

**HORNSBY SHIRE ClubGRANTS COMMITTEE
LOCAL PRIORITIES STATEMENT
2025**

The community service priorities identified in this document for Category 1 assistance for the Hornsby ClubGRANTS Local Committee have been drawn from:

- Hornsby Shire Council Social Plan and associated Work Plans
- Input from representatives of the Department of Family and Community Services and Council for Social Services NSW.
- Local knowledge of representatives of participating Clubs.

The priorities reflect the needs of a broad range of community groups and service organisations. The objective is to provide the ClubGRANTS Committee with enough information on the diverse needs and characteristics of the community to support informed funding advice. It should be noted that the ClubGRANTS guidelines, section 2.1, specify that Category 1 expenditure “is for projects and/or services that contribute to the welfare and broader social fabric of the local community, and are aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

Funding should be directed to the local community residing and operating in the Hornsby Local Government Area. Consideration may be given to requests from organisations located outside the area, provided they supply evidence of filling gaps in services in the Hornsby LGA and their services are accessed by Hornsby Shire residents

Target Group	Identified Priority Need
Children 0-11 years and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting and early intervention services • Affordable, high-quality child care (other than Government funded programs) • Playgroups • Family support & counselling • Improved health programs, including early childhood, assessment & therapy services and other programs • Health promotion/social support programs & activities • Out of School Hours Care • Services for children who have been abused.

<p>Young people 12-24 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved provision and access to social support programs and activities • Youth at risk, homelessness, connectedness issues and conflict resolution • Increased recreational options sporting and non-sporting. • Health promotion programs and activities including support in school to limit bullying. • Counselling & mediation services • Drug and alcohol education programs • Self esteem and leadership building • Improved educational and employment outcomes • Temporary housing and crisis accommodation • Relationship Education • Domestic Violence Education
<p>People 55 years and over</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved provision of home and community care and other home support services (other than government funded programs) • Programs for older people from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse backgrounds. • Provision of diverse leisure and learning program of activities for older adults. • Aged care services that support independent living • Improved community transport options • Increased range of social support activities for older men, older women, frail older people, and people with dementia. • Counselling services • Health promotion programs and activities • Affordable housing options • Carers support • Projects involving rural and river settlement areas of the community • Social Isolation
<p>Women</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling services • Social support programs and services to reduce isolation & disadvantage • Programs for new mothers • Domestic violence –prevention and treatment, crisis accommodation and mental health including women from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse backgrounds. • Projects involving rural and river settlement areas of the community • Carers support • Self esteem and leadership building • Information & advocacy services • Leisure (non-sporting) needs to ensure equity of access to women. • Careers support

Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's health and information services, leisure/recreational (non-sporting) activities, crisis accommodation, homelessness, anger management programs, parenting programs, mental health supports, drug and alcohol counselling services including men from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse backgrounds. • Carers Support • Social Support
People with a disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved provision of home and community care and other home support services • Support for social participation/independence • Mental health services • Employment & training programs • Support and counselling services • Respite services • Information and advocacy services • Community education programs to facilitate access to services and public participation of people with a disability • Improved community transport options • Projects involving rural and river settlement areas of the community • Carers support • Art Therapy
People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement and language support • Community information services • Support and counselling services • Health services • Cultural events • Community education to facilitate public participation of people from CALD backgrounds
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for social needs of indigenous communities in Hornsby Shire • Health services • Education support • Reconciliation activities • Counselling services especially in issues surrounding the Stolen Generations • Heritage & cultural awareness
Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health promotion programs • Drug & alcohol services • Mental health services • Home & community care services (other than government funded services) • Services & Equipment of Local Importance • Veterans welfare services • Art therapy
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on public transport & in public places • Vandalism & crime prevention projects • Domestic violence programs

Emergency services and National natural disaster relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire services • Search & rescue services • Emergency patrol services
Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & provision of volunteer programs in community projects. • Volunteer work opportunities for those who are disadvantaged in the community
New Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement and social support programs.
Sexually Diverse Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community information services, health services, recreational activities, counselling services, anti-violence projects, issues around discrimination. • Services that offer support to Sexually Diverse communities.
Social Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs and Services that offer support to communities to address and reduce social isolation and loneliness.
Post COVID Recovery/Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Support: Job seeking skills, Career building skills, Transferrable Skills • Employment & Educational/Training Support for young people • Suicide Awareness and Prevention • Cost of living relief