institute** to go towards a therapeutic intervention that can be used early after diagnosis of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, halting disease progression and lifelong suffering.

Media release

Applications open Wednesday via the [Charitable Foundation website](#) and close at 11.59pm Monday 1 May.

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 <https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/funding-guide>

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About Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation distributes 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 100th anniversary, the Charitable Foundation has provided more than \$25 million to over 530 community initiatives.