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Wallarah 2 pledge \$100K to the local community

Wallarah 2 is set to commit \$100,000 into projects to benefit the Wyong community, increasing the allocated funds available under the 2014 Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant scheme from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

With the application period for grants now closed, the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation was overwhelmed by submissions, with more than \$185,000 in funding requested.

23 projects which aim to assist or benefit the environment, community wellbeing and educational outcomes within the Wyong Local Government Area were successful and will receive a share of the pool of funds.

In 2013 the Foundation presented nine grants in total. Peter Smith, Community Manager of Wallarah 2 Coal Project said that Wallarah was thrilled to be able to partner with many more organisations this year, by supporting 23 valuable community initiatives that will offer real value to the region.

“The calibre of applications was outstanding. In fact, it was due to the high number of quality applications this year that we decided to almost double the level of funding, in a bid to support as many of the projects as possible.

“While the full list of successful applicants will be announced shortly, I can reveal there is a great mix of projects that will be allocated funding, from pre-schools and cultural initiatives to art schemes, mentoring and health programs – some of which may not have been able to get off the ground without the support of the Foundation.

“We are committed to the Central Coast. Our Community Foundation is just another way we are working with the community, supporting initiatives in the areas of environmental sustainability, community wellbeing, training and education to achieve real and lasting improvement.

“The Wallarah 2 Community Foundation provides an opportunity to invest in the future of the region, by helping to launch initiatives which aim to add long term value to Wyong and surrounding communities.”

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