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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – NSW Stronger Communities Fund Community Grants Program – Central Coast Council area (closing 26 August)			

The first round of the **NSW Stronger Communities Fund Community Grants Program** for incorporated not-for-profit community organisations in the Central Coast Council area is now open, closing 26 August. This funding program aims to kickstart the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services.

- Grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000 for incorporated not-for-profit community groups for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities.
- All applications must address one or more of the community priority areas. Priority areas include:
 1. Creating a vibrant, caring and connected community
 2. Creating safer communities
 3. Valuing the communities local history, culture and diversity
 4. Ensuring fair access and opportunity to participate in Community Life
 5. Providing opportunities for active and healthy lifestyles
 6. Advancing community expertise, capacity, networks, resources and innovation
 7. Building stronger more resilient communities
 8. Enhancing the sense of local identity

Please note the following key points:

- Applications must clearly demonstrate the need for the project and the organisation's capacity to deliver the project.
- A significant number of attachments are required to be included with an application therefore clubs need to plan their applications in advance.
- Organisations applying for capital works funding should be prepared to include documents additional to those outlined in the guidelines to support their application, such as building plans, relevant approvals, etc. If relevant approvals have not been obtained at the time of this funding round, organisations may like to consider applying in a future round of the program in 2017 to increase their chances of receiving funding.
- Organisations that have funding from either Wyong or Gosford Councils that has not been acquitted, or have existing funding commitments from a Council, are not eligible for funding.
- Successful applicants must provide three monthly reports to the Council on their project as well as a final report.
- For clubs that have a nippers program for young people with special needs, this Fund could be a good opportunity for capital works, equipment and/or program funding to support the delivery of the program.

The closing date for applications is 26 August 2016. The application and guidelines can be accessed from the following website: <http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-programs/stronger-communities-fund-community-grants-program>. (Note: despite the guidelines being available on the Gosford Council website, this information is for the Central Coast Council grants).

For assistance with your application you may wish to refer to the GSU's "Grant Application Guide for Clubs" – a copy of this document is available at the following website: www.slsfoundation.com.au/grant-seeking-unit.aspx

Please note – if your club would like the Grant Seeking Unit to assist with an application or if you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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