

Summary of Appeals Granted

In 2007, Variety NSW granted **455** appeals across all programs. The grants totalled **\$3,944,721**.

Approved individual appeals include:

Organisation	Applications	Total Granted
Children's Hospital Westmead	9	\$22,180
DADHC	69	\$252,206
St George Hospital	3	\$21,805
Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick	8	\$22,714
Sydney South West Area Health Service	7	\$23,415
The Spastic Centre	71	\$375,002



A total of 244 appeals were granted within this program totalling \$1,095,957. Of this, \$543,951 was used to fund 89 wheelchairs and other mobility devices such as scooters and tricycles plus accessories.

Variety NSW also funded:

- \$57,704 in bathroom equipment such as commodes, bath and shower chairs.
- \$45,491 in bedroom equipment such as specialised sleeping systems, beds and mattresses.
- \$81,518 in communication aids such as vocal output devices, specialised computers and software.
- \$25,108 in feeds, incontinence aids and medical expenses.
- \$80,489 in hoists and positioning systems, which are essential items that are currently not funded through the NSW government.
- \$96,810 for vehicle modifications to allow wheelchair access as well as car seats, ramps and safety harnesses to ensure safe travel.
- \$25,250 for life-like human hair wigs for children with alopecia, who have total hair loss and often a loss of dignity.
- \$110,455 in walking and standing frames and equipment.
- A further \$29,180 was given towards other general home equipment such as feeding chairs, change tables, splints, orthotics, and portable air conditioners for children who cannot regulate their temperature.



In 2007 Variety NSW supported 53 special education and disadvantaged schools and centres with \$864,837 in play and educational equipment, camps and outings, and computers for children, including:

- \$500,000 was granted to Life Education Australia to help re-clad and refurbish mobile classrooms with the latest technological resources.
- \$148,801 was granted to Pacific Flava Youth Development Services for assistance and support to Pacific and indigenous children and youth at risk, as well as disadvantaged and at risk children from all nationalities who have suffered domestic violence, abuse, neglect, abandonment, homelessness and addictions.
- \$59,718 was granted to Recreation, Sports & Aquatic Club (formerly Roselands Sports & Aquatic Club) to convert the existing gymnasium into a multi-sensory activity space to help special needs children. It will be used for music therapy, multi-sensory stimuli and specialised programs.
- \$54,327 was granted from the BASH for schools in far rural communities in NSW and Queensland, including schools that cater for disabled children. Equipment included educational and gardening equipment, shade sails and sporting equipment such as cricket and archery supplies.
- \$66,421 was granted for computers and communication devices for school use.