



**8 APRIL 2008**

## **2008 COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATIONS OPEN**

The Foster's 2008 Community Grants funding round has opened and not-for-profit organisations in Australia and North America are encouraged to apply.

Now in its third year, the Foster's Community Grants Program has awarded 77 grants to the value of \$2mill AUD to registered not-for-profit groups across Australia and North America.

These groups have benefited from Foster's cash grants enabling them to pursue a range of exciting and worthwhile projects across physical and mental health, the Arts, sport, education and the environment.

"The Foster's Community Grants Program is a successful way of supporting local communities in areas where Foster's people live and work, as well as enabling the delivery of long-term projects for the benefit of these communities," said Chief Executive Officer, Trevor O'Hoy.

"In many cases, these projects would never get off the ground without corporate funding," Mr O'Hoy said. "By applying for a Foster's Community Grant, local charities and not-for-profits have the opportunity to access a pool of funds that can help turn their quality initiatives into a long-term realities."

The Foster's Grants Advisory Committee includes independent members of the public with expertise in culture, education and wellness. The Committee is chaired by retired Australian Army General Peter Cosgrove AC MC.

"The Committee awards projects that fit into one of three criteria – wellness, culture and the environment," said Mr Cosgrove. "There is no maximum or minimum dollar value on the grants and there is no limit on the number of applications an eligible group may make."

Interested organisations can view and apply for a Foster's Community Grant via the Foster's Group website from 8 April to 23 May 2008.

For more information on Foster's responsible drinking and community programs, visit [www.fostersinthecommunity.com](http://www.fostersinthecommunity.com)

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