



2016 Finalists – Disability, Welfare & Social Inclusion

C.ex Group

C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out

C.ex Group at Coffs Harbour was recognised for its Community Crew Sleep Out where 45 people braved the winter rain in support of reducing homelessness in the local area.

Canterbury League Club

Feeding the Homeless in the City

Canterbury League Club has been announced as finalist for their partnership with the local Punchbowl group, Maronites on a Mission where employees volunteer their time to feed the homeless.

Charlestown Bowling Club

Charlestown Blind Bowlers

Charlestown Bowling Club is a finalist for its support of people living with a disability in the community. They host a group of partially blind men and women each month, helping them play lawn bowls. The Club has also hosted bocce for the Special Olympics over the last few years.

Club Forster

Catalyst for Community Women & Children's Shelter

Club Foster was instrumental in developing and opening the Great Lakes Women's Shelter. The first-of-its-kind facilities in the Forster and Tuncurry area offers up to five families a safe place to stay and rebuild their lives. A desperately needed resource, the service provides access to support networks that will help people integrate back into the community.

Club Rivers

Visiting the Elderly

Club Rivers was named a finalist for the commitment

of its staff. The Club Rivers CommuniTEAM volunteer their time to care for elderly patients at BUPA Nursing Home in the neighbouring suburb of Narwee. The team spent the morning assisting the nursing home employees with the preparation, cooking and serving of the food for all residents, and after lunch spent the time to sit with the residents to share a cup of coffee or tea, talk and share stories.

Dee Why RSL Club

The Future of Veterans Support

Dee Why RSL has been recognised for its delivery of the Veterans Centre Sydney Northern Beaches, a unique service which caters for young servicemen and women returning from duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. The centre offers holistic support, recreational activities and employment opportunities for veterans and their families who desperately require assistance.

DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club

Many Cultures Living as One Community

DOOLEYS Lidcombe has actively partnered with the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS), Auburn Small Community Organisation Network (ASCON), MTC Australia and Auburn City Council to provide meaningful programs to support the areas large local population of refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants.

Goulburn Soldiers Club

Goulburn Soldiers Supports Horticultural Project

Goulburn Soldiers Club partnership with the Growing Abilities project provides access to new gardening skills and tasks, employment opportunities and support for people who are socially disadvantaged or living with a disability.



Kareela Golf and Social Club **A Dream Come True**

Kareela Golf and Social Club has been recognised for their efforts in the disability sector through the Club's ongoing work with NOVA Employment after the Club offered a Greenkeeping apprenticeship to an 18-year-old man with a profound hearing impairment after he completed eight weeks of work experience at the Club.

Macksville Ex-Services Club **Collaboration is the Key to Supporting those with a Disability**

Macksville Ex-Services Club has been recognised for its efforts in the disability sector through their ongoing work with local disability service provider CHESS Employment after the Club helped to train and then employ a 22-year-old man with Asperger's Syndrome as Food & Beverage Attendant.

Picnic Point Bowling & Social Club **Supporting Disability Employment**

Picnic Point Bowling and Recreation Club is a finalist for its support and encouragement of a NOVA Employment pilot initiative called Employment Enablement Program after the Club employed an intellectually disabled graduate of the program.

The Fraternity Club **Christmas Giving Tree**

The Fraternity Club has been announced as a finalist for the big difference it made to the lives of young disadvantaged families over Christmas, donating nearly 200 gifts through its partnership with local residential and health services.

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club **Supporting Integrated Disabled Sailing at The RPAY**

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club has been announced as finalist for its efforts to help those living with a disability access world-class facilities and sail competitively. Through the program they have provided a crucial pathway for sailors of all abilities.

The Shellharbour Club **Giving Families a Boost**

The Shellharbour Club has been recognised for its partnership with The Denny Foundation's Boost 4 Families program which supports around 80 cases a week where there is financial hardship with the provision of quality and low-cost food parcels.

Twin Towns Clubs & Resorts **Shaping Outcomes for Kids with Disabilities**

Twin Towns works in close partnership with 'Shaping Outcomes' to offer support, advice and educational resources to families of children with disabilities. This includes access to therapists, transition-to-school programs and playgroups for dads and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

West's Illawarra **Real Support, Real Opportunities - Making a Real Difference**

West's Illawarra has been recognised for the nutritional knowledge, increased confidence and improved fitness skills it provided students living with a disability through the Fitness 4 All Program. The two-year program offers students with a disability aged 12-18 years the opportunity to participate in organised fitness sessions.
