



CSP 08 Round 1 Applicants presentation

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Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) has again demonstrated its commitment to the community, with the awarding of a fresh round of grants to local projects and groups as part of its Community Support Program (CSP).

The CSP recipient's projects span a broad range of worthwhile initiatives, from cooking classes for disabled local residents to public seating and Cessnock's annual Youthfest event. Seven recipients were presented with certificates and a cheque for their nominated project at a presentation lunch on Tuesday 27 May 2008.

Michael Barrow, HEZ General Manager, said the response to the first round of the CSP had been impressive, and included many worthwhile local initiatives.

"The HEZ CSP is a program dedicated to the needs of the local community, with the aim of funding areas of greatest need," Mr Barrow said. "I look forward to seeing each of these projects come to fruition and tracking their progress:"

The CSP, now in its fourth year, donates \$30,000 in two rounds annually to community project in Kurri Kurri, Stanford Merthyr, Weston, Pelaw Main and Abermain.

Applicants are assessed by a panel consisting of HEZ and independent community members, with projects benefiting a significant proportion of the community given priority.

Previous recipients of CSP funding include Hunter Prelude Early Intervention Centre, Variety, Kurri Kurri Little Athletics and Northumberland Network's Let's Read program.

Other community contributions made by HEZ can be seen in its sponsorship of HEZ Sportsground and the Kurri Kurri Bulldogs, ANZAC Day refreshments at Abermain RSL Sub-Branch and funding for the rebuild of the Kurri Kurri Business Chamber's website, kurrikurri.com.