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Glenorchy Community Fund announces \$11k in grant funding for local groups

The Glenorchy Community Fund has announced its latest round of grant funding with five local organisations to receive a boost for projects that will benefit the people of Glenorchy.

The Glenorchy Community Fund was set up to help locally based not-for-profit groups deliver local projects which enrich community spirit and alleviate social disadvantage in the Glenorchy Municipal area.

This year's grants total \$11,764 and have been awarded to West Moonah Community House Action Group, Chigwell Orchard Relocation Project, The Story Island Project, St. Francis Flexible Learning Centre and the Glenorchy Golden Years Club.

Chairperson of the Fund, former Glenorchy Mayor Adriana Taylor, was pleased with the high calibre of this year's grant applicants and thanked all those who contributed to the Fund to date.

"It's wonderful to see just how many generous people are out there and the hard-work they put in to help improve their local community," Ms Taylor said.

The Story Island Project, which received the green-light in this year's funding announcement, will use the funds to hold a stall at the Moonah Taste of the World Festival in March 2018 that will engage around 500 young people in literacy activities including a "writing cave" and live story-telling sessions. Tadpac, a local disability enterprise, will be hired to print the activity booklets for the event.

Another positive project for the youth of Glenorchy is being organised by St Francis Flexible Learning Centre. They will use their grant money to purchase screen-printing equipment that will allow young people to flex their entrepreneurial muscles by getting set-up to make and sell their own t-shirts, tea towels and bags.

The Chigwell Orchard Relocation Project will use their investment to purchase tools and equipment to salvage a local orchard that is slated for demolition. The fruit trees will be safely relocated in schools and community areas by volunteers. Trees have already been shared with Mission Australia's Chigwell House and Windermere Primary School.

The Glenorchy Community Fund runs an annual grant round. For information on applying for a grant, visit www.glenorchycommunityfund.org.au or their Facebook page.

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Photo caption: *Board Members of the Glenorchy Community Fund celebrate with grant recipients at the awards ceremony on 14 December.*