

ENDING 2021 ON A HIGH NOTE: \$800,000 IN GRANT FUNDING AWARDED TO REGIONAL CHARITIES

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation today announced funding grants totalling \$800,000 to support 12 regional NSW charities and community groups to deliver life-changing projects and infrastructure to support their local communities.

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Chair, Jennifer Leslie said the projects were chosen on the impact they would have on defined areas of community need in regional NSW.

“The 12 grants provided today will enable projects that directly address disadvantage, marginalisation or isolation to help at-risk youth and vulnerable people in our local communities become more resilient and better connected,” said Ms Leslie.

“Each project that received funding today has been recognised by the Charitable Foundation because we know it will make a difference. I’ve seen first-hand the long-lasting impact our grants have in delivering projects and outcomes that help create opportunities for those in need to thrive. These projects will help to rewrite the future for many.”

The projects which will benefit from this funding round are:

- Little Wings Limited - Medical Wings 2.0 - \$60,000
- Missing School Incorporated - See-Be the Robot Service for Sick Kids - \$50,000
- KIDS Foundation - SeeMore eSafety - \$90,000
- Dementia Australia Limited - Virtual Reality equipment and immersive VR education for Caregivers - \$43,000
- Livefree Project Inc - Smile & Thrive Dental Program - \$44,000
- We Care Connect Limited - We Care Hunter - \$70,000
- Sunnyfield - Community Bound - \$85,000
- SHINE for Kids Cooperative Ltd - Keeping Kids Connected at Macquarie CC in Wellington - \$60,000
- Make a difference PMQ Incorporated - M.A.D Food Trailer - \$33,000
- Karitane - Taree District Volunteer Family Connect - \$112,000
- Country Education Foundation of Australia Ltd - NPCF - CEF Flood Support Scholarships NPCF - \$33,000
- Rural and Remote Medical Services Limited - dental and medical services to disadvantaged rural and regional communities using technology - \$120,000

“This is certainly the ideal way to round out what we acknowledge has been another challenging year for our partners and we’re looking forward to working with this round of grant recipients as they bring these projects to life from early next year, giving hope and support to those who need it,” Ms Leslie said.

This is the second grant ceremony for the Charitable Foundation for 2021 and brings the total amount granted this year to \$1.73 million, and more than \$24 million since the first grant was provided in 2003.

Funding recipients will commence the projects in 2022 and all are scheduled to be completed within two years.

Background on each grant is available here:

<https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation/who-we-help>

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[The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation](#) distributes more than \$1.5 million in grants each year to facilitate charitable projects that make a significant difference to improving the lives of disadvantaged, marginalised and isolated people living 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, the Foundation has provided almost \$24 million to 524 community initiatives.

Further Background:

Region	Organisation	Project	Amount
All regions	Little Wings Limited	Medical Wings 2.0	\$60,000
All regions	KIDS Foundation	SeeMore eSafety	\$90,000
All regions	Rural and Remote Medical Services Limited (RARMS)	Using Technology to expand dental and medical services to disadvantaged rural and regional communities in NSW.	\$120,000
All regions	Missing School Incorporated	See-Be the Robot Service for Sick Kids	\$50,000
Central West	SHINE for Kids	Keeping Kids Connected at Macquarie CC in Wellington	\$60,000
Hunter	Dementia Australia	VRE for Carers: Virtual Reality equipment and immersive VR education for Caregivers (carers/family/health professionals) of People Living with Dementia	\$43,000
Hunter	Livefree Project Inc	Smile & Thrive Dental Program	\$44,000
Hunter	We Care Connect Limited	We Care Hunter	\$70,000
Mid North Coast	Make a difference PMQ Incorporated	M.A.D Food Trailer	\$33,000
Mid North Coast	Karitane	Taree District Volunteer Family Connect	\$112,000
Mid North Coast	Country Education Foundation of Australia Ltd	NPCF - CEF Flood Support Scholarships	\$33,000
New England	Sunnyfield	Community Bound	\$85,000