

Norfolk Island Regional Council

MEDIA RELEASE

VOLUNTEER GRANTS PROGRAM 2016

The Norfolk Island Regional Council would like to advise the community that the Volunteer Grants Program 2016 through the Australian Government Department of Social Services (the Department) is now open. Applications close on 20 December 2016 – 2:00pm AEDT. General enquiries can be made by telephoning +61 1800 020 283.

An extract from the Departments website reads:

These grants aim to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers. They provide small amounts of money that organisations and community groups can use to help their volunteers. They are part of the Government's work to support the volunteers who help disadvantaged Australian communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.

The funding will help volunteers to do their important work, and the grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each will allow organisations to buy much needed equipment, such as computers, or help with training volunteers, fuel costs or undertaking background security checks.

Whilst this grant is not through the Norfolk Island Regional Council, the Council relays this material to the community as part of its commitment under the Council's Operational Plan 2016/17 to provide information to the community on upcoming grants.

Further information, including the link to the Department of Social Services website which provides further information including the Application Form, Program Guidelines and Grant Terms and Conditions can be found under the 'Upcoming Grants Information' Quick Links on www.norfolkisland.gov.nf.

The Regional Council does not provide advice to individuals or community members on eligibility for these grants. Specific questions should be directed to the Department.

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