



ClubGrants

**2025
Contribution
Report**





Introduction

I am proud to present the 2025 ClubGRANTS Contribution Report, celebrating the extraordinary commitment of clubs across NSW to building stronger, more connected communities.

This year, more than 7,600 charities and community groups benefited from a record \$127 million in ClubGRANTS funding, with each recipient receiving an average grant of nearly \$9,000. This represents a \$7 million increase on last year's contributions - a testament to the growing impact of the program.

In addition to meeting program requirements, clubs contributed over \$47 million beyond what is mandated, underscoring their dedication to supporting local needs and going above and beyond for their communities.

ClubGRANTS funding supported a wide range of initiatives across NSW, including:

- Community welfare and health services, such as \$606,000 to women's shelters, providing safety and support for women and children escaping domestic violence.
- Veteran support programs, including \$350,000 to Frontline Labs Australia to help retired defence personnel transition into civilian careers.
- Education and youth development, with \$436,000 to the Clontarf Foundation to improve education and employment prospects for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.
- Healthcare initiatives, such as \$500,000 to Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation, ensuring children have access to world-class care.
- Mental health and wellbeing, including \$847,000 to Gotcha4Life Foundation to build mentally fit communities through preventative programs.

Beyond these examples, ClubGRANTS is helping communities thrive, making sport and recreation more inclusive, supporting regional resilience, and funding critical services that touch lives across NSW.

Since its inception in 1998, the program has delivered over \$1.7 billion in community benefits, and this year's achievements reaffirm the vital role clubs play in creating a better future for all.

I look forward to seeing how the club industry continues to innovate and invest in community wellbeing through the ClubGRANTS program in the year ahead.

Rebecca Riant
Chief Executive Officer
ClubsNSW

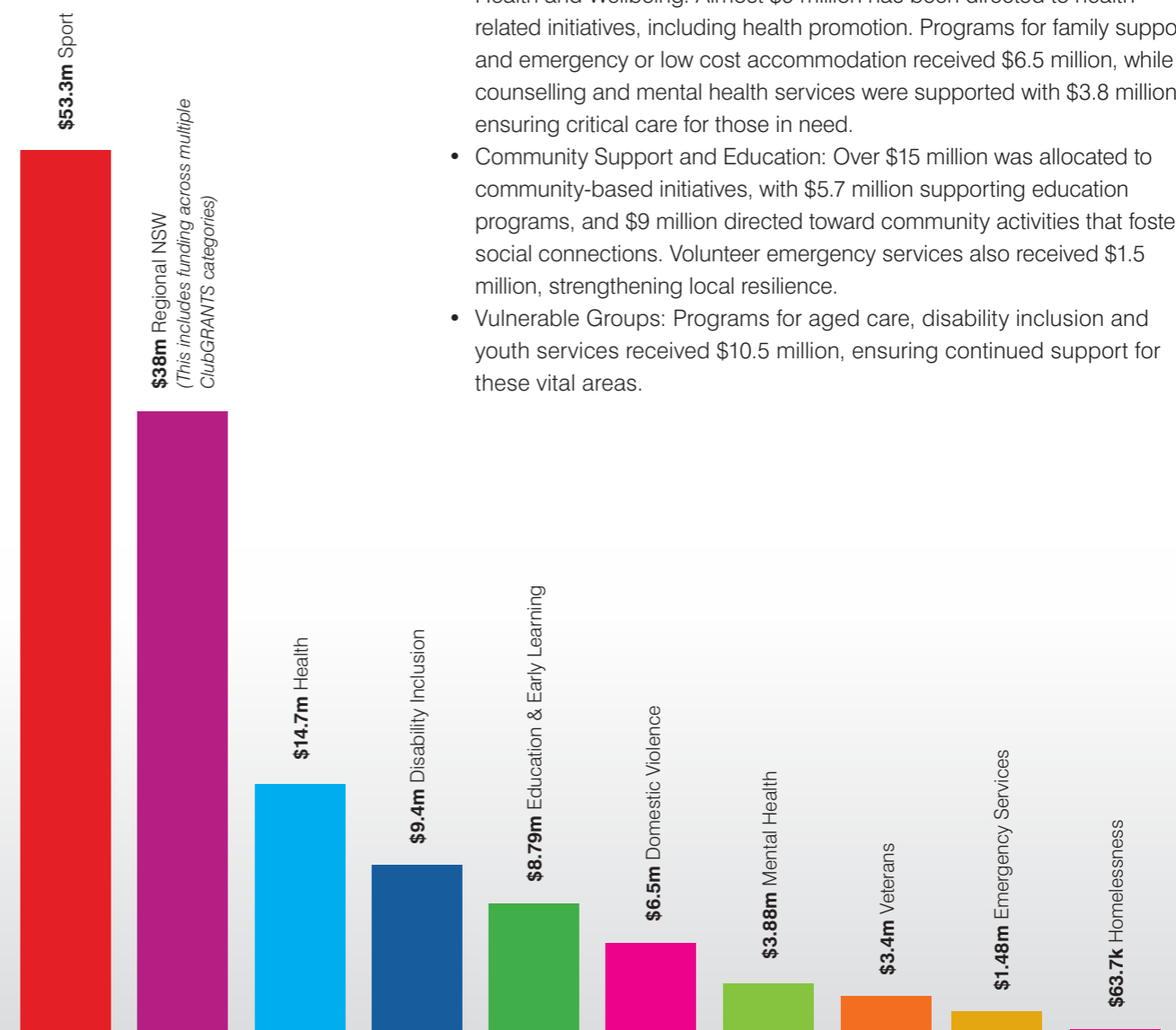
What Is ClubGRANTS?

Since its inception in 1998, ClubGRANTS has provided over \$1.7 billion to a wide range of vital causes. The scheme is one of Australia's largest grants programs, with a record \$127 million donated in 2024–25 to charities, sporting organisations and not-for-profit community groups to support their life-changing and life-saving work.

The program, a partnership between the NSW Government and the club industry, ensures funding reaches communities across the state. In 2024–25, over \$38 million has been donated to worthy causes in regional NSW, while organisations in metropolitan NSW have received over \$88 million to continue and enhance their important initiatives.

Funding has been allocated across key areas to address critical needs, including:

- **Sport and Facilities:** Clubs have allocated over \$53 million to sport, supporting grassroots and professional programs across NSW. Almost \$8 million has been invested in upgrading club facilities, creating safe and inclusive spaces for communities to gather and connect.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Almost \$9 million has been directed to health-related initiatives, including health promotion. Programs for family support, and emergency or low cost accommodation received \$6.5 million, while counselling and mental health services were supported with \$3.8 million, ensuring critical care for those in need.
- **Community Support and Education:** Over \$15 million was allocated to community-based initiatives, with \$5.7 million supporting education programs, and \$9 million directed toward community activities that foster social connections. Volunteer emergency services also received \$1.5 million, strengthening local resilience.
- **Vulnerable Groups:** Programs for aged care, disability inclusion and youth services received \$10.5 million, ensuring continued support for these vital areas.



Above & Beyond

The ClubGRANTS program was created to ensure that registered clubs across NSW play an active role in supporting essential services and driving meaningful change for those who need it most.

In 2025, clubs once again demonstrated their commitment to community by contributing \$47.6 million above their mandated obligations, going well beyond the requirements set under the *Gaming Machines Tax Act 2001*.

This report highlights the incredible impact of these contributions, with significant additional funding directed toward initiatives that strengthen community wellbeing. Rugby league, from grassroots programs to elite pathways, continues to be a key beneficiary, reflecting the industry's dedication to fostering healthy lifestyles, social connection and community pride.

ClubGRANTS have had a significant impact on grassroots rugby league, the Clontarf Foundation and Wheelchair Rugby League, by providing essential funding and support. For grassroots rugby league, ClubGRANTS have helped improve infrastructure, training facilities and equipment, fostering the development of young players and the overall growth of the sport at the community level.

ClubGRANTS have enabled the Clontarf Foundation to expand its reach and make a positive impact on the lives of Indigenous young people through rugby league and helped enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, enabling them to participate in sports and promoting inclusivity within the rugby league community.

Don Hammond
Chief Executive Officer
Leagues Clubs Australia



Portfolio

SPORT

Total Contribution
(approximate)



Across this ClubGRANTS category:

- Funding has been directed towards professional sport, junior/grassroots sport and other sporting initiatives

Grant Recipient Case Study

REGIONAL ACADEMIES OF SPORT

\$86.7k



The Regional Academies of Sport network is a collective of independent, not-for-profit organisations across regional Australia that provide high-performance pathways for talented young athletes in regional areas. The organisation's fundamental objectives are to:

- Reduce financial barriers for families.
- Provide inclusive opportunities, supporting programs for athletes with disabilities and Indigenous athletes.
- Host regional camps and talent identification events.
- Invest in coach education and professional development.

Without ClubGRANTS many of the Regional Academies of Sport's programs would not exist, and regional athletes would face significant disadvantages in pursuing their sporting dreams.

It's about well-rounded athletes who are happy, healthy and resilient. Through talent identification, expert coaching and competition they've developed 28 Olympic medallists in the past 3 Olympic Games.

Noemie Fox — Olympic Gold Medallist

Portfolio

REGIONAL NSW

Total Contribution
(approximate)



This includes funding across multiple ClubGRANTS categories.

Grant Recipient
Case Study

KATUNGUL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION REGIONAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Since 1993 this Aboriginal community-controlled health service has provided culturally appropriate health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on the Far South Coast of NSW, servicing an area of 9,400sq km with:

- General practice
- Allied health
- Visiting specialist services
- Dental
- Mental health
- Chronic disease
- Eye and ear health
- Women's and men's health
- Domestic violence support
- Alcohol and other drug support (AOD)
- Patient transport
- Social and emotional health
- Disability support

ClubGRANTS funding has been critical in strengthening Katungul's local health workforce and developing a primary health care training pathway. Delivering training 'on Country' ensures participants remain connected to family and culture, and this approach improves completion rates and builds a stronger, more stable local workforce that will benefit Aboriginal communities across the Far South Coast for years to come.

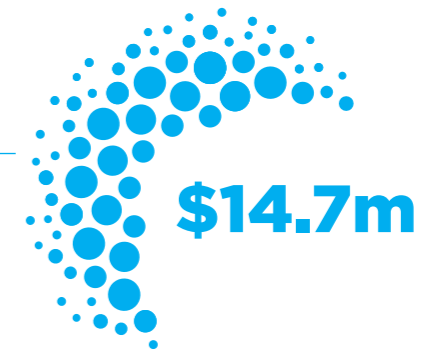
I am deeply passionate about using the skills and knowledge I gain to support and strengthen the health and wellbeing of my local Aboriginal community. Being part of this journey is an honour, and I am committed to making a positive difference for our people.

Mick Longbottom – Koori Connections Officer, Katungul Bega

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HEALTH

Total Contribution
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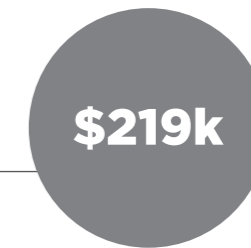


Across these ClubGRANTS categories:

- Health
- Medical Research
- Health Promotion Initiatives
- Early Childhood Health/Child & Family Services
- Drug & Alcohol/Palliative Care/Women's Health/Indigenous Health/ Dental Services
- Child Protection/Child Care

Grant Recipient
Case Study

MIRACLE BABIES FOUNDATION



Every year in Australia around 48,000 babies are treated by a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or Special Care Nursery, and Miracle Babies Foundation is Australia's leading organisation supporting premature and sick newborns, their families and the hospitals that care for them. Since 2005 the organisation has been providing vital programs and resources, supporting high-risk pregnancies, hospital journeys with a premature or sick newborn, the transition to home and beyond.

Several programs provided by the organisation are fully funded through ClubGRANTS and the support of Miracle Babies Foundation makes a real and lasting impact on families who have experienced a premature or sick birth.

I didn't feel like an outsider anymore and it helped a lot with my mental health. I can't thank Miracle Babies and the support staff enough.

Lisa - Miracle Mum

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DISABILITY INCLUSION

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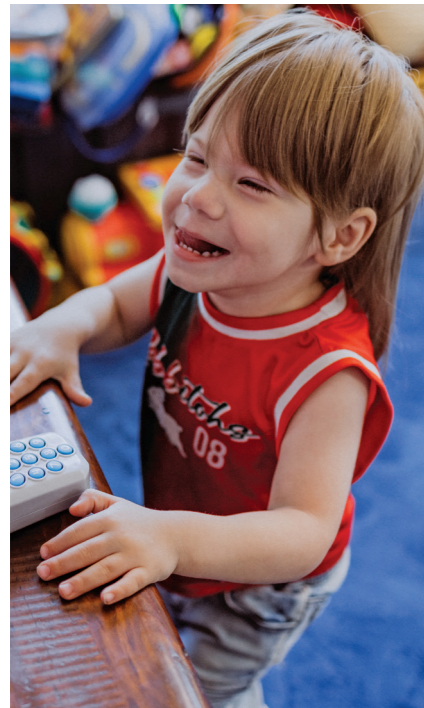


Across these ClubGRANTS categories:

- Home, Community Care & Disability Services
- Aged, Disability or Youth Services

Grant Recipient
Case Study

CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE



Cerebral Palsy Alliance exists to build futures for babies, children and adults living with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities. The organisation's mission is to deliver:

- Evidence-based early intervention
- Therapy
- Technology
- Support

Support via ClubGRANTS plays a vital role in enabling that mission and has strengthened CPA's capacity to meet growing demand - especially in regional and outer-metro areas where families may face greater barriers to early diagnosis and access to therapy. The organisation has been able to expand access to early diagnosis clinics, increase therapy hours and reduce waiting times, meaning more babies receive timely assessments, more parents gain clarity and confidence, and more children begin life with the strongest possible foundation.

The therapy has been really incredible for him. That initial intervention at the start really made a difference to where we are now. We can't say thank you enough. We're just so grateful every day.

Tahlia Benitez-Pearson - parent of Boston

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EDUCATION & EARLY LEARNING

Total Contribution
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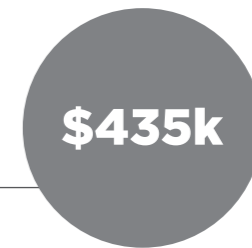


Across these ClubGRANTS categories:

- Education
- Community Education Programs
- Group Training Companies

Grant Recipient
Case Study

CLONTARF FOUNDATION



The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the lives of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in these areas:

- Education
- Discipline
- Life skills
- Self-esteem
- Employment prospects

Clontarf currently supports more than 12,500 students across over 160 academies nationwide, with staff based on campus every day to ensure young men feel safe, supported and connected at school.

ClubGRANTS funding directly supports the day-to-day operation of local academies and ensures young men have access to meaningful opportunities inside and outside the classroom. This support has a direct and measurable impact on school attendance, engagement and post-school outcomes for participants.

Kanahooka High School is privileged to have developed a strong partnership with the Clontarf Foundation since 2018. The post school options, attendance initiatives, self-esteem, life skills and discipline provided in partnership has resulted in positive, healthy and purposeful life choices that continue to improve every person's future to connect, thrive and succeed. I simply cannot imagine the school without this program for our students, staff and the community.

Christine Toohey – Kanahooka High School Principal

Portfolio

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Total Contribution
(approximate)



Across this ClubGRANTS category:

- Family Support/Emergency or Low-cost Accommodation

Grant Recipient
Case Study

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S GROUP INCORPORATED

\$66k



Southern Women's Group is a community-driven organisation dedicated to ensuring women, children and families on the South Coast live free from violence and discrimination, and thrive in safety and equality. Since 1984 the organisation has been providing vital services in these areas:

- Mental health
- Domestic violence
- Housing
- Employment
- Education
- Financial assistance

ClubGRANTS funding has enabled Southern Women's Group to expand into the underfunded area of domestic and family violence prevention, and to launch initiatives that raise awareness, provide education, and engage with youth and the broader community, to address the root causes of domestic and family violence. The support of ClubGRANTS has allowed Southern Women's Group to create a strong foundation for long-term change.

Before I came to Southern Women's Group, I felt lost and isolated. The support I received - from practical help with housing to emotional support - has been life-changing. I've learned to rebuild my confidence and I now feel empowered to take control of my future.

South Coast mum

Portfolio

MENTAL HEALTH

Total Contribution
(approximate)



Across these ClubGRANTS categories:

- Counselling Services
- Community Nursing/Therapy/Mental Health Services

Grant Recipient
Case Study

BE UNSTOPPABLE FOUNDATION

\$637k



The Be Unstoppable Foundation's mission is to empower adults and children with key skills to better manage stress, anxiety, depression, or emotional strain due to crisis or challenging life circumstances.

The organisation delivers programs that focus on key life skills such as:

- Resilience and confidence
- Healthy self-talk and emotional regulation
- Self-awareness and effective communication
- Goal-setting and personal strengths discovery

Through ClubGRANTS support the Be Unstoppable Foundation's reach has grown significantly, and this funding is essential in ensuring the organisation can continue to serve the community.

This is an invaluable program that has helped me to understand myself at a deeper level, to overcome my flaws and limitations, to have control of my mental health and my own power through mastering my thoughts, having awareness of my emotions, knowing and expressing my needs, helping me to connect in a better way with my loved ones, and having the tools to achieve anything that I want in my life.

Participant - 'Positive Mental Health' for Adults Program

Portfolio

VETERANS

Total Contribution
(approximate)



Across this ClubGRANTS category:

- Veteran Welfare Services

Grant Recipient
Case Study

WOUNDED HEROES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



Wounded Heroes provides 24/7 immediate crisis intervention for current and former Australian Defence Force personnel and their families and aims to prevent veteran homelessness and suicide by responding within minutes, not days, when someone needs help. The organisation provides:

- Emergency housing
- Food relief
- Essential bills support
- Transport assistance
- Wrap-around crisis case management

ClubGRANTS funding has been critical in allowing Wounded Heroes to maintain a rapid-response crisis model and to expand support to meet rising demand. Without this lifesaving support many veterans who call the organisation would have nowhere to go.

You didn't just give us a bed—you gave me hope again.

Veteran and father of two

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

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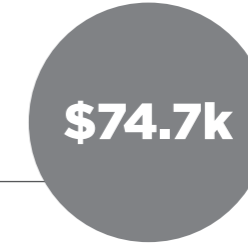


Across this ClubGRANTS category:

- Volunteer Emergency Services

Grant Recipient
Case Study

VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE NSW



Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer-based organisation dedicated to preventing injury and death on the state's waterways. MRNSW is an essential emergency service and protects the NSW community through:

- Marine search and rescue response
- Monitoring and responding to marine radio traffic
- Delivering safety education programs

MRNSW is equipped with a world class fleet and embedded in local communities throughout the NSW coast and priority inland waterways. It is backed by state-of-the-art technology and training, with more than 3,500 active volunteer members, organised into 46 geographic units.

ClubGRANTS has been instrumental in empowering Marine Rescue with the necessary resources to perform our life-saving operations. Without ClubGRANTS our ability to "Save Lives on the Water" would be greatly limited. These contributions have a profound impact on our operations and on the safety of the community.

Leona Curran - Grants Officer

HOMELESSNESS

Total Contribution
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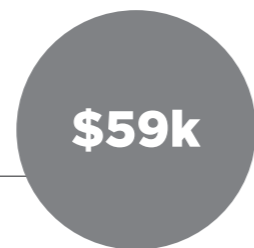


Across this ClubGRANTS category:

- Tenants' Services

**Grant Recipient
Case Study**

PENRITH COMMUNITY KITCHEN



For over 32 years Penrith Community Kitchen has been providing hot, nourishing lunches five days a week to those who are homeless or vulnerable. Since 2023 the organisation has also been supplying breakfast, lunch, snacks and emergency meals to 11 local schools.

Funding via ClubGRANTS allows Penrith Community Kitchen to:

- Provide daily meals
- Purchase essential food
- Support local schoolkids

Without ClubGRANTS support the organisation wouldn't be able to continue helping those in need and many in the community would go hungry.

I am so grateful for this food which is helping us through such a difficult time. We have never needed to ask for help before, but we really need it. Thank you so much for the food - it helps a lot!

Local mum

Conclusion

Registered clubs across NSW continue to deliver significant financial and social contributions to their communities, including a record \$127 million through the ClubGRANTS program in 2024-25. These contributions support vital initiatives in sport, education, health, emergency services and community wellbeing, creating lasting benefits across the state.

While this report shares only a snapshot of the incredible work funded through ClubGRANTS, the reality is far greater - clubs make thousands of positive impacts every year, helping communities thrive and ensuring essential services reach those who need them most.

For more information about how clubs support their local communities, please contact ClubsNSW.

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Bowls clubs are the beating heart of many towns and communities across NSW.

The ClubGRANTS scheme, driven by our good friends at ClubsNSW, is an incredible extension of these clubs, allowing them to reach even further into the social fabric of the community in which they operate. At a time when the need for social inclusion, connectivity and wellbeing is at an all-time high, we see time and time again the strong benefits of this program impacting the lives of our members, their families and our extended communities.

Tim Rowe
Chief Executive Officer
Bowls NSW



ClubGRANTS foster a sense of unity, compassion and progress, creating stronger, more vibrant communities. The commitment of clubs to this initiative is unparalleled, showcasing their dedication to the welfare of the people they serve. Without a doubt, ClubGRANTS are indispensable in shaping a better future for our communities.

For RSL & Services Clubs specifically, ClubGRANTS ensures there is grassroots support for veteran and family services.

So often, other grants go to large organisations. ClubGRANTS allows innovation and creativity to solve often complex issues and opportunities. Many of these programs are developed by veterans, for veterans – and have a real impact on veterans and their families' wellbeing and education. These are difference-making grants!

Margot Smith
Chief Executive Officer
RSL & Services Clubs Association



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