



Link Housing donates \$48,000 to help local residents achieve their dreams

Local not-for-profit housing provider, Link Housing, has donated a total of \$48,000 in education scholarship funding to their community housing residents to help them achieve their goals.

The program is part of Link Housing's commitment to providing more than just a home, but also the support and services to help residents into higher education and into a career with long-term opportunities.

Open to those living in a Link Housing managed or owned properties and who meet the application criteria, this year, Link Housing awarded scholarships to 48 tenants to improve their access to higher education.

The scholarship money helps the residents to buy the equipment they need, pay for transport, or pay fees and tuition to reach sporting, extracurricular, employment and education goals.

Attached is a list of tenants available for interview and photos.

Recipients will receive their scholarship prize money (ranging from \$300 to \$1500) at a Ceremony to be held on Wednesday 5th December 2018, 4.00pm - 5.30pm at the Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood.

Special guests who will be giving speeches and presenting the Awards include Mayor of Willoughby, Gail Giles-Gidney and Australian track and field sprinter, Jessica Thornton.

With the majority of Award recipients pursuing sporting goals, meeting Jessica who represented Australia at the 2016 Summer Olympics after a years of training, success as well as the lows of injuries - will indeed be a coup.

Jessica will speak at the event on her journey of highs and lows in the sporting world and share tips for success under her mantra, 'Never Give Up' (<https://jessicathornton.com.au>).

Jessica has a strong belief in the benefits of sport and the importance of scholarships to achieve her dreams. She is a scholarship holder at University of NSW and has been awarded several local scholarships during her career. These have helped Jessica rise to Olympian status.

Jessica is available for interviews and photos on at the event.

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About Link Housing

Link Housing Ltd (Link Housing) is a Tier 1 Registered Community Housing Provider (CHP) and Licensed Real Estate Agent 10010626.

Formed in 1984, Link Housing is one of the oldest not-for-profit community housing providers in NSW. Link Housing manages close to 4000 homes across NSW.

With a vision to enhance lives through community housing, Link Housing designs and delivers programs and services that contribute to positive change for tenants, their families, and the community.



Link Housing is recognised as a well-governed and effectively managed organisation, with a dynamic Board and leadership team and a workforce committed to providing the best possible service to our clients and partners.

Award recipients available for interview and photos:

Ann

Female; 46 years; Lane Cove

Ann is a single mum with one daughter. She is passionate about having a career in teaching. Link Housing has supported her with scholarship funding throughout her tertiary studies. This year, Ann received funding to pay for her last year of her Masters in Linguistics at Macquarie University. She is on track to graduate with a High Distinction.

Ralph

Male; 16 years; Artarmon

Ralph lives with his dad and brother. He applied for the scholarship to continue his football training while pursuing an engineering qualification with TAFE. Ralph plays for his local club and is trained by Travis Cooper, who has played in the National Soccer team 'Under 20s' and 'Under 23s'. Ralph has also secured an apprenticeship with Mercedes.

Ruby

Female; 19 years; Pennant Hills

Ruby would like help participating in Para Rowing NSW. She is aiming to compete at the Rep Global Games in 2019. She would need membership fees covered, local and state fees, insurance fees, seat fees and new uniforms/travel costs.

Jessica

Female; 19 years; Asquith

Visually impaired as the result of chemotherapy to treat an eye cancer at just 10 months old, Jessica dominates in the sport of goalball. Link Housing's scholarship program has helped Jessica to continue her training, compete internationally - and graduate with a degree. She is aiming to go to the 2024 Paralympics.