

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM SMALL GRANTS MINI ROUND

Council has approved almost \$14,000 in funding towards five local projects through a Community Small Grants mini-round program.

In October 2014, Council approved \$71,887 in Community Small Grants funding towards 21 community projects. In addition to this, Council approved for a mini-round of funding to be offered with the remaining 2014/2015 financial year program funding.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said that the Community Small Grants program is a fantastic program offered by Council and assists in building a more connected and inclusive community.

“This financial year, Council has provided just over \$85,000 in funding to assist non-profit organisations across our Local Government Area to carry out the valuable work they do for our community”

“This funding goes a long way towards events, services and initiatives that directly benefit our community, promote well-being and complement existing community services.”

“I am proud to lead a Council that is proactively supporting local organisations to deliver real benefits to the community. I congratulate the recipients and look forward to seeing the positive results from the funding allocations.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Funding from the mini-round program will go towards:

- Production of a short documentary on early Chinese settlement in Camden to be produced by Camden Historical Society
- Enhancements to garden beds at Camden Public School
- Recruitment and training of 16 volunteers to provide support to Camden families struggling with young children or new babies
- Establishment of a ‘Lungs in Action’ rehabilitation program in Camden
- Application processing software and a stallholder database for Cobbitty Village Market Day Committee

The Community Small Grants program is a component of Council’s Community Financial Assistance Program and provides funding of up to \$5,000 per project to support work carried out by local non-profit community groups.

The projects that have been recommended for funding will complement existing services within the community and provide improved opportunities and access for services and facilities within the Local Government Area.

The next Community Small Grants Program will open early in the 2015/2016 financial year.

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