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Kids learn skills for a healthy life

Hunter Water will continue its commitment to keep Hunter kids active and safe in the water, awarding a \$10,000 community grant to The Forum's Healthier Schools Program.

Hunter Water Managing Director Kevin Young said he was pleased Hunter Water could provide the grant to the Healthier Schools Program for the fifth year running, which will be funded through the annual Community Funding Program.

"Since 2005 more than 10,000 kids have learned skills through this program to keep them safe in the water, as well as important information about our waterways and how to use water more wisely," said Mr Young.

"It is important programs like this that make the Hunter Water Community Funding Program so important. I am delighted to know that we are able to support an initiative that plays such a strong role in educating our younger community about health and water safety."

Through its Healthier Schools Program, The Forum, managed by NUsport, encourages participation, education and skill development by delivering education and activities that support the region's school sporting activities.

NUsport Acting CEO, Chris Hicks, said that the Healthier Schools Program was part of a fuller commitment by The Forum to promote healthier and sustainable lifestyles.

"We are proud to be working with Hunter Water on this long term program that provides great outcomes for our community," Mr Hicks said.

"Healthier Schools is a nine week program delivered to students of all ages and incorporates environmentally friendly water friendly solutions as well water survival techniques delivered by the highly qualified staff at The Forum's Swim Academy," he said.

The Healthier Schools program includes the Royal Life Saving accredited 'Swim and Survive' course as well as information on how to implement environmentally friendly water solutions to assist in water saving practices. Topics of education include the water cycle, sustainable water management and water conservation.

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