

Community Living and Participation Grants (CLPG)

Case Studies

Case Study 1

“Zara” resides in a WA regional town. Zara experiences obesity, and had set herself the goal to lose weight in order to minimise stress on her joints and reduce other significant health issues associated with her obesity. Zara applied for funds to cover the cost of a gym membership for 12 months at the local Sports Centre. At the time of application, Zara had already lost 20kgs and was keen to lose a further 20kgs. Four months after receiving the CLPG grant, it was reported that Zara had now lost a total of 47kg! Zara reported that she loves the Sports Centre, and attends 2 – 3 times per week with her support worker. It transpired that the Sports Centre was a very social place and Zara made new friends through her regular attendance. In particular, Zara joined a water walking group hosted by the Sports Centre and built a great social network of contacts through participation in this group.

Case Study 2

“Xanthe” paints with her feet, and is recognised as a talented artist. Xanthe applied for funding to cover the cost of a program of independent artistic study, comprising of mentoring with four professional artists culminating in a public art exhibition, planned for July 2015.

Xanthe commenced the mentorship program, however an unanticipated change in her support team resulted in delays, and therefore it was agreed that the timeframe for completion of the program would be extended to July 2016. A friend noted that after having completed 9 of the 16 mentoring sessions, X had made “impressive progress [in] assembling a beautiful body of work for eventual exhibition”.

Case Study 3

Due to long term seizure activity “Aaron” used a manual wheelchair to mobilise. Aaron applied for funds to purchase a Mey Walker to allow him to safely walk as much as possible, while reducing the risk of injuring himself or any care provider in attendance if he had a seizure while walking. The Mey Walker increased Aaron’s independence as he is now able to choose to mobilise independently, without required someone to push his wheelchair. The Mey Walker also increased Aaron’s ability to participate in activities with family and friends.

Case Study 4

“Theo” uses a communications device. Theo develops comic books and is passionate about photography. Theo wanted to be able to take his own photographs to be able to incorporate them into his comic books. Theo had a camera, but had to signal to his carer who then took the photograph on his behalf. Theo applied for funds to develop a technological solution to enable him to take his own photographs. A wireless device was purchased and designed to connect his camera to an iPad. Theo uses the iPad to send instructions to the camera, which is mounted on the wheelchair, and now take his own photographs whenever he wishes.

Case Study 5

As a child “Wayne” successfully participated in Little Athletics but as he got older this activity became unsuitable. Wayne developed an interest in trike racing and applied for funds toward the cost of a racing trike in order for him to pursue this interest. Nine months after delivery of the racing trike Wayne’s mother reported the difference that ownership of the racing trike had made to Wayne’s life. She advised that Wayne had joined a supportive cycling group. Not only did this club provide coaching, support and companionship, in addition they assisted Wayne to raise funds to participate in the National Para Cycling Series in Adelaide - where Wayne won his classification, becoming an Australian champion.

In addition to this achievement, Wayne’s mother advised that Wayne had become concerned about the condition of various cycle paths, and initiated contact with the relevant government agencies to advise of his concerns, culminating in a meeting with a Main Roads representative to discuss these. Wayne’s mother provided a photo of Wayne public speaking. “This last photo is the one that says how far [Wayne] has come, as we did not know if he would speak and here he is an Australian Champion addressing his Cycling group on Tuesday morning.”