

What does Twin Towns do for the local community? JUST LOOK AROUND



SUPPORTS LOCAL KIDS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS



SUPPORTS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS



SUPPORTS LEGACY, ROTARY, TWEED-COOLANGATTA RSL SUB-BRANCH



SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES & APPEALS



EMPLOYS 280+ LOCALS



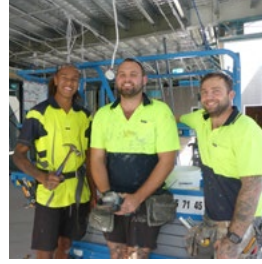
SUPPORTS ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY



SUPPORTS SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



SUPPORTS LOCAL SPORTING & SOCIAL CLUBS



SUPPORTS AGED & PALLIATIVE CARE UNITS



KEEPS LOCAL TRADIES ON THE TOOLS





We invite members to have their SAY on Twin Towns Community Contributions.



Dear Valued Members

We are extremely proud to provide this snapshot of the Twin Towns Group Community Contributions.

Since its inception in 1957, the Twin Towns Group has contributed millions of dollars in community support and economic development.

Our community contributions, both financial and in-kind, spread across a wide cross section of the community, including sport and recreation, early childhood, youth and education, disability support services, health and wellbeing, indigenous and cultural programs, and community support organisations who provide further community benefit.

This newsletter provides examples of some of these organisations and initiatives.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Community Benefit program which includes our ClubGRANTS, Twin Towns Services Community Foundation and our Club Giving program, with the goal of combining our community contributions under one umbrella, 'Twinnies Gives'.

Consolidating the community contribution programs under 'Twinnies Gives' will allow us to simplify the structure and make it easier for members and stakeholders to understand and engage with our efforts.

We invite members to have their say on organisations or causes they consider should be priorities when determining Twin Towns community contributions.

We look forward to receiving your feedback in our short survey.

Thank you for your being a valued member of Twin Towns! We appreciate your support.



We'd like to share some stories about community organisations who received a helping hand from Twin Towns, made possible by you, and every one of our 66,000-plus members.



A Leafy Outdoor Classroom

Special Education Teacher, Bridie Beard, said Twin Towns "brought dreams to life" for students and teachers at Banora Point High School.

The school received ClubGRANTS of \$29,500 from Twin Towns to build an inclusive, engaging and stimulating outdoor environment for students with disabilities and special learning and sensory needs.

When Directors saw first-hand the passion and commitment for the project shown by the teachers, Twin Towns chipped in an additional \$10,500 from the Community Foundation.

Bridie's students can now develop work-ready skills in an authentic, hands-on environment. The kids also have the tools to grow, harvest and cook their own organic food.

Twin Towns received a Highly Commended Award at the ClubsNSW Clubs & Community Awards for its funding of this project.

[Click here](#) to see a video presentation about the garden project and why it is so special to the kids at Banora Point High School.

Shaping Outcomes

Local community organisation, Shaping Outcomes, received \$28,000 from Twin Towns to fund their First Steps program, which provides early childhood intervention supports to children with disabilities and developmental delays.



The donation enabled Shaping Outcomes to provide Key Worker support packages to local families whose children experienced recent diagnoses. The funding will equip these families with the tools they need to navigate the complex disability sector including NDIS.

CEO Colin Usher said Twin Towns has been an amazing supporter of Shaping Outcomes for the past four decades.

"With the help of Twin Towns and ClubGRANTS, we have been able to supply ongoing Early Childhood Development supports for local children and families.

"The 40-plus year relationship has also helped fund the building of offices, teaching and therapy rooms at our facility."

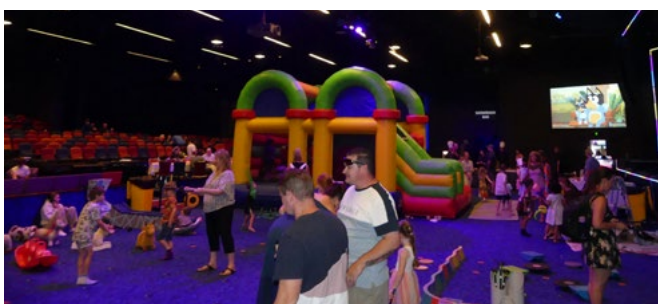


Solar Savings for Pippies

Pippies Early Childhood Centre, a not-for-profit, community-based childcare centre in Bogangar, needed a helping hand.

Severely impacted by weather events, their solar panels and inverter needed urgent replacement. Reducing energy costs enables them to keep childcare prices down for local families.

Thanks to a \$12,999 donation from Twin Towns ClubGRANTS, the sun now shines on their new solar system.



All Abilities Come to the Party

Although most school-aged children regularly attend parties, heartbreakingly, many kids with additional needs seldom receive an invitation.

Way back in 2005, Twin Towns Services Community Foundation set out to change all that.

Along with their parents and carers, they now receive an invitation every year to attend the biggest, adventure packed, fun-filled, fully-catered Kids Party in the Tweed Shire.

It's all free and they can bring their parents and siblings too.

The kids are treated to three hours of party food along with a program of specially curated entertainment including jugglers, magicians, balloon artists, face painters, games, jumping castle, photo booth and crafts.

Seeing the kids happily entertained for a while is a treat for parents and carers. They get the rare opportunity to relax, chat and build connections with others in the community who understand their journey.

Since they began 19 years ago, the annual parties have touched the lives of over 4,000 local kids and their families.

Twin Towns was recently named a finalist in the Social Inclusion category of the Clubs & Community Awards for hosting these events each year.



Caring about CareFlight

CareFlight is committed to building capacity and resilience in first responders to enable continuity of care in remote, rural and urban Australia.

Their Trauma Care Workshop is a mobile, national training initiative that combines theoretical and simulation-based trauma training.

A donation from Twin Towns ClubGRANTS enabled CareFlight to purchase vital paediatric simulation equipment for their Trauma Care Training.

The equipment is now used when training first responders in the treatment of baby emergencies or infant or toddler CPR situations.

Supporting Lifeline

A donation of \$15,600 from the Twin Towns Services Community Foundation has helped keep phone lines open during the past year at Lifeline's Northern Rivers Crisis Support Centre.

Across Australia, over one million calls for help are answered by Lifeline volunteers every year.

At their Lismore office, the hardworking team of volunteers take up to 900 calls a month to support nationwide demand. Many callers are reaching out in their darkest moments.

If you, or someone you know needs crisis support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14. They are available 24/7.



Saving lives on the water

All water and sea rescues in the Tweed region begin with an emergency call to Marine Rescue Point Danger.

Volunteers based at Point Danger alert their Marine Rescue vessels and coordinate other emergency services where necessary.

Effective communications are at the heart of all Marine Rescue Point Danger's operations.

When a communications upgrade was urgently needed, Twin Towns came on board. A \$5,000 ClubGRANTS donation contributed towards the installation of new computerised technology.

The equipment was vital to monitor the ocean and waterways, explained Unit Commander Keith Smith.

"On just one day recently, we logged 226 vessels out across the Tweed bar.

"In the past 12 months, 159 rescue callouts were carried out, where volunteers had to immediately head out on the water to perform rescue operations," said Keith.

An investment in community

It's not the first time that Twin Towns has answered a call from Marine Rescue Point Danger.



When their operations temporarily moved to Duranbah during recent renovations, they lost their ability to fundraise through their kiosk.

They decided to create a coffee deck at Duranbah but needed outdoor furniture. Twin Towns Community Foundation stepped in with a \$13,500 donation.

In the past year, their deck has turned over \$90,000, which covered their \$60,000 annual fuel bill. The remainder goes towards servicing their vessels.

Community Foundation Chair David

Phillips said their donation has gone beyond simply providing furniture.

"Marine Rescue Point Danger has used the money wisely to help create a sustainable income stream.

"Our donation has become an investment in the success of this venture - an outcome we are thrilled to hear about," said David.

"We hope members call in for a morning coffee at D'bah if they can and check out the deck."

Twin Towns supports Green Heroes



Through the ClubGRANTS scheme, Twin Towns became a major sponsor of the Green Heroes Turtle Incubation Pilot Trial, a project designed to protect the endangered population of turtles nesting on Tweed beaches.

The program began when fresh loggerhead turtle nests were first reported on Fingal Head Beach.

A state-of-the-art prototype for the incubation of marine turtle eggs was designed and implemented, thanks to the funding from Twin Towns.

Green Heroes thanked Twin Towns for becoming a founding supporter and for their faith in the project from conception.

Twin Towns Community Foundation answered a second request from Green Heroes when they needed over \$5,245 to purchase underwater cameras for their Jungarra Ngarrian (Cook Island) Conservation Project.

The Conservation Project was led by local Aboriginal youth who wish to care for (sea) country, in particular, Jungarra Ngarrian, which is a place of historical and cultural significance to the local community.

Major Boost to Clontarf Foundation Academy



A \$20,000 donation from the Twin Towns Services Community Foundation funded the enrolment of 10 boys at the Clontarf Foundation's Academy at Tweed River High School.

Clontarf Foundation is an organisation that improves the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

The Community Foundation's support has provided the boys with career opportunities and enabled them to give back through community engagement.

Community Foundation Chairman, David Phillips, said the Clontarf Foundation was an amazing organisation and the work they do with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids is "exemplary".

"We're thrilled to be in a position to help the local Clontarf Foundation Academy through our Community Foundation and we look forward to building on this relationship in the future."



Reading & Counting for Life

Twin Towns has a long history of supporting organisations that empower children with early learning difficulties to thrive and realise their true potential.

Since 2021, \$44,485 has been donated through ClubGRANTS and the Community Foundation to fund the Learning Links 'Ready to Read' program for children living in the Tweed Shire.

The Ready to Read program is designed for kids who are struggling or falling behind in their literacy development.

Learning Links CEO, Birgitte Maibom, said they could not continue their important work in the Tweed community without Twin Towns.

"We are excited to work together to provide the opportunity to transform the trajectory of children's lives.

"Thanks to Twin Towns, these children will be empowered with skills, confidence and belief in themselves they may never have had without this Club's kindness and support," said Birgitte.

A previous donation of \$8,895 from ClubGRANTS enabled Tweed Heads Public School to introduce an initiative called Counting for Life, a program is designed to assist with numeracy skills.

Curtains for Tyalgum Community Hall

Very few improvements have been made to the stage and dressing room area of the heritage-listed Tyalgum Community Hall since it was built in 1908.

The committee's to-do list was a long one, with many projects way out of reach.

They knew fundraising to replace the aging stage curtain was always going to be a tough gig for the small but dedicated committee.

The floods and subsequent lengthy closure of Tyalgum Road made life even more difficult for the isolated township.

Twin Towns Services Community Foundation heard their call for help and responded with a donation of \$18,000.

Deputy Chairman David Phillips said the Tyalgum Community Hall had more than its fair share of setbacks over the years and deserved a break.

"We hope Twin Towns members take immense pride when they visit Tyalgum and see the plush red curtains glide open on a concert in this historically significant and much-loved local hall."



Fun Days at Caldera School

A \$7,200 donation from Twin Towns Services Community Foundation helped students at Caldera School set off for the first time on some mind-blowing adventures.

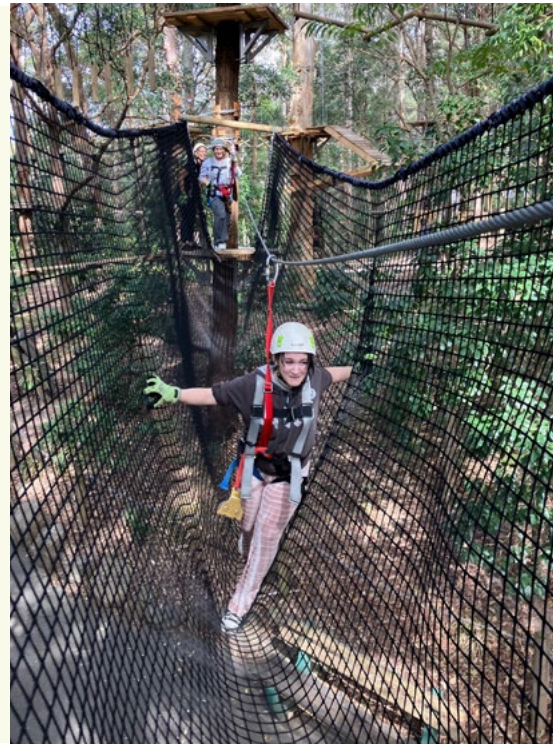
Caldera School caters for students with emotional and behavioural disorders. Participating in regular school excursions can be difficult for these kids because of their backgrounds.

Planning and negotiation prior to the excursions were necessary steps to foster collaboration and communication and empower the students to step outside their comfort zones.

During the pilot program, students participated in activities such as low-ropes courses, jet boat rides and op shopping days.

Some kids had never been out to dinner; never been ten pin bowling; never had their nails done. These everyday activities for most people also became a reality for Caldera students, thanks to the donation.

Teachers were thrilled to see their students embark on these exciting and transformative journeys.



Supporting South Tweed Junior Rugby League

Twin Towns has a long history of supporting local junior sporting clubs, including South Tweed Junior Rugby League, whose home turf is the sporting fields adjacent to Juniors.

Their committee first approached Twin Towns back in 2002 and over the years, the Club has provided \$187,500 in funding to support this club and thousands of its young players.

The 240-plus juniors members play in the NSW Rugby League Group 18 Competition in teams that range from under 6's through to under 16's.

The South Tweed JRL committee's dedication to their sport extends much further than their own players.

South Tweed JRL regularly welcomes local schools and groups who wish to hold their carnivals at their South Tweed grounds.

The committee assists with running these carnivals and provides equipment and canteen facilities.

Twin Towns is a proud supporter of The Bears, Ospreys, Koalas and Panthers.



Touch Footy

Touch Football is Australia's largest social sport, with more than 700,000 participants around the country.

It's popular in our local region too. South Tweed Community Touch Association registers around 70 teams of 10 to 14 players each year, mainly juniors.

Over the past two decades, the South Tweed 'Stingers' have received \$161,500 in financial support from Twin Towns.

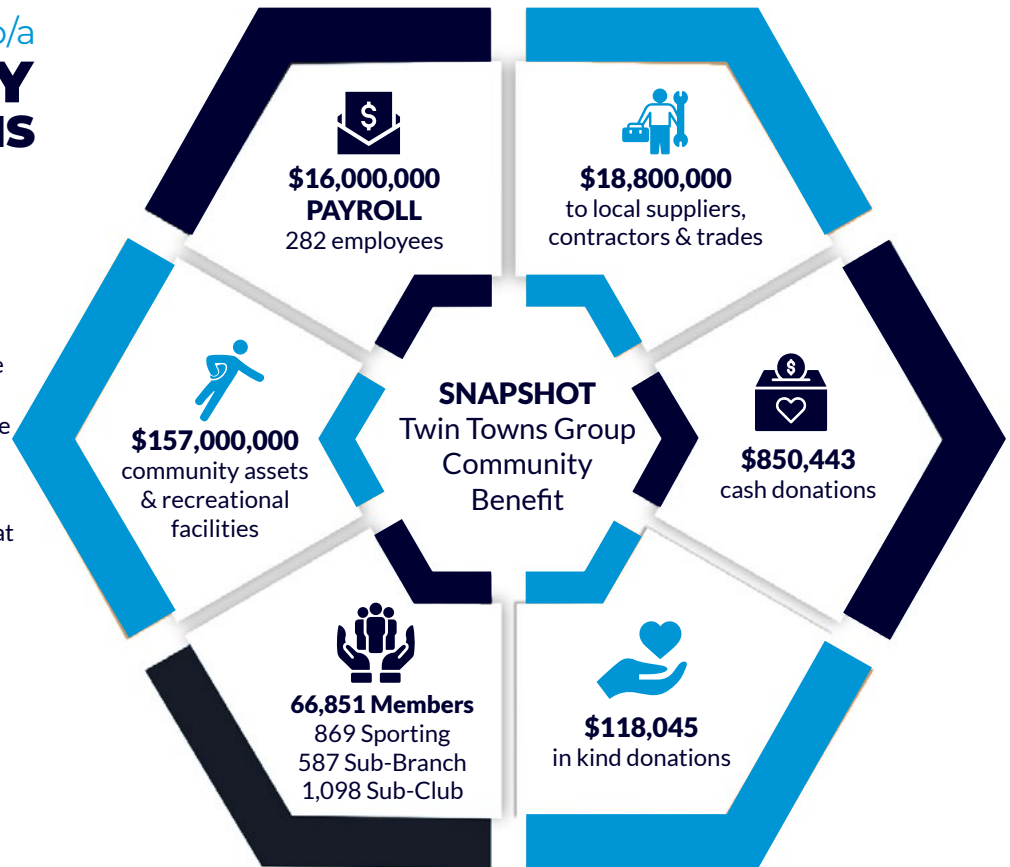
\$1,000,000 p/a COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the years, Twin Towns has donated more than \$29M to the local community, consistently exceeding their requirements through ClubGRANTS.

Additionally, they help more people and community organisations through their philanthropic arm, the Twin Towns Services Community Foundation.

They will continue to help those that need it most.

Below is a list of recipients of Twin Towns' funding over the past 12 months. We are sure you will be familiar with many of these organisations.



- 108 Field Battery RAA (SVN) Reunion
- 25th Intake Army Apprentices Reunion
- 2nd Battalion RAR Association Inc
- 37th Intake of JRTE, Royal Australian Navy Reunion
- 38th Intake Army Apprentices Reunion
- 8 Field Ambulance Association Vietnam Reunion
- B Company 3 Battalion RAR 1967-1968 Reunion
- Asthma Foundation
- Banora Point Community Centre
- Banora Point High School
- Banora Point Uniting Church
- Bravehearts Foundation Ltd
- Burringbar District Sports Club
- Can Assist - Tweed Branch
- Cancer Council NSW
- Centre for Volunteering
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Club Banora Bowls Greens
- Club Banora Golf Club
- Club Banora Golf Course
- Club Banora Oasis Pools Complex
- Connecting Women Tweed/Gold Coast
- Coolangatta-Tweed Urban Farm Community
- Cudgen Public School P&C Association
- Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club
- Gold Coast Legacy Club Ltd
- Green Heros Foundation
- HMAS Nirimba July'73 Apprentices Intake Reunion
- Hospital Auxiliary

- Junior Sporting Teams
- Kids in Need Association Inc.
- Kingscliff High School
- Kirra Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
- Koori Kids Limited
- Learning Links
- Marine Rescue Point Danger
- Military Air Traffic Control Association
- National Left-Handed Golf Association
- Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League Referees Association
- NSW Firearms Registry
- NSW Police Force
- Operations Room Association of Australia Reunion
- Pippies Early Childhood Centre
- Police Youth Citizens Clubs NSW, Tweed Heads
- Queensland Retired Police Association Gold Coast Branch
- Rhythm & Beauty Workshops
- Rotary Club of Broadwater-Southport Inc.
- Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed Inc
- Royal New Zealand Air Force Reunion
- Salvation Army
- Shaping Outcomes
- Share the Dignity
- South Tweed Colts Cricket Club
- South Tweed Community Touch Association Inc.
- South Tweed Junior Rugby League Club
- Southern Cross University Rising Stars Scholarship Program

- St James Primary School
- St Joseph's College Banora Point
- St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
- Standby Support After Suicide
- State Emergency Service NSW (SES)
- Story Dogs Ltd
- Sunnyfield
- Teenage Adventure Camps Queensland
- The Centre for Volunteering
- The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
- The Village School Gold Coast
- Tweed Byron Group 18 Junior Rugby League Club
- Tweed District Tennis Association
- Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL Sub-Branch Inc.
- Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club
- Tweed Heads Hospital
- Tweed Netball Association
- Tweed Regional Museum
- Tweed River High School
- Tweed Valley Riding for Disabled
- Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc.
- Twin Towns Evening VIEW Club
- Twin Towns Garden Club
- Twin Towns Internal Clubs
- Twin Towns Men's and Ladies Bowls Clubs
- United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW - Tweed Hospital
- Vibe Truck RM
- Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW Point Danger
- Watergum Community