

Awards celebrate community organisations

Representatives from community organisations across the Sunshine Coast and Gympie region are meeting in Gympie on Friday to recognise those nominated for the third annual Healthy Towns Awards.

Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network (PHN) Senior Manager Robb Major said community groups would receive grants of up to \$5,000.

“The work of community organisations, carers and volunteers can often go unrecognised and we need to take this opportunity to celebrate the amazing work they do,” Mr Major said.

“By building on social, environmental and community connections these organisations have a major impact on their community.

Mr Major said that research shows local initiatives are more successful in improving health and wellbeing.

“Feeling a sense of connection to others, the natural environment and where you live are instrumental in creating health, wellbeing, social inclusion and a strong community spirit.

“Through Healthy Towns we focus on the organisations that help make our communities healthier and happier,” Mr Major said.

Gympie Regional Mayor Mick Curran said he’s proud to see the award ceremony back in the Gympie region in 2018.

“It’s an honour for our community to have so many local groups in the Healthy Towns Awards today.

“Volunteers from these community groups work tirelessly all year round to improve health and community outcomes across the Gympie region. Today we’ll be seeing school groups, community gardens and children’s groups be acknowledged for their hard work.

“Ceremonies such as these are a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate their efforts. I’d like to congratulate all the nominees and finalists for their efforts”.

The Healthy Towns program is a joint initiative of the PHN; University of the Sunshine Coast; Griffith University; and the Gympie, Sunshine Coast and Noosa Regional Councils.

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Media Opportunity Details

WHO: Mayor Mick Curran, Gympie Regional Council
Robb Major, Senior Manager for Central Queensland Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN

WHEN: Awards presented at 12pm
Interview opportunities at 1pm - Friday, 30 November 2018

WHERE: The Pavilion, 77 Exhibition Rd, Gympie 4570

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