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SITA COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDS 21 COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH MORE THAN \$96,000 IN GRANTS

Twenty-one community groups across Australia are one step closer to realising their project dreams with more than \$96,000 in funding awarded through the SITA Australia Community Grants program.

SITA's Managing Director, Eric Gernath, said that the inaugural round of grant recipients as part of the program are "deserving of our support" and will help to grow community involvement in their local area.

"Through the SITA Community Grants program, we look for groups and projects that would help everyday people to interact, be inspired or influence others to make real, positive change in their local community. Through the program we have found so many deserving projects that will do just that," said Mr Gernath.

"From Cairns in Queensland to Geelong in Victoria, Western Sydney in New South Wales to Neerabup in Western Australia, we are honoured to be able to assist twenty-one successful applicants in this small way," he said.

The community projects range from a large-scale inclusive play space being constructed by the Touched by Olivia Foundation in Lyndhurst, Victoria to the installation of a rooftop power generation system by the Brighton Community Garden in Wanneroo, Western Australia.

The SITA Community Grants program was launched in October 2013 to support local activities and grow community involvement in social and environmental projects. The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 each for projects that encourage participation in creating a sustainable future for Australian communities.

SITA is the first waste company in Australia to launch a national community grant program.

For more information on the SITA Community Grants program or to register to receive information about the next grant round in 2014 visit www.sitacommunitygrants.com.au

A full list of SITA Community Grants recipients are listed below.

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SITA AUSTRALIA (SITA) is a SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and Sembcorp Industries joint venture, providing weekly services to over 56,000 commercial and industrial customers and more than 3.7 million residents across Australia. SITA's services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction. For more information on SITA, visit www.sita.com.au

SITA COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

State	Community Group	Project Location	Project Description	Amount
VIC	Touched by Olivia Foundation	Lyndhurst	To assist in the development of a \$300,000 inclusive play space	\$5,000
	Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College	Lorne	To build a nature-based playground	\$5,000
	SecondBite	Currun Downs, Frankston & Kilsyth	To extend its fresh food redistribution service delivering weekly to three new fresh food 'hubs'	\$5,000
	Project Platypus Association	Upper Wimmera	To help educate city women in sustainability through fun and engaging farm visits	\$3,065
	Casey Neighbourhood Watch	Cranbourne	To help promote neighbourhood watch, safety and crime prevention in the City of Casey	\$5,000
WA	Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	To assist in the development of a dedicated ANZAC memorial park	\$5,000
	Station Street Men's Shed	Cannington	To assist in the purchase of equipment and materials	\$5,000
	Brighton Community Garden	Wanneroo	To buy and install a 1.5kW rooftop solar power generation system	\$3,978
	Riding for the Disabled Association of WA	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	To build a covered tie-up and mounting area ramp	\$5,000
	Landcare Serpentine-Jarrahdale	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	To support four community groups, a primary school and scout group rehabilitate their local natural area	\$5,000
QLD	Guide Dogs Queensland	Cairns	To provide five electronic, handheld talking GPS systems for the blind and deliver training on use	\$5,000
	Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club	Mackay	To purchase a beach cleaner and help provide education on correct litter disposal	\$5,000
	Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation	Currumbin	To provide critical care equipment that will help sick, injured and orphaned wild koalas	\$4,004
	Cairns Basketball	Cairns	To purchase and install an energy smart hot water system	\$3,500
	Permaculture Cairns	Cairns	To deliver a series of workshops on sustainable gardening	\$4,990
	St Joseph's School	Clermont	To build a playground in the school which has not had one since 2010	\$5,000
	The Junction Works	Austral	To purchase and build a utility shed at the Cowpastures Community Nursery	\$4,460
NSW	Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living	Mount Annan	To deliver hands-on workshops to children up to 12 years about the wonders of the natural environment	\$5,000
	Mamre House	Orchard Hills	To improve access to garden beds, install irrigation and compost bins and deliver workshops on the benefits of responsible management of organic waste	\$5,000
	The Humour Foundation	Westmead	To deliver four Clown Rounds by the Clown Doctors at Westmead Children's Hospital	\$4,368
	Menai Wildflower Group	Illawong & Lucas Heights	To involve the local community in propagation activities which will then beautify the Illawong Rural Fire Brigade Headquarters	\$3,000