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## HOLIDAY COAST CREDIT UNION DISTRIBUTES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS

Continuing its long-standing tradition of support to the community, Holiday Coast Credit Union is currently distributing more than \$91,000 to non-profit organisations through its annual Community Partnership Program.

Each year, Holiday Coast Credit Union, through the Community Partnership Grants, invests in the health and vitality of the communities it serves through community activities, staff involvement, and financial support for community programs.

"We are very pleased, and proud, to announce that in 2009 our community giving, via our Community Partnership Program, local branch support and staff fundraising efforts, will be more than \$160,000.

Since the first allocation under the Community Partnership Program in 2006 and with this year's commitment included Holiday Coast has now given back to community groups more than \$500,000.

In addition to the actual dollar contributions the credit union through its "Good Corporate Citizen Program" supports local and national fundraising and awareness programs and continues to seek opportunities for its staff to assist local organisations through a volunteering program that provides staff with two additional days paid leave to allow them to work with local community groups.

This year's recipients of the community partnership grants include an ongoing now 6 year commitment to Life Education (Mid North Coast) and Life Education (North Coast Region), as well the providing of funding to more than 50 other organisations between Coffs Harbour and Maitland.

Selected projects this year are addressing the important issues relating to environment, youth, elderly, medical and educational.

"We are pleased that our continued success and community engagement enables us to support community groups within our operating area that work to enhance the cultural, environmental, social, health and educational needs of our region." Holiday Coast Credit Union CEO Neville Parsons said.

"We know the "well-being" of the community in which we live has an impact on each and every individual, consequently, we feel it is essential to assist the region we serve through volunteer works, budgeting advice and financial contributions," Mr Parsons said.

Presentations to the successful applicants are being held at the following branch locations this week:

### **Tuesday 2 June 2009**

10:00am Taree Branch – 14 Albert Street Taree

4:00pm Tea Gardens Branch - Shop 15 Myall Quays Shopping Village, Tea Gardens

### **Wednesday 3 June 2009**

4:00pm Port Macquarie Branch – 13 Short Street, Port Macquarie

### **Thursday 4 June 2009**

4:00pm Coffs Harbour Branch - 1/22 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour

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