

The Community Underwriting 2017 Small Grants Program

Making a real difference to the
way insurance is provided to
the Not for Profit sector

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Introduction

Community Underwriting operates under a unique business model in the Australian insurance market.

We are an underwriting agency that is majority owned by our Not for Profit clients. Seventy percent of our surplus is returned to our shareholders each year as donations.

A further five percent of our surplus is set aside to fund our annual Small Grants Program for our non shareholder clients. Our insurance partners Berkley Insurance Australia and Mitsui Sumitomo continue to contribute additional funds to the pool each year.



The Community Underwriting Small Grants Program enables us to reinvest our clients' insurance dollars back into the sector each year.

In our 4th year of the Grants Program, we are proud to again have assisted some fabulous organisations with projects across the sector.

We continue to grow the program each year to make a real difference to as many clients as possible.

Here are the stories from each of the 24 terrific activities and projects that have benefited from the 2017 Grants Program.

Donkey Welfare with Heart rescue sick and needy donkeys and provide them with ongoing medical care and a safe home.

We were able to contribute to the project for the purchase and preparation of the “Heartland” - a property that is providing donkeys with a safe and secure, permanent haven.

**DONKEY
WELFARE
WITH HEART^{INC}**
HAPPINESS HAS LONG EARS



U3A Brisbane has over 3,500 members aged 50-85 years of age and offers more than 290 courses each term over two locations.

Given the large numbers of elderly people accessing both locations daily, U3A asked for assistance in purchasing defibrillators as well as training for volunteer staff in the use of the machines and in CPR.

The machines are also now available for other business and organisations in the area to respond in the event of an emergency.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance provide art and culture projects specifically designed for Aboriginal communities on the Mid North Coast of NSW. SWFW projects aim to position Aboriginal art and culture as the foundation for the social, economic and cultural development of the region's Aboriginal communities and to share that with the wider community.

Along with providing hands on workshops in the arts, SWFW supports practitioners to become proficient in delivering workshops such as ceramics and film. They work closely with Elders and established arts practitioners to develop a vibrant cultural environment in which the whole community can share

We were able to contribute to the funding of the 2018 cultural projects, with many of these workshops ensuring the passing down of important cultural and artistic skills and the creation of an income stream for practitioners.



Sunshine Butterflies operates from “Our Backyard” a 5 acre education and recreation facility in the Noosa countryside, providing programs for over 500 individuals and their families living with disability on the Sunshine Coast.

The organisation takes immense pride on being able to improve all areas in the lives of people with disabilities. A broad range of programs promote inclusion, independence, health and well-being through music, art and drama therapies, early intervention therapies, cooking and nutrition classes and animal therapy programs.

We were able to assist with the replacement of an ageing projector and screen which was causing delays and cancellations in programs. A new projector and screen has enabled Sunshine Butterflies to continue to project musical lyrics, art examples and social games in the 25m Activity Hub donated by the Australian Defence Force.

Kogarah Community Services provide care, information and support services to local residents in the Kogarah / Carlton area. KCS identified a rising social issue with no supported playgroup for children of 0 - 5 years in the area and many mothers facing financial difficulties. A supported playgroup was also seen to create a platform where family / children's issues might be identified earlier and appropriate intervention introduced for problems of domestic violence, newly migrated families, children with developmental issues and disability etc.

We contributed to the funding for the initial set-up of before and after school and vacation care programs including the purchase of child safety equipment, storage facilities, toys and craft materials etc. KCS's strategy was to charge families with a small affordable amount per sessions to build capability so that in the long run, the group will be self-sustainable.

Holbrook is a small rural community with no public transport of any type. Holbrook Meals on Wheels were undertaking a project to develop and support an assisted transport service for their community.

The service will help people to attend medical appointments, dental treatment and offer service for older and disabled people in the community to assist with shopping locally and in the regional cities of Albury and Wagga Wagga. With funding for the vehicle secured from the NSW Government, we were able to assist with UV sun window tint to protect the driver and passengers from the impact of harsh sunlight.





The Broken to Brilliant charity were seeking support to publish a second multi-author book inviting survivors of domestic violence who have successfully rebuilt their lives, to share their story of adversity to achievement.

Terror to Triumph, Rebuilding life after domestic violence, stories of strength and success allows each author a forum to tell how they have rebuilt their lives mentally, physically, emotionally and financially.

The charity has also introduced a campaign with an objective for copies of the book to be available in refuge centres across the country.



"Pick me up" is a free service provided by the Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation providing medically related transport services to people who have no access to transportation to/from appointments.

We were able to contribute funding to assist increase the number of trips allowing people to remain mobile and enhance their quality of life.

Little Heros Swim Academy in Sydney run aquatic education programs for children, including those with special needs.

It teaches more than just swimming strokes, providing life skills and an understanding of the water from bath to pool to beach.

Our grant was used to purchase a mobile hoist to lift wheelchair bound children from their chair into the pool.





Empowered Together provides peer-lead workshops in low socioeconomic secondary schools in Victoria with a focus on consent and the primary prevention of sexual violence.



Along with their usual meal delivery service, Gunnedah Meals on Wheels has implemented a project to deliver cold bottles of water daily to elderly, vulnerable and disabled clients in their region to assist with hydration and to stop the onset of heatstroke and other medical conditions.

Flight Nurses Australia is a body created to promote Flight Nursing, to facilitate communications between Flight Nurses in Australasia and ensure nursing practices specific to the aviation/transport area are maintained and enhanced. We contributed to the establishment of regular education sessions to share knowledge, skills and expertise.

Culture at Work is an art science creative hub with a mission and vision to connect art and science to inspire future generations of creative thinkers through collaborations, studio residencies, exhibitions, public talks and programs.

Ongoing programs include artists in residence, kids holiday workshops, steam workshops and older women's networking.

The Creative Access program provided the opportunity for a local play-write with a disability to write and direct a play which was performed alongside an exhibition of local artists work.



Shaping Outcomes Byron delivers specialised support services for children with disability and/or developmental delays and their families in the Tweed region.

An outdoor play area needed modification to improve overall safety and usability for the community, with a particular focus on wheelchair bound or high physical needs children.

We were able to contribute to the successful upgrade of this vital community facility.



Altone Youth Services provide a six week self discovery, self development, self esteem building, life skills, cultural awareness program *My Journey Home* for at risk and marginalised youth.

The program provides a safe, supportive and calm environment where attendees can explore deeper aspects of themselves through a range of recreational, educational, cultural and life skill workshops and discussions regarding ancestral lines, energy and spirit.



Heart
Research
Australia™

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in Australia.

Heart Research Australia is a national organisation conducting research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

We were able to contribute to the development of the Heart Smart Pocket Guide containing information on heart attack symptoms, what to do in an emergency and the importance of knowing and minimising risk factors for heart disease.



U3A Sapphire Coast offer courses to provide mental, physical and social activity through educational pursuits to retirees and seniors in the Merimbula/Tura Beach area. The organisation were looking to expand the benefits of U3A membership into the neighbouring Bega and Eden communities.

We were able to assist with the publication of a promotional brochure aimed at highlighting what U3A has to offer.



Coffs Coast Meals on Wheels provide a meal service to more than 160 people in their community and have partnered with Coffs Harbour Support Services to develop a community cafe where 25 younger people with disabilities work in preparation to join the work force.

More than 3,750 My Aged Care members can come to the cafe and buy a subsidised meal along with a range of groups that access the Community Village.

We were able to help with the installation of ceiling fans to assist lower the temperatures in the exposed outdoor eating area.



Kids & Carers Support provide support and future services to people living with disabilities, and their families and/or carers, in the Kandos and Rylstone areas. With limited services in the local community, many people living with disabilities have to travel 1 hour each way to Mudgee on a daily basis to access day programs and respite.

We have contributed to an 11 year project for the building of a state of the art home-style facility which will provide local day programs, short-term respite care and after school care as well as building capability for future need in the local community.



The aim of the Bunbury Musical Comedy Group is to promote dramatic art, music, musical theatre and musical comedy.

We were able to contribute to the costs of staging the youth production of Disney's Highschool Musical Jr at the new Lyric Theater in Bunbury WA.

The production provides an opportunity for a cast of 12 male and 18 females between the ages of 9-21 to perform, learn and experience aspects of theatre, drama, music and dance.

It provides a positive outlet for young people to showcase their talents and boost their self esteem.



We were able to assist Cystic Fibrosis WA with a program providing financial assistance to lower income / socio-economic CF sufferers enabling them to access community based exercise programs considered vital for improving physical and mental health.



Australian Institute of
Neuro-rehabilitation

Australian Institute of Neuro Rehabilitation aims to deliver community based technology, assisted neuro-rehabilitation exercise programs and research along with education and online resources for those with neurological conditions.

A key initiative is their annual Awareness Day with the aim of promoting the use of robotic equipment in rehabilitation by way of a live demonstrations, video content and awareness ribbons.



The Beachmere community in QLD is isolated and do not have access to a neighbourhood centre, council service centre, library, banks or police station.

The Beachmere Area Network Group initiated a project for a drop-in centre to be opened once a week where volunteers will lend a hand connecting community members with services and organising appropriate services. Community members are escorted to appointments such as doctors, specialists, Centrelink, banks, shopping and other vital community services.

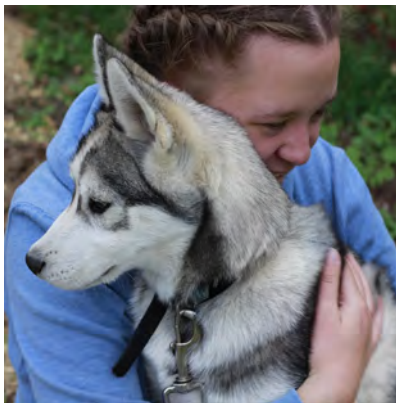


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9am - 12pm
A weekly "drop-in" : Pop in for a chat, a cuppa, for information or "just to get out of the house".
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Arthritis NSW seeks to improve the quality of life of those affected by arthritis, osteoporosis and other musculoskeletal conditions.

We assisted in a project to deliver educational sessions on diet, exercise and other relevant practices in rural areas to empower sufferers to self-manage their conditions and at the same time reducing the strain on local health services.





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