

## Neighbourhood Friends

### Sponsorship package

Become a friend of the Neighbourhood Centre's in the Port Macquarie Hastings Region and sponsor a program, a project or an event.

Neighbourhood Centres are an essential part of a diverse and capable community services system.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of Neighbourhood Centres, we need our friends to help us support our community to grow and prosper.

Neighbourhood Centres (also known as community centres) are place-based, multipurpose organisations, which are community-led with strong local connections. Their key purpose is to build strong, safe, resilient and connected communities.

Neighbourhood Centres provide a viable, sustainable and economically sound model for the provision of government funded services to families and communities. Neighbourhood Centres are critical to our social infrastructure, because they build the social capital in communities by linking government agencies, services, businesses and local people.

Neighbourhood Centres are often the first responders to individuals and families. They provide a soft entry point to the community welfare system and are able to triage clients, and where required, make the appropriate referrals to other professional services and link up clients with like-minded community members and community-based activities.

Most importantly Neighbourhood Centres are deeply rooted in the communities in a way that the bigger players cannot be. They have strong relationships with other welfare organisations and possess the flexibility and agility to provide timely responses to local issues and implement a broad range of government funded welfare and community services that enhance the wellbeing and economic and social resilience of their communities.

Neighbourhood Centres are well placed to be powerful economic agents in their local communities. Economic activities range from working with local businesses to enhance commercial activity, investing in local job creation initiatives that provide training and job opportunities for people at risk of long-term unemployment, and facilitating economic resilience through strengthening community connectedness and forging trusting relationships.

### Feeling encouraged to be a Neighbourhood Friend?

Here is what's in it for you!

1. We will display your logo prominently in all promotion material, site signage and Web page notices for the program, project of event you sponsor.

2. You will remain on our Website sponsors page for twelve months following each sponsorship contribution.
3. You will be invited to attend events, participate in media coverage and presentations
4. We will provide you with our log so you can promote your sponsorship of our service in your own materials.
5. We are a not for profit with tax exemption status and so you can declare your sponsorship for tax purposes.
6. You will receive our regular newsletter highlighting upcoming community events
7. You will have the knowledge that you are supporting your local community by supporting the more disadvantaged in our community to gain independence, be work ready, be stronger , safer families.

## Let's get started then.

Check out our wish lists below and choose something you are inspired to support. Give us a call and we will set up a meeting to discuss the support and sponsorship that you are offering. It is as easy as that.

### Our wish list;

Build a kitchen garden at the Port site to help teach our Food connect clients how to grow their own produce.

Fund a cooking course for Port or Wauchope sites to help disadvantaged families learn how to cook health meals on a budget

Create a private interview space at the Port site so we can preserve the confidentiality and dignity of people needing support in times of crisis.

Create more office space at our Wauchope site by putting in some partition walls and doors so we can put more employment support services in place.

Fund a return to school pack program and help disadvantaged families get their children school ready at the start of each year with a bag, stationary and lunch box.

Start a new Food connect service in Laurieton and Kew. Which means needing a van, fridges, freezers and a venue to set up in one morning a week.

Build a disability access ramp at Our Wauchope site.

### Current programs in need of additional resourcing:

Our Family Fun Days are held every school holidays, are open to the whole community, providing disadvantaged families with transport and food on the day to ease the

pressure of the holidays on family budgets and promote the health benefits for all families to get outside together and be part of their community.

Our Money Minded Program is designed to help people of disadvantage to learn how to budget even when there appears to be nothing spare, how to make smart shopping choices, priorities bills and set up payment plans. Helps participants feel more in control of their finances and increases self esteem as they meet their financial responsibilities.

Our annual Christmas Event is always a huge benefit to the families in our community. We do a big breakfast Santa comes and gives gifts to the kids and everyone goes home with a food hamper. That is the aim at least. What actually happens is very dependent on what we get donated each year.

Or there are always volunteer projects to help maintain the grounds, paint and maintain the buildings, drive the buses, mentor the learner drivers, serve at Food Connect.

Give us a call on 02 65838044 and ask for the manager – Leesa-rae

We look forward to you becoming our **Neighbourhood Friend**.