

Grants in Action in Our Community

Case Study

Veteran's Retreat Limited



Veterans Retreat will purchase a defibrillator and conduct accredited CPR training with local business, Hartbeat Training, to all volunteers, which will include training in utilising the specific defibrillator.

In addition to this, we will also conduct non accredited training specific to snake bites as this has been identified as one of our key risks on the property. We have already purchased a snake bite specific first aid kit due to this high risk and now require to conduct training with our volunteers should a medical emergency arise at our facility.

Veterans Retreat has been holding events since December 2019. These include volunteer training seminars, counselling sessions to aid in improving mental health, animal therapy and other holistic wellness activities.

Veterans Retreat objective is to assist in the treatment of and recovery from post-traumatic stress disorder and other disabilities. Our first year of operation, during COVID, saw over 600 visitors come through our gates.



Project Outcomes:

Veterans Retreat is a 100% volunteer run organisation with a small number of regular volunteers and a number of episodic volunteers. Without volunteers we simply could not operate and we greatly value our volunteers and their contributions to our organisation. As part of our volunteer retention strategy we want to continually improve our volunteers learning and skills as well as rewarding them with continued personal development opportunities. It is imperative that our volunteers feel safe and confident in their environment.

By providing our volunteers with these training opportunities, we not only ensured we are meeting our duty of care requirements to all our visitors and volunteers, but we also improved the management and operation of our organisation in the unfortunate event that there is a medical emergency at our facility.

12
volunteers
involved

1
local
supplier



Community Grants Program 2022/2023 category:

Volunteer Support

Amount funded: \$2,850

Category purpose: To increase the capacity of community organisations and their volunteers to deliver services to their members and the broader community.

"The project was very successful and all participants not only really enjoyed the training, but also learnt so much and now feel very confident in helping any visitor or member of our community should an emergency incident arise at any time."

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