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\$700,000 ON OFFER FOR LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND CHARITY ORGANISATIONS

Calls for charities to apply as latest Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation grant round opens

Calling all not-for-profit and community groups delivering important projects and initiatives that assist those most in need in our communities!

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation's latest funding round is now open, with applications for grants being taken until 31 October.

The Charitable Foundation currently has over \$700,000 on offer to support new or existing community-based projects concerned with the key focus areas of health, young people and social wellbeing.

To assist with the application process, the Charitable Foundation will be hosting a free, online workshop on Wednesday 5 October from 11am – 12.30pm

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Executive Officer, Carly Bush, said the rising cost of living is driving a higher need for those in our communities seeking services and support.

"The current economic landscape is really intensifying the pressure already felt by our regional NSW communities, and in particular the charities that work tirelessly to support them," Ms Bush said.

"Those in the community who were already vulnerable are becoming even more at risk and it's the charities who are doing the most to help out.

"Our online workshop is great opportunity to learn about our eligibility requirements, how applications are assessed, what types of community projects we've funded in the past, and our tips and tricks for applying for grants.

"We are committed to giving back so that local groups can continue to make a meaningful difference in people's lives now and for future generations."

Grants appointed as part of this funding round will mark 20 years of the Charitable Foundation supporting deserving charities and not-for-profits, during which time \$25 million in funding has been granted to initiatives that have helped rewrite the future of people in need across regional NSW.

Over the past year alone, the Charitable Foundation has contributed to a number of projects aimed at addressing disadvantage and creating opportunity, including:

- **\$110,000 to The Shepherd Centre's first clinical service for deaf children in the region** to bring world-leading therapies to local hearing-impaired children, helping to develop their speech, communication, emotional resilience, and preventing the need to travel to Sydney.

- **\$90,000 to OzHarvest's Central Coast & Lake Macquarie Food Rescue Expansion** to fund a new food rescue van for the Northern Central Coast and Lake Macquarie regions, a new area for OzHarvest. This \$90,000 grant has enabled OzHarvest to engage an additional 15 food donors to support 20 local charities.
- **\$87,000 to Autism Camp Australia's Helping Hands Project** which enables isolated and financially disadvantaged families that don't qualify for NDIS funding to participate in Autism Camp Australia's (ACA) capacity and resilience building programs. These programs are designed to support young people aged 7 to 14 diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Applications are now open via the [Charitable Foundation website](#) and close at 11.59pm October 31.

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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.

About Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation

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