

Life, not limits: WA locals chase big dreams with new MSWA grant

Eight Western Australians living with neurological conditions have been given the means to turn bold ambitions into reality through the inaugural MSWA Life not Limits Grant.

Launched in January 2026, the Grant provides between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in funding for significant personal or community projects.

The Grant was created in memory of writer and passionate advocate for accessibility and inclusion Ros Harman.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) at 26 and later motor neurone disease (MND), Ros embodied MSWA's purpose to empower people with neurological conditions to live their best lives. She passed away in 2025, leaving a legacy of courage and an unshakable belief that "a diagnosis should never decide your destiny."

MSWA CEO Melanie Kiely said launching the Life not Limits Grant in Ros' name was a way to turn that belief into tangible opportunity.

"Ros challenged all of us to see potential first, not barriers," Ms Kiely said.

"This Grant builds on that vision, recognising the talent, determination and creativity within our neuro community and giving people the resources to bring their ideas to life.

"Made possible by the generosity of West Australians through MSWA's fundraising initiatives, including the Mega Home Lottery, this Grant gives people the freedom to pursue goals that fall outside traditional disability funding."

One of this year's recipients, MSWA Client **Chris Morgan**, is known in the WA drag racing community for his purpose-built Ducati motorcycle. Lower foot pegs, a reshaped seat and an air shifter replace traditional controls, adapted so he can race with precision and comfort.

Mr Morgan, who lives with MS, spent decades as a welder before turning to drag racing in 2019.

His modified Ducati now hits speeds over 200km/h in under ten seconds, something that has made him a fixture at WA tracks. This Grant will help him keep the bike race-ready and competing safely at upcoming events in WA and nationally.

"Preparation is everything," Mr Morgan said.

"This Grant allows me to keep my gear in top condition and keep chasing my goal of being the fastest person in Australia with MS.

"If it inspires someone else to do what they love, that's a win too."

Fellow Grant recipient **Lauren Edwards** started boot scooting at age five, building a lifelong love of dance and the community it brings.

Three years ago, while pregnant, she was diagnosed with MS and found herself stepping back from classes she loved.

Her Grant is funding an inclusive dance program in her local area, giving people of all ages and abilities a place to move, socialise and feel connected.

“A dance floor breaks the ice in a way few other things can, within minutes you’re sharing laughs with people you’ve only just met,” Ms Edwards said.

“I want these classes, made possible through the Life not Limits Grant, to be a place where people leave with a sense of belonging and something to look forward to each week.”

Over the coming months, recipients will put their funding to work, launching new community programs, taking on international challenges and pursuing projects that matter to them. As the Grant returns each year, MSWA will continue backing ideas that add value to people’s lives and the communities around them.

Other 2026 Life not Limits Grant recipients:

- Andrew Grero (Parkinson’s Disease) – Debuting his first solo art exhibition exploring life with Young Onset Parkinson’s (YOPD).
- David Wayre (MS) – Reinstating his golf membership at The Links Kennedy Bay to support health and wellbeing.
- Holly Taylor (MS) – Preparing to summit an 8,000m Himalayan peak after a decade of high-altitude climbing.
- Michael Van Kampen (MS) – Competing at the National Blackball Championships in Queensland.
- Rhonda Adamsam (MS) – Training as a certified art therapist to expand creative workshops for people with MS.
- Samantha Zinner (MS) – Advancing her debut novel through a professional writing program.

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About MSWA

MSWA provides vital support and services to people living with neurological conditions in Western Australia, striving to help Clients and the wider neuro community to live their best lives. This includes supporting people living with multiple sclerosis (MS), stroke, Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, motor neurone disease (MND), acquired brain injury and other conditions afflicting the brain and central nervous system.

In 2025, MSWA stepped in to support MS Society South Australia and Northern Territory and now operates as a singular organisation, strengthening support for people living with neurological conditions across Australia.



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With a team of almost 1000 staff who all work passionately to provide the best possible care to people, MSWA supports Clients across the metro area and regional centres of Western Australia, as well as South Australia and the Northern Territory.

MSWA's team of experienced nursing and allied health professionals provide information and a range of supports from the time of diagnosis. All MSWA programs are delivered in accordance with both the Disability Service Standards and our own service standards.

MSWA is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation. The money raised through its fundraising efforts, government grants and other income generating programs goes directly to providing supports and services to people living with neurological conditions.

In addition to its direct care services, MSWA also provide funding for vital research into neurological conditions having committed more than \$50 million to research to date.