

# Community Grants Newsletter



November 2008

## UP AND COMING

**WOWgirls** are riding the Wave Of Wisdom with some fantastic WOWdays scheduled in the next few months - kayaking, drumming, and a learn to surf + yoga combination. These will be wonderful opportunities for participants identified under the WOWforLife Project where they can connect with other women & create healthy lifestyle changes which many women are already experiencing through the network of WOWGIRLS Wave Of Wisdom.

*Information supplied by WOWGIRLS Wave Of Wisdom.*

## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

The **FRENCH COUNTRY MARKET** held in September went exceptionally well. We had excellent coverage both locally and in Sydney. Media coverage for the event included ABC Simone Whetton, Whats on Around Sydney, local community radio, ABC Web page, NSW Tourist Web page, History Council and a SMH write up in Spectrum.

We were fortunate with the weather. The extra stalls and use of the park which surrounds the property here made it a special experience for those picnicking, enjoying the food and soaking up the festive atmosphere. We employed a French Mime artiste to entertain the crowds as he wandered as well as an accordion player. It was a magic day in the setting here at Beach Farm and a plus for History and Heritage in the Gosford area.

As you can imagine, it is months of work organising, however I would like to thank Council along with your input for making this all possible with the grant allocated to us.

*Information supplied by MacMasters Beach Rural Fire Brigade*

**PHOTO VOICE / PHOTO LAB** was a project that looks at Youth Culture in the Gosford LGA. The project brought young people together from diverse backgrounds in order to share inspiration with their peers and learn to express themselves through traditional photography.

The project offered young people an opportunity of a professional showcase and a great experience to add skills and experience to their C.V.'s.

The project was a huge success with examples of feedback from young people including:

- "Had a fantastic time!!!"
- "One of my best experiences yet"
- "It's been really wonderful. A great experience!!! Would like to do it again"

*Information supplied by Regional Youth Support Services*

**HEARING AWARENESS WEEK 2008** Hearing Awareness Week 2008 attracted over 100 people for whom hearing loss is a major concern in their lives or families lives. Information was provided on fire management and smoke alarms with special emphasis on people who are hearing impaired or deaf. Information was also provided on new style hearing aids such as what is available and why they are an improvement on previous models with a range of assistive listening devices on display.

Attendees received a comprehensive analysis including a visual display of hearing loss and an understanding of why certain sounds and pitches are harder to hear than others.

*Information supplied by Better Hearing Australia Central Coast Inc.*

## COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATES AND NEWS

- The Public Liability Grants have closed with approximately \$10,000.00 being given out to local community organisations.
- Council's Rates Donation program has closed for this year with over \$20,000.00 being given out to local Management Committees of Council and non-Council owned facilities.
- Community Facility Support program applications will be assessed in November.
- Most organisations should have now provided Council with their Progress Plan report.
- Please forward information to the address below if you would like your project promoted in the **UP AND COMING** section of this newsletter.



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