

# Media Release



28 June 2016

## AusNet Services Announces \$20,000 in Grants for Wyndham City Community

Sixteen Wyndham City community groups were presented with a total of \$20,000 in grants under AusNet Services' "Connecting Your Community" Development Grant Program tonight.

Offered with the support of Wyndham City Council, eligible applicants could apply for grants of up to \$3,000 for local community groups to deliver their projects.

AusNet Services' Gas Program Manager, Geoff Thorn said AusNet Services is committed to partnering with local community groups to help complete sustainable projects.

"The Connecting Your Community Development Grant Program is a meaningful way to support community groups who share AusNet Services' commitment to building stronger community relationships and activities," Mr Thorn said.

"I was delighted to present a record number of grant certificates to Wyndham City community group representatives and listen to the significant contributions these community-minded projects will make to the diversity of the Wyndham City community," he said.

Winners of the Wyndham City "Connecting Your Community" grants include:

- Hobson's Bay Refugee Network for their refugee bike support program
- Karingal for the purchase of tricycles for children with a disability
- Let's Feed the Children for the purchase of a commercial toaster
- Little River Historical Society for a commercial cooker
- Point Cook Action Group to purchase a marquee for events
- The Grange Community Centre to purchase a portable sound system and microphones
- Werribee Archery Inc to purchase a mobile generator
- Werribee Football Club to purchase safety gear for the women's team
- Werribee Basketball Association for the purchase of first aid kits
- Wyndham Track and Field Club Inc to purchase a high jump mat
- Action on Disability with Ethnic Communities to purchase a projector to enhance program sessions
- Mercy Public Hospitals to purchase kitchen items for the Aboriginal cultural space
- Wyndham Vale Soccer Club to purchase playing kits
- Shoestring Gardening for their "Discover Aquaponics" program
- Iramoo Community Centre for their sustainable community garden

"This round of development grants received the highest amount of applications in the Program's history across eastern Victoria and Melbourne's west, which is a testament to how engaged and active the local community is," said Mr Thorn.

"Working with the communities in which we operate is paramount for AusNet Services - whether it's by being an employer of choice, or by collaborating with councils such as Wyndham City to identify and support worthy community activities.

.../2.

# Media Release



“The projects that are being funded are worthy initiatives that will have flow-on benefits not just for the groups involved but for the wider community,” Mr Thorn said.

Each year, AusNet Services contributes \$100,000 through its sponsorship program to support the communities in which it operates.

Ends...

## AusNet Services' Electricity and Gas Regions

