

## **Organisation Details**

**Name:** Autism Community Network

**ABN:** 64103662535

**Non-Profit:** Yes

## **Application Details**

**Category:** Category 1

**Application To:** LGA: Sutherland Shire Council

**Submitted:** Yes

**Created:** 05/04/2019

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## **Description**

Menai Autism Kids Play Group

## **Application Type**

Category 1

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## **Amount Requested \$**

\$3,500.00

## **Submitted**

Yes

## **Files**

ACN ANNUAL REPORT 2018\_4.pdf

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## **Summary**

### **Q1 Project Name**

Menai Autism Kids Play Group

### **Q2 Brief Project Description (250 words max)**

Menai Autism Kids Club is an unstructured, low impact fitness and socialisation program for children aged 3-13 years with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their siblings. Autism is a lifelong developmental disability with deficits in communication, socialisation and behaviour.

### **Q3 Please provide an outline of your project (500 words max)**

The Autism Community Network runs a range of structured programs designed to assist children with autism develop their social skills. For children whose level of autism however inhibits their ability to follow detailed instructions, they struggle to participate in such programs. By providing this kind of simpler program, we enable them to come together in a relaxed environment to play and enjoy the same social opportunities as other children. While giving these children access to an appropriate play centre is a simple notion, it is the perfect environment for them to be challenged with a range of physical activities that support their gross motor development and give them the vestibular work out that their bodies need to self-regulate. In addition, they will learn to engage with other children like themselves in a safe and supportive environment where they can practice communication, turn taking, eye contact and many other basic but vital social skills.

While the children enjoy play and develop their social skills, their parents are able to meet other parents who understand them, and share their experiences and knowledge for mutual support. When funding ran out last June, families were so disappointed at the loss of this program that they looked at helping to fund it themselves. This proved achievable, but with a donation from the Lions Club, we were able to bring it back. We are now asking for support it to keep it going.

Last year we were successful with receiving funding from Sutherland Council Club Grant to keep this group going. We are now seeking your help again to keep this worthwhile and beneficial program going. It promotes development within our Youth who attend and the parents appreciate the Community support.

### **Q4 Which of the following local community priorities below does your project address?**

A4 - Aged, Disability or Youth Services

**Q5 Please outline your desired project outcomes**

We want to see more families with severely autistic children accessing this type of support, and to see some of these kids at other events as well.

**Q6 How will you assess whether or not your project outcomes have been achieved?**

All attendances to our groups and events are recorded and reported. We seek feedback from participating families and take photos of these activities.

**Q7 Who will your program benefit?**

People with disabilities

**Q8 Any other beneficiaries?**

Their families and their local community. The more used to engaging with others they become the more often their parents can take them to social outings, shopping and community events.

**Q9 Approximately how many local resident recipients will your project benefit?**

2016 ABS indicates approx 1,130 people on Autism Spectrum with this LGA

**Q10 Approximately how many local resident volunteers will be involved?**

1

**Q11 Will ALL the ClubGRANTS funding you have requested be spent within the Local Government Area in which you are applying?**

Yes

**If not, approximately what percentage will be spent outside the local area?**

**Q12 What is the proposed commencement date and completion date for the project? Commencement date:**

01/07/2019

**Completion Date**

30/06/2020

**Q13 Is this project a one-off initiative or will it required funding in future years?**

As we need to hire the facility it would require future funding. However even if it were to run for just another year, the benefit to these children and their community would be fantastic.

**Q14 What are you plans to ensure that the benefits of the project will be sustained?**

We at ACN provide and promote many activities in the Sutherland Shire. This program in its current format has proven successful and regular checking and reviewing ensures this group viability and sustainability in our community. If we can help these children adapt to social clubs we will see them accessing more opportunities. If the group continues to grow, it may be that parents continue to attend the play centre as a community. The key is to help the parents through this project to connect and form their own social and support networks.

**Q15 Are you working with other partners in this project, or have you asked for support from anyone else?**

Yes

**Q16 Can your project be broken down for part-funding? If so, how?**

The owner of Funtime 4 Kidz, Louise Byrom, opens the venue for our use each time at a fee which covers her costs, to enable the program to run.

**Q17 Will your project still be viable if you receive less than the requested amount?**

Yes

**Q18 Has your organisation received funding from another club in the past 12 months?**

<b>Name of Club</b>	<b>How much was received?</b>	<b>When was the funding recieved?</b>	<b>Purpose of Funding</b>
Petersham RSL	10,800	2018/19	Marrickville Yoga and Taekwondo
Club Central Menai	5,200	2018/19	Menai Kids Club
Engadine Bowling Club	1,400	2018/19	Sutherland School Holiday Kids
Magpies Waitara	1,400	2018/19	Autism Social Families Hornsby

Hornsby RSL	3,025	2018/19	Hornsby Autism Kids Bowling
Club Rivers	7,500	2018/19	Oatley Kids Cooking Club
Penshurst RSL	1,400	2018/19	Autism Social Families Georges River
Dooleys Club Lidcombe	4,060	2018/19	Cumberland Active Kids
Club Condell Park	1,400	2018/19	Canterbury School Holidays Kids
Blacktown Workers Club	1,040	2018/19	Blacktown School Holidays Kids

**Does your project have any other sponsors? If so, who and for how much?**

No

**Q19 Project budget**

Income Description	Income Amount	Expenditure Description	Expenditure Amount
Sutherland Shire Club Grants	3500	20 Sessions for 1.5 hrs x Venue Hire \$100	3000
IK Facilitator 20 Sessions for 2 Hr @ \$30	1200	Admn 10months @\$50	500
		IK Facilitator 20 Sessions for 2 Hr @ \$30	1200

**Q20 Please provide your organisations banking details. (If you have an auspice, please provide that organisation's details)**

Autism Community Network

**Account Name**

Autism Community Network

**Account Number**

10417253

**BSB No:**

062234

**Q21 Note to applicants: only complete this section if you have received funding over the past three years.**

Year Received	Amount Received	Purpose of funding	Report Submitted (Y/N)
2018/19	10,800	Marrickville Yoga & Taekwondo	Y
2018/19	5,200	Menai Kids Club	Y
2018/19	1,400	Sutherland Kids Holiday	Y
2018/19	1,400	Autism Social Families Hornsby	Y
2018/19	3,025	Hornsby Autism Kids Bowling	Y
2018/19	7,500	Oatley Kids Cooking Club	Y
2018/19	1,400	Autism Social Families Georges River	Y
2018/19	4,060	Cumberland Active Kids	Y
2018/19	1,400	Canterbury School Holidays Kids	Y
2018/19	1,040	Blacktown School Holiday Kids	Y