

MEDIA RELEASE

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UNITED WAY GLENELG ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2018

United Way Glenelg will award 10 health and human care organisations in the Glenelg Shire nearly \$40,000 in grants to help address priority needs in health, education and employment initiatives.

Grants were awarded through a competitive request for funding, a process that takes over four months to complete. 17 proposals requesting a total of over \$55,000 in funding were received. Those proposals were vetted by community members who sit on a Volunteer Allocations Panel from across the community.

“Grants this year will fund a diverse group of projects from children through to the older members of our community” said United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Angelino.

“Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools again feature heavily in the allocation of funds, with a trend towards equipment that will benefit the entire school cohort, thus multiplying the donor’s dollars”

Funding for the projects is made possible through the Workplace Giving Program with individuals pledging to make a regular donation from their wage.

“The value of our community donating to United Way Glenelg means the money stays locally within the Glenelg Shire.

“Who knows when a family member, a friend, a colleague or a neighbour many need that support?”

“Knowing that we’re contributing to a better and happier local community is extremely satisfying,” Ms Angelino concluded.

The full list of funding recipients for 2018 is;

HEALTH

Portland Bay School - All abilities cycling
Purchase 9 mountain bikes for students at Portland Bay School.

Portland District Health - Infant cot
Partial funding for the purchase of a Australian Safety Standard Cot in emergency care.

Portland Coast Guard – RESQMAX Line thrower
Purchase safety equipment for sea

Portland Primary School – BBQ trailer
Purchase a BBQ Trailer to complement “Kidz in the Kitchen” program.

Glenelg Shire Council – Live4Life
Purchase Mental Health First Aid kits and manuals for students across the Glenelg Shire in year 8 and 11.

EDUCATION

Glenelg Shire Council – Children’s Library Furniture
Purchase library furniture for the new children’s area.

Jaycee Kindergarten – Equipment Replacement Program
Replace old and worn beloved children’s equipment.

Elsa McLeod Kindergarten – Reading Chair
Purchase a specific chair to encourage children to read aloud their favourite stories.

OzChild – Heywood Community Playgroup
Provide opportunities for families with children under 5 years to socially engage with other families in the Heywood Community.

INCOME (EMPLOYMENT)

Heywood & District Secondary College – Furnishing mentor room
Purchase furniture for teaching relaxation techniques, meditation, and mindfulness workshops.

Portland Secondary College - Portland Re-engagement Program
Ongoing support of students who have been at risk or dis-engaged from school in an alternative and supportive setting.

For more information on how you can donate to support vital programs for the community please contact Nicole Angelino at United Way Glenelg on 0410 51 3305 or go to their website www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au