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Central Coast Chinese Cultural Festival a huge success

Now in its third year, the Chinese Cultural Festival, held on Sunday 15 September and supported by Wallarah 2 Coal Project, was a huge success, with thousands of locals turning out to celebrate multiculturalism in Memorial Park at The Entrance.

The event, which was organised by the China Australia Friendship Association, aimed to promote harmony and embrace both the strong Chinese community on the Coast as well as provide a platform for other local cultural groups living in the area to get together.

The success of this event each year relies heavily on in-kind support and grant funding. In offering a hand to the China Australia Friendship Association, the Wallarah 2 Coal Project was pleased to provide funding to support the weekend's event by way of its Community Foundation grant program.

The grant, which was received by Ruby Eaton, president of the China Australia Friendship Association and festival conveyor said, "We are very thankful for the support proffered by Wallarah, it played an important role in enabling us to make this year's festival even bigger and better.

"There is a strong sense of community on the Central Coast and our festival aims to embrace this, creating a shared sense of identity and celebrating our multiculturalism and diversity".

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, "Events such as this are important in sharing the unique characteristics of the varied cultures and backgrounds of locals in our communities.

"Our grant program aims to bolster programs and initiatives such as this which benefit the wider Wyong community. It was wonderful to see the myriad of cultural offerings at the festival as locals joined together experiencing Chinese dancing and cultural performances, art showcases, amazing food and stalls displaying modern and traditional wares".

With the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant application process now closed, nine grants in total have been presented to support organisations that benefit the Wyong LGA.

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