

BANGALOW KOALAS INC, auspiced by Friends of the Koala

\$4,340 Bangalow Koalas Community Wildlife Corridor – will enhance, protect and conserve habitat for threatened species and ecological communities including vulnerable Koala and critically endangered Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia. The project will connect koala habitat and rainforest remnants in a wildlife corridor.

BUNJUM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

\$2,211 - Bunjum Changing Ways – new flooring for the Transition House for women fleeing violence. The Transition House provides short term access to a safe place to help women begin the journey to a life without violence.

BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE

\$4,791 - Byron Bay Wet Weather Shelter Project - will provide a refuge for displaced rough sleepers in Byron Bay in the event of an extreme weather event up to 18 nights per year. The provision of material needs of beds and bedding ensures safe, dry sleeping at their two gender-based venues.

BYRON YOUTH SERVICE

\$5,990 – Tunnel Vision – a pilot, Young Men's First-Offenders Program targeting teen anti-social behaviour in Byron Shire's north. Byron Youth Service (BYS) will partner with Byron Shire Police to reach out to young offenders & address youth crime. Police will refer first-offenders to BYS for individual mentoring & ongoing early intervention.

BYRON YOUTH THEATRE, auspiced by Byron Youth Service

\$5,000 - Under Your Thumb– an original youth theatre production and workshop exploring the issues of abuse: physical and psychological.

CASINO NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

\$3,680 - Oaks Centre art studio & workshop refurbishment – The community art studio/workshop is a milestone in a multifaceted, large community centre refurbishment project designed to create a resource for one of the most disadvantaged communities in the region. The project will also provide training and work experience for young people as they contribute to the refurbishment of the community centre.

GUNAWIRRA

\$6,814 – Supporting Coraki pre-school staff to address trauma in Aboriginal children - two-day seminar for the Coraki pre-school teachers identifying trauma in the classroom, treating trauma in the classroom and identifying vicarious trauma in themselves as teachers.

HEARTFELT HOUSE

\$10,000 - Taking the First Steps- Group 42 – Provide a group therapy program for female adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Designed to provide a pathway to recovery *Taking the First Steps* supports and empowers the participant to realise their full potential as an individual, partner, parent and member of the community.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

\$8,000 – Emergency relief to support children of parents with a mental illness by providing toys, school books, clothing and basic household essentials.

MID RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

\$7,746- Food Safety training for Food Recovery volunteers and Food Pantry basic. Volunteers will receive Safe Food handling training and on-site work experience in supporting the rescue and redistribution of food donations throughout the greater Northern Rivers region. Additional support will be given to the kitchens to purchase basic food pantry staples.

MULLUMBIMBY GATEWAY ASSOCIATION, auspiced by Brunswick Historical Society

\$5,518 The refurbishment of The Gateway Rotunda - the new information hub of the Mullumbimby Gateway. The posts of the Rotunda will be decorated by Arakwal artists led by Delta Kay. New interpretive boards will also be created displaying early history of Mullumbimby and the cultural legends of our First Nation people.

NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS

\$8,351 - A replacement flying fox aviary for the release of hand raised orphaned flying fox pups and rehabilitated flying foxes, including grey headed flying foxes listed as vulnerable under state and federal legislation.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED – BALLINA

\$1,782 – New saddles for horse and rider. Two replacement saddles for two new horses that have just joined the RDA Ballina family. These new saddles will support the trainers and disability riders and provide a pain free experience for the horses.

SHAPING OUTCOMES TWEED

\$4,413 – Parent Project - 7-week course focusing on improving the wellbeing and knowledge of parents and carers supporting a child with disability or delay. Facilitated by a Key Worker Specialist and Counsellor, emphasis is placed on creating personal connections with other parents in a safe and nurturing environment.

THE BUTTERY

\$5,650 - Therapeutic Mixed Martial Arts for Indigenous Youth at risk – specifically for 14-19 years olds with substance misuse and behavioural issues, the program uses Gestalt psychotherapy, the martial art Akido, and goal setting techniques to give young people the opportunity for personal growth by engendering positive values and encouraging engagement with a group.

THE HUMOUR FOUNDATION

\$6,732 – The Clown Doctors at Lismore Base Hospital - addresses the psychosocial needs of hospitalised children in a unique way – by making them laugh in an environment that's normally associated with anxiety, sadness and pain.

THE SHIFT PROJECT BYRON

\$3,637 - Shifting Gears: to implement a client management platform that will collect and store client data and measure client, program and community outcomes over time. This will allow The SHIFT Project to grow and more effectively support local women experiencing homelessness.

SPRUNG! INTEGRATED DANCE THEATRE

\$5,000 - Professional Development Program for Sprung!! Tutors and Support Workers to increase disability support expertise in line with new national standards, and to develop a unique methodology for teaching clowning to persons with intellectual disability.

TWEED PALLIATIVE SUPPORT and WEDGETAIL RETREAT COMMUNITY HOSPICE

\$3,882- Medical Equipment– Tweed Palliative Support Inc is the only provider of free medical equipment on loan to the community of the Tweed and surrounding areas. The funding will purchase a king single hospital bed with speciality mattress to accommodate clients that require a larger bed and pressure care.

WOMEN UP NORTH HOUSING

\$10,000 - LOVE BITES - a violence prevention program for young people in Years 9-11 designed to educate them about domestic violence & sexual assault, delivered in seven schools across the Northern Rivers: Nimbin, Woodenbong, Kyogle, Casino, Lismore, Kadina and Richmond River.