

# Community Grants Newsletter



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## UP AND COMING

### *Kincumber Community Eco-Garden Project*

#### **What an exciting time it is for the Kincumber Community.**

Plans are in place and the ball has been rolling for the implementation of the Kincumber Community Eco Garden which will be located between the Kincumber Youth Centre and the Kinburra Pre-school.

With the overwhelming interest from those organisations in the precinct and the wider community, the need to form the Kincumber Community Eco Garden has arrived and has been given its start with contributions to funding from Gosford City Council's community grant, and NRMA Community Help Grants Program - Environment Category.

#### **What is the Project?**

The Kincumber Community Eco Garden project is an intergenerational community partnership project between Kincumber and District Neighbourhood Centre, Kincumber Youth Centre and Supacycla. It also includes in-kind support from such organisations within the Kincumber Neighbourhood Precinct including The Men's Shed, ARAFMI, Tuggerah Lakes Community College Kincumber, Michael Burns Child-care, and Kinburra Pre-school, Kincumber High School and other community groups and organisations.

The project aims to produce a sustainable Eco-Community garden which will act as a "learnscape" and improve the precious green spaces in urban environments. It will promote community engagement, interaction, and community education on steps toward economic, social and environmental sustainability. It will provide a space for community engagement and enjoyment. The garden will include permacultured produce, sensory garden, native bush tucker food, organic composting, worm farming, chicken coop, a learning and leisure area and rain water irrigation.

The project will be showcased at the Kincumber Festival in September 2008 and will include worm farming workshops, recycling and sustainability in your own backyard workshops, tours, produce and much more.

If you would like to be involved in the garden as a volunteer, committee member or in any other way feel free to call Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre on 4363 1004 or Kincumber Youth Centre on 4369 5633.

## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

The Annual Show of the Bonsai Society of the Central Coast was held at the Gosford Arts Centre in Webb St, East Gosford on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Over 80 Bonsai trees were on display, with demonstrations on Bonsai growing techniques as well as a variety of handmade Bonsai pots, trees, tools and books for sale. The 2008 Annual Show focused on introducing children and their families to the joy of bonsai growing with plenty of hands on Bonsai activities for children.



*Picture supplied by Bonsai Society*

**The WOW girls** project 'WOWforLife' kicked off with a smashing success. A picture can speak a thousand words.



*Photographer—Rosmary McNabb*

## COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATES AND NEWS

- Any organisations with outstanding 'Progress Plan reports' will be required to meet with a Council officer as part of their funding obligations. This is to enable Council to provide support to organisations that may need some additional support or advice on undertaking community projects.

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