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### **TasNetworks announces Community Grant recipients 2023**

TasNetworks has tripled its Community Grants investment to help build stronger communities and ease cost-of-living strain.

With a huge increase in applications, TasNetworks has boosted its Community Grants budget this year from about \$40,000 to more than \$110,000.

TasNetworks CEO, Seán Mc Goldrick, said “TasNetworks plays an important role in the Tasmanian community and we’re excited to be supporting 14 projects that will make a positive difference in the lives of Tasmanians.

“We’re partnering with organisations who are dedicated to building resilient communities and addressing the rising cost of living in communities right across the state, from Smithton to the Huon Valley,” Dr Mc Goldrick said.

“Our grants program is important as it gives community organisations the chance to secure funding for projects that will benefit many people in their local community.

“We know that many of our communities are facing a range of challenges, especially in current times. We also recognise the importance of resilience and how this can better equip people to respond to and recover from emerging challenges,” he said.

The 14 successful grant recipients for TasNetworks’ cost-of-living themed 2023 program are:

1. **The Salvation Army – *The Salvos Sunday Dinner*** – funding a full year of weekly hearty dinners;
2. **Riverside Lions Club – RESiPacks (RESilience) (RESpect)** – funding the creation of life-changing backpacks for homeless people;
3. **Gagebrook Community House** – inaugural Learn, Laugh, Cook – two rounds of ten-week cooking, numeracy and literacy courses;
4. **Dunalley Tasman Neighbourhood House** – Mental Health First Aider training and peer support program;
5. **Tamar Sea Rescue Services** – update of digital radio equipment to ensure the safety of mariners;
6. **Sunlight Kitchen and Garden** – The Fresh Produce Project – kitchen garden project for Afghani refugees;

7. **Huon Valley PCYC** – Operation Happy Birthday, supporting children from vulnerable backgrounds with free birthday parties for them and their friends;
8. **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation** – The creation of a new Kitchen Garden at Claremont College;
9. **Hobart City Mission** – Support for Small Steps young mothers housing program;
10. **Rural Health Tasmania** – Supporting disengaged young people to make a positive difference across Smithton and Wynyard;
11. **Kentish Community Men's Shed** – replacing a range of important tools to enable them to continue to deliver community projects;
12. **Burnie Community House** – Fakeaway: Creating takeaway meals at home, reducing costs and making healthier choices;
13. **City of Burnie Lions Club** – purchase of sewing machine and overlocker for clothing alternations lessons;
14. **Whitemore Tennis Club** – safety and access upgrade for elderly and disabled members of the community.

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