



Community Priorities for Penrith ClubGRANTS 2020

Strategies to strengthen local community services & groups

- training and professional development for volunteers
- support to develop organisational capacity
- general resources, for example new programs, activities or equipment.

Improved coordination, information and communication between services & the community

- access to community information, including information and referral services.

Encouraging community cohesiveness

- promotion of positive community identity
- community engagement activities that encourage ongoing community interaction
- activities that enhance community safety and address violence and crime within the community
- community and cultural development activities

Basic services and facilities in the Penrith LGA

- outreach activities, in particular to rural areas and/or communities experiencing disadvantage.

Support for community organisations that support people under stress

- after hours crisis counselling and support
- access to low cost meals
- strategies to support vulnerable families
- people with high and complex needs
- parenting skills programs, including specific programs for men
- access to low cost recreational activities
- services for young pregnant women and young parents
- care options for ageing people
- support for grandparents as primary carers
- support for children in foster care.

Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Programs and activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Supporting the maintenance of cultural identity

Better access to services for people from culturally diverse backgrounds

- strategies to increase access to and involvement with community groups and services
- provision of culturally appropriate information about services
- strategies to meet the needs of culturally diverse communities in rural areas
- affordable and culturally appropriate counselling.

Support for young people

- Programs which complement the activities of existing youth services
- strategies to improve access to existing youth facilities and programs for young people from culturally diverse backgrounds
- mentoring programs
- programs promoting a positive image of young people
- support for early school leavers in their transition to employment and/or training
- strategies to support young people of diverse sexuality.
- outreach projects and activities for young people across Penrith LGA including rural areas

Support for community organisations that support survivors of violence and abuse

- programs and other strategies to support survivors of family violence, sexual violence, and child sexual assault
- provision of appropriate information to survivors and those providing services and support to them
- strategies to improve coordination between services.

Support needs of families with children with disabilities

- strategies to support young people with disabilities
- strategies to support family members dealing with challenging behaviours
- support for the siblings of young people with a disability.

Activities and programs for children aged up to 12 years

Service gaps for people aged 18-65 years with disabilities

- promoting the rights of people with disabilities
- improved access to services, facilities and community life
- awareness raising with service providers, and the general community, about the needs of people with disabilities and their families
- targeted programs to meet specific needs
- access to appropriate information for people with disabilities, their carers, and their families.

Activities and programs for older people

Environmental awareness

- activities and programs that address environmental issues
- community education to increase awareness of environmental issues

Accessible and affordable transport

- strategies to meet the transport needs of residents, including young people, people with disabilities, and older people
- transport to and from health and medical services
- improved access to transport on weekends.

Homelessness

- support for people experiencing homelessness in Penrith LGA

Abuse of alcohol and other drugs

- support for people experiencing alcohol and drug issues

Support for Emergency Services