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Jetstar gives power to local Queensland start up

Jetstar has today announced Brisbane startup *PowerWells*, as the second 2018 recipient of its Flying Start Program grant, allowing the progressive social enterprise to provide renewable technologies to individuals living in energy poverty.

The Jetstar Flying Start Program grant, which comprises \$15,000 cash and \$15,000 in Jetstar flights, will assist *PowerWells* in delivering its unique technology to communities in rural Australia and Indonesia that need electricity, lighting and communications services.

Taking inspiration from a water-well, a PowerWell serves as a centrally located resource allowing community members to recharge their phones and lights up to 40 times a day.

Each PowerWell comes with six rechargeable bamboo torches and power banks, providing 21 hours of light per charge and in the event of a natural disaster, a PowerWell can be easily transported to provide phone charging in an emergency.

Organisation co-founders and Logan locals, Nick Kamols and Bradley Clair, started *PowerWells* in November 2017 and said the Jetstar Flying Start Grant would provide them with direct access to Indonesia to install PowerWells for communities in Bali and Sumatra.

“We’re incredibly thankful to Jetstar for acknowledging the work we are doing, and this grant will assist us in providing life-saving power for many more rural communities in Australia and Indonesia,” Clair said.

“Having access to a reliable and renewable source of light is life changing and limits a family’s reliance on kerosene, which sadly is responsible for killing over one and a half million people globally per year,” Kamols said.

Jetstar Airways Chief Customer Officer, Catriona Larritt, was part of the judging panel for the Jetstar Flying Start Program grant and said *PowerWells* was an inspiring and standout applicant.

“Every year we are inspired by the many community groups and organisations across Australia that are making an incredible difference to the world around them,” Larritt said.

“The Jetstar Flying Start Program is a way for us to support start-ups like *PowerWells* who are doing great work in their local community and in this case, overseas too. We look forward to assisting *PowerWells* in helping people in Indonesia, an important region for Jetstar, as well as working closely with the local Brisbane community.”

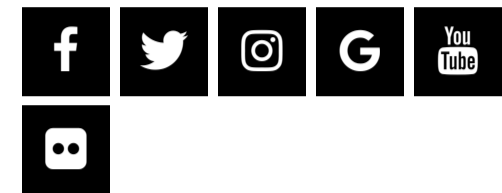
The Jetstar Flying Start Program invites community groups and organisations across Australia to apply for a \$30,000 grant to fund a project that will enrich the lives of people in their local community.

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