

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Lou's Place a funding finalist

VOTE FOR THE MOST DESERVING COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

PROJECT Local is unlike other community building initiatives because you, the readers, get to decide where the money is spent.

A total of \$250,000 will be spent across the NewsLocal mastheads over the next year. In each round of funding, a \$2500 grant will go to the project which readers believe will most benefit the community.

Lou's Place in Potts Point is one of the first finalists. The drop-in centre has provided women in crisis with a temporary refuge for 12 years. Staffed by volunteers, it has survived with the backing of private donors and grants from Sydney Council.

Executive manager Deborah Banks said the crisis intervention service has helped many women turn their lives around.

"We are a drop-in centre for women looking for support. We provide shelter, food, a place to talk to someone, a place to have a shower," Ms Banks said.

"Every two weeks a doctor or a nurse comes in and a solicitor visits to provide free legal advice."

The centre was set up by the Marmalade Foundation and named after a Mission Australia volunteer.

"Lou had a difficult childhood, was a single mother who battled drug and alcohol addiction but she

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HOW IT WORKS

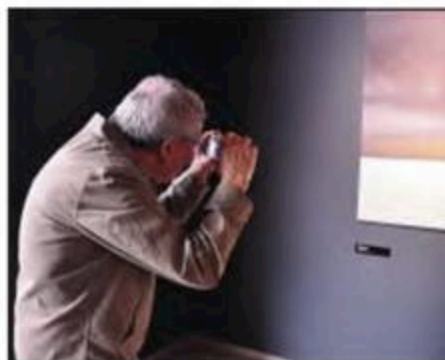
- Each reader registered at projectlocal.com.au gets 10 votes to be cast for the project or projects they think are most deserving.
- Readers can cast 10 votes for one project, or spread their votes among a few.
- The project with the most votes gets the grant.
- The shortlist of finalists has been put together from nominations with the help of Donnie Maclurcan from Project Australia, a non-profit organisation which helps community groups start or grow local projects. Voting is now open.

overcame her issues and became a worker with Mission Australia," Ms Banks said. "She died at the age of 37, a day after her second child was born."

To vote for a project go to projectlocal.com.au



Above: Deborah Banks at Lou's Place women's drop-in centre at Potts Point.



Left: Holdsworth House needs new cameras to help dementia sufferers.



Right: Rabbi Mendel Kastel and Avremi Joseph want to train more counsellors at Jewish House.

THE FINALISTS

Lou's Place, Potts Point: A drop-in centre for women in crisis, providing shelter, food, clothing and a place to stay. Lou's Place needs funding for its biannual newsletter that keeps donors up-to-date with how their money is spent.

Our Big Kitchen, Bondi: A community kitchen, their latest project aims at training homeless people to be baristas. They are working with cafes to help get homeless people employed.

Jewish House, Bondi Beach: Offering a 24-hour non-denominational crisis line covering a wide range of topics.

Transition, Bondi: A local sustainability group focused on sustainable living practices and community gardens. They need money for AV equipment to help spread the message.

Holdsworth Community Centre and Services, Woollahra: Holdsworth want to purchase SLR cameras to help stimulate the creative instincts of people suffering dementia.

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