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\$800,000 ON OFFER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Latest Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation grants will take funding to \$25million

Local not-for-profit and charity organisations working to overcome disadvantage or create opportunities for marginalised or isolated people in the Central West can apply for funds through the latest Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation funding round.

The Charitable Foundation has \$800,000 on offer to support new or existing projects.

Newly appointed Charitable Foundation executive officer, Carly Bush, said with the impacts of COVID-19 hitting support organisations and charities hard, communities need funding more than ever.

Ms Bush said since taking up the role she has seen the amazing impacts local groups can have in their community if given some financial support. Recent projects to make a difference to people and communities include:

- **\$90,000 to KIDS Foundation's SeeMore eSafety program** to help protect children from potential exploitation, abuse and cyber risk.
- **\$73,000 to LeaderLife's Soil 2 Soul Lime Farm enterprise model** that employs young people who have disengaged from education.
- **\$70,000 to We Care Connect** to provide packages for local families living in poverty containing clothes, nappies, bedding, cots, prams, car seats, toys, books and other essentials.

"This latest grant round of \$800,000 means the Charitable Foundation will have provided \$25 million in funding to support more than 520 initiatives in the Central West, Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, New England North West, Central Coast, and Hunter regions of NSW," Ms Bush said.

"Some charities and regional communities aren't eligible or can't access government funding and infrastructure, so the Charitable Foundation tries to fill those gaps," she said.

"We're keen to support initiatives that rewrite the future of people in need, now and for generations to come. Especially those with a focus on health, young people and social wellbeing."

She said many charities don't have resources to make funding applications, so the Charitable Foundation makes applying online straight forward. An online workshop on **Thursday 24th March** and the Foundation's website will give charities more information on how to apply.

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation was created almost 20 years ago as a gift from Newcastle Permanent Building Society to the community. Ms Bush joins the Charitable Foundation from Newcastle Permanent, where she has worked in several roles since 2011.

Applications close on **Thursday 14th April 2022**. For more information on eligibility or to apply for funding visit www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation.

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