

# media release

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## **Mosman Council rewards community groups for initiatives**

Twenty community groups have today been recognised and rewarded for their initiatives by Mosman Council through the presentation of community grants to support their programs and services.

The grants, totalling more than \$38,000, and generally up to \$2,000 each, are provided as part of Council's 2015/16 Community Grants program that supports non-profit community groups deliver projects that meet identified community needs.

Mayor of Mosman Cr Peter Abelson acknowledged the invaluable role of non-profit community-based groups in supporting Mosman residents and the wider community by working together with the Council for the benefit of residents.

"Each year we encourage community groups to submit innovative projects individually or in collaboration with each other that will make a real difference in our community," Cr Abelson said.

"We want to assist our groups in providing high quality social, recreational and cultural programs and services and addressing our local priorities and issues, particularly in facilitating social connection and inclusion."

Last year, grants resulted in development of a comprehensive website for domestic violence awareness and prevention in the Lower North Shore and the purchase of a boat simulator for Marine Rescue NSW for training and preparation for emergency rescue.

This year, the grants have been awarded for a range of projects, including training local services in better responding to cultural diversity through the Lower North Shore Multicultural Network to delivery of Life Education NSW programs in local schools.

The successful groups for 2015/16 were:

- [1st Balmoral Sea Scouts](#) (equipment upgrade)
- [1st Clifton Gardens Sea Scouts](#) (kayak replacement)
- Barn Quilters (exhibition program)
- Fighting Chance (market program for inclusion of people with a disability)
- Life Education NSW (towing mobile learning centre between local schools)
- [Lower North Shore Domestic Violence Network](#) (training for community services)
- Lower North Shore Multicultural Network cultural diversity training for local services)
- Middle Harbour Amateur Sailing Club (upgrading women's facilities)
- Middle Harbour Public School Parents and Citizens Association (reading program)
- [Mosman Community College](#) (projector for community education)
- [Mosman Croquet Club](#) (electricity cords for mowers)
- [Mosman Community Gardeners](#) (rainwater tank, piping and solar pump)
- Mosman High School Parents and Citizens Association (environment project)
- Mosman Music Club (concert series)
- [Mosman Musical Society](#) (concert series)
- Mosman Netball Club (coaching and equipment)
- [Mosman Orchestra](#) (concert series)
- Mosman Public School (purchase of percussion instruments)
- [The Shepherd Centre](#) (inclusion program for children with hearing impairment)
- [Taldumande Youth Services](#) (social engagement for young people)

The grants program is one of several important ways in which Mosman Council supports community groups, including providing assistance to establish new services and programs, advocating for Commonwealth and/or State government funding, providing community information and promotion, and assisting the Rotary Club of Mosman as part of the 'Mosman Connects' initiatives to facilitate a network of local community groups.

Cr Abelson urged groups to start considering possible projects for which they could apply for a grant next year and how they might work with each other.

"Working in partnership and thinking outside the square can lead to some very exciting and effective projects," he said.