

Annual Grants 2019: Recommended Applications

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Arts and Culture Stream: Arts Development

AG19-018

un Projects

un Writer in Residence + un Conversation

Project Description: The 'un Projects Writer in Residence' program is a new initiative that aims to support the creative and critical practice of Australian arts writers through a paid writing residency.

In 2019 we will offer two residencies based in our offices in the Florence Peel Centre, Fitzroy. The residencies will pay two mid-career arts writers a stipend for a five-month period to develop a new longform project, parts of which will be published on 'un Extended'. The residencies will include mentorship with members of the un Editorial Advisory Committee, participation in the 'un Conversation' series, and a public presentation/publication at the end of the residency.

The writers will be selected in consultation with the un Projects Board; at least one of the two places will be reserved for a First Nations' arts writer.

'un Conversation' is a series of public talks/lectures/panels/presentations designed to complement our published works:

- 1) Four themed panels or lectures curated by the un Magazine editors and featuring the writers who will be published in the magazine.
- 2) Launch events for un Magazine 13.1 and 13.2 respectively (April and October 2019).
- 3) Public presentations from the two 'un Writers in Residence'.
- 4) Ad-hoc events in partnership with Liquid Architecture (LA), curated by the LA artistic directors together with the un Projects General Manager.

All events will take place either at the Florence Peel Centre, or in the space of one of our program/distribution partners (including Bus Projects, c3 Contemporary Art Space, CCP, Backwoods, Seventh...)

Amount Requested: \$14,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,700.00

Recommendation: \$11,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel thought this was a well written application for a well developed project with high artistic merit. The panel thought it had strong outcomes for both the artists involved as well as the broader community. Unfortunately there was not enough money in the pool to fund the application fully.

AG19-060

Polyglot Theatre

Light Pickers

Project Description: Polyglot is proposing the final development and world premiere presentation at Abbotsford Convent of an exciting new participatory theatre installation for very young children - "Light Pickers".

The premise of "Light Pickers" is that small children are irresistibly drawn to sources of light. In a darkened space, children are lured in to play by glowing strands and pockets of light; they shift, pull and move them, creating patterns and complex structures. Using simple, malleable materials reminiscent of discarded rubbish - plastics and cardboard and LED lights, "Light Pickers" offers a space filled with piles of glowing colourful pods and tangled tentacles, evoking a phosphorescent underwater cave. Like small hermit crabs, the children build clusters of light, making structures that look like jewelled shrines or castles, and move around the space garlanded with light.

The sound in the space is orchestrated through movement as children carry around pods and parcels that vibrate and emit music or tones, changing the soundscape as they move and play. "Light Pickers" is sensory engagement for the very young, enrolling children as leaders as they build meaning in an abstract landscape.

This last stage of development will focus on performance, final design of installation, sound, dramaturgy and mode of presentation.

The team includes:

- Designer Mischa Long, a specialist in working with re-useable materials for highly detailed creations.
- Sound artist Glen Walton whose expertise is the creation of music through touch sensors;
- Stef Robinson, a visual and performance artist with extensive experience in collaborative work with children.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$38,350.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This was a very well articulated application for a project which addresses the key criteria clearly and well. The application also outlines great engagement and evaluation strategies as well as great outcomes for the audience.

AG19-132

Women's Art Register

Re-register; Australian Women Sculptors from the Women's Art Register / Artist-in-Residence Program

Project Description: Re-Register; Australian Women Sculptors from the Women's Art Register is our inaugural Artist-in-Residence project. Julia Boros, a Richmond artist and WAR volunteer, was struck by the heritage portrait photographs on our wall and feels compelled to respond. Part of the Australian Women Sculptors - 1860-1960 research project undertaken by WAR in 1978, the full collection of photographs, slide kit and publication was exhibited at Carringbush Library, August 1-21, 1978, and at the Seventh Mildura Sculpture Triennial, also in 1978.

In response to this unique and valuable collection of photographs and research material, Julia will develop a paper and textile based installation for public display and a new publication. Following a research phase in the immersive environment of the artist-in-residency experience at WAR, Julia will then produce screen printed images in collaboration with printing technician Julia Raath at Sunshine Print Artspace (SPA). The images will be used in a final installation design that will be finished with textile and craft components.

The final work will be exhibited at Richmond Town Hall alcove space and Richmond Library (applications pending), at the conclusion of the residency. The publication that re-enacts the historical context of the 1978 archive project will accompany the installation. The images developed during the residency will also be used to print a set of fundraising tea-towels for use by WAR. The public sale of these unique items will contribute to the marketing and financial goals of WAR, and assist in creating a sustainable future for this living archive.

Amount Requested: \$9,802.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,967.00

Recommendation: \$9,802.00

Panel Comments: A well considered and developed application. The purpose and outcomes are clearly defined, and the connection to the community and benefit is clearly evident. The panel felt that it was positive to see an artist in residence program.

AG19-180

Play On Arts Ltd.

Play On Series Six

Project Description: The production and presentation of Play On Series Six, a three-concert series at the Collingwood Underground Carpark (CUP) beneath the Collingwood Housing Estate.

8 March: Kyla Matsuura Miller (violin) // Moopie (DJ set). Matsuura-Miller to present a program for string quartet including Queensland composer Samantha Wolf's 'The More I think about it the Bigger it Gets' (2016), and Steve Reich's iconic 'Different Trains'

15 March: Thea Rossen (percussion) // Roza Terenzi (LIVE). Rossen to lead a program of works for percussion ensemble including Elliot Cole's 'Postludes' for bowed vibraphone (2012) and works by Melbourne composer Katy Abbott. Roza Terenzi to play a live improvised set to follow.

22 March: Phoebe Russell (double bass) // Toni Yotzi (DJ set). Phoebe Russell to present a program highlighting the double bass, repertoire to include 'Five Revelations' (2017) by Melbourne (City of Yarra resident) composer Joe Chindamo. Melbourne favourite Toni Yotzi to close.

Series Six marks an important evolution in the development of the Play On concept in several key ways:

---Ambition and direction of program - focus on women in leading roles is an evolution of Play On's earlier series in which it sought to see equal representation of women in all ensembles. Realising this often meant men in leading roles with women in the background, Series Six is focussed on showcasing outstanding young female musicians in leading roles.

---Commitment to presenting at least one work by a female composer and one by an Australian composer in each program

Amount Requested: \$8,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$39,810.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A very strong application with a great creative and community outcome for Yarra. A strong community element with evidence of support from the community. The panel liked that this project is engaging meaningfully with the community.

AG19-210

Mrs Katie Reeve

The Last Lighthouse Keeper

Project Description: Katie proposes to tour The Last Lighthouse Keeper performance to Libraries and festivals around the Yarra City Principality. The show is a new non-verbal, one person piece of theatre for families, told with puppetry against an original musical score of instrumental music and song.

The piece explores the painful and often taboo theme for children and adults of grief. The production will be compact, self-sufficient, built from recycled materials, and designed to tour to a variety of venues, including non-traditional performance spaces. This and the non-verbal storytelling will ensure the work reaches the greatest audience possible, allowing it to cross cultures and languages. The visual element of the performance will aim to engage with an inter-generational audience, to be shared by a family unit.

A short introduction to the show: On an island in a distant sea, lives a lighthouse and her keeper, the last of the lighthouse keepers. Just up the coast lives the fisherman. The keeper longs for a shipwreck just for the company, the lighthouse for legs to wade from her perch, and the fisherman for a boat full of fish. Until, that is, a storm blows and an earthquake ensues. The three find themselves closer than ever in a fight for survival through the treacherous waters and misty fog of the unforgiving ocean.

Amount Requested: \$6,662.98 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,150.98

Recommendation: \$6,663.00

Panel Comments: Good application for an interesting work with high artistic merit. The panel was impressed with the strong engagement with the Yarra community demonstrated in the application.

AG19-226

Next Wave Festival Inc.

Next Wave Creative Development Lab

Project Description: For 7 days in August 2019, 16 artists, writers, producers and curators from Next Wave's learning program Kickstart Helix will take over Abbotsford Convent in a rigorous, practice-based creative laboratory.

Guided by leading artists, Next Wave staff, alumni and creatives will collectively work to provoke, play and ultimately test their 2020 festival projects before a full day of showings to trusted industry guests. The showings serve as a supportive environment in which to present their work in progress and receive critical feedback and discussion.

Within the lab there will also be a series of workshops equipping creatives with the tools to integrate into their practice core Next Wave values: First Nations protocols and cultural safety, inclusivity for artists and audiences who are Deaf or live with a disability and environmental sustainability.

The placement of the laboratory at the Abbotsford Convent is a natural evolution after a successful partnership to deliver a three-day intensive there as part of the 2017 Kickstart Helix program. We are seeking to deepen our relationship with the convent, identifying the site as a potent space for contemplation and collaboration. Its proximity to the city and the Merri creek, as well as being the seat of the Wurundjeri lands council lends itself beautifully to our program of sharing, exploration and cultural integrity.

This Creative Lab is a crucial step in the development of the 2020 Festival, one which offers our artists professional development in tandem with much sought after time, money and resources to develop their work.

Amount Requested: \$9,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$66,070.00

Recommendation: \$8,485.00

Panel Comments: Well articulated application with a strong accessibility concept. The application has high artistic merit with benefit to multiple emerging artists.

AG19-241

Centre for Projection Art Inc.

2019 Centre for Projection Art Masterclass

Project Description: The Centre for Projection Art's Masterclass program is aimed at emerging projection artists and creatives, and to those who practice art in different mediums and wish to experiment with and push the boundaries of their practice. We deliver practical, hands-on workshops and guidance about projection art that is sought by the arts community and not readily available. We have successfully worked with community organisations to deliver these workshops in Bendigo and City of Melbourne over the past two years and continue to receive many requests for mentorship and project support. For 2019 we wish to extend this programme into the City of Yarra and work with local community and arts organisations to attract participants.

Over a four-day workshop facilitated by leading projection artist Yandell Walton, participants learn about the art form, technical skills, projection mapping and experimental art. Development works from the masterclass are publicly exhibited on the final evening at Melbourne Polytechnic, Fairfield Campus. It is envisaged these works will continue to be developed and exhibited within the City of Yarra through Gertrude Street Projection Festival, Peel Street Projections or other projection art events.

The project will be documented by professional videographer and with photos. This documentation will be uploaded on our websites and used as case studies in future mentorship programs, talks and throughout the projection art community.

Amount Requested: \$9,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$15,662.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: A comprehensive and clear application for a project that will be beneficial to the art-form and supports development. The application demonstrates evidence of community need, and the purpose, aims and outcomes are also clearly defined.

AG19-265

Gertrude Contemporary

2019 Gertrude Glasshouse: commission and present nine solo exhibitions by artists in Gertrude's Studio Program

Project Description: Gertrude Glasshouse was established in late 2015 as the designated project space of Gertrude Contemporary to commission and present new solo projects and exhibitions by artists participating in Gertrude's two-year studio program. Founded in 1985, Gertrude Contemporary is an independent not for profit organisation with a unique model of supporting both the presentation and production of art. The artistic and studio programs at Gertrude support the expanded field of contemporary art practice, including painting, photography, sculpture,

video, installation, performance and dance. Each year, 8 artists are invited into the 2 year studio program through a competitive open call process, with Gertrude maintaining 16 highly subsidised studios for visual artists at key moments in their careers. During the course of the residency, each of the 16 artists are offered the opportunity and provided financial resources to develop a new body of work or project to be presented at Glasshouse. The architecturally accoladed gallery, designed by Sibling, retains Gertrude's presence in Collingwood and Fitzroy, where the organisation has creatively contributed to for over three decades. With the rental costs of Glasshouse covered by some of Gertrude's generous and valued patrons, and the organisation intending to run a program in the space for the next 5 years, we are seeking funding support to present a program of 9 solo projects in 2019 from February to December. This funding support will go directly to artists as artist fees and production budgets, with all staffing, infrastructural, utilities and hosting costs covered (somewhat stretchingly) by Gertrude.

Amount Requested: \$9,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$54,685.00

Recommendation: \$6,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application for a project with high artistic merit. The feasibility of the project is clearly evident, and applicant has the capacity to deliver it.

Arts and Culture Stream: Community Arts

AG19-015

Ms Isabella Brown

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

The Change

Project Description: To perform 'The Change' a musical theatre piece by United Struggle Project at The Melbourne Fringe Festival 2019.

This will be the fourth evolution of 'The Change' first performed at 'The Factory' in Richmond September 2017 then in 'The Collingwood Underground Car Park in November 2017 to a fantastic audience response. This time round we want to develop the script with new participants utilising more spaces in the Collingwood Estate and perform it as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival.

The Change, is a journey of many worlds colliding featuring participants from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures. A series of workshops will be held within the Yarra community to develop the script with the actors and explore ideas of the 'change' they want to bring to the world. It is open to people to incorporate their own stories of survival and visions for the future into the script. We will have performers of First Nation, West Papuan, Middle Eastern and African backgrounds, actors, musicians, dancers and singers. The performance will involve audience participation as they are physically immersed in a journey around the estate.

This social commentary with a passionate mix of drama and humour will share personal stories and utopian visions and will be served on a deadly sound track of hip-hop, traditional and world music with live band accompaniment and a background of incredible sets.

Amount Requested: \$11,200.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,200.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This application was for a wonderful project reaching a diverse audience with a strong community outcome.

AG19-113

Jesuit Social Services - Artful Dodgers Studios

Megaphone - Young Musicians live and Direct at Artful Dodgers Studios

Project Description: Our project, 'Megaphone' proposes a series of 9 concerts throughout the year occurring at Artful Dodgers Studios in Collingwood, showcasing new music produced by young people participating in our music program. Occurring every 5 weeks, Artful Dodgers Studios will be transformed into a concert space, featuring 4

different musicians from our music studio program, and one invited musical guest who will speak with our young musicians and perform a song for the show.

Megaphone builds on a series of concerts and lunches we have been operating in the space since 2015, which have proven to be valuable confidence and capacity building experiences for our cohort of young musicians. For 2019 we will increase the number of events held throughout the year and create a comprehensive wraparound experience for our participants. Young people will be supported in developing their songwriting and performance for each event. Each Megaphone concert will be staffed by a team of professional CCD Artswokers to ensure each event is promoted, produced, stage managed, bumped in and out professionally within a supported and engaging environment. ADS volunteers will work to provide our attendees a healthy lunch as part of the event proceedings.

We will also invite a different local and touring contemporary musician to attend each show in a mentorship capacity. These artists will attend in a mentorship capacity, offering guidance to our young performers. These artists will represent a range of genres and backgrounds. This works to foster valuable professional development experiences between emerging musicians and established artists.

Amount Requested: \$9,725.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,429.46

Recommendation: \$9,725.00

Panel Comments: A strong application with excellent letters of support from participants, which were well received by the panel. The purpose and outcomes of the project are clearly identified, and the benefit to the community is evident.

AG19-164

All The Queens Men **Auspice:** Auspicious Arts Projects

The LGBTI Elders Dance Club

Project Description: The LGBTI Elders Dance Club is a social transformation and dance project for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) elders (65+). Held at the Fitzroy Town Hall on the first Sunday of each month, LGBTI elders attend this interactive creative event for free, learn new dances, enjoy delicious catering and drinks and interact with other LGBTI elders and allies.

The LGBTI Elders Dance Club addresses ageism, homophobia, lesbiaphobia and transphobia by supporting the recreational, artistic and social rights of LGBTI elders, through creative actions. Central to the project is creating a regular space for LGBTI elders that is safe and inclusive. The creative action of dancing encourages and fosters socialising, friendship and a chance for LGBTI elders to have fun. The project helps strengthen the community of LGBTI elders and promotes their visibility. The LGBTI Elders Dance Club facilitates the physical, cognitive and emotional benefits that come from regular creative and physical practice.

This application requests support for the project in 2019 to continue to build this emerging community.

The LGBTI Elders Dance Club complements The Coming Back Out Ball: www.comingbackoutball.com

Amount Requested: \$14,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$41,450.00

Subsidised Use Amount: \$0.00

Cash recommendation: \$14,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application for a project with clearly identified purpose, outcomes and benefits. In a competitive funding round, could not fund cash grant amount and subsidised use request. The applicant is advised to contact with Arts officers to negotiate alternate venue arrangements.

AG19-178

Circus Australia Ltd. T/A Circus Oz

Deadly Elders Circus

Project Description: Deadly Elders Circus, in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), is a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders living in City of Yarra and inner-north Melbourne. The weekly

program is fun, engaging and involves physical activity for up to ten participants who visit Circus Oz for two hours of circus skills and music. Transport is provided and the group share a meal together as part of the program, which enhances community togetherness.

In a creative and safe space the Elders focus on improving their physical strength, balance, coordination, increasing their mental resilience and confidence, learning new skills and trust building with others. The program provides a deeper level of engagement and stimulates conversation about community while promoting their physical and mental wellbeing. Our 2019 program will continue to have a strong focus on social connectedness with participants developing their skills that will facilitate laughter and build social cohesion within the group. The program touches on the importance of low impact physical movement, such as that experienced with circus skills, to help with a broad range of health issues.

Circus Oz provides the space and trainers. VAHS provides in kind support with the provision of transport, catering; and support staff including an Aboriginal Health Worker, physiotherapist and dietitian. Both organisations provide administrative support and evaluation to enable ongoing sustainability and development of the program.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,900.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A great co-operative project that clearly addresses a community need with the purpose, outcomes, and evaluation clearly outlined. Excellent support material with the inclusion of the video.

AG19-251

Mx Mama Alto

Mama Alto 2019 performance & workshop program

Project Description: Since 2015, jazz singer, cabaret artiste and gender transcendent diva Mama Alto has regularly produced and performed in consistently sold out solo shows at Hares & Hyenas (Johnston St, Fitzroy), as well as producing, curating and hosting community events and fundraisers at that same venue. She has also performed a solo project at The Melba Spiegelentent (Johnston St, Fitzroy) in 2018. The response of Mama's intersecting communities - people of colour, queer and LGBTIQ+ people, people with disability, and people from the arts sector - has been overwhelmingly positive and speaks to the empowerment and social benefits of Mama's work.

Building on these established relationships, Mama Alto plans a series of cabaret concerts in 2019 at Hares & Hyenas, with one large scale event intended at the Melba Spiegelentent, which will be supplemented by regular performance workshops for the community. The focus of our workshops will be in empowering trans, gender diverse and marginalised people to free their voices and sing, beyond the oppressive and gendered expectations of voice that mainstream society cultivates. The content will be based in Mama's singing practice and philosophy: "if you can breathe, you can sing." The artistic benefit to the community - as well as the mental health benefit - is anticipated to be strong and cumulative.

Amount Requested: \$8,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$22,600.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel thought this program had very strong outcomes with a clear rationale. The panel thought the application addressed a clearly articulated community need that meets the funding priorities directly as well as other Council priorities.

Arts and Culture Stream: Festivals and Events

AG19-011

Collingwood Housing Estate Arts Committee

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Harvest Festival

Project Description: The Harvest Festival takes place in the parklands of the Collingwood Housing Estate and it is a community built festival in which many residents of the estate take ownership of the event through participation.

Collingwood Neighbourhood House includes residents by providing roles in the planning and staging of this event such as MC, production coordinator, catering, music, performances, etc. This is a day event and the activities include choirs performed by local groups, art activities for children and families, food, dance and craft sessions facilitated by local artists.

Amount Requested: \$20,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$30,000.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: Good application with clear outcomes for a festival that has a great positive impact within the community.

AG19-080

Progressive Broadcasting Service Co-operative Limited (PBS)

Rock A Bye Baby Music Sessions

Project Description: Rock-A-Bye Baby (RABB) is a series of family friendly events providing a safe and supportive environment for local and visiting families to experience high quality, live, contemporary music. PBS 106.7FM coordinates a musical act, sourced from within our rich and diverse local music community, to perform a daytime concert at a CoY venue. Each event is free for children and only \$7 (adults) or \$5 (members), plus free entry for the first 50 concession card holders, ensuring that the events are accessible to families from all socio-economic circumstances. There will be six RABB gigs in the City of Yarra in 2019, each featuring a unique band or artist. RABB is already a highly successful event series, connecting families from within CoY with each other, as well as attracting many visiting families to the area for the purposes of attending the event in a unique setting. RABB is a staple of the local community that welcomes new young families to each gig, it's an exciting place for families to meet and support each other through the early years of childhood. After a very successful 2018 program, PBS will strive to continue to grow the event and increase attendance with more local residents from across the broad mix of cultures and communities living in the Yarra area. We will seek to achieve this through continued diverse programming and broad promotional avenues. In 2019, Rock-A-Bye Baby will reach a significant milestone of 10 years presenting partnership with the City of Yarra.

Amount Requested: \$8,790.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,700.00

Subsidised Use Amount: \$3,990.00

Cash recommendation: \$3,335.00

Total amount recommended: \$7,325.00

Panel Comments: The panel thought this was a good program with clear outcomes that addresses a unique need within the community.

AG19-145

Aboriginal Housing Victoria

AHV's NAIDOC Family Day at The Farm

Project Description: AHV's NAIDOC Family Day at The Farm is an opportunity for the community to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal history and culture, in the spirit of community connectedness. 2019 will mark our 20th year celebrating NAIDOC Week at The Collingwood Children's Farm, and will again provide a culturally appropriate, safe, welcoming and inclusive winter festival for the whole community.

The event supports broader community awareness of Aboriginal and issues and provides an important opportunity for sharing knowledge and pride in Aboriginal history, languages, culture and achievements.

Our event program includes traditional dancing, Aboriginal performers and cultural craft activities (performed and led by Aboriginal professionals). Entry, all activities and food are free for the whole community, with past activities including: Boomerang painting, bush animal weaving, Emu feather crafts and bead jewellery making. Performances by leading Aboriginal artists have included: Kutcha Edwards, Illana Atkinson, Indigenous Hip Hop Projects, Wayapa Wuurrk and PATSI Dance Group.

The event is enjoyed by AHV tenants and their families (many of whom face challenges accessing cultural or recreational activities) and by the broader community, regardless of cultural background or race.

Our event provides a great opportunity for families to experience the rich traditions of Aboriginal cultures and to celebrate NAIDOC Week in the spirit of reconciliation.

Amount Requested: \$11,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This culturally significant event has clear purpose and outcomes supported by excellent community consultation.

AG19-155

Multicultural Arts Victoria

Emerge in Yarra 2019

Project Description: *Emerge in Yarra 2019* will feature two weeks of diverse artistic and cross cultural celebration in July by Yarra based emerging artists and communities across the City. In a series of free & ticketed events, the festival will present a diverse multilayered program with an array of artistic expressions including experimental dance & theatre, rare & exciting new collaborations, film, food & storytelling, live music, interfaith spoken word, refugee interactive improvised performance and a cultural gathering of refugee and indigenous communities. *Emerge in Yarra* is a celebration of the enormous artistic & cultural diversity of Yarra and has grown to encompass talented artists from refugee & emerging communities to promote diverse art forms, new collaborations & commissioned works.

Emerge in Yarra utilises a mix of Yarra's iconic & lesser known unique venues including the Public Housing Estates, Budd Street Gallery, Studio J, Long Play Bar, Fitzroy & Collingwood community kitchens, Black Cat gallery, Abbotsford Convent, Melba Spiegel tent, The Night Cat, Afrohub & many others.

In 2019 MAV will present *Emerge* to celebrate refugee and emerging communities contribution to the City and plans to invite the Indigenous community and refugee community together at Atherton Gardens Estate for a family friendly free cultural gathering as the opening event to acknowledge *Emerge in Yarra* takes place on the traditional lands of the Wurrundjeri People of the Kulin Nation. This builds on ethos of the festival's successful key launch opening event in 2018 a cross-cultural collaboration between Horn of Africa & Colombia at Atherton Gardens Estate.

Amount Requested: \$25,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$81,700.00

Recommendation: \$20,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong and detailed application that pulls together a range of artists from across Yarra. The purpose and projected outcomes were clearly defined.

AG19-246

Smith Street Working Group

Auspice: Mission Australia

Smith Street Dreaming

Project Description: This award winning project was developed by the Smith Street Working Group to celebrate the relationships between people who live, work and/or visit Smith Street and to foster understanding, respect and peace for everyone.

The Smith Street Working Group includes: the Neighbourhood Justice Centre, Yarra City Council, Victoria Police, Co-Health, Eastern Health, MAYSAR and Charcoal Lane. This group meets monthly in Collingwood Estate to engage the 'Parkie' community on the design and feel of the festival

Moving into it's seventh year the work of this group culminates in a yearly festival that showcases local talent, and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. The event takes place on the cnr of Smith Street and Stanley St

Collinwood. A traditional meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reconnect to culture as a result of past government assimilation policy

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$42,648.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a fantastic project. The application provided evidence of excellent community consultation and the production of strong social and creative outcomes.

AG19-249

Dancehouse

Dance Massive at Dancehouse

Project Description: Initiated in 2009, Dance Massive is the nation's largest scale and only continuing contemporary dance festival presenting Australian only work. Since its inception, Dance Massive has welcomed over 50,000 ticketed attendances to 579 performances of 90 dance works.

Presented by a consortium of partners (Dancehouse, Arts House, Malthouse) Dance Massive as an integrated model builds, nurtures and connects a multiplicity of communities: artists, audiences, the sector (through the industry and visiting delegates programs) and the artform through accessible, participatory or discursive public programs for both practitioners and general public.

Funding is sought for the delivery of the Dancehouse Dance Massive program consisting of:

- 2 new multi-disciplinary commissions produced by Dancehouse featuring outstanding international collaborators
- 2 interstate works
- 4 new Victorian works
- 1 existing work by an emerging artist
- A rich and diverse public program (made up of screenings, video installations, lecture performances, critical writing workshops, audience engagement workshops, podcasts, local community and local business engagement initiatives)

This program will be delivered at Dancehouse's North Carlton venue and a multiplicity of other Yarra spaces (Fitzroy Reading Room, Carlton Library, Royal Tennis Club Richmond, and Abbotsford Convent).

Yarra funding will be exclusively invested in artists' fees for development and presentation as well as the delivery of the two site-specific commissions.

Amount Requested: \$22700.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$137,050.00

Subsidised Use Amount: \$0.00

Cash recommendation: \$20,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application for an event that brings local and international together to celebrate dance. The application addresses the key funding priorities for the category, and has excellent detail about the program and project objectives.

AG19-269

Make It Up Club Inc

Make It Up Club 21st Birthday Festival

Project Description: In January 2019, the MIUC celebrates 21 years of weekly, curated, avant garde improvised music and sound performance concerts in Fitzroy. To celebrate, over four consecutive Tuesdays through the month (the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th), our annual Birthday Festival will feature over 20 acts, comprising more than 60 individual performers, in collaborations meticulously crafted by our curatorial team to highlight the talent and innovation at the core of contemporary avant garde improvised sound practice in Melbourne.

This year's festival will include a number of international performers including: Tiziana Bertoncini (IT/AT) on violin and Thomas Lehn (DE/AT) on analog synth, Matthias Müller (DE) on trombone, Will Guthrie (FR) on percussion, John Bell/Alfred Harth/Nicola Hein (DE/NZ) on group electronics. They (along with some other international and interstate performers that we are currently still in the process of confirming), will engage in collaborations with local performers.

In terms of local performers, the aim of the 21st Birthday Festival is to ensure we have gender parity inclusive of non-binary identifying artists, along with collaborations which fuse performers from varying experience levels and genre specialization.

We are still in the early planning stages for local performers, but, for a greater understanding of the kind of curation that the MIUC strives for, please refer to the ABC Classic FM podcast in the support material which documents the 20th Birthday Festival in January this year (which was supported by the City of Yarra).

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$38,800.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: This event provides great outcomes for both Yarra's musicians and the broader community. The application was clear and outlined the activity well.

Community Development Stream: Community Celebrations Category

AG19-007

Carringbush Adult Education

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Annual Gala Ball

Project Description: The Yarra Gala Ball is an annual opportunity to celebrate and nurture the partnerships that have been created within the community residents/groups and organisations within the City of Yarra.

The activities include:

- Welcoming to guests by the community group Vocal Boogie
- Words from dignitaries invited to the event
- Music performances from local arts groups
- Dinner prepared and served by a local enterprise catering group
- Live music from local artists
- Dance activities lead by community members

This is an affordable event that provides residents from all backgrounds to engage with their community and participate in a healthy and fun way.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,850.00

Subsidised Use Amount: \$0.00

Cash recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: Strong application for an annual event that is well attended, and application has incorporated strong consultation and collaboration. Could not fully fund as applicant requested more than the \$3,000 maximum for this stream.

AG19-008

Progressive Broadcasting Service Co-operative Limited (PBS)

PBS 106.7FM 40th Anniversary Picture Book

Project Description: PBS will release a large format book in 2019 to capture our rich and diverse history, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the station commencing regular broadcasting in December 1979.

The working title of the book is 'PBS: 40 Years of Music' and will document our journey championing under-represented music since 1979. Our target audience is anyone with a past or present involvement with PBS, the local music community and lovers of under-represented music. The project will draw on photos, posters, merchandise, interviews and historical documentation to collate a comprehensive and accessible account of 40 years of station life. We have engaged a project coordinator, researcher, designer and printer to undertake the book's creation, working with volunteers and staff to research and curate content. Our PBS 'Brains Trust' will provide insight into PBS' history. An introduction and small amount of text will be written by an experienced writer, and an editor will be engaged.

To ensure the book is ready for launch by December 2019, we have developed a project timeline. The bulk of activities will take place in 2019 at our station in Collingwood. We seek partnerships with various bodies to cover the costs of research, production and book-launch, with PBS investing a significant amount of our own resources. We believe there is sufficient community interest in this project as PBS is well-known in Melbourne, with an estimated 295,000 listeners each week. Profits from any book sales over our break-even figure would go towards PBS' operational costs.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$55,125.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A well planned and thought through project, and a legacy project. Applicant moved to the Community Celebrations stream, funded to the maximum of the stream.

AG19-029

Melbourne Comhaltas Inc

Melbourne Comhaltas St Patrick's Night

Project Description: The project aims are to celebrate St Patrick's Day. This is an Irish festival but is now celebrated all over the world, enjoyed by all cultures. It is always on 17th March. In 2019, this will fall on a Sunday. We do not want to clash with the big Festival in Edinburgh gardens so we will celebrate on Saturday night.

We hope to hire St Philip's Church hall on Hoddle St.

Our celebration will start at 6 pm and continue until 10.30 pm. Our night will consist of Irish music, dancing, storytelling and poetry. We will have activities and games for the children, prizes for the child best dressed in green and prizes for children who wish to show their talents in music or dance.

We will have a nice supper and tea and coffee will be available all night, no alcohol served.

Our night will be a real family night, where grandparents will be partying with their grand-kids. It is a night when young and old come together to celebrate their culture and preserve the traditions. It will be advertised widely, among many different communities who wish to share the day with the Irish. It promotes cultural diversity and an enjoyment and appreciation of what different cultures have to offer.

Amount Requested: \$1,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,950.00

Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Panel Comments: An application that demonstrated an obvious passion for Irish culture and community cohesion. The panel particularly supported the inter-generational aspect of this project. However they also suggested ways the applicant could reduce costs such as not buying gifts for children and reducing catering, so did not fully fund.

AG19-032

Melbourne Irish Festival Committee

Melbourne Irish Festival

Project Description: We will organize a Sunday afternoon of Irish related activities in a city park. The Edinburgh Gardens has been used since 2006. This is an annual Festival on the Sunday afternoon next to St Patrick's Day (17th March) and always attracts large numbers of people from all cultures. Everyone is happy to be Irish for St Patrick's Day.

The Festival will run from 12 noon to 5 pm. The activities will include a main stage where local talent in music and dance will be displayed. The schools of Irish Dance will put on displays during the afternoon. Irish music groups such as Comhaltas will have a gig. Entry is free and families come from all over to picnic on the grass and enjoy catching up with friends and enjoying Irish culture. Activities will be organised for the children such as face painting, craft activities, music, theatre, sporting events such as team games and also fun type races. Some vendors will be selling Irish type food (baked potatoes) as well as coffee, ice cream and cold drinks. No alcohol will be sold. All the Irish groups will be invited to be present. Many will have their own tent or stall and will be promoting their activities, for example the Irish Families Group, Irish Language group, Irish History Circle, Irish Mothers' Group, and all the sporting groups. This is especially valuable to new and smaller Irish community groups as a chance to promote themselves and build partnerships.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: A good submission that clearly outlined the proposed project, which is a popular event for the Yarra community. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-039

Oromo Community Women's Group in the City of Yarra Inc

Celebration of Eid Al Adha, Festival of Sacrifice

Project Description: We are planning to hold our successful annual Eid Al Adha, Festival of Sacrifice festival, one of the two important festivals on the Muslim calendar. It will be an all-day festival in the grounds of the Elizabeth Street, Richmond housing estate and will be open to all residents of the the estate plus other Yarra residents, local Councillors and other office-holders and organisations and members of the Oromo community from other parts of Melbourne.

Amount Requested: \$3,870.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,120.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: Strong application, for a good community initiative that brings people together for an important festival day. Could not fully fund as requested more than the maximum available in this stream.

AG19-044

cohealth

Billabong BBQ Christmas Celebration

Project Description: The Billabong BBQ is a multidisciplinary assertive outreach program that works to improve engagement with, and service access for, Aboriginal people living within the City of Yarra. It has been successfully operating since 2000. A range of staff and agencies attend on a regular basis. A number of events of cultural significance are held including events to mark Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week, Memorial Day and Closing the Gap Day. The Billabong BBQ is an opportunity for Aboriginal people to get together and connect with mob. The Billabong provides people with a healthy hot breakfast, groceries from Foodbank and Second Bite and access to a diverse range of health, welfare, justice and employment services on site.

This project "Billabong BBQ Christmas Celebration" 2019 aims to bring Aboriginal people together at Christmas to connect for a festive celebration but also recognizing that it is a time that can highlight the marginalization and disadvantage that many in the Aboriginal community experience in terms of financial hardship, food insecurity and disconnection from people, land and culture . The Christmas event would be held at Harmsworth Hall at the regular

Tuesday Billabong time on Tuesday 17th December 2019. The grant would assist in providing a memorable event with a sit-down meal for community, entertainment for the family, food hampers and gifts.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,900.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a needed program that provides opportunities for the Aboriginal community members to come together. The applicant demonstrated the valuable benefits to hosting the celebration.

AG19-074

Fitzroy Multicultural Families and Children's Group (formerly Fitzroy Sudanese Eritrean Families and Children's Group) **Auspice:** Fitzroy Learning Network

Multicultural celebration of Eid Al Fitr and Eid Al Adha

Project Description: We plan to hold two events, to observe each of the two important religious festivals in the Muslim calendar. Our celebrations will be held at the Atherton Gardens estate and our multicultural group will share food and friendship with other residents of Atherton Gardens of all religions and cultures, men, women and children. We will provide a meal and the opportunity for different groups on the estate to meet and get to know each other and to find out a bit more about our religion and the meaning of the two festivals.

Amount Requested: \$2,450.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$3,050.00

Recommendation: \$2,450.00

Panel Comments: An application that addresses the funding priorities and directs resources to people from a disadvantaged background.

AG19-084

cohealth

Yarra Eid Ul Adha Celebration

Project Description: Eid Ul Adha community celebration. This celebration is one of most significant events in Islamic calendar and it emphasizes the humanity and interconnectedness of all people regardless of race and religion. The event will provide an opportunity for the City of Yarra Muslim community from different backgrounds to celebrate one of their most significant celebrations and share the joy with the rest of the community.

cohealth works with the Horn of African communities in Yarra to plan for the meaningful cultural event.

The event is a recognition and acknowledgement from City of Yarra to provide support for its constituents who make up the city and contribute to the City multicultural framework.

The event will invite participation and attendance by both Muslim and non-Muslim Men, Women and Children and will offer cultural and social activities that include halal BBQs, coffee making, rides and cultural entertainments and story telling.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,160.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong and well written application with clearly defined objectives and outcomes. A good community initiative with evidence of social need and value.

AG19-098

cohealth

Yarra Lunar Year of the Earth Pig

Project Description: 2019 is the “Year of the Earth Pig,” a year of fortune full of joy, friendship and luck, an auspicious year because the Pig attracts success in all spheres of life. Yarra Earth Pig will celebrate Multiculturalism at its best, building togetherness, cohesion, harmony and belonging. The celebration means to chase the evil from the old year away, and welcome all the lucky activities for the New Year, and will be shared with all . our brothers and sisters from Greece, China, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Horn of Africa, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, thus building up acceptance of cultures/differences, and intergenerational harmony. Community members and organisations members come together and plan for the event with coordinated activities at Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Our Yarra Mayor will open the ceremony, followed with welcoming speeches from the community, local members and cohealth. There will be community cultural and musical performances, with singing and a choir. Young/mature/older generation will all enjoy sharing a delicious cultural meal by our local ‘Cultural Catering’ social enterprise, coupled with Chinese vegetarian noodles and African meal. The Lion and Budha will make their sumptuous entrance to the delight of all participants, and will show their talent in eating the lettuce, and climbing up to reach the red envelopes money. We hope that there would be some activities organised by Drummond St Services or Cultivating Community to entertain the communities if time enables. All will help with the setting up, preparation, welcoming of guests, serving the food, socialising and packing up.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,740.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The application demonstrated a clear connection of community celebration stream goals and your project aims, and a high level of community consultation.

AG19-116

Boroondara Kindergarten Inc.

Celebrating and Learning About Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Cultures in a Multi-Cultural Community

Project Description: Boroondara Kindergarten recognises Australia's First Peoples and works towards true reconciliation within our community by embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural perspectives within the teaching program every day. In order to connect with nationally recognised community celebrations and provide an opportunity for families to understand media reports and community events, we focus this learning by marking the following:

- Reconciliation Week/Sorry Day in May: educating both children and families about the impacts of the Stolen Generations
- NAIDOC in late June: a little before official events in July, celebration evening and educative role for families to become involved in official events as well as the strong and positive celebration of Aboriginal culture.
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on 4 August: celebrating the strength and potential of children – the Elders of tomorrow.

Council resources will be used to reinforce the Wurundjeri people as traditional custodians of the land on which Boroondara Kindergarten is placed, Any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families enrolled in the centre will be invited to participate in the planning of the events.

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,434.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: A great application that demonstrated strong connection between community need and education, as well as strong evaluation processes to help develop the project and a high level of community consultation and involvement in the project.

AG19-234

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc

VIETNAMESE TET FESTIVAL FOR DISADVANTAGED WOMEN & SENIORS

Project Description: The Vietnamese Tet Festival project is designed to celebrate the Lunar New Year; showcase the artistic talents of the Vietnamese culture; and promote social harmony within the local multicultural community. This festival will be scheduled around Friday 5th February 2019, being the Lunar New Year's Day.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,220.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear application that includes strong supporting material to demonstrate the effectiveness of the organisation and the event in the community.

Community Development Stream: Community Strengthening

AG19-009

Greek Pensioners Club of North Fitzroy

Greek Pensioners Social Club

Project Description: Our senior citizens club has around 40 members and we meet on Thursdays during the day at the Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Community Hub. We provide cooked meals and entertainment to our members on a weekly basis and offer a range of activities on a variety of topics such as cultural matters, health education, and education on social issues. We also plan to organise an exhibition of Greek traditional food along with an exhibition of Greek embroidery, some pieces of which are more than 100 year old.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$22,200.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: An application that meets a clear need in the area providing social support for seniors. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund. Application would have been strengthened by a more detailed budget, and by consulting with members and others.

AG19-012

Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Richmond

Activities for Seniors

Project Description: Our group meets every Wednesday to share a good meal and take part in social activities. We also have special healthy lunch outings five times per year to celebrate special events and holidays. The group provides important support for our members who are mostly widows and widowers now living alone. Several of our members have mobility difficulties and the group helps them to get to the hall. These activities are important to our pensioner members by supplementing their diet with hearty, healthy meals and by supporting their mental health and connection to the community. As primarily widows and widowers who live alone and whose primary language is Italian, this group is the main social activity for most of our members.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,150.00

Recommendation: \$2,800.00

Panel Comments: A great organisation providing support to senior citizens, with the project addressing stream priorities. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund, particularly given the low numbers of participants.

AG19-017

Richmond Beijing Opera Study

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Chinese Opera at the North Richmond Housing Estate for the community

Project Description: The group of around 30 people including singers and musicians meet twice a week to rehearse in order to perform in front of an audience about once a month at the North Richmond Housing Estate. Chinese opera performance does not mean simply showing musical instrumental playing, but with roles singing together to an audience. Our proper Chinese theatrical presentation must firstly choose a main subject of the whole performance, then the theme is to be gradually revealed by suitable stage background. The ingredients include beautiful musical accompaniments; attractive roles, singing; dancing; dialogue, and acrobatic fighting with martial arts. All of our stage accomplishment would aspiring Richmond community life mixed with Chinese long time created oriental features of theatrical beauty.

In order to strengthening the community, there are many methods: Our opera performance is one of it, because all community residents need beautiful music, skilful performance; and cultural achievement to enrich their lives. To adequately combine our performance with community, we have routine presentations in the Estate, and joining community celebrations; united clubs special performance to give enough chance satisfying community needs. A healthy community should have more people doing valuable cultural work than gambling.

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,375.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application, for a project with positive cultural group and good multi-generational inclusiveness, and good budget. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-027

Fitzroy Multicultural Families and Children's Group (formerly Fitzroy Sudanese Eritrean Families and Children's Group) **Auspice:** Fitzroy Learning Network

Social activities for women and children of multicultural backgrounds living in Fitzroy

Project Description: We plan to hold the following activities:

Four excursions to other parts of Melbourne/outside Melbourne

Four BBQs or picnics, to be held locally

Eight fortnightly casual get-togethers to be held on the Atherton Gardens estate during the summer months

Amount Requested: \$4,850.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,250.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application with clear objectives and outcomes, for an inclusive project that meets a need in the CALD community. Recommending less than the minimum as \$4,000 is the maximum available in this funding stream. The applicant is encouraged to consider ways of being more flexible with funding requirements in future applications.

AG19-036

Multi Ethnic Slavic Senior Group Fitzroy Inc.

Never is too late to stay active

Project Description: We are going to organize regular weekly group meetings, group lunches and outings, information sessions, art and craft workshops, light exercise, healthy information sessions such as: Reiki, Shiatsu, Dementia, senior Rights, Centrelink/aged pension, carers, Healthy Diet, Legal/Will/Power of Attorney, Dementia and similar. We are also going to participate in multicultural events and festivals and hand craft exhibitions. Our group is going to organize outings and information sessions as well as light exercise for group members.

Amount Requested: \$3,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: An effective project targeted to a specific need in the community, from an applicant with demonstrated capacity. The applicant is strongly encouraged to contact Council Grant Team for assistance when developing and writing future applications, and attend grant writing workshops available.

AG19-037

Afghan and Iranian Women's Group in the City of Yarra **Auspice:** Fitzroy Learning Network

Social and cultural activities for Afghan and Iranian women living in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The group plans to hold the following activities:

- Weekly social get-togethers three weeks a month, to be held at Collingwood CoHealth, all year except during Ramadan
- Monthly get-togethers at Napier Street flats community kitchen where the group will cook and share lunch
- Two trips to Dandenong to visit the markets and Afghan shops and to have lunch
- One trip to the Dandenong Ranges to go cherry-picking
- One BBQ, to be held in a local park
- Creative workshops to be held as part of the Friday gatherings to do embroidery and knit
- Three celebrations:
 - Nowruz, Afghan-Persian New Year
 - Eid AL Fitr, end of Ramadan
 - Eid Al Adha, Festival of Sacrifice

Amount Requested: \$5,640.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,440.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: An application that is well prepared and effective in describing the need in the community for this project, and their strategy to meet this need. The panel felt it was important to support this part of community. Recommending less than the minimum as \$4,000 is the maximum available in this funding stream.

AG19-055

Richmond and Burnley Historical Society

Collection Development and Promoting Local History

Project Description: Collection Management: Development of the collection, includes copying, digitising, indexing, repairing, mounting and displaying items for themes, events and preservation. Volunteers require access to equipment, materials and resources to complete this work. The work is completed by teams working together and responding to requests for information, items and events, such as Yarra 3121 Beating the Drum with Yarra Libraries, Commemoration of the Centenary of Maternal Health, WW1 commemoration and remembrance. The range of projects and size will depend on the priorities throughout 2019.

Volunteer Development: Training volunteers to use the indexing software, software updates and developing skills in research, scanning, and documentation management are the foundations for building volunteer confidence and capability. The training sessions include group and individual coaching. Training is a key advantage to attract and increase the number of volunteers. The training caters for all levels of ability.

Promoting Local History: Production of newsletters, walks, talks and publications requires conducting events, printing and publishing of materials. The events will include venues, afternoon tea, and specialist guest speakers. Our website and facebook pages has a reach of over 3,000 people who have connections with the area. Our events have catered for between 25 to over 100 people. Our previous events are listed on our Website under Events.

Amount Requested: \$3,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$28,100.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear, concise and well written application that will provide a really useful service to the local community and have a large community benefit. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-059

The Pingju Opera Association of Australia

Pingju Opera

Project Description: We will meet weekly and practice our singing in groups and as individuals. There will be a music teacher present to help guide us and build our repertoire. We will perform at the end of the year on the estate and at Chinese festivals. Mainland opera differs from Beijing opera as it is more a grassroots folk culture than the traditional Chinese opera.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The application was clear, simple and precise, outlining a project that will provide a good opportunity to participants to engage with each other, and demonstrated that the community would benefit from this. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-064

Yarra Healthy Life

Senior's Activities

Project Description: We would like to meet weekly for our different activities. These include square dancing classes for seniors, sewing group, seasonal fishing outings to different locations (public transport or carpools arranged as necessary to help members attend), cooking classes sharing local, family and our favourite recipes with each other. We also would like to continue meeting twice a week in the evening for ping pong exercise activities. We will also have special celebrations for Christmas, Chinese New Year, Moon Day and the Dragon Boat Day.

In these classes and groups, we both bring in special speakers and teachers to bring new skills to the group and encourage group members to share their ideas and knowledge. These classes encourage our growing membership to learn new skills, meet new people, stay connected, help each other and save money. At the weekly meetings we will share food received from SecondBite.

We also will run seminars with relevant officers to talk about the social welfare system, avoiding gambling, and aged care, with members able to request topics. In addition, we will visit senior members when they are sick in hospital.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$67,800.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: An application that celebrates diversity and looking after the elderly, meeting the stream priorities. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-073

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens: An Active Community

Project Description: The purpose of our club is to bring together a group of elderly people to socialise, talk to one another, share their joy and problems, provide support, play cards, bingo, singing, dance, have meals and cultivate diversity. We meet once a week at the church hall of St Ignatius on Richmond Hill. During the year we have a few excursions. The project will support our activities and the elderly community of Richmond. The majority of our members are from Italian backgrounds although some come from other countries too. Most of us are over 70 years old and look forward to this activity each week.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,400.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear application for an organisation providing a great service to the community funding regular activities for seniors in this area. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-076

Serbian Pensioners Club Fitzroy

Strengthening Serbian Seniors

Project Description: We meet once a week for social and educational activities. Meals are provided weekly and the community members can gather to discuss the news of the day. We cook and serve our own meals - there are traditional dishes such as chicken soup and cabbage rolls. We also like to provide speakers to inform and educate members of the Serbian community. We celebrate special anniversaries and national days, with singing and performances. The community are very happy in the new premises at North Fitzroy Library and appreciate Council's continued support.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$17,550.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A good application that contributes to the social inclusion of elders in the community. The applicant has clearly negotiated great relationships for in-kind support, and this grant will provide additional support. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-088

Fitzroy Public Housing Residents

Community Care for Atherton Gardens

Project Description: We meet every Tuesday, including providing fifty free lunches over course of the year, and also do the following activities.

There are indoor activities: Cooking group, Sewing group, Exercise group,

Singing group, Dance group, Riddles, Current affairs forum, ping-pong group, Festivals (dragon boat festival, mid autumn festival, Christmas, New Year, Chinese New Year), Mahjong group, Teaching tai chi.

And there are outdoor activities: Farm excursion, Outings excursions, Walking Groups, Visiting the elderly and disabled in hospital, Swimming group, Participating in Community activities, Participating in government related activity, Aged and Disability Services.

With festivals such as Chinese New Year, we invite people to perform and guests to come. We also provide a sewing service to the community.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$26,300.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: An application with clear aims and outcomes for a project that is well attended and worthy of support. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-089

Fitzroy Atherton Gardens Table Tennis Association

Friendship through Table Tennis at Atherton Gardens

Project Description: The Association provides table tennis playing opportunities at Atherton Gardens in Fitzroy two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:00pm and 9:30pm. Usually we have between 20 and 30 people playing each week and more than 100 on our competition days which are held three times a year. There are

volunteer coaches and people attending come from many different cultures. Everyone is welcome. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and get to know other people from the Commission Estate.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,600.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: Application for a project providing extremely valuable activity for the elderly. Applicant is advised in future applications to ensure budget costs, particularly regarding equipment, are broken down into specifics.

AG19-090

Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.

Community service for elderly people in North Richmond

Project Description: The project consists of three kinds of activities designed for the elderly people in the community. Recreational activities: singing and dancing, chess and cards playing, organising excursions;

Educational activities: free English class, free Chinese painting and calligraphy class, lectures on health care and exchanges of cooking and gardening skills;

Service Activities: free performance for older residents in nursing homes, free hair cutting for elder people, especially door to door service of hair cutting for disabled elder people, helping elder people to read English letters or bills or accompanying them to go to see doctors if they need and related services.

Our activities are open to the local and other communities people on every Saturday and Sunday in North Richmond, and the special service activities are on at the time depending on elderly people's needs.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,900.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A strong application for a project that addresses an important issue of social inclusion and connection. The application demonstrated a passionate and compassionate case for support for a worthy cause. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-106

Cultivating Community

Meet and Eat 2019

Project Description: Meet and Eat is a weekly social cooking group and community lunch held on a Wednesday afternoon during school terms. The program is facilitated and supported by Cultivating Community in partnership with cohealth dietitians and is held in the Fitzroy Community Food Centre at the Atherton Gardens public housing estate. The group offers opportunities to build social and health capital for participants as well as increasing understanding of the health services available to community members. The group cook together for the first hour enabling participants to develop skills in food preparation, practising verbal and written English skills, learning meal planning skills and negotiating their contribution to the group. The second hour involves sitting to eat the prepared meal, practising social and English skills and learning about local community health services and programs. Guest speakers from local community and health organisations are invited to each lunch to discuss and promote relevant programs. The facilitators of each session outline services offered by cohealth and offer nutrition advice and information to participants. The group has been running since 2016 and has regular attendance from Fitzroy Learning Network students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are learning English and are interested in extending their language skills in a social setting. Attendance also includes tenants from neighbouring rooming houses and residents from neighbouring public housing estates as well as community members currently experiencing homelessness. All are welcomed and included with multiple levels of participation available and encouraged by facilitators.

Amount Requested: \$3,600.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,600.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A very clear and effective application demonstrating a clear understanding of the issues and an effective solution, through a local project that also delivers lots of secondary outcomes through food. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-115

North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association

Community Activities and Celebrations

Project Description: New activities we are planning are classes for English, both oral and written, and a computer class.

Other activities are the same as last year, including:

- three cultural events: Dragon boat festival, Mid-autumn festival and Chinese New Year celebration
- monthly cooking class
- bus trip for Chinese seniors twice a year
- weekly singing and dancing activities
- playing mahjong three times a week
- visiting anybody who is sick or the family of somebody who has passed away
- bus for the Peking opera

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$22,120.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A project providing an important support to the community and range of services available. Application would have been strengthened by more detail about the specific activities being offered. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-117

Yarra Chinese Women's Group

Health and Happiness for Chinese Women

Project Description: Our group provides a range of activities and weekly meetings for the Chinese women of the City of Yarra. We provide healthy lunches, play Mahjong, do Tai Chi, go on outings and excursions, have seminars and guest lecturers. We have seminars in regard to health and hygiene for women. We have a series of activities and special days that we celebrate throughout the year. These include International Women's Day, Mother's Day, Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, a special Anniversary Celebration, Mid-Autumn Festival, Senior's Week, Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations. Also people can come and be grouped together with others that enjoy the same things.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,200.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: The panel noted that this project is useful and important, with a well written description of activities. The panel noted that funding is not being provided for the outings.

AG19-121

Fitzroy Chinese Association

Healthy Living in the Community

Project Description: The Fitzroy Chinese Association has 170 members and meets weekly and organizes weekly activities for elderly Chinese residents (Cantonese speaking) at the Atherton Garden's Estate. The activities include:

- Workshops delivered by volunteers on well-being, welfare and health
- Mild exercise sessions
- Free lunch for members
- Monthly excursion
- Lawn bowling
- Singing
- Festival celebration

The Association also coordinates volunteers to visit elderly members at home and to help with grocery shopping. The Association provides a social environment for its members and has fostered friendships and a social network among the Chinese community in Yarra. It also helps the elderly members to stay active. The project run by the local residents for the local residents, aims to reduce the social isolation experienced by Chinese residents and to nurture meaningful and socially inclusive life.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,300.00

Recommendation: \$3,800.00

Panel Comments: A project with clear objectives that strongly aligns with the stream priorities.

AG19-128

Richmond Joy Choir Inc

Richmond Joy Choir performances and activities

Project Description: We plan to hold several community celebration activities which can strengthen the function for our choir. These celebration include the major Chinese Festivals as follows:

- 1) Chinese New Year Festival,
- 2) Duan Wu Festival
- 3) Mid-Autumn Festival

We plan to hold our celebration at the community hall at 106 Elizabeth Street Richmond. We believe that it is important to have the celebration within the housing estate because this will most effectively impact everyday community life.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,200.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: Very strong application that demonstrates key outcomes and very good evaluation methods. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-137

Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association

The Silk Flowers Art Project

Project Description: The project takes place on the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate over 12 months and aims to encourage the Chinese community living on the estate as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. The activities that will be undertaken in the project will include: making silk flowers, using a range of fabrics and craft material to create a range of framed designs. The finished designs will be on display at various council and community locations. Some of the project items will be sold as fundraisers for various community initiatives. Some of the art pieces will also be given as birthday presents to the elderly over the age of 85. The project aims to strengthen the engagement and communication with the elderly, improve their mental outlook and create a positive and happy atmosphere. The project will also encourage the artistic creativity and skills of the elderly to assist them to maintain active brain function. The project aims to reduce loneliness and isolation of the elderly and assist them to engage with the broader community.

Amount Requested: \$2,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: Application clearly states the aims and outcomes of the project. The project provides an opportunity for the Chinese and elderly community to engage in a different creative and artistic activities, and strong evaluation processes. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-150

Australian Yugoslav Pensioners

Australian Yugoslav Pensioners Social Club

Project Description: The Australian Yugoslav Pensioners have regular luncheons every Wednesday at the new community hub, Bargoonga Nganjin at the North Fitzroy Library, for around 60 pensioners from Yugoslav backgrounds. Our members come from all of the countries of the former-Yugoslavia including Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Montenegro and Croatia. This year we will be moving to the newly built Council facility, the North Fitzroy Community Hub, to continue our activities. We also organise picnics, camping and other activities like fishing. We visit the sick in hospitals and in homes, assist the elderly with their shopping and visit other multicultural groups. Each year we take two trips - one to Yarrawonga and one to Bright staying for three nights each time.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,500.00

Recommendation: \$3,800.00

Panel Comments: A project that provides a good model, making good use of community facilities and using membership fees to support activities. The panel noted that the applicant organisation do a lot with what they receive. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-154

Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association

Celebrating Community

Project Description: We meet regularly and have singing, dancing and entertainment sessions to keep our elderly Chinese Australian members healthy and active. As well as providing educational lessons and talks about a range of subjects from healthy living to how to care for the environment. We also regularly visit any sick and frail members who may be in hospital or a nursing home. We are seeking funding to continue with our activities which apart from our weekly get-togethers includes the following four main celebrations; Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival and Christmas. Each celebration involves food and special activities.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,375.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: An application that spoke to the assessment criteria and has demonstrated benefits to the the community, with the reduction of isolation for the sick and elderly. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-170

Eritrean Women's Group in City of Yarra

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Eritrean Women's Group in City of Yarra

Project Description: The Eritrean women's group in Yarra is one of the newly emerging communities in the area, hence this project will assist the women and their children as a starting point to give them an opportunity to participate in their own space, which could lead for a positive and smooth transition and integration to the wider mainstream of their communities and build relationship with the council. the project will focus on providing

opportunities on education about health and well-being and learn from each other about their family well-being in regards to some domestic violence and cut the taboo of keeping the culture of such issues to themselves only. As well as do some self development of their skills by running small courses such as computer classes and cooking classes. Furthermore the excursions will aim to strengthen the relationship b/n the mothers and their children to enhance emotional well being and mental resilience.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$15,750.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel found this to be a strong project meeting the funding priorities of the stream, and worthy of support. Could not fully fund as requested more than the maximum available in this stream.

AG19-188

Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Activities for the Elderly Chinese at Atherton Gardens

Project Description: This project aims to get elderly Chinese members of our club out of their homes to exercise and socialise for the health benefits. We have around 200 members based at the Atherton Gardens Estate. Our members sing, dance, play chess and mahjong. We hold various seminars on issues like health, Centrelink, consumer affairs and multicultural issues. We undertake day trips twice per year. We meet weekly on Monday and Saturdays and monthly on a Sunday. We hold 12-13 activities per month.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,300.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A cost effective program that engages seniors frequently each month, providing important support to the community. The panel advised the applicant to ensure when submitting multiple applications that there is a clear difference between the projects that funding is being applied for.

AG19-189

Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Show You Have a Loving Heart

Project Description: The Show You Have a Loving Heart program supports senior public housing residents and members of the Yarra Chinese Friendship Association through regular home visits, delivering meals, helping with medical needs, visiting local doctors and hospitals. We have also developed and run regular Mahjong, Chess and Dancing sessions for the elderly which happen three times a week on the Atherton Gardens Estate involving around 100 people. There are birthday celebrations, Christmas Day celebrations, special activities and excursions to the city and gardens. We also wish to help the members improve their English in terms of listening, speaking, reading and writing to be able to communicate in daily conversation and build vocabulary.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A very active group, reaching a lot of people, using a simple idea, and worthy of support.

AG19-193

Mei's Art (Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)

Celebrating Chinese Beijing Opera in the City of Yarra

Project Description: We are an amateur Chinese Opera group based at the Richmond Housing Estate. The purpose of our project is to provide an ongoing opportunity for our members to come together and practice in a social setting. Our members enjoy learning and it keeps them in contact with their culture. The members also enjoy

performing and sharing their culture with other members of the community. We meet weekly at the community centre at 110 Elizabeth St, Richmond. It is a great social event for our members and helps to prevent social isolation. During the year we perform at many different venues including the Lunar New Year Festival in Victoria St and the Moon Lantern festival at the Richmond Estate. This year we also had a show at the Richmond Theatre on a Sunday afternoon and we intend to do this again in 2019.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,850.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A worthy project that provides opportunities for community members to socialise, participate and perform for the community. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-201

Australian Somali Women's Healthcare Community Foundation

Sewing Group

Project Description: The sewing program has thirty mums who meet three days a week in Fitzroy for sewing classes - repairing clothes, curtains, table cloths. We do sewing on machines and hand sewing and knitting for seniors. In 2018 we borrowed sewing machines from the North Melbourne classes, but are not able to do this and so need to buy new machines for the Fitzroy classes. We use volunteer teachers for the program.

Amount Requested: \$9,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$23,900.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a worthy project that was really beneficial to that community, providing women with a safe space and helping them gain skills. The panel particularly enjoyed the upcycling / reusing aspect of project. There was some question raised about the eligibility of large amount of equipment being requested, however eligible as part of a larger project. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-204

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club

Social and Recreational Activities for Richmond Greek Senior Citizens

Project Description: We will run social and recreational activities for the Greek elderly of Richmond including meals, games, celebrating national and Saints' days, excursions, health lectures and visits from speakers. We support each other as we grow older and meet once a week together at the Church Hall. The recreational activities help to keep us healthy and active and stay in touch with our community. We go on excursions several times a year and often this is the only opportunity for some of the older ones to go away. We also keep an eye out for those who are now living alone. We welcome all cultures.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,900.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application that provides a valuable service to the local Greek community.

AG19-205

Australian Somali Women's Healthcare Community Foundation

Kitchen Program

Project Description: We will meet every Sunday in Collingwood at the Neighborhood kitchen with participants coming from Richmond and Collingwood, to teach girls aged 14-21 how to cook - Somali food, Italian food and Australian food. We use volunteer teachers for the program.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,300.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel noted that this was a good program that would greatly benefit the young African women. Panel had concerns regarding the budget, noting that the amount requested for kitchen amount is too high as the Collingwood kitchen is already well supported with equipment, and thus did not fully fund.

AG19-239

Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Victoria Inc.

Russian Heritage in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The project will be a celebration of the contribution of the Russian Community to the City of Yarra. Although the contribution of Russians to the City of Yarra is rich and old in its heritage, it is not well-known. We believe that this limits the bidirectional relationship of the Russian community with its environment, both in the sense of the Russian community being part of Yarra and the population of Yarra knowing the value of the Russian community. The present project seeks to address that need.

It consists of three components: investigating, compiling and promoting. The first two components involve engaging a local historian who will establish a concise but comprehensive account of the history of Russians in Yarra: to investigate the history through research and compile that in comprehensive form. That prepares the way for the final stage of the project, promotion.

The promotion stage presents the compiled information publicly, to the local Russian community and the broader Yarra population. It will take place in a central location, in the newly renovated "Russian House" in Fitzroy - the historic centre of the local Russian community. Speakers will be selected for 5 seminars, each detailing specific aspect of the relevant history. The main project outcome will be increased awareness, increased connectedness, development of healthy and respectful relationships, and broadening the level of participation in the Russian community, from those of Russian descent and the public at large - all based on mutual recognition of a specific aspect of Yarra's history.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: A well presented and articulated project proposal, that is a great initiative to engage the community with Russian cultural heritage in our local setting. In a highly competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-253

Queer Club

The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever 2019

Project Description: This is an annual event held in Edinburgh Gardens in mid-July that brings together men, women and children of all ages, ethnicity and abilities to dress in all red, to learn the choreography and then dance together en mass to Kate Bush's iconic 1978 hit Wuthering Heights.

The event is visually spectacular and unifies participants through the shared joyful expression found in the phenomenon that is mass dance.

This silly event has a serious purpose, we Wuther to denounce family violence and our community of Cathys raise money for charities that support women and children experiencing domestic abuse; Safe Steps Family Violence Response Center and Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,403.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel found this to be a creative way of addressing a complicated issue. They noted the application had a particularly strong budget.

AG19-254

Melbourne East Timorese Activity Centre

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Timorese Australia Welcome Dinners 2019

Project Description: This project provides a space where East Timorese and non-East Timorese residents of Yarra and Melbourne can meet and support each other on a monthly basis. The local East Timorese community actively organises and runs the Welcome Dinners. This involves publicising the event, organising the catering, entertainment, and other displays or activities, managing the logistics of the event, and acting as 'hosts' for the evening. These events have become a key focal point for social life in the East Timorese Community of Melbourne, as well as attracting participants from many organisations and groups who are actively involved with East Timor, such as aid organisations, friendship groups, schools, tertiary institutions, and other East Timorese community groups. Based on the experience of organising these dinners, METAC has developed a number of other cultural and social activities, including photographic and art exhibitions, and a community choir, which has performed throughout Victoria.

The Welcome Dinner is a buffet style meal showcasing Timorese Food and provided by Cultural Catering of the City of Yarra.

Amount Requested: \$5,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$11,550.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A fantastic initiative with huge benefits for social inclusion and sense of identity. The application was well detailed and included strong evaluation measures. Could not fully fund as requested more than the maximum available in this stream.

Community Development Stream: Community Support

AG19-002

Architects for Peace Incorporated

Talk Series 2019

Project Description: The Talk Series 2019 is a series of four public events that promote critical thinking, cross-disciplinary dialogue and actively support ideas and knowledge exchange on spatial justice and environmental sustainability.

The Series comprises of four talks. The format of individual events will be decided based on the topic of discussion and it will be one of the followings:

- Walking tour and/or exhibition followed by a panel discussion with Q&A session;
- Film or documentary screening followed by a moderated public discussion;
- World Café style event.

Panel discussions. Architects for Peace has been hosting panel discussions for 15 years, raising awareness and fostering respectful dialogue. The discussion is prompted by three to four guest speakers presenting their work or perspective on the event chosen topic. Presentations are followed by a moderated Q&A session.

Film screening. Film screening has proven to be an engaging and powerful way to raise awareness about specific themes, such as gentrification and migration. The movie screening is followed by a moderated discussion with the audience. Two to three guest speakers are invited to share their knowledge and expertise.

World Café event. A more informal, yet structured, event to engage with the audience in a meaningful way to share knowledge and allow for small group discussion and interaction.

Topics for discussion are discussed and agreed by Architects for Peace active members and volunteers based on the current debate on social justice, environmental sustainability and urbanisation that align and are relevant to AFP goals, mission and vision.

Amount Requested: \$3,780.00

Total Project Cost: \$55,530.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong and well written application that clearly outlines how it addresses key priority areas.

AG19-004

Princes Hill Community Centre

Beginners Guitar Circle - Three Chords and the Truth

Project Description: The Beginners Guitar – Three Chords and the Truth project will promote, run and assess a series of low-cost classes that will teach local Yarra residents music skills within a small, supportive group environment, with the broader aims of improving community connection, increasing interaction, confidence and capacity, and creating a community of like-minded people. The project will aim to build on the initial successful pilot project funded by the City of Yarra Small Grants Program in 2018. The Beginners Guitar Circle – Three Chords and the Truth project will be organised by Teresa Batten of the Princes Hill Community Centre, and will consist of 80 classes over the year (2 classes per week over 10 weeks, over 4 school terms). The project will aim to establish community groups across the Yarra precinct, in which residents further increase capacity for connection and reduce factors such as social isolation, anxiety, depression and loneliness over the longer term. A burgeoning social media network will also link participants across Yarra with the opportunity for increased interaction. The Beginners Guitar Circle – Three Chords and the Truth project will draw on existing relationships established through with the Richmond Community Learning Centre, the City of Yarra, and the Princes Hill Community Centre in order to help these classes run.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$16,200.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile initiative, with music as a great connector.

AG19-010

First Hike Project

First Hike Project expansion - Melbourne

Project Description: The First Hike Project aims to welcome people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to our country with compassion, understanding and a dash of adventure.

We take refugee youth on all-expenses-paid overnight hiking and camping adventure to experience the Australian Bush. Participants experience bushwalking, camping and camp fires in some of Victorians greatest wilderness areas. The First Hike Project believes that hiking is a great way to break down imaginary barriers between groups of people and allow greater connections between participants, volunteers and this country. These experience allows participants to strengthen their connection to Australia and ultimately to feel more at home here.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$34,600.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A very detailed application, well put together, for an excellent initiative that supports the local young people from a refugee background.

AG19-020

North Richmond Community Health Limited

Sorry Day 2019

Project Description: We plan to host an event to reflect on the experiences of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry. We aim to target both Indigenous peoples as well as

the wider community in order to promote reconciliation. The event will include a bbq with kangaroo steaks and salads. A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony will be conducted by an Elder from the Wurundjeri tribe. A cultural dance performance will also be performed. Attendees will be gifted with a flower (Native Hibiscus) badge to commemorate the day.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$8,741.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: An excellent application with good evidence of community consultation for an important activity. The panel noted that the applicant should have a reconciliation action plan including activities for Sorry Day and NAIDOC week in place, as part of their ongoing commitment to reconciliation, with these events covered by this RAP. As such, in a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-021

North Richmond Community Health Limited

International Overdose Awareness Day 2019

Project Description: We plan to host an event to raise awareness of overdose and reduce stigma of drug related deaths. We aim to target family and friends that are mourning the loss of someone that may have lost someone.

Overdose death is preventable. Overdose Awareness Day will commemorate those that have lost their lives or have been impacted by permanent injury. Overdose Awareness Day is not only applicable to illicit drugs but applies to alcohol misuse and prescription medications. The event will be held during the day and will include a symbolic activity and short presentations from key people within the community. The event will be open to the wider community. The event will include a bbq lunch, a local band will play and attendees will be given the opportunity to learn about overdose prevention and overdose response. People who have been affected by overdose will be invited to join in a community art project which aims to educate people about overdose prevention. Art project ideas include designing a t-shirt print which would be printed and given to attendees on the day.

Amount Requested: \$3,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$9,759.95

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: A clear and well thought out application, addressing a key issue in society, and demonstrating the need for the event. The applicant is encouraged to have strong evaluation of the event, and incorporate that into future applications.

AG19-022

North Richmond Community Health Limited

World AIDS Day 2019

Project Description: We plan to host a community event to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and to reduce the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. We aim to target community members at risk of acquiring HIV (including people who inject drugs, people from CALD and Indigenous backgrounds) as well as the general community. We will provide education and support to people affected by HIV. The event will be held during the day and will include a BBQ lunch, live band and guest speakers who will reflect on their experience of HIV. HIV Rapid Testing will be offered to attendees on the day. A community art project, such as a mural at NRCH, will be developed with attendees.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,408.50

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: The application demonstrated very strong evaluation process and project aims. The panel noted that as a large organisation these events targeting key clients should be considered part of core business of the organisation and reflected in the organisation planning and support.

AG19-035

Oromo Community Women's Group in the City of Yarra Inc

Information, social and recreational activities for Oromo women and families in the City of Yarra

Project Description: 1. Six information sessions to be held as part of the regular fortnightly social gatherings and to cover topics such as drug education, FGM, immigration and Australian civics and law

2. Saturday social gatherings for woman once a fortnight- except during Ramadan

3. Knitting classes for twenty women

4. An Iftar - breaking of the fast dinner during Ramadan - for Oromo families and representatives of local agencies

5. Three excursions:

A bus trip to Geelong for women and children

Two BBQs, for families, to be held in a local Melbourne park

(We have suspended the classes in culture and language for children which we have run in previous years as our teacher has a new job. When we find another teacher, we will recommence the classes)

Amount Requested: \$8,280.00

Total Project Cost: \$15,480.00

Recommendation: \$6,000.00

Panel Comments: A great CALD project that addresses the stream priorities well and will benefit the local Oromo community. The panel found the interpreting costs quite high, noting that service providers frequently provide their own interpreters, so funding not given for this.

AG19-038

Association of Oromo Women in Collingwood, City of Yarra

Information, cultural and recreational activities for Oromo women and children living in Collingwood

Project Description: Planned activities are:

Four information sessions, to be organised in co-operation with MiCareLtd/New Hope Foundation

Three community celebrations: Eid Al Fitr, Eid Al Adha and a Cultural Diversity Day. Eid Al Fitr and the Cultural Day will include other local communities

Three excursions for children to indoor adventure playgrounds

We also wish to purchase toys for the children

Amount Requested: \$7,255.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,855.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A well written application with clear aims and objectives and measures of success, presenting a worthwhile opportunity for families to engage in community based activities. However the panel expressed concern that the applicant did not provide Child Safety documentation as they are working with children. Applicant required to provide Child Safety Standard documentation before funding is released.

AG19-050

Australian Catholic University

Clemente Fitzroy

Project Description: The Clemente Fitzroy program is offered by a partnership of Australian Catholic University, CatholicCare, and volunteer Learning Partners from professional backgrounds (for example, members of the Landers and Rogers legal practice, retired professionals and ACU academic staff). It offers university humanities education to students suffering multiple disadvantages in a setting that enables them to become members of a community to develop learning skills, grow in self-confidence, improve health and well-being, and face the future with hope. Clemente began in the USA in 1996, by a man named Earl Shorris, and has been operating around Australia since

2003 and Fitzroy since 2008. Students who successfully complete four semesters receive a university certificate and are eligible to enter mainstream study at ACU.

Clemente Fitzroy is a university level program in humanities subjects (for example Ethics, Literature, Philosophy, Sociology). Each twelve-week unit is offered to a group of up to 18 students who are socially supported in a community setting.

The program is open to people over 18 who have:

- A desire to learn.
- A willingness to commit to a twelve-week program.
- A Literacy level sufficient to read a newspaper.
- A degree of on-going stability in their lives.

The program is free. Each student will be allocated a volunteer Learning Partner. Graduates receive a Certificate in Liberal Studies.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$206,000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: The application is well developed and clear both in what is being proposed and what the benefits are to the community, with the panel noting that these are high. The program has been running for a number of years, and the panel recommended including evaluation of the program and reflections from this be included in future applications.

AG19-052

Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC

Positive Ageless

Project Description: Positive Ageless is a collaborative project in which we seek outreach opportunities to reduce isolation in seniors and connect them to services in their area. Volunteers from diverse cultural backgrounds are trained to outreach to isolated seniors who live in Collingwood and Richmond public housing.

The project will build appropriate and enabling services and supports to seniors with migrant background particularly from non-English background, higher risk of social isolation due to range of factors, including language need, limited mobility, poor health, lack of confidence and knowledge of what is available.

We will create Engagement program: Regular weekly/ fortnightly gathering include information sessions delivered by a wide range of local service providers, develop and deliver workshops to seniors at community halls.

IERA staffs always available to assist our members to remain active and to continue to live independently. Our staffs receive cultural awareness training and can assist seniors who are with poor English language skills by translating, interpreting, or filling the form for them.

Besides, IERA host a range of traditional dance and music, shared meals and cultural entertainment that will support the interaction between seniors and the wider community such as: Thanksgiving party (MK), Longevity + Lunar New year, Mother's day, Father's day, Christmas party, members' birthday...

Our Sub branches at Collingwood and Richmond also offer a variety of group programs including dialogues, lunches, teas, shared experiences, and dance, health and wellness activities. In a welcoming space, seniors know they are accepted, respected, and are encouraged to come again.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: The applicant demonstrate a worthwhile opportunity to reduce social isolation for elderly community members.

AG19-066

MiCare

Richmond Women's Wellness Group

Project Description: The group aims to build on the strengths and skills developed by the women over the past year essentially around leadership and advocacy, whilst maintaining the important social support aspect.

1. Fortnightly sessions that alternate between information session/community forums and activity/socially-based sessions. The information sessions would provide links to local services and cover information on issues relevant to the women such as parenting, safety on the housing estate and family violence, alongside many more. The sessions take place in an environment that is safe, where women can freely discuss issues and develop their knowledge and skills.

2. Three community/school holiday events that celebrate the strengths and abilities of all women, and also the cultural and religious diversity of the City of Yarra.

3. Ongoing meetings with the leadership team to plan sessions and events and to ensure the group fulfils its aims. Training sessions will also be held for the leadership team that will cover topics such as public speaking, running meetings, developing flyers and grant applications.

Amount Requested: \$9,960.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$25,260.00

Recommendation: \$8,640.00

Panel Comments: Application made a strong case for the need and benefit of this program that is driven by the community involved at Richmond Public Housing. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-067

cohealth

Homeless Footwear Project 2019

Project Description: A program supplying suitable footwear, orthotics and aids to a homeless population in the City of Yarra. The homeless footwear project allows eligible people to receive one free pair of shoes and/or orthotics, in a 12 month period. It can also assist with medical devices required to improve mobility for those with more complex needs, for example ankle foot orthotics.

The program will offer both an in-centre and outreach approach to provide podiatry consultation. From the assessment, client eligibility will be determined and a client may receive the following:

1) New footwear (currently New Balance sneakers) for general purpose and every day use if current footwear is unsuitable or in need of replacement. By providing new footwear a client have the correct length and width of shoe for their needs which is superior to the donated second hand stock that would otherwise be our only option to provide.

2) Access to specialist mobility aids that assist with improving everyday life of people

who are homeless and suffer from poor mobility, for example post painful injuries (overuse, motor vehicle accident) stroke and cerebral palsy.

3) Access to customized orthopedic footwear/orthotics to prevent foot wounds associated with significant deformity or chronic conditions such as diabetes, which often lead to acute hospital admission.

Amount Requested: \$6,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,000.00

Recommendation: \$6,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong well articulated application for a project focused on a significant need in the community.

AG19-071

MiCare

African Women's Group

Project Description: The African Women's Group will operate monthly at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre in Collingwood. It was established over 9 years ago with a view to providing a space where women from African backgrounds can meet, form social supportive networks, gain knowledge, confidence and skills and become more engaged with local community and services.

The group proposes to continue monthly information sessions within the framework of an empowerment model enabling women to extend their skills in leadership and planning. This means developing skills in public speaking, facilitating sessions and promoting the group through the development of flyers and invitations. Mentoring will be an important part of the program and provided by the workers involved in the program.

The monthly information sessions will cover a range of issues such as parenting, law, consumer rights, school system, health and well being among others. The topics will be determined in partnership with the women. Two outings and a cultural celebration are also proposed for the year.

Amount Requested: \$6,900.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,600.00

Recommendation: \$5,800.00

Panel Comments: A well written application with clear aims and outcomes, for a project that includes good partnerships and regular community interaction for an isolated group. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-072

MiCare

Yarra Women Behind the Wheel

Project Description: Yarra Women Behind the Wheel is a driving program for newly arrived refugee and migrant women over the age of 21-years-old. The program is aimed at women who have difficulty obtaining their licence, and was developed in response to a stated and growing need within the community. We are keen to run this program again as it was extremely successful in 2018, as demonstrated by high attendance levels and a growing waiting list for future programs. A key strength of this program is that participants are able to learn theoretical knowledge and put this into practice by accessing professional driving lessons.

The program will run two times throughout 2019, with approximately 14-15 participants per session.

Program components include:

- A leadership and mentoring focus as two of the participants from each session will become the leaders of the program. They will be supported to create flyers, facilitate the sessions including opening and closing the sessions, introduce speakers, and devise and present a quiz for the final session.
- Three 2 hour sessions on road rules with an English-language component run in collaboration with Carringbush Adult Education.
- Three 2 hour information sessions covering important topics including the law and driving, road safety, fines, role of the police, buying a car, loans, insurance and child safety restraints. Sessions will be run in partnership with Victoria Police, Fitzroy Legal Service and financial counsellors from Neighbourhood Justice Centre.
- Five driving lesson vouchers per participant to assist with the development of practical driving skills.

Amount Requested: \$9,600.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,500.00

Recommendation: \$9,600.00

Panel Comments: An important and worthwhile project, particularly as the L to P program is oversubscribed and hard to get access too. The panel also noted the application included strong partnerships and a well developed program meeting an identified community need.

AG19-083

Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di North Fitzroy

The Ginnastica per Pensionati Exercise Program for Italian Seniors

Project Description: The Ginnastica per Pensionati exercise program for Italian seniors is held in the Edinburgh Gardens. The program has been running since 2010. The program is run by volunteers, and employs an exercise trainer to run the sessions. 50 - 60 people come weekly to the sessions and for a simple hot lunch, such as soup, pizza or pasta. Also, four times per year we run a healthy lunch for all members together. These are important because the pensioner members can have a traditional home cooked meal and socialise, which is particularly important for the widows and widowers who live alone.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,650.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear simple project that incorporates both exercise and social inclusion, and addresses the priorities well.

AG19-091

Sacred Heart Mission

Sacred Heart Mission's 5 Minute Community Volunteer Program

Project Description: SHL recruits time-poor volunteers to help our clients who receive in-home support services and often live alone. Some clients need help with minor everyday tasks (fitting a light bulb, putting out their rubbish bin, watering plants) or have someone checking in on them on a hot day.

5 Minute Volunteers (5MV) has been operating in the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) for 5 years, City of Stonnington (CoS) for 3 years and City of Yarra (CoY) for 6 months with 19 volunteers and 27 clients (including 8 pairs) as at 30 June 2018 (with natural turnover), including 4 clients and 2 volunteers in CoY (1 matched pair). The grant would enable us to re-employ our current project worker for 1 day per week to support program expansion in CoY.

SHL launched in March 2017 and expands in-home support services for vulnerable and socially isolated individuals living in the community to CoY and northern regions. It extends the traditional Home Care service offering (for clients aged over 65 years) to include supports for adults under 65 years of age who are eligible for NDIS support packages. As a specialist provider of Home Care Packages (HCP) and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) packages for adults, SHL provides a range of supports to eligible clients to maintain their housing and independence in the community. SHL packages make life easier for disadvantaged community members.

5MV extends the SHL offering, enables SHL staff to focus on their care responsibilities and fosters neighbourliness from local volunteers.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$60,205.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: An application with clearly defined measures and strong outcomes for both the volunteers and the program recipients. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund.

AG19-109

cohealth

Innerspace Art Group

Project Description: The Innerspace Art Group has been active since 2014 and currently runs a weekly 2 hour session. The clients who attend this group have co-occurring conditions of mental health and problematic drug use. The Art Group provides an opportunity for these individuals to develop coping strategies through practising art and a sense of accomplishment from producing work. The Innerspace Art Group promotes self esteem and social connection to individuals who are often stigmatized and socially isolated. Our community development approach supports clients to develop their confidence and participate in working with others to gain creative skills and achieve artistic goals.

We conducted a survey with Innerspace clients about their confidence in doing art and what art forms and activities were of interest. Our consultation showed our service users are confident to do art and are interested in working

towards a group exhibition and a mural, as well as, developing techniques through skill-sharing and viewing professional artists work.

The activities we plan will involve painting, collaging, spray art and will also introduce new artforms to our participants, such as screen and lino printing.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear and concise application detailing the objectives and outcomes. Further applications should include data from evaluation of this program to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program.

AG19-126

FareShare Australia Incorporated

33,000 free nutritious meals for vulnerable Victorians

Project Description: With this grant, we would employ a chef one day per week and mobilise more people from the City of Yarra - and some from beyond - to come together and volunteer in our kitchen, to cook an additional 33,000 extra meals annually. An extra chef would:

- determine the daily recipes for our volunteers. Our recipes depend on what we have rescued but are always packed full of protein and vegetables.
- co-ordinate 15-20 volunteers per day to prepare ingredients and pack meals.
- teach volunteers about food handling – from preparation (slicing and dicing vegetables and operating commercial kitchen equipment) to packing (vacuum-sealing for distribution); and
- cook 33,000 additional healthy, free meals annually. Our range includes curries, casseroles, ragouts and savoury pastries such as sausage rolls, quiches and vegetable pasties.

Once cooked and packed, these extra meals will be delivered to welfare agencies in the City of Yarra, and beyond. These agencies will include homeless shelters, women's refuges and agencies caring for men, women and children impacted by addiction, mental health issues and unemployment.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A professional application that strongly aligns with the stream funding criteria. The project is meeting a significant need in the community, and the application clearly articulates the benefits of the program.

AG19-135

cohealth

Me First - Womens Group

Project Description: The Me First Group is a group that targets the marginalized women in the City of Yarra. It meets every fortnight for two hours at Innerspace and undertakes a range of programs and supported activities to assist women to interact, socialize, and undertake peer support. The program also undertakes a range of therapeutic skill development tasks to build and strengthen the participants coping, independence skills and self esteem. The program focuses on providing a supportive environment for women to undertake these sessions as well as a range of 'safe' outings to various local services eg Library, Collingwood pool, and other social environments to assist the participants to experience 'normal' social environments to further develop their capacity to experience and access these places.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,824.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application that demonstrated clear measures of success and strong evaluation processes, and the specific needs of disadvantaged groups building skills and connections.

AG19-139**3CR Community Radio**

In Ya Face - Queer Health Podcasts

Project Description: The 'In Ya Face - Queer Health Podcasts' project will produce a series of ten podcasts for broadcast and online distribution. The podcasts will members of the LGBTIQ community in Yarra to produce an engaging radio series that has as its focus queer health and well-being.

Members of the queer community continue to face marginalisation and discrimination, and this has dire impacts on their health and well-being. Through producing a series of dedicated podcasts on queer health, we hope to provide the necessary media space to raise issues of concern; to amplify the voices of the LGBTIQ community; and to share meaningful, proactive information to a wide listenership to encourage positive change within the field of LGBTIQ health within the Yarra area.

The series will be designed and produced by a queer broadcast team at 3CR, and will include skills development in podcast creation and distribution. This is a holistic project that builds off years of dedicated radio content that gives voice to the issues and concerns of the queer community - including weekly shows In Ya Face, Out of the Pan and Queering the Air. Our broadcasters are embedded in the community, and this project extends their engagement to work more intensely with a select group of individuals to share intimate stories to a wider audience. The podcasts will be broadcast across our regular shows, and shared as a podcast via a range of delivery platforms.

Amount Requested: \$9,955.00

Total Project Cost: \$16,527.05

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A thorough, clear and concise application for a project meeting the objectives of the funding stream. Community engagement and strong. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-144**Project Respect**

Partnership Development, Capacity Building Training and Brothel Outreach within City of Yarra

Project Description: The project will be undertaken in three key components

Training:

PR will deliver comprehensive professional development about the Victorian sex industry and human trafficking to community service providers that will build their capacity to provide knowledgeable, responsive support.

Partnerships:

PR will establish partnerships with community service providers in City of Yarra (CoY), build warm referral pathways, increasing access to services for WISI and WT.

Outreach:

PR will outreach to the 6 licensed brothels in CoY, and provide brochures about our services in a variety of community languages. PR will distribute information about local and state services, and develop and deliver an outreach newsletter that provides information about local community/social inclusion initiatives and services, including training available to WISI/WT, which promotes community connectedness.

Outreach will provide the opportunity to look for signs of human trafficking, labour exploitation and to monitor compliance of brothels as per the Sex Work Act 1994. Historically, PR has not had great success in outreaching to brothels in the CoY, with only small numbers of women met. However it is still important to attempt to outreach, as it allows for direct engagement with women.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$25,486.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: An excellent application with good partnerships and reach. The panel felt that the use of translators was thorough and evidence of good program design.

AG19-167**cohealth***Linking Up*

Project Description: The Linking-Up project will provide ownership, empowerment and strength-support to members from the Horn of African Communities living in City of Yarra in order to meet the needs of their families and the wider communities. There were expressed needs from the communities to come together and build a support linking up network and healthy respectful relationships in Yarra. Social environment created a lot of depression and anxiety in the community who faces discrimination. The project will provide an opportunity for community members to discuss important health and social issues within their communities and devise a positive approach to their resolution with the support of local service providers. The project will work strategically with the communities to plan and organise support social activities such as organising community meetings where people can build resilience, skills, confidence and support, providing socialising activities that increase the sense of belonging and pride in their place of living in Yarra, and providing information and follow up sessions about community health and social well-being related topics that range from reproductive health, prevention of family violence, drug and alcohol abuse, raise awareness on and improve mental health, the need for physical activities that build physical health but also consolidate the family framework, raising awareness and learning on rights of the elderly community and prevention of elder abuse, and positive parenting. The project will build connection with local service providers and agencies, and develop positive working relationship with them for the common good of City of Yarra residents.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$22,190.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel noted that this was a well written application that outlines the aims and the outcomes of the project. However in a competitive funding round could not fully fund, and the panel noted that there we high staff costs.

AG19-173**Open Table***Open Table No Waste Cook Club*

Project Description: Open Table's No Waste Cook Club is a free cooking workshop series open to all members of the community. The project expands on Open Table's existing model but places greater emphasis on active resident participation and food waste sustainability education. Twice monthly workshops will teach participants to waste less food in the home, think more creatively in the kitchen and how shop and cook in way that is healthier, cheaper and more sustainable. Participants will cook a meal together made from donated surplus food and share the meal and converse together at the end.

The proposed activities are:

1. Food Waste Workshop twice monthly - addresses food insecurity through group cooking workshop using donated surplus food aimed at demonstrating ways to both reduce food waste, whilst sharing efficiencies in healthy food preparation to reduce meal budgets to increase food security.
2. Food Waste Workshop lunch - improve social cohesion and connection through a sharing a meal following the workshop (includes take home meals)
3. Provision of Food Waste education materials following the workshop - equip participants with the skills and knowledge to apply the learned skills from the workshop in their cooking at home.

Amount Requested: \$9,660.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,260.00

Recommendation: \$7,480.00

Panel Comments: A positive and well articulated application addressing social inclusion, sustainability, and students, with great outcomes and good use and evidence of partnerships.

AG19-207

U3A Chinese in Yarra

Chinese U3A in Yarra

Project Description: This U3A provides a variety of classes covering history, literature, geographer, English dialogue, Chinese languages, Chinese calligraphy, painting, dancing and cooking. The project would also facilitate excursion, fitness, exercise and other activities for members. The U3A is aimed at providing educational opportunities for seniors from a Chinese background. We have attached a list of activities in the supporting documentation section of this application.

Amount Requested: \$8,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,000.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: An application that demonstrated a high level of community consultation and involvement in the project and addresses stream priorities well.

AG19-209

Wellington Collingwood Inc

Collingwood Eat Well

Project Description: To compliment the free allied complimentary health services that the Wellington Centre provides we are aiming to assist clients experiencing poor diets and food insecurity. Research shows that there are three key components of food insecurity: inadequate access to food, inadequate supply and the inappropriate use of food (e.g. inappropriate preparation of food). The Wellington wishes to address all three areas by engaging a Sessional Dietician/Nutritionist who will:

1. Oversight and develop the resources for a fortnightly lunch for residents of Collingwood who are Health Care Card holders. The social connections made at the community lunches is also an important aspect.
2. Run a small cooking class with clients preparing affordable nutritious meals
3. Co-ordinate a food pantry which provides both perishable and non perishable foods for clients.

Amount Requested: \$9,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project that fits well into the role of the Wellington Centre. This program will help both through assisting with food security and also skill development by providing nutrition knowledge.

AG19-237

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc

INDEPENDENT CALD SENIOR GROUP SUPPORT

Project Description: AVWA is currently supporting two independent senior groups in its Richmond Office. This project will enable the continuation, enhancement and enlargement of the necessary activities for seniors with Vietnamese and Indochinese background who are residents of Yarra city.

These activities consist of:

- Light physical exercise
- Singing practice and performing at cultural functions.
- Informative sessions such as environment, energy, Home Care Package etc.
- Educational excursions
- Improving digital skills
- Light lunch and social activities

The time will be between 9:30am to 1:30pm on Monday and Wednesday most weeks

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,350.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A great community support initiative, however the priorities are more closely aligned with that of the Community Strengthening stream. The panel also noted a number of budget items that were not incorporated in the application, such as the tablets. As such, application funded to the maximum available in the Community Strengthening stream.

AG19-242

St Mary's House of Welcome

Programs for Transformation

Project Description: St Mary's House of Welcomes runs a number of programs with a primary aims of promoting social inclusion and engaging complex, hard to reach clients, in a safe and welcoming environment.

Participants will take part in weekly yoga and art classes. In the art class participants learn specific skills with different techniques and mediums, allowing them to freely express themselves in a safe and structured environment. In yoga class, participants are taken through a routine that is designed to reduce stress, increase balance and stability, gain strength, increase concentration and develop body awareness.

Both these activities are calming in nature and have a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of the participants.

Amount Requested: \$9,120.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,120.00

Recommendation: \$8,720.00

Panel Comments: A strong application and a capable organisation, providing an important program for clients with multiple issues.

AG19-245

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Community Liaison with players and families from local public housing and CALD communities

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and CALD communities.

There are currently over 100 participants, from many countries, including a majority from South Sudan.

The club wishes to ensure the ongoing success of this engagement by continuing the employment of a Community Liaison Officer in 2019.

Akech Manyiel has been engaged at the club since April 2013 and has proved invaluable in facilitating connection between players, families, team managers, coaches, and club administration.

The role includes:

- Visiting families in their homes to explain involvement with the club in their own language (Akech speaks 6 languages)
- Encouraging families to attend games, Presentation Day and other activities
- Liaising with team managers and coaches to assist with communication, transport and understanding of individual player and family situations
- Mentoring players regarding behaviour and attitude
- Providing advice to the club and players in responding to racial discrimination from outside the club
- Attending basketball tournaments such as Eltham and Ballarat, providing confidence to African families whose children are attending, mentoring players and liaising with team managers and coaches
- Speaking at community information nights about the challenges for players from CALD backgrounds

The club is very keen to continue Akech's role at the club.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,182.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: High impact project with good support from the local community. The application was well developed and articulated, with project objectives clearly set out.

Community Development Stream: Social Enterprise

AG19-157

Carringbush Adult Education

Opening Doors: creating employment opportunities for people of migrant and refugee backgrounds

Project Description: The project will:

- Establish a catering social enterprise developed and managed by people of refugee and migrant backgrounds who are experiencing long-term unemployment as a result of language barriers, limited prior formal education, and socio-economic disadvantage.
- Create employment opportunities for the priority cohort, empowering people of refugee and migrant backgrounds by providing a platform to raise public awareness of their experience in participating in the mainstream Australian society and workforce.
- Involve the following phases:

Phase 1 – recruitment of 4 catering staff from priority cohort; recruitment of one catering professional as a business consultant and mentor; in-house catering training, business development, and equipping catering staff with certificate in Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety in partnership with Jesuit Social Services; development of stories and resources to raise public awareness of refugee and migrant experiences

Phase 2 – Internal trials of catering business at Carringbush staff and partners' homes

Phase 3 – Development of promotional strategy and marketing of business to local networks to secure clients; launch event

Phase 4 – Providing catered meals at clients' homes of up to 15 attendees per event; providing catering for local meetings and events (e.g. Yarra Settlement Forum, Refugee week)

Phase 5 – Commercial catering for larger groups at hired venues.

Beyond Phase 3 of business development, Carringbush anticipates that the enterprise will transition towards self-sustainability and grow its capacity to hire additional staff of disadvantaged CALD backgrounds and establish a peer mentoring system, creating an independent social enterprise with a growing revenue stream.

Amount Requested: \$8,613.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,699.00

Recommendation: \$8,613.00

Panel Comments: An excellent application that clearly addresses the grant criteria and will develop into a successful social enterprise with strong community benefit.

AG19-183

SisterWorks Incorporated

Sustain, maintain, improve and upgrade Sisterworks' Richmond Home

Project Description: Sisterworks' 2020 strategic goal is to support the pathways of 200 women to move into employment and entrepreneurship in our 'Home' in Richmond. This is our design lab, retail store and office. With an expected increase of people through our doors, due to four initiatives outlined below, grant money will be used to sustain, maintain, improve and upgrade this space.

1. To sustain and maintain our Richmond Home, grant money will partially be used towards supporting rent and utility outgoings.
 2. Donated tablets are being used to run the point of sale (POS) system but these are old and slow and some are no longer compatible with our retail systems. A portion of the grant money will be used to upgrade retail technologies (barcode scanner, laptop, receipt printers).
 3. Sisterworks' new training – Five Years, Five Stars, Five Basic Skills – aims to up skill 100 migrant and refugee women who live around City of Yarra, and who face significant, ongoing social and employment challenges. They will be introduced to different crafts via five basic skills programs:
 1. Sewing
 2. Knitting
 3. Jewellery
 4. Other crafts
 5. Cooking
- Our Home is also going to become a training lab – a portion of the grant money will be used to improve the space, and for increased expenses and outgoings.
4. Sisterworks will launch a regular morning tea to increase community engagement and facilitate the social process for refugee and migrant women. Part of the grant money will go towards these events.

Amount Requested: \$17,860.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,860.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: A unique social enterprise supporting refugee and migrant women. Applicant encouraged to seek other partnerships and subsidies to develop the financial sustainability of the social enterprise. Unable to fully fund as requested more than the maximum available in this stream.

AG19-214

Birth for Humankind

Removing Barriers: Women experiencing disadvantage train healthcare professionals to provide equitable pregnancy support

Project Description: We will deliver training programs for Yarra-based health professionals on how best to support women experiencing disadvantage during the perinatal period (pregnancy, childbirth and early parenting). This training will be co-designed and co-facilitated by Birth for Humankind and women in Yarra who experience disadvantage and have lived experience of birthing in Australia.

This project will create community benefits including improved:

- Employment opportunities for women experiencing disadvantage (focusing on two priority groups: refugee, asylum seeker and newly arrived migrants, and young mums (under 25))
- Pregnancy, childbirth and early parenting care services for women in the City of Yarra
- Address training need stated by health sector partners
- This social enterprise pilot aims to enable Birth for Humankind's self-sustainability in delivering free birth support services for women experiencing disadvantage.
- Activities to build employment skills and confidence for women in Yarra include:
 - recruiting co-designers and co-facilitators from priority groups (through existing networks in Yarra i.e. Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, Carringbush Adult Education)
 - supporting co-facilitators through a 'train the trainer' style session to build their confidence and preparedness to co-facilitate training sessions for healthcare professionals
 - designing and developing of training content and materials for healthcare professionals with co-facilitators
- The training pilot, co-facilitated by women experiencing disadvantage in Yarra, will include:

- Two half-day and two full-day training workshops for healthcare and support workers in Yarra focused on supporting women experiencing disadvantage
- Post-implementation evaluation of learning outcomes and experience of both co-facilitators and training participants, to inform future iterations of the program

Amount Requested: \$14,224.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$27,648.10

Recommendation: \$14,224.00

Panel Comments: A good application with a clear purpose, strong Yarra outcomes, and a detailed budget. The program will benefit women in the Yarra community.

Community Housing Stream

AG19-086

Launch Housing

Community Housing Tenants Support Program

Project Description: The Community Housing Tenants Support Program (CHTSP) will provide advocacy and specialist support for tenants of community housing in the City of Yarra. The program aims to prevent homelessness by supporting people whose tenancies are at risk, to maintain safe, appropriate and sustainable housing. Our target population are people experiencing housing stress and those who are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The activities of the Community Housing Tenants Support Program include:

- providing advice and information;
- offering liaison and support with legal/VCAT interventions;
- addressing rent arrears and making payment plans;
- delivering tenancy skills training and financial counselling;
- making referrals and linkages into a range of mainstream and specialist services;
- providing support and case coordination to people with hoarding behaviours; and
- providing support via a case management approach to address underlying issues impacting on the ability to sustain tenancies.

Sustaining stable and secure housing will be achieved through assertive outreach, practical day-to-day involvement with participants, case work and coordination. Case plans will be created to work towards reducing tenancy concerns or issues, developing participant's skills, accessing relevant services and support, improving their health and wellbeing, enhancing relationships and building resources, addressing challenging behaviours or areas of risk and improving connections with local communities.

Amount Requested: \$50,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,000.00

Recommendation: \$50,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a proven program that supports vulnerable tenants in the City of Yarra to maintain their housing. An excellent application.

Family, Youth & Children's Stream: Family & Early Years

AG19-025

Kids Space in Yarra

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Kids Space in Yarra

Project Description: The Kids Space in Yarra project, will provide a twice-weekly opportunity throughout the school term for primary and early high school children to access educational support in the form of homework and reading

assistance. Also children will have good time of interacting with their parents to connect with each other a long with culturally diverse volunteers. There will be holiday programs to engage these kids in fun & indirect education

Amount Requested: \$13,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$32,600.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A needed project that provides a valuable service to the community. Funded less than the amount requested as requested more than the maximum grant amount.

AG19-058

North Richmond Community Health Limited

Play Picnics and Play in the Park - Therapy programs for young children and their families

Project Description: The Play Picnic and Play in the Park Therapy Program for young children and their families is a fun food-play, place based therapy program for young children with fussy eating behaviours, sensory difficulties motor and communication delay. This program has been developed to be conducted in the local area where families live, work and play. It is designed to help support families/parents/carers to increase knowledge and confidence in developing healthy eating habits, play skills, physical activity and communication skills. The program encourages positive parent-child interaction and provides an opportunity for communication, sensory-motor and social skill development. This program would be offered at North Richmond Community Health Centre and at Citizen's Park four times per year to families with children 18 months to 4 years old, including Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities. The Play Picnic and Play in the Park program consists of a single two-hour education program for parents and a weekly exploratory food play-based and play skill program of one hour sessions over eight consecutive weeks, facilitated by a Dietitian, Speech Therapist and Occupational Therapist.

Amount Requested: \$7,950.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,980.00

Recommendation: \$7,950.00

Panel Comments: A well written application that deals with a community need and fits the funding priorities of the stream and meets a service provision gap.

AG19-063

Northern and Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc

Evolving the PUMP (Pop Ups for Multiples Project)

Project Description: The project will deliver critical initiatives to inform, connect and support families with twins and triplets in the City of Yarra. It aims to address the specific challenges of raising multiples from pregnancy to preschool and includes the following activities:

- Monthly weekend playgroup - The project will continue to fund the highly successful multiples playgroup, a Victorian first and the largest playgroup at Bargoonga Nganjin. The playgroup provides organised activities that can be difficult to access due to cost and accessibility and that support early development. In 2019, NIMBA will provide a volunteer coordinator to run the playgroup and fund more playgroup activities through other funding sources, to reduce the Yarra grant contribution.
- Tailored parenting sessions - The project will support the continued delivery of our highest impact and most popular session to date – multiples sleep and settling. In 2019, we are putting a new focus on our Yarra members with premature babies or child development concerns, and Dad's. We will deliver 2 sessions on early development in partnership with Ready Step Grow – allied health professionals specialising in premature babies and toddlers, and a Dad's parenting session.
- Multiples perinatal depression member stories – The project includes the creation of a document with members' experiences/stories of perinatal depression. This will be provided to Yarra multiple expectant parents and NIMBA members. Continuing our partnership with PANDA, the project will also deliver a mental health first aid for parents evening.

Amount Requested: \$3,555.00

Total Project Cost: \$7,525.00

Recommendation: \$3,555.00

Panel Comments: A good application for a valuable program that meets a need in the community.

AG19-104

National Council of Jewish Women (Victoria) Community Services

Caring Mums

Project Description: Caring Mums is a confidential, home based, free program providing emotional support to pregnant women and mothers of infants from all backgrounds.

Research indicates that many women find pregnancy and/or having a baby more challenging than they anticipated and many experience a sense of isolation and/or disconnection.

Caring Mums plans to ensure that new mothers living in the City of Yarra don't have to face the journey of motherhood alone. We wish to deepen our presence by attracting/training volunteers to support additional isolated mothers in the local community.

The expansion of the program is required to address an ever growing need for additional emotional support to pregnant and new mothers in the City of Yarra.

We are now focussed on more deeply supporting the community by attracting and training additional volunteers to support even more new mothers.

Attracting more volunteers and strengthening the services to new mothers in Yarra will in turn create more secure and attached infants, continue to build healthy relationships and will enhance feelings of inclusiveness and a sense of belonging to the local community.

We plan to:

- Network and advertise the program in Yarra
- Advertise for, interview, recruit and train new volunteers
- Continue to update the training manual to incorporate needs specific to Yarra
- Increase the number of Supervisors for the growing number of volunteers
- Provide ongoing supervision for volunteers, every 2 weeks
- Match volunteers with new mothers and provide ongoing support
- Maintain contact and network with referring services.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$383,872.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application that addresses an at risk cohort and is clear in its aims and outcomes, and meets a gap.

AG19-131

North Richmond Community Health Limited

School Readiness Group

Project Description: The School Readiness Group program is a 7 week program (1 1/2 hours per week) that runs in Term 4 for children who will be starting school the following year. The program targets children demonstrating delays in their development, to support them to develop the skills required for school, and to be ready for the transition to school. The program targets social communication skills, attention and listening skills, fine motor development, oral language skills, and early literacy development. The program also aims to improve parents' confidence in supporting their child's development in readiness for school. The program includes families from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities.

This program is usually run at the North Richmond Community Health Centre, but this year we plan to run the group at the local primary school next door, Richmond West Primary School. This will support the children in their familiarity and understanding of a school environment, and well as support connections between these two services. The program is run by the Child Health and Development Team, facilitated by a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist.

Amount Requested: \$6,660.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,260.25

Recommendation: \$6,660.00

Panel Comments: A well thought out project that will have a strong impact for the children involved and addresses all the priority areas. The application is made even more relevant by partnering with Richmond West Primary School.

AG19-166

Concern Australia

Holiday Program

Project Description: The LiveWires Holiday Program offers children and young people (aged 3-16 years) living in and around the Collingwood Housing Estate with fun recreational activities and excursions during the school holidays. This program would run 2 days per week of the school holidays between 8:30am - 4:30pm (for a minimum of 6 hrs).

We will provide a variety of activities that include fun, engaging and participatory learning experiences for young people and their families living at Collingwood Housing Estate. This may include visiting local activities and events in the City of Yarra or inner Melbourne venues, along with in-house activities days at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House. In house activities would include cooking, gardening activities, art and craft, indoor and outdoor activities, incursions and community events. It may also include outer Melbourne regional activities where children or families may not have had an opportunity to visit (such as outings to the beach, ice skating or the snow).

Our school holiday program aims to cater for approximately 30-50 children, two days per week during school holidays four times per year. We would facilitate this program with support from 2 Concern Australia Coordinators members, 2 Collingwood Soup Van Coordinators, and approximately 10-20 volunteers supervising them over the course of a year.

Amount Requested: \$8,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$29,200.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application that meets the need of the community and aligns with the stream priorities. The application includes a strong partnership approach to the program, and fills a gap in service provision by providing a free service for a large number of children.

AG19-194

Inner North Rainbow Playgroup

Auspice: Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Artful Rompers - Weekend Play by and for Rainbow Families

Project Description: There is a huge demand for queer family-friendly activities. Along with our Inner North Rainbow Playgroup, we have previously arranged weekend picnic playdates to bring together the parents who cannot attend playgroup on Wednesdays. For 2019, we want to make those weekend activities as fun and engaging as possible. Something for families to look forward to every two months.

Our proposal to City of Yarra is to engage the professional artists and musicians amongst our parent cohort to facilitate play experiences for children and families on weekends. This extends our reach beyond the award winning Rainbow Playgroup and encourages families to stay engaged and connected even if they have returned to work or moved suburb. It also gives us an opportunity to support our creatives and model big bold family play sessions. Last year we found it invaluable to have a support base of other queer families when the postal survey created scrutiny in the media and judgement in society around our lives and choices. Next year we want to celebrate our diversity and strength by playing together.

Activities proposed are:

1. Photo Fun, with photographer, Mia Mala McDonald
2. Clay Play, with artist and curator, Amy Jo Jory
3. Cloud making, with environmental artist, Jen Rae
4. Paper Arts, with visual artist and wordsmith, Abbra Kotlarczyk
5. Rainbow Band, with musicians, Erica Pringle and Kirsty Letts
6. Lullaby Choir, with musician and Rainbow family music facilitator, Erica Pringle

Amount Requested: \$9,184.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$31,184.00

Recommendation: \$6,500.00

Panel Comments: A well thought through project that is clear in its aims and provides a creative approach. The panel was supportive of the exhibition but in a competitive funding round could not fund - however, they recommend contacting Yarra Family and Early Years Services to see if there are other avenues to support this in happening.

AG19-223

Birth for Humankind

Starting with birth: Supporting Yarra's CALD mothers and families to navigate Australia's Maternal Health System

Project Description: This project will deliver more equitable child and family health and wellbeing outcomes for City of Yarra families experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability. Target beneficiaries are women and babies from Yarra's newly arrived, refugee and asylum seeker communities, who are not always reached by mainstream public antenatal systems and local maternal-child health services.

These sessions will reach approximately 240 diverse women – including pregnant women, new and future mothers. Participants will build social connections with other new and expectant parents, gain information to make empowered choices in birth and early parenting, and build awareness of other support services available in Yarra.

The sessions and resources will be co-designed by 10 mothers from 5 language groups (Arabic, Somali, Oromo, Vietnamese, Mandarin) who will each participate in 4 collaborative resource review sessions.

Key activities:

- (i) Programs Manager will recruit 10 mothers through links with Yarra-based support networks, including Carringbush Adult Education, New Hope Foundation, Launch Housing
- (ii) Programs Manager will work with 10 mothers, 2 doulas (our trained birth support workers) and Yarra's student midwives (at ACU) to review existing Maternal Health Literacy resources co-design culturally appropriate, visual resource toolkit
- (iii) Project Team will identify groups/locations to host delivery of discussion sessions (including African women's groups, language and parenting groups)
- (iv) Project team will deliver 30 maternal health literacy sessions (1 per month x 6 months x 5 language groups) using toolkit discussion aids.
- (v) Project team will host community forum for Yarra service providers to share and discuss project learnings.

Amount Requested: \$9,946.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$25,579.00

Recommendation: \$6,500.00

Panel Comments: Strong application for a positive program that has opportunity for strong engagement with the Maternal Child Health Service and providing services in own languages. In a competitive funding round, could not fully fund, however encourage expanding to this in future years.

Family, Youth & Children's Stream: Youth & Middle Years

AG19-003

Eating Disorder Foundation of Victoria Inc.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Project Description: Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is an accredited training program that is for adults who are living or working with adolescents between the ages of approximately 12 and 18 years. Examples of people who would benefit from the training include parents, teachers, coaches, youth workers and counsellors. The course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or currently experiencing a mental health crisis. Course participants learn about adolescent development, the signs and symptoms of the common and disabling mental health problems in young people, where and how to get help when a young person is developing a mental illness, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

A qualified Mental Health facilitator will work with EDV staff to deliver the training. It takes the form of four two-hour evening sessions. Resources provided to participants are intended to support them for the duration of the training and after the program finishes. The program will be run at the EDV office, located in the Collingwood Football Club Community Centre in Abbotsford.

Amount Requested: \$4,608.00

Total Project Cost: \$7,608.00

Recommendation: \$4,608.00

Panel Comments: A well written application for a project to train adults to identify young people in danger, a valuable and important service. The application has demonstrated support from key organisations who they will be collaborating with.

AG19-043

Fitzroy Primary School

Fitzroy Primary School SKILL Program

Project Description: Between 2012 and 2015 the Australian Early Development Census Community Profile for Yarra revealed there was a "Significant Decrease" in the "Communication and General Knowledge Skills" of children living this area, with a "Significant Increase" in "Developmentally vulnerable" children in "Language and cognitive skills (school-based)". With over 86% of children from Fitzroy Primary who possess a language background other than English, these students are at critical risk of significantly underperforming at school without additional support from highly trained and caring individuals.

Funding was kindly granted in 2017 and 2018 to run the SKILL (Supporting Knowledge in Language and Literacy) program at Fitzroy Primary and Sacred Heart School; an evidence-based, direct instruction program proven to develop language abilities in children by developing their storytelling skills, predominantly for students in Yrs 1/2. SKILL also trained parents and teachers about the importance of narrative language as well as conducted other language assessment to further support students. SKILL was further supported by the generous time of over 40 volunteer university students from ACU through their Community Engagement program and from students at the LaTrobe Speech Pathology Department.

Funding is sought for 2019 by Fitzroy Primary School to continue working with severely delayed students, target a larger cohort of students from Yrs 1 to 6, further upskill parents and teachers and provide additional assessments where needed.

Currently, no other funding avenues exist at the Department of Education to deliver oral language programs for at-risk students.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$47,600.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A very strong application that meets all the criteria of this stream and provides appropriate supporting documentation. It was positive that there was a commitment to whole school professional learning and an embedding with teaching practice which will lead to a more sustainable model.

AG19-087

Australian Catholic University

Read To Learn

Project Description: The Read to Learn program is a youth led initiative which runs on Monday afternoons from 3-5pm. The program endeavors to enhance the literacy and reading skills of children from the Fitzroy neighbourhood. Teachers from Sacred Heart Primary School, Fitzroy identify twenty students from Grades 2 to 6 who have been assessed as having developmental delay in literacy and reading, and who therefore may require additional support. These students are then matched with a tutor from ACU, who supports them with their reading and helps to build their confidence in achieving reading and comprehension.

Tutors from ACU work with Sacred Heart Primary Students each semester to complete spelling, grammar and comprehension activities, in addition to practicing reading aloud to each other. A number of phonic and comprehension strategies are used to support the attainment of reading that is fluency and consistent.

Through ongoing support and encouragement, the tutors also help the students to build capacity around deeper thinking skills, beyond word recognition as well as provide them with the opportunities to connect their word recognition to experiential learning.

Amount Requested: \$6,550.00

Total Project Cost: \$28,550.00

Recommendation: \$6,550.00

Panel Comments: A good model with young people supporting young people, with the application addressing an identified need in this community.

AG19-093

Fitzroy Lions

Auspice: Fitzroy Learning Network

Fitzroy Lions

Project Description: Since 2013, Fitzroy Lions have been operating as an unregistered soccer club, primarily organising fun soccer days and small tournaments around the Collingwood and Fitzroy Social Housing Flats. These small-scale events were aimed at bringing together culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people living in social housing and provided a platform for young people from all backgrounds to be active, develop a positive sense of identity, build confidence, connect with community, learn new skills and develop a passion for soccer. Fitzroy Lions objective for 2018-2019 is to bring youth engagement in soccer to a new level, and become a registered Football Club with Football Federation Victoria (FFV). This will enable young people from all socio-economic backgrounds and genders to participate in club sport, and compete at a high level against FFV registered clubs.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$17,890.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A well written application that makes a compelling case for a project led by the local community and that has demonstrated growth. The panel had a question about whether girls were encouraged to play and thought this was something to consider. They also suggest that the applicant should consider how the project will sustain itself in the future.

AG19-112

Sacred Heart Primary School

Required Atherton Gardens Homework Support Program (AGHSP)

Project Description: The AGHSP runs once a week on Wednesday afternoons and provides support to Sacred Heart Primary School children from Atherton Gardens Estates in their homework tasks.

This homework support program is evidence of community partnership between Sacred Heart Primary School, Australian Catholic University (ACU) and The Smith Family (TSF) in response to community concern about ways to improve the children's learning experience in a safe and culturally responsive environment.

The tutors are students from ACU's Bachelor programs (including initial teacher education programs) . On an annual basis, more than 200 tutors provide their support to the 125 school children. They have 1 on 1 support from their tutors who are students from Australian Catholic University.

The activities organised by AGHSP are focused upon developing the learning and social experience of the children. Homework sheets are prepared by class teachers according to the respective curriculum and tutors ensure that the school children complete these task sheets. The children, for whom attendance is compulsory, benefit from the tutor's individual support and a collaborative approach through peer to peer learning. After their homework tasks, educational games & resources are provided to enhance their literacy & numeracy skills.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$174,500.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Excellent program with strong capacity to deliver, with the three way support the partnership brings. The reach of the project ensures that a large number of students can be supported.

AG19-140

Operation Newstart Nothern

Operation Newstart Yarra

Project Description: Operation Newstart uses challenging outdoor adventure activities as a means to reconnect young people deemed to be at significant educational risk who are aged 14-17 and enrolled in a Yarra Secondary School. The outdoor activities include surfing, hiking, mountain biking, caving, trees adventure and canoeing. These activities promote personal growth in line with adventure therapy research. The 8 week program also promotes personal development opportunities through experiences in TAFEs, fitness and physical wellbeing, first aid and community projects. Community partnerships with local agencies such as YSAS and Headspace allow mental health, sexuality and drug/alcohol workshops to be provided, as well as providing post program mentoring. The program utilises Yarra facilities such as Richmond Recreation Centre and the Yarra Youth Services to run activities and expose the young people to the local programs. At Yarra Youth Services we engage in a hip hop writing and street art session. These give the young people an opportunity to express their life through a narrative and illustrate their values. Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer, Tony Brewin will engage with students on activities and run community safety awareness classes as part of his proactive policing and community engagement role in Yarra. The donate a bike program allows our young people to fix up a bike, gain skills in teaching basic bike skills, donate a bike and a teach few lessons to a Yarra primary school student who is experiencing socio economic hardship. As well as providing a school re-engagement focus, the program focuses on strong community connection.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$52,250.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: The project fills a great need for those students who struggle with a traditional school setting and provides excellent varying education and life skills and includes strong partnerships. In a competitive funding round could not fully fund.

AG19-158

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc

Richmond Tutoring Program (cont.)

Project Description: Following the success of this program in the last few years, we propose that the Richmond Tutoring Program (RTP) be continued into 2019. This on-going program will provide free tutoring support to primary

school students from the disadvantaged CALD families, particularly those in the Richmond housing estate with non-English education background who cannot help their children at home nor afford to pay for private tutoring in order to improve the children's confidence and performance at school.

The tutoring program will be inclusive and supportive of other ethnic communities especially new comers.

The program will be run every Tuesday afternoon during the school terms to strengthen the children's bilingual language and communication skills.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$23,720.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Good application with clear outcomes meeting a need in the Richmond community. Application was strengthened with the inclusion of support materials. Consideration needs to be given to future sustainability so as not to have to rely on annual grants such as this.

AG19-168

Rotary Club of Richmond

Rotary Next Step Project

Project Description: The Rotary "Next Step" Project is now in its 11th Year. Each year we recruit 30 disadvantaged young people nominated by the Collingwood College and Fitzroy High School Youth Workers and teachers because they are disadvantaged, need longer term individual mentoring support and guidance to overcome the effects of their background, life experiences and environment. Our mission is to help them identify and understand their strengths (using online career guidance testing donated by Cmypeople) and guidance from Katrina Dwyer our Youth Worker who is also an experienced recruitment specialist. This strengths analysis helps identify appropriate job focus (this discovery is very motivating) We arrange work experience using our Rotary and community networks. This helps discover if the career direction interests the young person. Our next step is to develop job application skills then interviewing skills with volunteer business professionals. The relationship and support with each young person will last until they leave school for further education at College or University and /or employment or both. This may be at the end of Year 11 or 12. 70% of all the young people who commence this project will achieve this objective. This project is made possible because the schools value this project enough to integrate it into their operations with an office, privileged access to the schools database. Some young people need the support of a young adult, Try Mentoring manages this service. The Rotary Network helps identify the job opportunities and companies provide work experience will also employ the student.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$61,341.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Good evidence based application that is well written and well supported. Applicant needs to look at making the program sustainable and not reliant on grant funding. Recommend looking to exploring different schools such as Lynall Hall or Collingwood Alternative School who would benefit from such a program.

AG19-175

Concern Australia

Garden grown goodness for kids

Project Description: The passion and enthusiasm we have seen from middle aged children (8-12 years) spending time in the kitchen cooking at LiveWires at Collingwood Housing Estate, has inspired us to develop this garden grown goodness project! We hope to expand our cooking class to not just be about baking treats for special events, but to include planting, nutrition, meal planning, sustainability, seasonal produce, multicultural cuisine, rituals and social etiquette.

Garden grown goodness for kids – is a project focused around children learning to understand elements involved in our current day food system. Some elements will include where food comes from, growing food, food processing,

shopping, preparation, consumption and food waste. We will focus on benefits of fresh food and nutrition, how to cook delicious meals, while learning proper table manners.

Our children have limited experience working in the garden to grow food, and we believe active steps of getting their hands in the dirt and watching seeds grow will help them to develop knowledge and skills in gardening, cooking and health to enhance each child's growth and development.

'Cultivating Communities' who run the Collingwood Community Garden, will work with us. We will also teach children environmental responsibility and sustainability to help minimise waste within the City of Yarra.

During our holiday programs we will include activities to help children prepare dishes, explore senses, talk about healthy eating and living, cultural diversity and ideas around sustainability. This project will run 8 weeks each term and 1 week during the school holiday period.

Amount Requested: \$7,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$82,000.00

Recommendation: \$7,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile and worthy addition to programs already on the Estate. The application gives a strong sense of purpose and what can be achieved when working in partnership with local providers.

AG19-198

GR8M8S Foundation

Toolangi Adventure Soccer Camp

Project Description: The Toolangi Adventure Soccer Camp (TASC) provides young males aged 13-18yrs living on the Yarra High Rise Estates (Richmond, Collingwood & Fitzroy) an opportunity to receive ongoing mentoring to reduce the risk of criminal involvement. TASC has been running for 3 years in partnership with Sports Without Borders, Yarra Blue Light, Anglicare, Australian Sports Commission, APS – Associated Public Schools of Victoria and the City of Yarra. The Camps are coordinated by Tarik Bayrakli, the General

Manager of Sports Without Borders. The young people who participate are predominantly of African descent and also regularly participate in Yarra weekly programs. The mentors of TASC are selected and recruited from nearby Private Schools (Carey, Hailebury, Scotch, Xavier and St Kevins). TASC attendees are mixed according to needs and strengths to ensure mutual benefits for each individual. The teams compete against each other over the 4 days and gain points through soccer, outdoor and indoor activities. The camp incorporates crucial life skills such as cooking, cleaning, preparation, activity planning and working in a team environment. Melbourne Victory also attends the camp to run a half day clinic. TASC camps are run 4 times per year during school holidays.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$41,500.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong, popular program that provides a valuable support for the community. Program has strong partnerships and the application provided a clear strategy for addressing gender equity.

AG19-206

GR8M8S Foundation

Yarra Wild Beasts Basketball Team

Project Description: The Wild Beasts Basketball Team (WBBT) was developed in 2010 in relation to community consultation held in line with the Yarra Blue Light weekly sports and recreation programs evaluation process. An aspiration for a dedicated local African youth basketball team was evident. Being part of the WBBT allows local young people (13-25 years) to connect with other friends and relatives while participating in the South Sudanese Australian National Basketball Association Tournament twice a year. This community basketball program also allows the young locals to increase their skills and live out their basketball passion with others in their community. In 2019 the squads will be participating in two tournaments, in July and December.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$43,800.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A well known and positive program, especially for kids who come from a disadvantaged background, with strong community benefit.

AG19-232

The Brotherhood of St Laurence

Youth Behind the Wheel

Project Description: This project will provide driver safety education to young people from CALD backgrounds in the City of Yarra. This early intervention project aims to equip young people with essential knowledge and ensure greater safety behind the wheel. This project will reduce barriers to social participation, education, training and employment by providing greater accessibility and knowledge of safe driving. The program will consist of five information sessions on important topics such as road rules, legal rights and responsibilities, infringements, interactions with the police, dangerous driving (including alcohol and drugs), buying a car, insurance, car maintenance and how to obtain a probationary licence. Two participants will take part in the running of each session, and develop the quiz for the end of the program. This will assist to build their leadership skills and confidence. Each participant will receive driving lesson vouchers from RACV to assist with the development of practical driving skills. This program has been running for five successful years. A key strength of this program is that participants are able to learn theoretical knowledge and put it into practice by accessing professional driving lessons. It is also developing stronger links with other organisations in Yarra to ensure a collaborative approach. Another key strength is that two young people will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and confidence, as they will be involved in aspects of planning and running the program.

Amount Requested: \$4,675.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,075.00

Recommendation: \$4,675.00

Panel Comments: A good clear application for a project that provides a valuable service to the community. The focus on consolation and working together with partner organisations provides a cohesive project, together with clear outcome measures and feedback from participants.

Youth-Led Stream

AG19-177

Mr Sirak Keeghan **Auspice:** Fitzroy Learning Network

Melbourne Stories: A Collaborative Album

Project Description: An 8 week program for a collective of young people to showcase their talents by joining together for 8 weeks to work on creating a 25 minute audio piece that will address the issues that matter to them. The process will be highly collaborative and involve the interweaving of multiple narratives through the inclusion of young local writers, singers, producers, film-makers, artists and other creatives. Along the way, expert mentors with long-term music industry experience will provide workshops for the participants which aim on improving and honing their individual skills and talents. At the end of this program there will be an event that will feature everyone involved in the creation of this project, which will allow them to showcase what they have produced to their community, highlighting their individual talents, identity and culture, creating a stronger network between peers, family members and local residents.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,400.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: This was a well written application for a strong project. The panel thought that the project fitted very well with the priorities of the grant stream and have great confidence in the applicant's ability to deliver the project.

AG19-190**Mr Neil Cabatingan****Auspice:** Auspicious Arts Projects*Sound School Fitzroy*

Project Description: Sound School Fitzroy will be aimed at young people between 12 – 25, working primarily with those living in the Atherton Gardens and Collingwood Housing Estates, but also including young people travelling from further afield. It will focus on building young peoples' skills in music production using hands-on hardware and professional software. This program will be aimed at encouraging young people to produce the instrumental components of the electronic music genres they enjoy, as well as providing additional opportunities to experiment with DJ'ing and sound engineering. The program will be led by Neil Cabatingan and will engage well-known musicians from Melbourne as expert mentors. The program will present opportunities for youth participants to produce instrumental tracks for local rappers, connecting them to their peers and strengthening local creative networks. At the end of the program there will be an event held which will allow all participants to showcase their work.

Sound School aims to make music production less intimidating by incorporating hands-on hardware which makes the process more fluid and accessible. Young people will have a chance to try new activities related to sound production and develop their skills from a novel angle.

Sound School also places an emphasis on the inclusion of women and LGBTQ youth, and has a proven track record of doing so.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00**Total Project Cost:** \$3,500.00**Recommendation:** \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel thought this was a very innovative project and that the mentorship element made the project very strong.

AG19-202**Miss Janice Ng****Auspice:** Australian Catholic University*Seeking Employment Support Services Project (Working Title)*

Project Description: The Employment Support Services Project will deliver a range of support services to young job seekers aged 16-25 living in the City of Yarra. This project will partner young job seekers with peer mentors from the Australian Catholic University to collaborate on job search strategies, resume writing, identifying and communicating professional skills and competencies and interview preparation.

This program will be built on the it is necessary to assist youth to identify what skills they possess and can leverage to respond to key selection criteria to appeal to potential employers. Practical activities and problem-solving scenarios will be included as they are often a part of online assessments and interview scenarios.

This project is being co-designed in Semester Two 2018 through a partnership between youth from Yarra Youth Services and ACU Students. This co-design model is being used to give Yarra youth decision-making power and opportunity to decide what services they wish to access to support their journeys to employment. ACU students are also collaborating in the co-design phase to allow them to articulate what support services they feel students in their course can offer to young people. Staff at YYS and ACU's Community Engagement Officer will support the co-design and future roll out of the program. Further ACU's Career Development Service can provide additional professional guidance and resources to support the development of the program. As part of the co-design phase a series of pilot workshops are planned for later in 2018 ahead of a full program launch in 2019.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00**Total Project Cost:** \$13,500.00**Recommendation:** \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A very strong application. The panel were impressed by how this program will benefit both those participating as job seekers and as facilitators. The panel feel that the program has life changing potential for the young participants.

Sports and Recreation Stream

AG19-005

Princes Hill Community Centre

The POSY Project - Yoga for PCOS

Project Description: The POSY Project will promote, run and assess a series of low-cost yoga classes for local female residents suffering from Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS). The project also holds the broader aims of improving community connection and creating a support system for participants in a safe and welcoming environment. The POSY Project, which is a health-and-wellbeing-focused activity, will be organised by qualified yoga teacher Teresa Batten of the Princes Hill Community Centre. It aims to establish a specific women's fitness group, in which participants can learn to manage their disease more effectively and also connect with others. A longer-term aim is the creation of a supportive network for PCOS sufferers, the likes of which does not currently exist in Yarra or greater Melbourne. A series of beginner hatha yoga classes, four terms over the 2019 school year, would be aimed specifically at women who have PCOS, and who have no prior yoga experience, or very little. Participants could range from the age of 16 upwards to 55 years of age, covering several age key brackets. These classes are geared towards a special-needs group of students, aimed at the prevention of depressive symptoms and a non-pharmaceutical disease intervention. The POSY project will draw on relationships established with the City of Yarra, support from organisations such as the Jean Hailes Foundation in East Melbourne, the Royal Women's Hospital and the Princes Hill Community Centre to help the classes run.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$5,250.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A well written application for a good and impressive project that showed significant research and addressing a need in the community.

AG19-101

Collingwood City Football Club (CCFC)

Collingwood Junior Eagles

Project Description: The Junior Eagles program is a soccer skills training program for children and young people aged 6 to 30 years with an intellectual or physical disability. The program includes 15 weekly training sessions in Terms 2 and 3. The aims of the program include to provide the children and young people with an opportunity to learn soccer skills in a safe and welcoming environment where the players' abilities and progress is valued; to improve player physical fitness and to prepare children for integration with other teams as appropriate. The program also supports families of children with special needs by providing recreational/ sporting opportunities for their children and inclusion in a community club, being the Collingwood City Soccer club. Recently, the goals of the program have been expanded to include working with the FFV to develop and maintain an All Abilities soccer league which commenced in 2017. The club now has 2 full teams playing in the new league and have combined with the Northern Falcons soccer club to provide more skilled players with an opportunity to participate in the most challenging league (Kangaroos). Additionally the program again has welcomed younger and older players (6-10 years and 18- 30 years).

Amount Requested: \$4,395.00

Total Project Cost: \$13,335.00

Recommendation: \$4,395.00

Panel Comments: Excellent application providing a strong Access All Abilities program. The project is clearly articulated and the application is well structured and provides a great example to other community sports clubs.

AG19-119

Richmond Union Cricket Club

Women's fitness program that develops into a new women cricket team

Project Description: The Richmond Union Cricket Club plans to introduce a Women's fitness program project. With funding and support, this is expected to begin early in 2019. The Club has made a strategic decision to run Women's fitness program from early 2019 with the longer term view of creating one (or even 2) senior women cricket teams. The Club currently fields two junior girls cricket teams and has the longer term vision of being the cricket club of choice for women of all ages, within the inner East Melbourne region. It is envisaged that after one year of the fitness programs, which will also educate on the skills of cricket, that the Club will be able to field senior women teams from 2020,

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$3,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: A project that is a positive idea and the panel noted that improving female fitness and team sport participation is a benefit to the Yarra community. However the panel noted the application lacked detail, particularly with regard to the budget.

AG19-127

Clifton Hill Cricket Club

Clifton Hill Cricket Club 4 Women

Project Description: As part of its Strategic Plan 2016-19, Clifton Hill Cricket Club is committed to increasing female participation and developing a full pathway for female cricketers from junior girls to senior women's competition. In 2018-19, the club will build on its successful start in establishing a women's program in 2017-18 to run a full program for senior women, including a social and training program, continue the development of our women's competition program, in anticipation of having two competitive playing teams, and the development of a pathway from junior girls to senior women's. CHCC4Women is an important part of this program, focusing on drawing in women who are currently not playing cricket or other organised sport into an open and relaxed come-and-try program. The recruiting focus is on mothers of junior players and female residents of City of Yarra aged 18-65. In addition to learning skills, building fitness and playing, participants in the program will be encouraged to take an active role in the club including junior team management and coaching and undertaking level 1 and 2 community coaching training. Participants in the program are encouraged to join the main training program for the senior women's competition team for season 2018-19. The main activities will be: weekly training program for women in summer; indoor program in winter; intra-club and friendly social matches; level 1 community coaching training; training in scoring and team management.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,450.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: Application that addresses the need to increase the number of women at all levels within sports club. Do not recommend fully fund as could not provide all equipment costs.

AG19-212

Richmond Junior Football Club

Richmond Junior Football Club - "Opportunity for everyone" Scholarship program

Project Description: The RJFC wish to ensure the opportunity to participate in Australian rules football is open to all eligible City of Yarra residents.

This grant application is to assist being able to make that commitment to the CALD and social housing community.

The program is a year long commitment, including both in-season and out of season engagement activities.

Essentially the program means we can register, equip, transport and keep in touch with those children that come through our door that otherwise would not be able to afford to participate.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,475.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong and well written application for an impressive program that has a strong alignment with the participation priority.

AG19-220

Collingwood City Football Club (CCFC)

Richmond Estate Soccer Program

Project Description: A soccer program for children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds whose low socioeconomic background limits their opportunity to be involved in formalised sporting activities.

The club coaches run soccer skills and games one night a week, welcoming all who wish to participate

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,853.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: An excellent application for a great program.

AG19-221

Richmond Junior Football Club

Richmond Junior Football Club - Injury education, prevention and treatment program

Project Description: This initiative involves multiple activities to reduce the likelihood of injury to junior footballers, as well as improve the treatment once injured.

While not the sole focus of the initiative, particular attention will be directed towards the area of concussion and occurrence of neck injuries.

The initiative consists of 3 core elements:

- An education program for Coaches....raise awareness, provide coaching drills.
- An education program for Players.....raise awareness, provide strategies to reduce occurrence.
- An education program for game day trainers....identification and treatment.

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,250.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: Good and well written application that, if successful, could be rolled out to other clubs.

AG19-222

Richmond Riots Basketball Club

Richmond High Storage Pod

Project Description: The club is seeking to fund storage for equipment at Richmond High School.

Currently the club has no 'home ground' despite being in operation since 2010 when it started in the HBA within one team. The effectively 'homeless' organisation has grown rapidly to reach 37 teams and 297 u18 players.

Richmond High has offered the club a vacant area near the outside basketball courts to locate a storage Pod. The Pod would be used to store the Riots' and the school's training equipment, uniforms etc.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,000.00

Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Panel Comments: Application highlighted a definite community need, however lacked detail, particularly in terms of the type of pod, and no detail in the budget. The application is also requesting more than the maximum grant allowed.

AG19-231

Alphington Football Club Inc

Junior Coaching Courses

Project Description: One of the areas we have identified as key to the success of our Club is the ability for our coaches to provide quality coaching. As such, we would like to send our junior coaches on age appropriate FFV coaching courses.

Amount Requested: \$1,400.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,700.00

Recommendation: \$700.00

Panel Comments: Application for a program that addresses the funding priority of coach and volunteer training and education, that the members and coaches will benefit from. Funding maximum amount able to, as guidelines state that can only fund 50% of coaching fees.

AG19-236

Edinburgh Cricket Club

Atherton Gardens Cricket Program

Project Description: The Edinburgh CC has now for a number of seasons run a successful cricket program at the Atherton Gardens housing estate in conjunction with the CoY, FASTA, Vic police & ACU.

We are hoping this can continue in 2019-20.

The program this round will consist of 12 1.5 hour sessions held at Atherton Gardens as well as a gala/come and try day at the AG oval as a multi-cultural sport & recreation day.

On average 30-35 participants at each session, with at least half participants consistently being girls. ECC view this program as a great opportunity to introduced underprivileged children from diverse backgrounds to Cricket, new experiences and potentially diverse and new people.

The sessions include training, games, specialist coaching from International players. The children are all provided with a cricket pack that includes Cap, shirt, bat, ball.

The aim of the program is ensure the children of the housing estate are introduced to cricket, outdoor activities & team sport, increase women & girls participation in sport, Increase youth participation in outdoor activities and engage the local community.

At the completion of the AG Project, ECC hopes both junior boys & girls from the program will move into junior program at the Brunswick Street Oval. Our program is undertaken mid week and Saturdays and provides flexibility to enable participation when available.

The club will aim to supply equipment, uniform, travel, food for all that participate. It's hoped that the club can enable 50% of the girls from the AG cricket project into a team sport

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A well prepared and clear application for a worthy project. Applicant advised that application would be strengthened by inclusion of feedback on how the program is progressing with information on number of participants and how many participants have been integrated into the ECC club environment.

AG19-255

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Support for young basketballers to play competitive basketball

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and CALD communities and has 80 players from these communities playing in the club's domestic teams. Many of these families find it difficult to pay registration and game fees for their children who are playing in our Junior domestic competitions.

The club recognises that there many benefits for these players to be involved with a local, community sporting club so currently subsidises registrations fees.

This project will allow the club to continue to provide some assistance to players from local public housing, CALD communities and financially disadvantaged families in order to assist with registration fees.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$100,544.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application for a project providing a valuable service to the Yarra community.

AG19-256

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Access for All Abilities Basketball

Project Description: Weekly basketball program for young people with a disability / special needs who would like to learn basketball skills in a fun, friendly, inclusive environment. We encourage brothers and sisters, and parents / guardians to be part of the program and get involved on court if they wish.

Programs are run by skilled coaches from the club who are sensitive to the needs of the participants. Participants are in a small group with a ratio of approximately 1 coach per 2 -3 participants. Each session covers appropriate activities depending on the ability of the participant, including skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting activities. Participation, co-operation, teamwork and fun are the main goals of the program.

Amount Requested: \$4,910.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,580.00

Recommendation: \$4,910.00

Panel Comments: A clear application for a program that meets the core aims of this grant stream, and is the only program of its kind.

AG19-257

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Support for young basketballers to participate in tournaments

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and

CALD communities and currently has 50 players from these communities playing in the club's representative teams. It is expected that players in these teams participate in at least two tournaments per year, but this is expensive for many families who are financially disadvantaged.

This project will allow the club to subsidise registration and accommodation costs for players from local public housing, CALD communities and financially disadvantaged families so that the players in the teams can participate in two tournaments per year with their team mates. This is important for skill development, self esteem, team cohesion and bonding and connectedness with community.

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$113,550.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application that supports the inclusive nature of their program. The application would have been strengthened by more information on how deciding who is to be subsidised.

AG19-267

Victorian Skateboard Association (VSA)

All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions

Project Description: All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions is a free, co- educational skateboard workshop program that's primary focus is on creating new participants in skateboarding. The sessions' emphasise gender equality by using both male and female skateboarding instructors to facilitate the sessions. The program consists 23 sessions across the City of Yarra over the 2019 year. Partnering with local schools such as Fitzroy High School and orgs such as the Collingwood Childrens Farm, we plan on taking the sessions to skate able areas so we can link the Yarra youth & middle years community to free for participant workshops that build confidence, link community, and grow interest for independent usage of purpose-built facilities such as the Fitzy Bowl and Clifton Hill skatepark.

All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions allows these who have never skated to try for the first time in a welcoming and inclusive environment, potentially starting them on a pathway that can lead to regular, independent participation. Naturally the program will also provide support for participants who already skateboard, helping them to set challenges and improve technique.

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,850.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: A well articulated application for a project that assists children and adults in non-traditional sports. Applicant funded at the minimum requested as this was the maximum available in this stream.

Sustainability Stream: General Sustainability Grants

AG19-124

Stationers Program West Richmond station (west railway siding)

Auspice: Keep Australia Beautiful

West Richmond Station Beautification

Project Description: The West Richmond stationer's group are seeking funds to enable additional planting at the Egan Street section of the railway siding. Initial planting in October 2017 has been successfully established along the railway footpath and to a lesser degree under the elms bordering Egan Street (zone A).

Our plan is to replant the area under the elms and to enhance the area along the footpath with a secondary planting. We are following a planting plan used by the City of Melbourne's Woody meadow Project, the woody meadow plants are Australian natives that are adapted to stressors such as drought and exposure to extreme heat and wind. The woody meadows are essentially atypical shrub plantings that focus on high ornamental value; made up of species that are long flowering and designed to sprout again after the canopy has been removed.

The current established planting is predominantly at ground level and has a high use of grasses and low growing wildflowers, by adding increased height and texture we hope to create a more visually interesting landscape. The woody meadow is designed to have low maintenance inputs beyond establishment, the plants are coppiced (cut back hard) every few years. This regenerates the vegetation and ensures that large numbers of flowering shoots are produced.

Project plan; we would have an initial working bee to prepare soil and spread mulch in preparation for planting mid Autumn 2019. Due to the exposed nature of the site planting in late Spring or Summer would not be appropriate.

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$3,800.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: A well written application with good supporting documentation, and an interesting use of degraded space. It is clear the applicant has strong capacity and will do a good job. While the application has merit, the application does not demonstrate strong consultation, or made clear what will add as the project will add to what has already been achieved, so could not fully fund. This project will provide a good case study for future projects.

AG19-227

Melbourne Girls College

Zero Carbon Human Powered Cinema and Sustainability Showcase

Project Description: Melbourne Girls' College is a community committed to environmental sustainability. We have run our annual human powered outdoor cinema since 2011 as a community event designed to engage people with energy efficiency, innovation in renewable energy and climate change awareness. The event is an inspiring family friendly event with a focus on fun education. By demonstrating that large-scale projects such as a community film screening can be run with zero carbon emissions, this community event avoids the traditional scaremongering that can occur at climate awareness events. The cinema night focuses on positive solutions to our future energy demands and given that attendees literally pedal or row the electricity to run the event, it provides a unique insight into how much human effort it takes to generate a Kilowatt of electricity!

Our 2019 event will continue the tradition of screening a feature length film at sundown. With Yarra funding, we aim to make this a free of charge event to encourage wider community involvement. Gates open at 5pm, where attendees can BYO picnic or purchase environmentally friendly food and drink options from stalls. MGC and community musicians entertain guests until sundown while attendees will be encouraged to jump on the human electricity generators to charge the batteries that provide the electricity for the film and musical entertainment.

During this time we will also run a sustainability showcase that will see community partners such as Livewell Yarra, AYCC, CERES and the Yarra River Keepers run information stalls and demonstration workshops.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,530.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong and well written application that meets all the priorities to a high level. The project has been running successfully in the past, and the applicant has the capacity to do again. The panel noted that in evaluation it would be good to note the difference that making the event free makes to participation numbers.

AG19-235

Abbotsford Convent Foundation

Keep it Green: The Water Story

Project Description: The ACF aims to raise critically needed funds for urgent infrastructure required to effectively harvest, store and utilise water across the Convent's 6.8ha community precinct. By efficiently utilising water reserves, we can ensure a greener future for the precinct, and increase our visibility as a sustainability role model for the arts and cultural sector and our local community.

The Convent currently has capacity to capture 25% of rooftop water, facilitating the watering of <25% of precinct grounds. Installation of plumbing infrastructure will save 2 million litres+ of storm-water currently flowing into Yarra River, ensuring ACF reduces its reliance on costly mains water (previously \$10K per annum).

With funding secured, ACF will:

- Purchase additional rainwater harvest tanks
- Install stormwater connection from the Sacred Hart rooftop and the Laundries rooftop to develop a catchment that can feed into new tanks on Mercator lawn. These works include rainwater piping infrastructure.
- Drought-proof our heritage-listed garden, and purchase drought and erosion resistant plants and trees.

We aim to address climatic necessity through installation of this critical infrastructure, whilst promoting the intersection of arts, culture and climate positively to our community. ACF has secured some initial funding through a

successful fundraising campaign earlier this year that will provide some seed funds for these urgent infrastructure works. With investment support through City of Yarra's General Sustainability funding stream, we can ensure this unique and special place is protected, nurtured and activated with a stunning range of creative arts and cultural activities – for another 100+ years.

Amount Requested: \$4,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$104,066.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: The project is clearly delivering value to the community though increasing the sustainability of water use at the convent. The strong response to the fundraising drive is clear evidence that this project is of value to the community and supported by the community. The panel recommends that the project includes on site signage to educate on the project and the impact, to showcase what they are doing for sustainability. A well written project.

AG19-261

3000acres

Revitalising Fitzroy Urban Harvest

Project Description: Fitzroy Urban Harvest is a regular (monthly) food swap being run by community members in partnership with 3000acres and Cultivating Community. Individuals come together to meet, chat and share their excess produce, plants and other food items in Smith's Reserve, Fitzroy. Through swapping unwanted produce and goods, participating community members reduce waste, access diverse fresh food and make connections with other Yarra residents.

In the past, this food swap has hosted a substantial number of people and amount of produce swapped, but in recent times this attendance has dropped away. A new group of swappers (many newer to Yarra and unaware of the food swap) is needed to revitalise this great program and keep it going for years to come. 3000acres and Cultivating Community want to work together to share the food swap with a greater number of people through promotion and onsite workshops.

For many people growing produce either at home or in a community growing space, the idea of food swaps is still novel. Through a gardening workshop and a composting workshop onsite, relevant community members will be introduced to the food swap in a totally unthreatening way. Together, 3000acres and Cultivating Community will also oversee a targeted promotional campaign in the area to increase attendance. This boost to community participation will enhance the benefits of this food swap and secure its community contribution into the future.

Amount Requested: \$3,600.00

Total Project Cost: \$7,100.00

Recommendation: \$3,600.00

Panel Comments: A well written and strong application that aims to revitalise a program which has many community benefits. The application aligns with Yarra's key objectives and Urban Agriculture Strategy. However, the panel noted that the project needs strong evaluation to measure the reason for the drop in numbers and the efficiency of this model in the current demographics.

Sustainability Stream: Partnering for Sustainability

AG19-161

Trinity Catholic School

Trinity Catholic School Bike Hospital for healthy living

Project Description: We are aiming to have as many of our children riding a bicycle safely to school. In order for this to happen, they need to have a bike but many cannot afford one, or indeed repair their bike once something is broken.

We have set up our "Trinity's Bike Hospital" which is a self-sufficient school based program aiming to recycle bicycles and provide them to children and families within the local community. It relies on volunteer parents and school support to run.

We plan to repair and maintain bikes for members in our community (children and parents).

We accept donations of bicycles and parts and then recycle bikes to members within our community who don't have a bicycle.

Last year we could only afford to provide traffic and bike education for Year 5 and 6 students. We hope to provide this for all students at our school so they are more confident in riding their own bicycle to school. We see this as worthwhile, sustainable and as having life-long benefits for our children and their families.

Amount Requested: \$4,763.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,663.00

Recommendation: \$4,763.00

Panel Comments: An innovative project that builds connections with the school and wider community. The project includes additional benefits of good outreach to CALD parents to connect to the school. The application strongly aligns with the current sustainability strategies and the stream funding priorities.

AG19-192

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

City of Yarra Switched on Schools

Project Description: During City of Yarra Switched on Schools, AYCC will empower high school students with the skills and confidence to lead their own sustainability projects.

At \$4,000, we will deliver 1-3 in-school climate justice workshops in the City of Yarra, designed to spark students' interest in climate change. Students will then receive ongoing support to lead sustainability projects, including connecting them with like-minded students through our Student Climate Action Network (SCAN), resources through our online hub, and mentoring from our highly-trained volunteers.

At \$10,000, we will also sponsor 40-60 students from the City of Yarra to attend the Melbourne Climate Justice Summit. For two days, we will engage students with hands-on workshops and inspiring talks from scientists and humanitarians. After the Summit, we will provide ongoing mentoring and support so that students from 2-3 high schools from the City of Yarra can lead Repower Our Schools campaigns, to transition their schools to 100% renewable energy.

At \$10,000, we will also sponsor 2-4 students to participate in the Student Climate Leadership Program, for in-depth training in leadership and organising and to also help lead the Melbourne Climate Justice Summit.

At \$15,000, we will increase the amount of participation across the board, including: 3-5 in-schools workshops; 50-70 students attending the Melbourne Climate Justice Summit; and 3-5 students participating in the Student Climate Leadership Program. We will also support students to lead 2-4 renewable energy events in the City of Yarra, to show the community how they can reduce carbon emissions.

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,000.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application that was clear and well written for an important and impressive project that has positive benefit to the public education students. The application included strong evaluation strategies, and the applicant has had good outcomes in the past.

AG19-200

Carlton North Primary School

Auspice: Yarra Energy Foundation

Our Community, Our School, Our Sustainability Journey - North Carlton Primary School

Project Description: This project for the students, teachers, Yarra residents, and families of the Carlton North Primary School is guided by environmental experts - Yarra Energy Foundation. Our project is to ultimately act

holistically in our sustainability journey, which includes education and community outreach at its core. We hope to kick-off our journey by building a community composting facility and worm farm at the Carlton North Primary School, which will compost leftovers from local residents and students and teachers of the school.

Our school's journey toward sustainability is underpinned by the enthusiasm and lead of our Junior School Improvement Team. Children want to be engaged in learning and hands-on activities such as worm farms and composting, constructing an indigenous garden, improving our water harvesting ability, and how to grow a garden, will be our first steps in our school's interactive, sustainability plan.

This project will reduce landfill and increase awareness about the benefits of composting across local residents and the whole school - covering the students' years at the school and into the future. We also see the need to include rainwater tanks as part of the project to use our collected water on our plants and gardens, easing water billing costs.

This plan is student led, and the school is committed and keen to use composting learning as part of engaging with students on sustainability, project management, communication, the mechanics and chemistry of composting, and how to utilise compost for our gardens and the community's.

Amount Requested: \$6,000.00 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,500.00

Recommendation: \$6,000.00

Panel Comments: A comprehensive, clear and well thought out project that addresses a need, and turns it into a benefit. The staff capacity building aspect strengthened the application.
