



ITV TWEED COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND 2023

- A GRANTS SCHEME TO BENEFIT THE WIDER TWEED COMMUNITY

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ITV Studios typically creates the production I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! from the Tweed Shire annually. The ITV Tweed Community Initiative Fund was developed as a way of giving back to the local community who plays host to the production. The grants program began in 2017 with an annual budget of \$50,000. Since then, ITV Studios have donated over \$307,000 in 115 grants, making the ITV TCIF well known across the region. A diverse range of compassionate, creative and infrastructure-based projects and initiatives have been funded, with broad reaching benefits for local communities in the Tweed Shire.

KEY DATES 2023

Applications open: **Thursday 17 August**

Applications close: **Sunday 17 September**

Announcement of outcomes from: **Monday 13 November**

GRANT AMOUNTS

20 grants of up to \$2500 each are available

THE 2023 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

ITV Studios have again established and will facilitate the ITV Tweed Community Committee made up of three well-respected independent leaders from the Tweed Shire. The role of the Community Committee is to assess applications and allocate funding for the 2023 round. **ITV Studios are delighted to welcome Joan Henderson, Joe Russell and Rebecca Whan to the 2023 Committee.**

Joan Henderson

Joan Henderson has many years experience as a social worker in health and hospitals, and working with adults and children with disabilities. She was the social worker for Tweed Jarjums playgroup for a number of years. She volunteers with the Books'n'Boots project, collecting and distributing books to remote indigenous communities with the aim of closing the literacy gap. She is an advocate with Dementia Australia. She is also a refugee advocate, and is the 2022 Tweed Citizen of the Year. Joan is an active member and co-convenor of the Uki Refugee Project, a community group offering support and advocating on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia.

Joe Russell

Joe Russell served in the Australian Army from 1970 – 1976. As a returned Vietnam Veteran, he was a Paramedic for a number of years and also worked in the concreting industry. Joe began his volunteer work in 2002 as a Welfare Officer at the Tweed/Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch, then serving on the committee as President for 14 years. During this time, he became a Compensation Advocate to assist veterans and war widows with their DVA entitlements, specialising in appeals at the Veterans Review Board. Joe recently received an OAM in 2023 for his dedicated service to the veteran community.

Rebecca Whan

A passionate advocate for small business and community engagement, Rebecca is involved in a number of significant projects across the Tweed Shire, most notably being Project Architect on the much loved M|Arts Precinct. Rebecca also sits on several panels and advisory committees including Tweed Regional Gallery and Tweed Regional Museum. Rebecca has lived and worked in five continents during her career. She brings a love of different cultures and environments to her work and pursuits, and especially enjoys being involved in placemaking and social impact activities designed to bring people together to celebrate history, culture, diversity, connection and place.



ITV STUDIOS PRIORITY STATEMENT

Priority is given to groups who demonstrate far reaching benefit within their communities and Tweed Shire

EVALUATION

Applications are evaluated based on how well projects/initiatives achieve an outcome linked to the ITV TCIF adapted Tweed Community Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032

Protecting

Supporting a healthy natural environment

E.g. Projects and initiatives that,

- Support Tweed's internationally significant environment to pass onto the next generation.
- Work together to reduce the impact on the natural environment and adapt to climate change for a sustainable future

Living

Facilitate and protect a sense of safety and reliability among community. E.g. Projects and initiatives that,

- Promote or help to maintain safe, sustainable water/wastewater use/practices, as the foundations of a healthy community.
- Promote or help to maintain safe, sustainable ways of connecting people, places and businesses to each other.
- Make sure the places people live; work and visit are safe to protect quality of life.
- Work together with others to prepare for, mitigate and build resilience to both natural disasters and the impacts of climate change

Thriving

Support the Tweeds people and places to thrive. E.g. Projects and initiatives that,

- Support the community to be inclusive and care for each other to create, stronger community bonds and support for those in need.
- Provide the community with opportunities to be active and healthy.
- Build a vibrant community to be a great place to live and visit.
- Support the local economy to thrive and generate sustainable economic opportunities to support our long-term future.

Growing

Work together to plan for the future so the Tweed grows and evolves in a sustainable way. E.g. Projects and initiatives that,

- Plan ahead so the Tweed is ready for the future.
- Collaborate to make the Tweed better tomorrow than it is today.

HOW TO APPLY

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the application form
2. Download the PDF application form, read thoroughly and complete the form in full
3. Compile your supporting document – THESE MUST BE SUPPLIED IN PDF FORMAT
4. Email PDF application form with all PDF supporting documents in 1 email, to communityliaison@iacdownunder.tv
5. For assistance, email communityliaison@iacdownunder.tv

ITV Studios and the Community Committee are proud to recognise and support organisations and worthy projects that contribute to great outcomes for the Tweed Shire.