



Latest Round of HEZ Funding Recipients Announced

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Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) has once again partnered with community groups in the areas of Kurri, Weston, Abermain, Pelaw Main and Stanford Merthyr, sponsoring several initiatives designed to benefit local residents, as part of the HEZ Community Support Program (CSP).

The latest recipients of HEZ's CSP funding are Abermain RSL Sub-Branch, Hunter Lower Peer Support Inc, Kurri Little Athletics, Kurri Towns with Heart, Kurri Tidy Towns, Cessnock Youth Development Project and Kurri Lions Club.

Local groups were asked to submit applications to the program in August, with \$15,000 to be distributed among the projects with the greatest benefit to the local community.

HEZ general manager Michael Barrow said HEZ was pleased to assist local groups fulfil projects which would have positive ramifications for the local area.

The HEZ CSP has been in operation for three years, and distributes up to \$30,000 in funding annually to local community projects each year across two rounds. Applications are assessed by HEZ and a third party panel.

Recipients of the HEZCSP Round Two 2008 were:

Cessnock Youth Development Project - Nock Rock 2008-09

HEZ will cover staging and security costs for Nock Rock, a Cessnock music event to provide local youths with increased social opportunities

Abermain RSL Sub Branch – ANZAC Day 2009 refreshments

HEZ will provide funding towards refreshments to be hosted at Abermain RSL Sub Branch following the 2009 ANZAC Day parade

Towns with Heart – Nostalgia Festival 2009 Talent Quest

CSP funding will provide prizes for the Nostalgia Festival's annual Talent Quest

Kurri Tidy Towns – community seating

Funding from the HEZ CSP will be used for the implementation of community seating along the Heddon Greta to Kurri walkway ·Lower Hunter Peer Support Inc, swimming and fitness program

Lower Hunter Peer Support will put its HEZ CSP funding towards the operation of swimming and fitness tuition for disabled members of the local community

Kurri Little Athletics – ground maintenance equipment

Kurri Little Athletics will purchase a ride on mower and line maker for maintenance of its athletic ground

Lions Club of Kurri – catering trailer

HEZ's CSP funding will go towards the construction of a self-contained, enclosed catering trailer for use by the community for fundraising activities.