

Community Investment Program – FEBRUARY 2023 ROUND Funded projects

COMMUNITY CONNECT: Events, activities and projects which enrich the lives of our residents and cultivate a sense of belonging and social cohesion.

For the February 2023 round, Council received 30 applications, requesting a total of **\$173,626**. This figure includes requests for cash contributions **and** support in-kind (ie., waiving of fees for the use of Council facilities).

The available budget for allocation to Community Connect in this round was **\$33,397.79**.

13 applications were approved, with a total of **\$34,989.20** granted. A description of approved projects and breakdown of funding amounts is listed below.

Successful project Description	Applicant	Amount granted	
		Support in-kind (waiving of fees to use a Council venue)	Cash contribution
1. Coogee Dippers – Autism Swim Program The Coogee Dippers Autism Program has been specifically designed to bring autistic children to the beach and have them experience water and beach skills.	Coogee Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC)	\$0.00	\$659.20
2. Run Swim Coogee: Street Banners Printing and installation of banners on Arden Street, Coogee promoting the Run Swim event.	Coogee Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC)	\$3,412.00	\$0.00
3. Five Star Alma Seniors	Five Star Seniors Association	\$1,892.50	\$0.00

A community group for seniors to get together and enjoy singing, karaoke and line dance.			
4. Easter Kids' Disco A low-cost, inclusive Easter disco for children aged 2-10 years and their families.	Irish Family Events Sydney	\$2,950.00	\$0.00
5. Volunteer Week 2023 An annual Multicultural Volunteer Lunch and award presentation to celebrate volunteers' contribution to the community.	Kooloora Community Centre	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
6. NAIDOC Family Fun Day 2023 A day of celebration including games of rugby league with a free BBQ, face painting, jumping castles and provision for an Elders tent.	La Perouse United Junior Rugby League Football Club	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
7. Social Activity and Entertainment for Seniors Group sessions for retirees and the elderly with a focus on making friends, helping each other, enjoying fun activities and exercise to improve health and fitness, such as singing and line dancing.	Old Friends Singers' Group	\$1,980.00	\$0.00
8. Bringing Community Back Together This project will assist the development of a long-term relationship between South Sydney High School and local Aged Care residents by helping them set up an intergenerational story-sharing program.	Heart & Soul Story	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

9. Supported Playgroup Playgroup is attended by 20-40 families every week to socialise and engage in a mixture of free play, active play, story time, music and movement and a shared morning tea.	South-Eastern Community Connect (SECC)	\$1,641.00	\$0.00
10. Souths Cares NAIDOC Festival A celebration of Aboriginal histories, cultures and achievements in line with the 2023 NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'. The Festival provides all activities, entertainment and food free of charge to guests.	Souths Cares	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
11. U3A Discussion Groups The groups consist of retired people who join U3A to engage in ongoing learning and community interaction. Each group will discuss Films, Current Affairs, etc.	Sydney U3A Inc.	\$877.50	\$0.00
12. Passover For Project Passover (Pesach), the Centre will be hosting Seders and events, so that everyone can celebrate and be connected to their culture.	The Soul Centre – Chabad Randwick	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
13. Easter Bonnet Parade A not-for-profit event at South Maroubra which began in 1986. The Parade is free, fun and open to all.	Walsh's Pharmacy	\$577.00	\$0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED: \$34,989.20			