

# MY COMMUNITY PROJECT

Made possible by the NSW Generations Fund



## Fact sheet for voters

My Community Project is a NSW Government program that provides funding for community projects, which are decided using a public vote. The program is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.

### Key dates

#### End of June

Voting opens in Myall Lakes and Camden electorates

#### 15 July

Voting opens in remaining electorates

#### 15 August

Voting closes in all electorates

#### September

Successful projects announced

### Am I eligible to vote?

If you are aged 16 years or over and have a valid Medicare card, you can vote for projects in your NSW state electorate.

To vote, you will need to log in to a MyServiceNSW Account – if you do not have an account, sign up on the [Service NSW website](#), call 13 77 88 or visit your nearest Service NSW Centre.

You can find information on creating a MyServiceNSW Account at [service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicensw-account](https://service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicensw-account)

You will also need to provide your NSW residential address to confirm your NSW state electorate.

### How does it work?

#### Step 1: Projects were nominated

Between April and May 2019, people and organisations within your community put forward project ideas for funding between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

#### Step 2: Vote for your favourite project

This is your chance to help decide the projects in your electorate that get funding. Statewide voting goes live on **15 July** and is open to anyone aged 16 years or over. You can only vote once and within your electorate. Voting closes on **15 August 2019**.

#### Step 3: Find out about successful projects

Successful projects will be announced in **September 2019** on the [My Community Project web page](#). Successful projects that receive funding will be completed within 12 months.

## What sort of projects can I vote for?

You can vote for any project in your electorate published on the voting website.

Each project will be sponsored and delivered by a community-focused organisation currently active in your electorate.

You will need to choose between three and five projects in your preferred order. For more information on how votes are counted, refer to the **How is my vote counted?** section on page 3.

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### Eligible projects align with one or more of the six program categories

#### Accessible communities:

Make everyday life more inclusive to all community members.

#### Cultural communities:

Add to the cultural and artistic life of the community.

#### Healthy communities:

Support physical and mental wellbeing.

#### Liveable communities:

Improve local amenity and environment.

#### Revitalising communities:

Foster stronger community bonds, and encourage social engagement and participation in public programs.

#### Safe communities:

Promote a safe and secure community where people can participate and enjoy the benefits of community life.

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## Where do I vote?

Projects will be published online at [mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au](http://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au)

You will be able to see projects across NSW, but you can only vote for projects in your electorate. Each project is presented with an image, title and short summary. If you want to know more, click the summary and you will be taken to a page with detailed information about the project.

When you are ready to vote, you can log in and confirm your eligibility.

Statewide voting will be open from **15 July 2019 to 15 August 2019.**

Late votes will not be accepted.

## I don't have internet access. What can I do?

If you don't have internet access, or need help navigating the system, you can visit any of the Service NSW Centres across the state for assistance. You can find your closest Service NSW Centre at [service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre](http://service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre) or by calling Service NSW on 13 77 88.

## How do I vote?

Once you have logged in to your **MyServiceNSW Account** and provided your Medicare card details and your residential address, you are ready to vote. For results to best reflect your community's preferences, you must include at least three, and up to five, projects in your preferred order.

To vote, first add your favourite projects to your shortlist. Once you have shortlisted your projects you can remove or add projects and change their order. You can shortlist as many projects as you want, but you can only include between three and five projects in your vote.

You can only vote once and only for projects in your NSW state electorate. You cannot change your vote after it is submitted.

### Why do I need a MyServiceNSW Account and my Medicare card to vote?

Using your MyServiceNSW Account and Medicare card ensures each person only votes once.

The MyServiceNSW Account also allows us to conduct voting online. Many people already have a MyServiceNSW Account, but if you don't, you can go to [service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicensw-account](http://service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicensw-account) to sign up online.

Your Medicare card will also help us identify that you're over 16 years of age and are eligible to vote for My Community Project.

### Why can I only vote online?

To maintain the security of your vote, you are only able to vote online. However, if you would like assistance, you can visit your nearest Service NSW Centre or call 13 77 88 for assistance.

## How is my vote counted?

My Community Project uses a preferential voting system. This vote counting system gives points for each of your preferences. Points are awarded as shown below (1st = most preferred).

At the end of voting, projects will be ranked based on each project's total number of points.

POSITION	POINTS
1st	10
2nd	5
3rd	3
4th (optional)	2
5th (optional)	1

## How will the successful projects be decided?

Projects with the highest number of points in each electorate will be funded. Funding of around \$260,000 is available for each electorate.

If there is a tie in total points for two or more projects, the project with the lowest cost will be funded first. If tied projects seek exactly the same amount of funding, the Premier will decide which of these two projects is funded.

## How can I find out the results?

You will be able to find out the results online after voting closes and the results have been finalised. Published information will include the projects that will receive funding, the amount of each grant and the number of points each project received.

## For more information

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