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Local AFL clubhouse upgrade set to benefit the whole community

Wallarah 2 has announced it will provide grant funding to the value of \$5,000 to Northern Lakes Power AFL Club, to improve and enhance the group's clubhouse at Northlakes Oval.

Funding provided under the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation will allow the group to install a cement verandah around the clubhouse, part of a two-phased project which will also see an awning built to improve the amenity and useability of the clubhouse facilities, particularly in wet or extremely hot weather.

For more than 10 years Northern Lakes Power AFL Club has operated in San Remo, promoting the advantages of organised sport and working tirelessly to improve and develop Northlakes Oval for the enjoyment of the whole community.

The investment in the upgrade to the clubhouse will benefit not only the 60 local children registered to play in the Central Coast AFL competition but also the other community organisations who utilise the site, including local primary schools and Toukley and Doyalson Cricket Clubs.

Northern Lakes Power AFL President Lisa Eldridge said, "This funding has made a significant impact on developing the capacity and useability of the clubhouse and will benefit the wider Wyong community.

"For years the clubhouse has had no awning or verandah which has limited the use of this area. The installation of the awning will complement other planned upgrades – like the installation of flood lighting - and be a great addition to our local club.

"As a non-mainstream sport on the Coast we can often get overlooked. To get support like this is great, not only does the funding mean we can continue to improve our facilities it shows the kids that someone is interested in them and what they're doing."

Peter Smith, Community Manager for Wallarah 2 said, "Local sporting organisations offer so much to the community, connecting families and children, encouraging team building and friendships and promoting health and fitness.

"It is easy to see the passion and commitment that Lisa and the other volunteers who keep the Northern Lakes Power AFL Club ticking have for the kids and the game. For us, it was a pleasure to be able to bolster the club by offering a lending hand to help them enhance the clubhouse, offering tangible long term benefits to all who regularly use the oval."

With the application period for grants now closed, the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation has allocated funding to support 23 projects which aim to assist or benefit the environment, community wellbeing and educational outcomes within the Wyong Local Government Area.

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