

## Media Release

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### **'Seeds of Renewal' announces \$255,000 funding for 32 community projects across Australia**

**- Grants of up to \$10,000 for education and employment initiatives -**

ANZ and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) today announced that 32 community projects across regional Australia have been selected to receive \$255,000 of funding, as part of the 2014 Seeds of Renewal grants program.

Seeds of Renewal has been running for twelve years and aims to help build thriving communities in regional Australia by advancing education and employment opportunities. Including this year's recipients ANZ has provided more than \$3.5 million in grants to 708 projects, since the program with FRRR commenced in 2003.

ANZ's technology partner, Lenovo, has also provided an additional eight projects with technology products worth almost \$30,000.

Tania Motton, ANZ General Manager of Regional Business Banking, said Seeds of Renewal demonstrates the bank's commitment to making a positive contribution to life in regional communities.

"ANZ has a long history of supporting people living and working in regional Australia. Each year we are impressed by the quality and range of grant applications that the program receives – from a holistic farm management course, to shelving for a mobile preschool, and a training course for young people with disabilities to obtain their learners driving licence. We are delighted that our funding helps to support the valuable work of all these organisations," Ms Motton said.

Alexandra Gartmann, FRRR's CEO said the funded projects will help build skills and capacity in regional communities, which is essential to developing sustainable economies.

"Rural and regional communities are adept at solving their own challenges, because they know what fits their social framework, culture and capacity. FRRR works with over 60 donors, while also using our wide industry network to support small projects in small towns across Australia to achieve great things for their local communities," Ms Gartmann said.

Details of the 2014 Seeds of Renewal program recipients and their projects are attached to this release, and more information can be found on the [FRRR website](#).

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### 2014 ANZ Seeds of Renewal grant recipients

Applicant	Project	Location	Grant
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>			
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	<b>Beating the Blues in the Bush</b> Workshops to deliver education about mental health issues and the development of a mental health-themed book, with 700 school children contributing positive stories.	Crookwell	\$4,000
Lifeskills Plus Inc	<b>Driving to Employment Options</b> Establishing a regional training course to support young people with disabilities to secure their learner driver's license.	Mudgee	\$2,000
Coonamble High School	<b>A Shed to Get Ahead</b> Infrastructure to enhance facilities at an agricultural demonstration farm in a rural high school.	Coonamble	\$9,890
Northern Sydney Local Health District	<b>P.A.R.T.Y Central Far West NSW</b> Five, one day, staged live trauma education events, engaging 250 remote youth, aimed at reducing road deaths and trauma injuries.	Bourke, Cobar, Narromine, Nyngan	\$10,000
KulchaJam	<b>In.scribe - Youth Street Art Mentoring</b> Three, eight week Youth Street Art Mentoring programs to engage 36 at-risk youth in arts education, skills development and positive community engagement.	Byron Bay	\$10,000
Mid Coast Connect Inc	<b>Care Connect</b> Training and work experience for 15 year 12 school leavers in a specialised entry-level program in aged care and disability services.	Kempsey	\$10,000
Gwydir District Mobile Pre School	<b>Pretty Up the School</b> Shelving and seating for a very remote community mobile preschool, to enhance quality early childhood education experiences.	Boomi	\$1,264
The Trustee For (TTF) North West Land Trust (NWLTL)	<b>Community Owned Rural Property Reinvigoration Project</b> Building refurbishment to develop a culturally appropriate Indigenous on-country training and residential education facility.	Bourke	\$10,000
Boorowa Central School P&C Association	<b>Seeds for the Future</b> High school curriculum extension to include agriculture, horticulture and business studies, enabling students to gain experience and qualifications in local employment areas and to increase student retention rates.	Boorowa	\$10,000
June Community Centre Inc	<b>Seeds for June</b> Development of a social enterprise that grows and sells local produce, to improve business skills and create employment prospects for disadvantaged community members.	June	\$8,216

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<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>			
Banatjarl Strongbala Wumin's Group	<b>Banatjarl Strongbala Wumin's Grup Cultural Awareness Training Package and Skills Development</b> Training package development and training delivery, including business management skills, to support women's employment opportunities and cultural awareness education. Part of Katherine Regional Aboriginal Health and Related Services Inc)	Katherine	\$10,000
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>			
Daintree Primary P & C Association	<b>Connection Counts</b> Upgraded wireless technology to increase internet access for students and community members.	Daintree	\$7,975
Yintjingga Aboriginal Corporation (YAC)	<b>Are We There Yet?</b> A five day field excursion to introduce 15 young people from a remote Indigenous community to potential future employers and inspire them with the variety of career opportunities available.	Coen	\$10,000
Partners in Grain NSW VIC TAS - Goondiwindi Branch	<b>Nitty Gritty Facts on Your Figures</b> Two full day workshops to increase skills and confidence levels of farmers in making sound financial business decisions.	Goondiwindi & St George	\$7,500
Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association - Maranoa Branch	<b>Breaking the Cycle</b> Seed funding for a new program, mentoring youth to help them gain their drivers licence to increase their employment prospects.	Roma	\$8,950
Central Burnett Landcare (CBL)	<b>Happy Holistic</b> Holistic Farm Management course for 16 farmers to support lateral thinking, decision making, increased financial management skills and grazing management planning.	Mundubbera	\$8,000
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>			
Barossa Lower North Futures Inc (BLNFI)	<b>Mid North Garden Busters</b> Training and equipment for 10-15 unemployed youth to establish a garden maintenance business that will service Home and Community Care (HACC) clients.	Clare	\$8,500
Northern Volunteering SA Inc	<b>OMG! Opportunity Means Growth! - Kapunda</b> Year long program linking disengaged youth with community organisations through volunteering, increasing the capacity of volunteer organisations to deliver services while supporting youth through accredited training and potential employment pathways.	Kapunda	\$9,999
Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc	<b>EP Business Builder</b> Twenty two-hour workshops to develop business training and skills for 280 small business owners, managers and staff, as well as 40 unemployed or underemployed community members.	Port Lincoln	\$10,000

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<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>			
Gnowangerup Community Resource Centre	<b>Getting Employment Ready</b> Three, full day courses to help 15 students become employment ready.	Gnowangerup	\$780
The Wirrpanda Foundation Limited	<b>Moorditij Marmum Cultural Workshops</b> Cultural education workshops and camp for 20 at-risk male Nyoongar youth to support them in reconnecting with culture, reducing risk taking and improving school attendance.	Wagin, Katanning & Gnowangerup	\$9,500
Kapululangu Aboriginal Women's Association	<b>Young Aboriginal People Become Cultural Trainers</b> Training for nine at-risk Indigenous youth to work with their Elders and learn to teach cultural heritage, as well as participate in one of the community's few income generating enterprises.	Balgo	\$9,975
Enable Southwest Inc	<b>Jumpstart Micro-Enterprise &amp; Small Business Development Hub for Individuals with a Disability or Mental Health Illness</b> Supported development of new small businesses by people with disabilities or mental illness.	Capel, Manjimup, Margaret River & Northcliffe	\$10,000
Esperance Local Enterprise Initiative Committee Inc	<b>Growing Business in the Bush</b> Eighteen small business training workshops across Esperance, Norseman and Ravensthorpe to strengthen local employment and business skills capacity in the region.	Esperance, Ravensthorpe & Norseman	\$9,000
<b>VICTORIA</b>			
Southern Otway Landcare Network (SOLC)	<b>Grow Otways</b> Sustainable agriculture training to encourage regenerative practices and develop educational materials to distribute in the community.	Apollo Bay	\$7,636
Echuca Moama Toy Library Inc	<b>Toy Stories</b> A variety of educational toys to ensure quality early childhood education resources are available to all children in the Echuca district.	Echuca	\$3,000
Gippsland Community Radio Society Co-operative Limited	<b>Loud Empire – Youth Media Hub</b> Training and mentoring for up to 20 youth in media skills and preparing and presenting radio broadcasts to increase youth voice in Gippsland media.	Morwell	\$9,000
Mulwala Public School P&C	<b>Out of School Hours Care</b> Development of a new local out of school hours childcare program to support secure employment outcomes for parents.	Mulwala	\$5,500
Barnawartha Primary School Council	<b>Instrumental Music Program</b> Instruments to sustain music program that increases confidence, performance skills and musical literacy in school children from a low socioeconomic background.	Barnawartha	\$6,000

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Beulah Historical Learning and Progress Association	<b>OURFood Town</b> Upgrade for the community accessible kitchen and registration as a Commercial Class 2 Food Premises to support local enterprise by selling goods produced in the kitchen.	Beulah	\$9,625
Warracknabeal East Conservation Farmers (WECF)	<b>Soil Moisture Monitoring informs Crop Management Decisions east of Warracknabeal</b> Farmer education on local weather and soil moisture data gathering tools, to ensure better crop management decision making and sustainable farm businesses.	Bangerang	\$10,000
<b>TASMANIA</b>			
Appin Hall Children's Foundation	<b>Reconnect Program</b> A six day educational immersion program for at risk youth referred from the juvenile justice system, to support their transition back into the community.	Erriba	\$8,747