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# Media Release:

## Hunter Valley community groups celebrate funding boost

Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) has granted over \$190,000 in funding to local community organisations, aiming to make a positive difference to the Hunter Valley region in 2025.

This funding will be shared across 27 local community groups and events that work in the areas of health, social and community, environment, and education and training.

Some of the successful organisations include: Business Singleton, Family History Society Singleton, Maitland Saints AFL Club, Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping Association, Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter, Northern Agriculture Association, Singleton Council, Rural Fire Service for Bowthorne/Hinton, Samaritans Foundation, Singleton Heights Pre-School, University of Newcastle, Singleton Dressage Club, YWCA Hunter Region, United Hospital Auxiliaries (Singleton), and many more recipients.

Also, as part of Ashton and Mount Thorley Warkworth's joint partnership with the University of Newcastle, it will continue to help bring the Science and Engineering Challenge and SMART Science Shows to budding scientists in the Upper Hunter region.

Around 35 representatives from the successful community organisations gathered at a morning tea event to celebrate their success and confirm the financial support.

Mount Thorley Warkworth General Manager, Cris Shadbolt, was excited to be funding local initiatives.

"Congratulations to all the community groups receiving donations as part of our 2025 Community Support Program.

"Community groups are the backbone of our community, and we value the important contribution they make to maintaining and creating a strong and sustainable community.

"This funding will enable equipment and facility upgrades, fund local events, education initiatives, technology updates, new health-related gear, training, outdoor facilities and arts programs.

"These are just a snapshot of the diverse range of community groups in the Hunter Valley. However, they all have a common purpose of making a positive impact on the community where we live and work. Supporting them financially is a perfect fit for us.

"It always pleases us to be able to host an event so we can celebrate their success and to hear how they are investing the donations into expanding their programs or services for the community.

"We wish all the 2025 successful recipients the best with their initiatives and look forward to hearing how they progress with making a positive difference on our community," said Cris.

The Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Support Program runs annually and invests in community groups working in the areas of health, social and community, environment, and education and training. It aims to make a positive difference in the local community, and to the lives of the people who work and live in the local area.

Nigel Robinson, President for the Singleton Mountain Bike Club said, “We are thankful for the funding boost to upgrade our outdoor seating area with picnic tables and shade shelters. As a club, we bring people together for some action-packed fun on the mountain trails and we are thrilled we can now improve our eating area so riders can stay longer.”

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