

Category 1 (ID:3242)

Amount Requested: \$1,400.00

Autism Community Network

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Summary

Q 1. Project Name

Autism Social Families Georges River

Q 2. Brief Project Description (100 word maximum)

Children with autism typically struggle to find activities suitable for them to participate in typical environments. When the routine of the school term is broken it can cause more anxiety and isolation for them. By introducing suitable social activities during each school holiday period they have a place to go to, meet other children who are like them and participate in low impact fun and social activities.

Project Details

Q 3. Please provide an outline of your project (250 words)

Each school break, we provide simple family activities for children on the autism spectrum to participate. we include their parents and their siblings in these. the activities range from watching a dvd together or a crafts day or a family bbq. the objective is to get the kids out of the house and give them the type of social experience which will not cause further anxiety, and make them more confident to want to be more social. playing with other children who will not judge them or place higher expectations on their limited ability to cope helps develop their social skills. it also enables their siblings to meet others who understand their lives as a sibling of a disabled brother or sister. Parents meet through such events and form their own social and support circles with people who understand them.

Q 4. Which of the following ClubGRANTS priority areas below does your project address?

A4 - aged, disability or youth services

Q 5. How did your organisation identify the need for this project?

Our goal is to provide autism families with suitable social and support options, enabling them to break their isolation. Each option we provide in the community is part of the greater aim to help them become a more involved member of their community. When your child is likely to experience sensory meltdowns, the parent is less likely to make that extra trip to the shopping centre or to an event, or become involved in community life. especially when they are constantly being judged for their child's behaviour. These programs help the child develop confidence, social behaviours, and become more conditioned to accepting new experiences. The varied activities we run in the LGA are designed to provide a momentum of suitable programs to develop our children's social skills. These groups, which include Art Therapy, Youth Club, Fitness, Cooking and more only run during school terms. Adding these school holiday activities maintains that momentum.

Q 6. Who will your program benefit?

People with disabilities

Q 7. Approximately how many local resident recipients will your project benefit?

we have 233 individuals registered in Georges River

Q 8. Approximately how many local resident volunteers will be involved?

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Q 9. 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?

Q 10. What is the proposed commencement date and completion date for the project?

Commencement date:

01/07/2018

Completion Date

30/06/2019

Funding Information

Q 11. Can your project be broken down for part-funding? If so, how?

if we receive less we will use that money as far as possible to still provide some social opportunities

Q 12. Will your project still be viable if you receive less than the requested amount?

Yes

Q 13. Has your organisation received funding from another club in the past 12 months?

Name of Club	How much was received?	When was the funding received?	Purpose of funding
Club Merrylands Bowling and Guildford Leagues Club	\$3,450.00	2017	Cumberland Autism Active Kids
Club Rivers	\$4,950.00	2017	Cooking Club
West's Ashfield	\$4,950.00	2017	Music Therapy
City of Sydney RSL	\$2,750.00	2017	Sydney Social Family Days
	\$16,100.00		

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

Q 14. Project budget

Income Description	Amount	Expenditure Description	Amount
Georges River Clubs Grants	\$1,400.00	4 x \$250 per school holiday period	\$1,000.00
ACN In-kind volunteer	\$800.00	4 x facilitator \$30/hr x 4hrs	\$480.00
		4 x aide \$20/hr x 4 hrs	\$320.00
		venue hire \$50 session x 4	\$200.00
		Admin, promotion	\$200.00
	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00

Q 15. Please provide your organisations banking details. (If you have an auspice, please provide that organisation's details)

Commonwealth Bank - Autism Community Network

Account Name

Autism Community Network

Account Number

10417253

BSB No:

062234

Previous Funding

Q 16. 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)
2017	\$2,750.00	Sydney Social Family Days	N - program still running
2017	\$4,950.00	Music Therapy	N - program still running
2017	\$4,950.00	Cooking Club	N - program still running
2017	\$3,450.00	Cumberland Autism Active Kids	N - program still running

2016	\$5,600.00	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	Y
2016	\$2,357.00	Ryde Arts About Autism Club	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	Hurstville Fit & Friendly	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	St. George Art Club	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	St. George Cooking Up Life Skills	Y
2015	\$5,600.00	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	Y
2015	\$5,000.00	Canterbury Drama	Y
2015	\$5,300.00	Hurstville Fit and Friendly	Y
2015	\$4,800.00	Parramatta support group	Y
	\$60,657.00		

Authorisation

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