

Grants Night of Kendall Community Op Shop

Kendall Community Op Shop held its 16th Annual Grants Presentation at 6pm on Thursday, 21st 2024 at the Kendall Services and Citizens Club, Kendall.

This all important and wonderful event has only possible because of all the 90 volunteers' dedication, enthusiasm, hard work, motivation endless efforts to use their talents in many different areas, their time and committed support of the Op Shop's aim to raise and distribute money to the community. It makes the volunteers proud for being part of the Kendall Op Shop's team!

Ensi Payne and Lesley Priest played violin music to welcome all arriving to attend this unique event.

After welcoming everyone to the presentation, Phillip Higgins, Chairperson of the Op Shop Grants Sub Committee, introduced guest presenter Cameron Marshall, breakfast radio presenter at ABC's Mid North Coast Radio.

An overview of the history of the Kendall Op Shop and its fund distribution was presented by Phil. The shop was first opened in 1995 and was run under the name of The Kendall Pool Committee for the purpose of raising funds towards the construction of the Kendall Community Pool and in 2004 -2020, the shop contributed \$ 400,000 towards the construction costs of the pool plus \$ 410,000 towards other improvements including PA System, Pool Heating, Lane Ropes, Shade Shelters and Wheelchair access and a tonight a new Inflatable Aqua Pontoon.

It is.. the "Best resourced Community Pool in the Port Macquarie/Hastings area!" exclaimed Phil.

In 2008, the shop became known as the Kendall Community Op Shop, and the constitution was amended to allow the shop to apply funds to projects in the areas of Community, Sport and recreation and Arts and Culture, and to assist with the funding of major community projects. As well the shop was able to distribute funds to local Charities, to a total of 5% of its annual net profits. In 2023, this amount was increased to 15%.

In 2009 a Grants Programme was introduced and up to 2024 a Grand Total of \$1,799,101 has been distributed by the Kendall Community Op Shop over the past 16 years.

Community Grants:	\$1,330,373
Charity Grants:	\$120,000
Sponsorships:	\$174,228
Extra-ordinary Grants* made available to a total of	\$116,000

*Extra-ordinary Grants were made in 2020 and in 2022 for Northern Region flood assistance, local Rural Fire Brigade & Blazeaid.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME: Volunteer Co-ordinator Elaine Browning explained that this is an initiative of the Op Shop where 10 local schools have been allocated \$3,000 each for the year, to be used to assist students who may otherwise not be able to join in on extra activities offered or involved in by their school due to financial constraints or other disadvantage. These funds are to be made available on a needs basis, throughout the year. The programme was begun in 2023 and to date has been very well received.

Total of Schools programme \$30,000 p/a

2023 GRANTS

Volunteer Co-ordinator Elaine Browning introduced 2023 Grants Recipients and the audience enjoyed listening to each one, where descriptions were given of how the grant money was spent on chosen projects to reach a successful conclusion.

2024 SPONSORSHIP Awards

Cameron Marshall presented the Sponsorship Awards, assisted by Operations Co-ordinator Gerda Ashford

The Sponsorship programme was introduced to cater for organisations that have needs that do not fit within the criteria required by the Grants system.

• Kendall National Violin Competition Inc*	\$ 10,000
• Riding for the Disabled – Kendall	\$ 3,000
• The Welfare Group	\$ 2,278
• Burma Education Fund	\$ 1,800
• Kendall Community Centre – The Camden Haven Chronicle	\$ 6,000
Sponsorships Total	\$23,078

*Music in Schools Program

Kendall resident Ensi Payne accepted this award and explained how the Kendall National Violin Competition brings live music of a high standard to the local area in the form of competitions, and also presents live music to three local schools in the form of concerts for the children in these schools. These concerts are always very well received by the students. It was very interesting to hear how Kendall children are being involved in the appreciation of live musical instruments in such a hands on way.

2024 CHARITY Awards

Cameron Marshall presented the Charity Grants, assisted by Grants Sub Committee member Joan Aiken

Up to 15 % of the net profit of the Op Shop can be applied towards charitable purposes. The charities receiving these grants have been nominated by the Op Shop volunteers.

• Camden Haven Community @3	\$5,000
• RSPCA Port Macquarie	\$1,000
• Hastings Little Wishes	\$2,000
• Little Wings	\$4,000
• Missing School	\$3,000
• Australian Lions Hearing Dogs*	\$3,000

Charity Grants Total \$18,000

*Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

Kendall Op Shop Volunteer Rosanna McClifty accepted this award and then introduced her Hearing Dog Doug. She outlined the process of selecting and training a hearing dog for service, and explained that it costs \$40,000 and 8 months to train a hearing dog. Her description of how Doug assists her in every day life was very entertaining and enlightening.

2024 COMMUNITY Awards

Cameron Marshall presented the 18 Community Grants for 2024, assisted by Committee and Grants Sub Committee member Robert Rule

The Community Grants are the major part of our fund distribution. Organisations apply for funds through an application process which requires them to show that they are community based, that their project is sustainable and will be of benefit to the Community. Quotes and financial statements are required. Applications have an upper limit of \$ 30,000 and recipients are required to submit an evaluation form at the completion of their project.

• Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Kendall	\$ 5,544
• Kendall Tennis Club	\$ 30,000
• Kendall Community Centre	\$ 20,900
• Camden Haven PAH & I Society	\$ 14,042
• Camden Haven Community College	\$ 420
• Queen's Lake Sailing Club	\$ 10,206
• Hastings Orienteering Group	\$ 2,010
• Laurieton Men's Shed	\$ 2,720
• Kendall Community Pre-School	\$ 30,000
• Hastings Home Hospice	\$ 12,485
• Camden Haven Rural Fire Brigade	\$ 9,437
• Kendall Community Pool	\$ 11,690
• Kendall Touch Football	\$ 1,315
• Mid Coast Aviation Brigade	\$ 6,078
• Camden Haven Sea Scouts	\$ 3,150
• Camden Haven Netball Club	\$ 5,053
• Telegraph Point Public School P & C	\$ 16,835
• Kendall Public School P&C	\$ 12,000

Community Grants Total \$193,885

A complete list of grants amounts awarded in every year from 2009-2024 and brief descriptions of projects can be found on the Kendall Community Op Shop's website: www.kendallcommunityopshop.com.au (Click on Op Shop Grants)

Guest Presenter Cameron Marshall expressed his thanks and pleasure at being invited to be the Presenter at the Grants Evening, exclaiming how astounded he was at the achievements of the Op Shop, calling it the most incredible Op Shop achieving such results – a miracle for such a tiny independent Op Shop

Vice President Robert Rule concluded the 2024 Grants Night

Robert gave apologies for President Sheila Ayshford, Committee member Charles Smith, Leslie Williams State Member, Diane Pope Volunteer and Grants Sub-Committee member.

On behalf of Sheila Ayshford, Robert thanked everyone involved and offered his congratulations to all recipients of the Awards in the different categories. He also thanked the 2023 Grants recipients for sharing how their individual projects were brought to fruition by the grants received last year.

He thanked Cameron Marshall for being the Guest Presenter.

Op Shop Volunteers were thanked for their dedication and commitment to the work they do.

Phillip Higgins was thanked for chairing the Grants Sub-Committee, and also the members of this Sub-Committee .

Management Committee members were thanked for their hard work

The Kendall Club was also thanked for hosting the event.

Everyone was then invited to a light supper, including tea and coffee.

Our sincere thanks to all and everyone, all wonderful community members who support, provide donated goods, shops at the Op Shop and helps achieve a brilliant outcome.

If you are interested in volunteering and being part of giving back to the community: get an application from the Op Shop at 1a Comboyne St, Kendall NSW 2439 or tel. 6559 0084.

For more information browse www.kendallcommunityopshop.com.au and/or look up www.facebook.com/kendallcommunityopshop

SUNDAY OPENING: 7 April 2024 from 9am-12.30pm

EASTER CLOSING DATES: Friday 29th March, Saturday 30th March, Monday 1st March.

Op Shop will be open again on 2nd April 2024, 9am-4pm

Op Shop closed for **ANZAC DAY** Tuesday, 25th April 2024

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