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Cockburn Community Fund provides more than \$236,000 to local projects

The latest round of Cockburn Community Fund (CCF) grants, donations and sponsorships was presented to more than 50 recipients at a celebratory ceremony on Monday, 29 May.

A total of \$236,530 was provided in the latest funding round to 53 recipients, from the smallest – a donation of \$500 for a youth arts scholarship – to the largest, a \$25,000 donation for environmental and sustainability education for children aged up to the age of eight.

Mayor Logan Howlett and Cr Chamonix Terblanche made the presentations at the City of Cockburn, with entertainment provided by the clarinet ensemble from the Leeming Area Community Band (LACB).

The LACB was one of this funding round's recipients, receiving \$5000 to establish a new training band and help attract more Cockburn residents to join the community organisation.

Mayor Howlett said the City of Cockburn distributed more than \$1 million annually through the CCF.

“This financial help is provided to local people, community groups and organisations for a wide range of activities under the categories of youth arts, cultural, community, environmental education and sustainability grants, sponsorships and donations,” Mayor Howlett said.

Youth Arts Scholarships have been presented since 2001, providing more than \$78,000 to young people in Cockburn. The program enables young



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people to participate in art and cultural activities of significance and to undertake further study in relation to their particular talent.

Many recipients of a Youth Art Scholarship have travelled internationally to attend specialist schools, tertiary institutions or master classes.

Cultural Grants have benefitted the community for the past 19 years, with more than \$193,000 encouraging local arts and cultural activity to recognise Cockburn's cultural diversity.

Projects have included multicultural festivals, heritage and photographic projects, youth performances, creative workshops and exhibitions.

Over the past six years, Sustainability Grants have supported a diverse range of projects that encourage locals to care for our planet and build strong communities.

These unique grants are available to collective households, small businesses, schools and community groups with an ecological ethos. Successful projects have included bush tucker gardens, sustainable gardens and verges, and revegetation projects.

Over the past 22 years, the Community Grants Program has helped numerous local groups make a real difference, with the Council distributing almost \$1.4 million.

The City's Donations program was established to support local benevolent not-for-profit organisations as they strive to cope with the financial burden of day-to-day running costs.

Over the past seven years, Council has donated more than \$1 million to this cause.



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The Sponsorship Funding Program was introduced in 2008 to answer requests for sponsorship from community groups, commercial enterprises and individuals, for a wide range of projects, activities and events.

Environmental Education Grants for Schools help fund workshops, activities or presentations delivered and facilitated by professional environmental educators.

These opportunities align with the City's four broad environmental education themes including Biodiversity, Climate Change, Resource Use and Liveable Communities.

Picture Caption: Members of the Leeming Area Community Band Clarinet Ensemble perform at the Grants and Donations presentation ceremony at the City of Cockburn.

Recipients:

YOUTH ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Emilee Blake \$500

Towards the costs of travelling to the USA to attend the Houston Ballet Company Summer School.

Emily Rooney \$500

Towards the costs of travelling to South Australia to participate in the



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National Irish Dance championships in Adelaide.

CULTURAL GRANTS

WA Samoa Association \$4,000

Towards the “Samoa Independence Day” event celebrating Samoa’s independence from New Zealand. This event will be held in June at Success Regional Sports Facility.

Free Spirit Dance Community \$1,500

Towards a “Myths and Legends Festival” of dance, movement and cultural experiences. This will be held in September at Perth Waldorf School in Bibra Lake.

Brady Street Music \$3,690

Towards the “Fusion Project”, a program to provide more low cost, subsidised community music programs especially for youth.

Spearwood Dalmatinac Sports and Community Club \$4,090

Towards the “Freedom of Speech – Voices of the Women” project capturing and preserving the stories of local migrant women.



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SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Harvest Lakes Residents Association \$3513.70

Towards the fifth year of the “Lake in Harmony” community project which aims to improve the water quality in Harmony Lake while providing a sustainable habitat for wildlife.

Sofie De Meyer \$2,000

To transform the verges of three households into a native and bush tucker garden as a demonstration and encouragement to adjacent households.

Perth Waldorf School \$828

To revegetate, rehabilitate and protect a large but degraded bushland remnant to help restore the wonderful bush environment and conserve habitat for quenda, birds and other native wildlife.

Assisting Your Life to Achieve (AYLA) \$3,636

For a Community Shopping Bag program designed to reduce plastic bag use by making free cloth bags available at supermarkets. These cloth bags are made from the "not so perfect" clothing donations from their op shop.

South Lake Ottey Family & Neighbourhood Centre \$1,770

For a Noongar Bush Tucker Garden program to plant and preserve a bush tucker garden at the centre and teach others how to do this in their garden.



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Spearwood Alternative School \$4,000

To build a greenhouse set-up with work benches and reticulation for on-going propagation of native trees for use in community revegetation projects and education.

Hamilton Hill Community Group \$1,450

Towards the “6163 Soup project” with a micro-granting and crowdfunding dinner designed to create opportunities for creative individuals and groups in Hamilton Hill.

Friends of North Lake Community Group \$1,000

Continued rehabilitation & revegetation of a section of James Patterson Park with Indigenous plants including weed control and watering as needed over the next 12 months.

Serena Lee Family Day Care \$750

Setting up a water wise garden and nature play area to support education and awareness about the environment and sustainability by promoting a philosophy of mindfulness towards the way we use and consume water.

Millennium Kids

\$4,000

To conduct a one-day workshop series to consult with local young people about the future of the Beeliar Wetland and Roe 8 precinct and deliver a report to the City of Cockburn and other stakeholders.



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Hamilton Hill Community Group & The Forever Project \$3,750

For a half-day, sustainably catered community event “Climate Resilient Front Verge Demonstration and Workshop Project” to inspire and empower local residents with the theory and practical know-how to effectively install their own sustainable verge.

East Hamilton Hill Primary School P&C \$3991.67

To create a bird and bat friendly native garden with a range of appropriate native seedlings and bat and bird boxes.

Bibra Lake Primary School \$1,500

To revitalize a sustainability garden program running at the school with provision of reticulation and hay bales.

St Jerome’s Primary School \$3766.13

To revegetate a section of the oval with native plants and trees that encourage wildlife and upgrade the Pre-primary and Year 2 vegie gardens.

DONATIONS

Hamilton Hill YouthCARE Council \$9,000

This donation goes towards maintaining a chaplaincy service at Hamilton Hill Senior High School.

Second Harvest \$18,000

Second Harvest assists Cockburn families and community members with emergency food relief through operations at their new community centre,



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op shop and several affiliated low-cost food outlets run by public welfare and church organisations.

Port Community High School \$20,000

This donation continues to support a full-time chaplain to run a dynamic sports program.

Business Foundations \$10,000

This donation assists Business Foundations to provide enterprise and business development services to the Cockburn business community.

Friends of the Community \$2,000

Friends of the Community assist in providing resources to community groups and fundraising to give back to the community. This donation will assist in the running of the organisation and its 40 volunteers.

South Lake Ottey Family & Neighbourhood Centre \$10,000

To support the diverse family and community programs and outreach activities the centre provides for the community.

Black Swan Health Limited \$15,000

This donation assists with the costs of operating the “Freo Street Doctor” service in Cockburn. Freo Street Doctor is a free and visible, easily accessible, culturally appropriate and non-judgmental, accredited, mobile medical service that provides treatment to disadvantaged, marginalised and at-risk community members.



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Little Green Steps WA \$25,000

Towards a partnership agreement to support early childhood services to promote environmental and sustainability education to children aged 0-8 years. Through provision of workshops, information and connecting educators with resources, this supports sustainability education and actions that have environmental, social and economic benefits in the short and longer term.

SPONSORSHIP

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research \$5,000

Sponsorship of the “Official Lunch Stop” at Coogee Beach Reserve during the two-day, 200-kilometre “MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer” cycling fundraising event in October.

Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce \$20,000

Partnership Sponsorship which enables the MCCC to provide opportunities to business through networking, workshops and events to promote building of relationships and to encourage business growth and development.

Western Australian Figure Skating Club \$4,800

Sponsorship of the Western Australian Figure Skating Development Camp and Winter Spectacular Showcase Performance at Cockburn Ice Arena in June.



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Cancer Council WA \$5,000

Sponsorship of the Relay for Life South Metro 24-hour fundraising event in 2017, to be held at the Success Regional Sporting Facility.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Yangebup Family Centre \$2,000

Towards the Yangebup Family Centre Community Open Day – Celebrating 25 years event. This will take place in August at the family centre.

Atwell Scout Group \$2470.30

Towards the replenishment of scout camping and recreation equipment.

Leeming Area Community Bands \$5,000

Towards the establishment of a new Training Band, and specifically towards the Music Director's time, music books and sheets and advertising for participants in Cockburn.

City of Cockburn Pipe Band \$1,420

Towards the purchase and freight of a new Snare Drum.

Lakeland Senior High School P&C \$2,000

Towards the 2017 Mentally Healthy Day event and workshops open to the community.



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Success Playgroup \$2,000

Towards the Outdoor Play project for an outdoor mini playset.

South Beach Community Group \$605

Towards the development and purchase of a logo and banner for the group.

Centrepont Church \$2,000

Towards the hire of equipment for the Community Christmas Breakfast in 2017.

Beeliar Residents Advancement Group (BRAG) \$1,000

Towards equipment for events and set-up costs for BRAG to become re-established.

Outback Academy Australia \$13,000

Towards venue hire for the All Abilities Active Living Project and “Rolling with the Heelers” 12-month program. This program allows community members to sample wheelchair basketball and other adaptive and Paralympic sports during weekly training and mentoring programs, school visits, and a large community event to be held on the International Day of People with Disability in December.



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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS

Newton Primary School \$1,000

To engage local Aboriginal environmental educators to help celebrate NAIDOC week with activities for all year groups. Students will explore many aspects of Aboriginal culture; making hunting and gathering tools, learning about bush tucker and medicines and creating art pieces.

Jandakot Primary School \$1,000

To work with local Aboriginal educators to deliver a program of culture and knowledge to expand the current sustainability practices program on offer and address key strategic areas of their school business plan.

Emmanuel Catholic College \$1,000

To enable students to learn from experts in the field of sustainable building design and building practices, namely the 'Green Gurus', who will work with all Year 10 Geography students investigating sustainable house and school design. And 'Organic Training Solutions' will work with Year 11 and 12 Business and Management Enterprise students researching elements of sustainable business practice.

South Coogee Primary School \$1,000

To work with local environmental educators the 'Eco – Faeries' to empower students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to look further into how non-renewables resources can be better preserved. Through song, storytelling and dance they will inspire the students' creative minds to explore better practices.



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Coolbellup Learning Centre \$1,000

The most powerful way to encourage Coolbellup's students to support environmentally sustainable practices of through caring for and respecting native and domestic wildlife. This grant will enable in-class sessions with Bush Wisdom – Reptile Awareness and Spineless Wonders to intrigue the students through native animals' experiences.

East Hamilton Hill Primary School \$1,000

Science is front and centre for East Hamilton Hill and this grant will enable educators from Science Alive to come and inspire students to understand the world around them and how humans can best integrate into the natural world we live in. The in-class sessions will not only engage students but aid staff professional development.

Hammond Park Primary \$1,000

The grant will enable the school to gain intercultural understanding through exposure to language and beliefs of indigenous culture by engaging local indigenous educators. This will allow students to compare their culture with that of Indigenous Australian, while supporting the HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) knowledge and understanding inquiry skills.

Hammond Park Catholic Primary \$1,000

With this grant the school will strengthen their environmental awareness programs on local flora and fauna, engaging with WA Birds of Prey and learning about the local birds that inhabit our local bushlands, wetlands and coastline and their importance in food webs and food chains.



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Harmony Primary School \$1,000

To engage Remida Creative Reuse Centre to link students with art programs to learn about the importance of reuse and how materials can be repurposed for environmental and community benefits. It is hoped the creations will be entered into the 2017 Castaways Sculpture Program.

Spearwood Alternative School \$1,000

To enable students to go on an excursion to Yarloop to help restore the bushland affected by recent bush fires. Whilst in the field, children will work with a local Aboriginal educator learning about the importance of culture, fire and sustainability and to gain a better understanding of sustainable land practices and the importance of the planting work they will participate in.

Coogee Primary School \$1,000

This grant will help bolster the Fathers and Children Camps Program by engaging local experts from Natsync Environmental to learn about local micro bat species, and also WA Birds of Prey. This will allow them to get up close encounters with local owls and other birds of prey that inhabit our natural areas in Cockburn. Students will learn with their families and gain a better understanding of these amazing animals and how we share the environment.

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