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**DAVID HARRIS
LABOR MEMBER FOR WYONG
SHADOW MINISTER FOR THE CENTRAL COAST**

**FUNDING ANNOUNCED – 2019
COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

The electorate of Wyong has today secured \$300,000 in funding for a total of 13 projects through the NSW Government's 2019 Community Building Partnership Program.

Member for Wyong David Harris said the funds will deliver much-needed improvements to local facilities including Toukley Neighbourhood Centre to provide an accessible foot path with continuous handrails for the community garden and We Care Connect will run a community van for collecting and distributing donated goods to support vulnerable children across the Central Coast.

"This is fantastic news for the Wyong Electorate."

"This grassroots funding will directly help create a more vibrant and inclusive local community with positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes," Mr Harris said.

"I congratulate all the organisations that were successful in their application and look forward to seeing how these projects make a real difference for community groups in the area."

The full list of successful projects in the Wyong electorate for the 2019 round are:

- Wyong Creek Public School P & C Association
- Trustee of Church Property for the Diocese of Newcastle
- We Care Connect
- Toukley Neighbourhood Centre
- Central Coast Mountain Bike Club Incorporated
- Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW
- Wyongah Progress Association
- Wyong District Tennis Association
- Sunnyfield Wadalba
- Wyong Neighbourhood Centre
- St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
- Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club

“I encourage the NSW government to increase funding for the next round to create a stimulus for the local economy on the back of the COVID-19 virus crisis.”

“In the GFC, electorates such as Wyong received additional funding as a stimulus.”

Now a decade old, the Community Building Partnership program has funded more than 13,800 community projects since it commenced in 2009.

Applications for the 2020 Program open in May.

For more information about the NSW Government’s Community Building Partnership Program, visit www.nsw.gov.au/cbp

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