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SUNSHINE COAST BASKETBALL GROUP WELCOMES COMMUNITY FUNDING BOOST

The University of Sunshine Coast Rip City Basketball Association has taken its community grant awarded by Palmview community, Harmony by AVID Property Group (AVID) to the courts to bolster its training programs for all ages and skill levels.

Designed to foster local community groups and create lasting connections, AVID's annual Sponsorship and Grants Program has invested a total of \$728,000 back into the Sunshine Coast region in the program's five-year duration.

One of Harmony's grant recipients from 2022-23, the University of the Sunshine Coast's not-for-profit Rip City Basketball Association, used the funds to invest in equipment, facilities and training programs for the volunteer driven program.

Rip City Basketball Director of Coaching Warwick Wilson said the grant provided valuable financial support to enhance the development and opportunities for players across the group's variety of initiatives.

"We are thrilled to be recognised and supported by Harmony's grants program, with AVID having longstanding involvement in youth and professional sports on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Wilson said.

"The grant helped fund our popular pop-up programs throughout this year, allowing us to take our coaching into communities – just like Harmony – where our coaches got to work with members of the public on community courts.

"With a strong mission to develop skills and foster growth, Rip City Basketball provides some of the best facilities and trainers in Queensland for aspiring athletes to thrive and reach their full potential, and this grant will only help us further achieve this.

"We run a wide variety of basketball programs for young athletes wanting to learn to play, club training sessions, performance programs and state representative programs, through to the second highest league in Australia – the NBL 1 Men's and Women's teams."

AVID General Manager Queensland Anthony Demiris said Harmony had a proud history of giving back to local communities through sponsorship and grants.

"Our annual sponsorship and grants program is a way of giving back to the community we are so proud to be a part of and great opportunity to introduce our new Harmony residents to the wider Sunshine Coast community," Mr Demiris said.

"It has been fantastic to see Rip City Basketball host mini clinics throughout the school term for Harmony's youngest residents to learn and practice new skills, whilst enjoying the best of their communities' facilities.

“These grants not only provide vital financial assistance but help develop resilient, adaptive, and vibrant communities – a focus that has been underpinned by our commitment to the region,” he said.

“Last year, we were pleased to award nine grants to some amazing local businesses and groups throughout our growing Harmony community, including sport, education, and the arts.

“We look forward to strengthening Harmony’s ties with the local community and continuing our goal of fostering lasting connections with local community groups important to our residents through our next round of grants.”

Harmony’s 2022-23 Community Sponsorship and Grant recipients included:

Activate Grant:

- **Rip City Basketball:** Free weekly basketball clinics in Harmony Recreation Park
- **Chancellor Park Soccer Club:** Gazebos to provide shade and protection from weather
- **Palmview State Special School P&C:** 2022 Christmas Carol funding to raise money to support the welfare of local families, counselling, grief and loss program, and a community mentoring program
- **Harmonize Health and Wellbeing:** Free bi-weekly yoga program for Harmony residents
- **Sunshine Sign and Sing:** Onsite baby keyword signing sessions to be held for wider Palmview community
- **Harmony Business Hub:** Incorporation and set up of incorporated association

Connect Grants:

- **Rip City Basketball:** Annual sponsorship
- **Sunshine Sign and Sing:** Video series and development of application
- **University of the Sunshine Coast:** Concert series performed by USC students

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About Harmony by AVID Property Group

AVID Property Group’s \$3 billion project – Harmony – is strategically located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast and is the largest masterplanned community underway in the Palmview area. Set on 378 hectares, Harmony will deliver more than 4,800 homes for 12,000 future residents, catering to a wide range of buyers – all enhanced by 130 hectares of open space and the future delivery of a more than 30,000 GFA Town Centre. More than 9,000 short-term jobs will be generated through the delivery of the project.

Harmony’s design embraces the Sunshine Coast’s enviable lifestyle and living at Harmony means it’s easy to get around. Harmony is conveniently connected to the Bruce Highway and the Sunshine Coast Motorway, and Mooloolaba is 10km and Maroochydore 14km to the north, the coastline is only 7km to the east, Brisbane is 90km to the south, and the Sunshine Coast hinterland is only 20kms to the west.

For more information, visit www.harmonyliving.com.au.

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AVID is a developer of masterplanned communities, completed homes and apartments, and has delivered \$3.8billion worth of projects over the past 14 years. It has a gross revenue pipeline of \$3.5billion.

Combined with its builder Villaworld Homes by AVID Property Group, the business has a 35-year legacy, which has seen the delivery of homes to more than 45,000 Australian families.

Led by highly experienced senior management, AVID brings people together to deliver exceptional communities, valuable shareholder returns and thriving environments for its customers.

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