
Acquittal Details

Organisation

Autism Community Network

Contact Name

Steven Drakoulis

Contact Number

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Project Name

Autism Community Network Support Group

Acquittal Type

Greater than \$500 and less than \$7,500

Application Id

12541

Category

Category 1 - In Kind

Project Code

Did your organisation deviate from the original areas of expenditure you nominated on the application form?

No

If yes, please describe how the money was applied:

Was the expenditure for this project spent wholly within NSW?

Yes

If no, please explain:

Please describe the outcomes of the program, project or service funded

We have been able to provide a support group for the local community each month, where carers can use their combined knowledge and experiences to support each other. Much sensitive information is shared and advice sought, in a private, supported environment. The group is run by a fellow carer, who has a lived experience of autism.

How did this support make a difference to your organisation?

The ability to provide suitable activities during the year has reinforced to the community that ACN understands their needs and more people now look to us to help support them each time. The network has continued to grow, now supporting over 1,500 families throughout Sydney, in part

because those impacted by autism know we are there for them. We have also engaged more local volunteers who've become involved in delivering our activities as local community leaders. They include both carers and individuals on the autism spectrum in this LGA

What are your future plans related to this project or the partnerships formed while implementing the project?

The group has been running for 7 years, and is an important resource for families in the Shire impacted by autism. Without the support of Tradies to secure a private room, we would seek a quiet space in a club on a night that isn't busy. We have been fortunate to enjoy the support of Tradies, at both GyMEA and Caringbah now with venue support, as well as funding at times for a number of years and we are grateful for their role supporting the local autism community.

I am authorised to submit this acquittal/progress report and agreeing to the Declaration, Authority and Consent.

Yes

I have read and agreed to the above.

Yes

Authorised Person

Steve Drakoulis

Position

General Manager

Date

21/04/2019