



Seven groups in the shortlist

PUBLIC VOTE DETERMINES WHICH COMMUNITY GROUP GETS THE MONEY

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THE *Manly Daily* is proud to announce the finalists of our Project Local campaign.

Seven community groups from the northern beaches are in the running to win a grant of \$2500 to fund a project chosen by the community. Project Local is unlike other community building initiatives in that you, the readers, get to decide where the money – \$250,000 in total across NewsLocal mastheads over the next year – is spent.

In each round of funding, a \$2500 grant is available for the project that readers believe most benefits the community. You cast your votes through the website, projectlocal.com.au.

The shortlist of finalists has been put together from nominations with the help of Donnie Maclurcan from Project Australia, a non-

HOW IT WORKS

- Each registered reader gets 10 votes to be cast for the project or projects you think are most deserving
- The project with the most votes gets the grant

profit organisation, which helps community groups start or grow local projects.

Voting closes next Friday, December 2.

TERREY HILLS KIDS CLUB

The out-of-hours school service is seeking funding for a set of new blinds to keep children and staff from sweltering in their demountable classroom.

An airconditioning unit has been bought by the club but in order to contain the warmth and coolness of the centre, the kids club requires new blinds.

BUSHLINK

Brookvale's Bushlink, a program that sees people with a disability employed to do everything from planting to pruning across the northern beaches, has been running for three years and is in urgent need of new gardening tools to expand its services.

The service relies on community support and sponsorship to run its business and are borrowing tools to get the work done.

A HUNDRED MONKEYS

Based in Manly, A Hundred Monkeys is a proposed eight-week free creative learning project for children. The workshop aims to have educators and artists such as a scientist, a poet and textile artist working with children in various activities. But the group needs funding for several items before it gets running, such as a printer, laptop and sewing machines.

WHALE BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club are under way with plans to build a large outdoor paved area next to its club, which has a hot water service to wash over limbs stung by bluebottles.

Swimmers are stung at the beach occasionally during summer and, with hot water seen as one of the best ways to relieve stings, the club hopes to put the potential \$2500 grant towards the hot water system and paving.

ELANORA GIRL GUIDES

The Elanora Girl Guides group, which uses the hall at Elanora Heights Public School, is desperately seeking to have the hall's two toilets upgraded.

While the hall is described by group leader Kylie Llewellyn as carpeted, painted and cosy, the group has a number of renovation projects they



Community garden plan: The Baringa Bush Community Garden.

would like to work on but the priority is the toilets, which many of the girls currently hesitate to use.

SEAFORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school has plans to build a productive organic vegetable garden that will be

used to supply produce for kitchen classes for the students and will be a venue for workshops for the community. The school also plans to refurbish an old canteen and turn it into a teaching kitchen.

If the school won the Project Local grant it would put it towards two garden sheds for storing equipment.

BARINGA BUSH COMMUNITY GARDEN

A group of Seaforth residents have plans to establish a community organic garden.

In time the group hopes to develop a facility the whole community can enjoy, but at the moment, members are seeking funding.

If they won the Project Local grant, the funding would potentially go towards preparing some of the land and also to plant fruit and vegetables for the community to enjoy immediately.



Elanora Girl Guides Kayley Dixon (front), with Sophia Lauber and Ruby Warde, would like to get their toilets fixed up, as they smell and even the lights don't work.

Picture: SIMON CHILLINGWORTH



Building an organic garden: Seaforth Public School students Tom Campbell, 9, Jono Teague, 9, and Bianca Keating, 9.

Picture: VIRGINIA YOUNG