

# 2012/2013 Community Development Grants

## Grant Evaluation Report

- Please complete the Grant Evaluation Report and Financial Report.
- If you have a record of your project, such as photographs, video, promotional material, please include with this report.
- Return by email or post 2 months after project is completed. The Evaluation report **MUST** be returned **NO LATER** than 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLETING THE REPORT PLEASE  
CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ON 02 9942 2224 OR  
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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS EVALUATION REPORT

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Please consider each question carefully and answer precisely.

Project Name: Warringah autism community link up

Name of Applicant: Steve Drakoulis

Name of Organisation: Autism Community Network

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Project dates: Commenced: 1/7/13 Ended: 30/6/13

Please describe your project 1. Outreach to families of children with ASD

2. Support group - held monthly rather than fortnightly due to feedback from participants

3. Monthly social groups replaced with on-line Common Ground groups

4. Adult monthly social group

5. Production of website and newsletter

Who was involved in the project and how were they involved: \_\_\_\_\_

26 attendances were registered at 7 of the 10 Support group meetings held (2.6 on average)

63 registrations were taken for our 13 Common Ground groups (4.8 on average)

28 schools were contacted. Contacted local service providers through the Warringah

Disabilities newsletter and Council website.

How many people participated in the project ? 12

Were there any differences between what you planned to happen and what actually happened during the project?

We reduced the number of Support Group meetings from fortnightly to monthly based on feedback from attendees. We changed the monthly social group to connecting people through our Common Ground email and Facebook groups due to lack of attendance.

We took out advertising and changed the venue to more directly target disadvantaged communities. Adult group was discontinued due to lack of attendance.

Was your project a success? How did you measure that success?

Warringah autism community link-up gave us great insight into the autism community on the northern beaches. Even though numbers were low (especially prior to moving the venue and advertising in the Manly Daily), we had very positive feedback from participants.

We feel confident that this group will continue to grow.

Have you had any feedback from the community and/or the participants regarding the project?

Quote: "Hi Steve, I feel motivated and refreshed again, thank you for the meeting and taking time out of your life to run these."

Quote: "I have received more support tonight here than I have since 2008 when my son was diagnosed."

If you were to run the project again, what would you do differently?

Pilot some activities that are targeted at children with opportunities for parent/carer support running concurrently. Run on-line activities. Advertise more. Target economically disadvantaged areas of the northern beaches community.

How did you promote the project? What publicity/advertising was done? Please attach copies of any newspaper clippings, posters and promotional material.

Advertisement in the Manly Daily on 19 April

Information sent out to local schools, doctors, therapists and community centres through the Warringah Disabilities Newsletter and Warringah Council website.

Did the project meet the budget? *Please complete attached budget* No - underspend



*To assist us with future grant schemes, please complete the following:*

Was the application form and the selection criteria clear? Yes

Were you satisfied with Council's support? Yes

If not, what kind of additional support would you require?

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Do you intend to carry out a similar project in the future? Yes

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## ACTUAL BUDGET

**i)EXPENDITURE** (please itemise the project expenditure below):

*These expenses may include artist fees, marketing and promotional costs, venue hire, equipment hire, etc.*

Catering	16
Contractors	2,000
Insurance	200
Marketing	234
Materials	0
Travel	442
Venue	750

<b>ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>3,642</b>
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**ii)INCOME** (please itemise the project income below):

*Income may include box office or entry fees, workshop fees, sponsorship, etc.*

Warringah Council grant	4,727
Manly-Warringah Rugby Leagues Club in-kind	750

<b>ACTUAL TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>5,477</b>
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<b>TOTAL PROJECT PROFIT/LOSS:</b>	<b>1,835</b>
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