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Inspiring community service on show for SIP Round 1



This year's first round of New England Solar Social Investment Program recipients gathered at Uralla Showgrounds late last month, bringing many more heartwarming stories of community service.

Round 1 grants totalling approximately \$75,000 were presented to 18 organisations that are based in Uralla Shire or provide activities that directly benefit Uralla Shire residents.

Representatives of the not-for-profit groups were joined by ACEN Australia team members, Uralla Shire Council leaders and the Community Reference Group that assessed the grant applications, to celebrate the valuable work each organisation is contributing to the community.

SIP Round 2 grants now open

Applications for Round 2 of the 2025 New England Solar Social Investment Program (SIP) grants are now open until 16 August.

Grants up to \$5,000 are available for eligible groups and individuals contributing to building thriving and resilient communities in Uralla Shire and surrounds.

Preference for funding is given to activities that deliver benefits in at least one of ACEN's value areas: community enhancement & resilience, education & work, reconciliation, and environment.

To access the Social Investment Program guidelines and online application form, visit www.newenglandsolar.com.au, email info@newenglandsolar.com.au or phone 1800 844 889.

2025 Round 1 SIP recipients

- **Bundarra Sport & Recreation Club**
Purchase and install window coverings
- **ComputerBank New England**
Testing and tagging equipment
- **Diggings Rural Fire Service**
Concrete driveway to Invergowrie RFS station
- **Friends of McMaugh Gardens**
Purchase insulated food trolley
- **Highlands End-of-Life Project**
Creative legacy project for clients
- **Kentucky Memorial Hall & Literary Institute**
Purchase and install panic locks for doors

- **Kentucky Public School Parents & Citizens Committee**
Purchase barbecue for school events
- **Kingstown Pony Club**
Install water reticulation system at club headquarters
- **Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers**
Purchase and construct new aviary
- **Uralla Arts**
Workshop on weaving vine caskets for burials
- **Uralla Bowlo**
Sponsorship of Thunderbolt Bowls Tournament

- **Uralla Can Assist**
Assistance for Uralla Shire residents with a cancer diagnosis
- **Uralla Central School Parents & Citizens Committee**
Upgrade canteen facilities & appliances
- **Uralla Memorial Literary Institute**
Construct disability access ramp
- **Uralla United Football Club**
Purchase first aid kit, clothing, balls & pump
- **Uralla Wordsworth**
Subsidise printing costs
- **Wasted**
Sponsor Junk Art exhibition workshops
- **ZNet**
Purchase and construct greenhouse at Uralla Community Garden