



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Supporting the community

A total of \$28,000 has been allocated to community, youth and welfare organisations across the Manning-Great Lakes under MidCoast Water's annual sponsorship policy.

Events to gain the support of MidCoast Water include a \$3500 donation to the Taree and District Eisteddfod, \$2000 sponsorship of the Baby Boomers Bash and \$2000 for Forster's Short Film Festival.

Sponsorship of \$3000 was approved for the Manning Valley Festival of the Arts, \$1200 for the Manning River Summer Festival and \$1000 for the Wingham A-koo-stik Festival.

A total of 31 groups received funding, ranging from \$250 to \$3,500 under the annual program.

"This year the list of organisations to gain sponsorship is varied – and we are particularly pleased that many of the programs are about providing long-term community benefit," acting general manager Robert Loadman said.

Projects such as Manning Gardens Support Unit's quest for a new bus attracted \$1000, as did Wingham's Men's Shed project.

Camp Memories received \$1000 to assist in running their annual camp for special needs children, while Forster Public School received \$500 for a functional living and self help program.

Other allocations were:

- Manning Regional Art Gallery \$250
- Manning Environmental Education group \$100
- Biripi Medical Centre \$500
- Wingham Soccer Club \$500
- Taree Artists \$250
- Lifeline MidCoast \$800
- Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival \$500
- Great Lakes Art Society \$500

- Forster Tuncurry Legacy \$250
- Bulahdelah Show Society \$300
- Taree Aquatic Powerboat Club \$500
- Taree Amateur Swim Club \$500
- Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Lioness Club \$1000
- Myall Waterways Chamber of Commerce and Tourism \$500
- Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club \$1000
- Taree-Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club \$500
- Taree Scout Group \$500
- Tinonee Memorial School of Arts \$600
- Great Lakes Tourism \$1500
- 2BOB Radio \$1000
- Wingham Chamber of Commerce \$250

Through the funding MidCoast Water aims to support non-profit community organisations in staging events and projects which are of benefit to the general public.

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