

A young woman with glasses and a blue helmet is smiling while ziplining through a forest. She is wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, and is secured by a red safety harness. The background shows tall trees and a grassy area.

# The Community Underwriting 2019 Small Grants Program

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





**We are an underwriting agency dedicated to providing competitive and consistent insurance solutions to the Not for Profit sector.**

Under our unique business model, Community Underwriting returns 70% of our surplus each year to our NFP shareholders. We set aside an additional 5% to fund our annual small grants program along with support from our insurer partners.

Since 2014 we have returned almost \$3,700,000 to our Not for Profit clients.

From humble beginnings, our small grants program has grown each year and today assists some fabulous organisations with projects across the sector. Our objective is to 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 39 terrific activities and projects that have benefited from the 2019 grants program.







Beyond the Orphanage provides hearing impaired or deaf children in Southern Nepal the opportunity to be taught by a skilled sign language teacher.

Previously these students were focused to use visual techniques and observations in order to try to understand the subject matter and further their education.



2357 Partnerships Inc. organises and hosts events in Coonabarabran in regional NSW.

With the closest cinema over 220km away and a luxury many country families can not afford, a series of 'Dive in movie' nights was arranged to bring happiness and positivity to this drought ravaged community, while also helping everyone cool off during the summer heat.



Down Syndrome NSW provides support to people with Down Syndrome to achieve their full potential in all life stages.

A series of webinars was developed for people with Down Syndrome and their families and carers. These were especially important for those who live in remote and regional areas of NSW and are available for use Australia-wide.



Sport & Leisure for the Handicapped is based on the QueenIsland Sunshine Coast and provides water based activities for people with disabilities.

The grant was used to procure a purpose-built landing craft style vessel to provide easier and safer access for wheelchair bound clients.



Tassie Mums is a volunteer based group that is passionate about providing essential items to babies and children in need.

Our grant assisted in providing safe cots and mattresses to vulnerable families via social service organisation requests across Tasmania.



Women and Mentoring offers a unique, early intervention program that supports women charged with a criminal offence by matching them with a supportive female mentor.

Our grant was used to expand our current program to work with young girls aged 15-18 who are engaging in risky behaviours and vulnerable to exploitation in the Frankston area.





Reptile Rescue was founded in 1999 that coordinates the relocation of errant snakes throughout Tasmania.

A program was established to train new reptile enthusiasts who wanted to be involved with the group and help home owners feel they are at danger due to venomous snakes on their property.





Ballarat Pink Phoenix was founded in 2007 as a support group for women and their families over the age of 40 who had received a breast cancer diagnosis.

Working together with the McGrath Nurses, they provide a care package to women undergoing chemotherapy in Ballarat and surrounding districts.



CareSouth supports vulnerable children and young people in the child protection system.

Our grant was used to host a holiday camp for vulnerable teens to help build resilience and confidence, teach self-reflection and improve both physical and mental health.



Rainforest Peace Centre in Northern NSW utilised the grant to improve accessibility for disabled people so they could access and experience the flora and fauna of this rare low level rainforest.



Parkes Shire Food Service used their grant to give gift cards to local volunteers to spend at local shops and businesses as a thank you for their continued work particularly during the prolonged drought.



Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre provides referral, advocacy and support services to disadvantaged people in the Upper Hunter Shire in NSW.

The grant was used to purchase iPads used in training sessions with seniors in the community to enable them to gain the skills required to access information online, communicate with family and friends and help them feel involved in a world run by technology.



Ashwood High School in Melbourne has a volunteer run community garden which includes hens and bees.

The donation was utilised to construct permanent compost bays at the garden that members of the local community can contribute their garden and kitchen waste for composting and use on the garden.



Mooral Creek Hall & Progress Association promote community togetherness through social, recreational and creative activities.

The grant was used to install a mobile phone booster. Due to remote location and limited mobile coverage would allow people to make mobile calls from the community hall which is particularly useful during emergency events when landlines are compromised for days or weeks.





Moree Family Support created a 6-week interactive program for 10-15 year olds who want to understand their feelings and emotions such as anxiety and depression and learn how to express these emotions in a healthy and positive way.



'Caring for families'



Dalby Crisis Support aims to assist and empower families who are in need obtain assistance and services to help their families.

Our Back to School program ensured those children from struggling families were able to provide the supplies required by the children to return to school in 2020.



Veterans Care Association utilised their grant to provide life coaching to wounded and injured veterans, to help them identify a new purpose and direction in life following being medically discharged from the Australian Defence Force.





The Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (GLENARC) was founded in 1989 and provides assistance with land management and land conservation in the Glen Innes area.

The project was used to provide support and coordination of the distribution of donations to those in the region that were impacted by ongoing severe drought conditions and devastating bushfires.



Blacktown Meals on Wheels utilised the grant to set up a mobile cafe and provide barista training to their volunteers.

The mobile cafe would be accessible to not only Meals on Wheels clients but also the general public.



Dress for Success Hobart empowers women to obtain economic independence by providing them with work-appropriate attire, job support mentoring and career development workshops.



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Nepean Food Service started a men's group to support and bring together men in the community who feel isolated and in need of friendship. We are able to offer a pick-up and drop-off service, sightseeing trips, intelligent activity and refreshments.



The monthly group exceeded expectations and a need to increase our events to twice a month and be available to more attendees.



Coastal District Care Centre are an emergency relief centre helping homeless and disadvantaged people of the Rockingham area in Western Australia.

Our grant provided Christmas hampers and vouchers to the underprivileged and needy in our region.



Following a fire that destroyed our school canteen in 2018, we required funding for new equipment lost in the fire.

These appliances will assist in being able to provide these students with fresh and nutritious meals to our students, many of whom are from low socio-economic families.





Dungog & District Neighbourcare Inc. has established a service to replace leaking washers for the elderly and vulnerable in their community, providing both economic and environmental benefits.



Sudanese Community Launceston helps empower community members to remove barriers and promote better understanding between Sudanese, other migrant groups and the wider community.

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### Central Coast ARAFMI

(Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill) was established over 40 years ago by mental health workers.

Working with the local indigenous community, we created a harmonious, creative and collaborative space, where participants can engage in responsible, honest communication, a place for building trust within the group.



Hastings Public School purchased additional iPads to be used as learning aids throughout the school.

Cowra-Grenfell Meals on Wheels established 'Cooking up a storm' a cooking school that brings together different groups within their community with the aim of providing social interaction while participants learn to cook health, affordable meals.



Holbrook Landcare Network assisted the local community garden by purchasing large capacity composting bins and associated gardening equipment to enable volunteers to minimise wastage and to better utilise the bi-products available.



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Working together with the McGrath Nurses, they provide women undergoing chemotherapy a care package including skin care, hand sanitiser, herbal teas, sweets and so much more. Not only are they able to distribute to the local Ballarat community, but through the McGrath Nurses, they touch the lives of women in the surrounding districts, as far west as the lower Grampians.





Perth City Farm provides space and opportunities to build community connections, educates and enables people to live sustainably.

Our grant was used to develop and install signage around the farm to enable informative self-guided tours providing information on reusing, recycling, organic gardening and habitat creation.



Nambucca Valley Landcare used their grant to replant some of the thousands of hectares of rainforest habitat was destroyed during the 2019 bushfires to restore critical habitat and food sources for wildlife, including a number of endangered and vulnerable species.



FlexiChoice is a disability support service supporting a large rural community in Far North Queensland.

Due to our extreme summer temperatures, it was important that we provide a shaded, safe, outdoor area for children to play, people to engage in gardening activities, learn horticultural skills as well as promote work experience amongst our service users.





Mia Mia Mechanics Institute created and installed a memorial to the victims of the ANA Stinson Tokana Flight VH-UYU crash on January 31, 1945 - all ten on board perished.

The memorial is located adjacent to the Burke and Wills Track in Spring Plans, Victoria.





Queensland Remote Area Tracking is a specialised volunteer search and rescue group with the primary focus on tracking missing persons in extreme, remote terrain.

Our grant was used to equip QRAT units with highly equipped mobile trailers to house vital search and rescue technology.

CTC@Robertson



The Robertson Shed is a hub for those in the NSW Southern Highlands, providing facilities and experiences in IT, arts, education, business and commerce, social and cultural fields.

The grant enabled us to upgrade some safety equipment including the purchase of a strong, ergonomic chair trolley and upgraded first aid kit.



Red Nose started in 1977 and supports families affected by the death of the a child.

Our Treasured Babies program helps parents by giving dignity to the life of their baby, regardless of gestational age. We provide parents with appropriate sized clothing, Angel (burial) boxes, memory keep-sake boxes and naming certificates.





Watershed  
**Landcare**  
Incorporated

Watershed Landcare encompasses towns in the Central Tablelands of NSW, covering around 900,000ha with the objective to “provide a catalyst for the community through education, co-ordination and support towards the improvement of the socio-economic and physical environment of our region”.

The ‘Soilsmiths’ program supports and brings together 15 farmers in the Mudgee district to provide peer support to enable improved management of their soil and natural resources during the current drought, enabling a proactive approach to planning for drought recovery.



**Meals on Wheels**  
Holbrook-Walla Walla

Holbrook-Walla Walla Meals on Wheels services a large regional area including, Albury, Wagga Wagga and Holbrook.

The grant was used to purchase and install “Track my Ride” technology in service vehicles to report driver locations, direction, vehicle speed which in turn providing a safer working and driving environment for our volunteers.

