

Summary of recommended recipients of the 2026 Yarra Grants Program

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Stream: First Peoples Self-Determination and Partnerships

YGPMLO44: ILBIJERRI Theatre CO

ILBIJERRI Youth ENSEMBLE - Creating career pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth

Project Description: Through the Ensemble Program, ILBIJERRI reconnects creative practice with cultural practice to build First Peoples engagement in the performing arts sector. This program creates a bridge between tertiary vocational training, professional employment and First Peoples cultural practice, aiming to create a pipeline of emerging First Peoples theatre practitioners supported by elders, mentors and industry masterclasses.

Recommendation: \$15,500

Total Project Cost: \$107,500 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$35,000

Panel comments: Well evidenced community need from an organisation with a strong community connections. There were insufficient grant funds to fully fund in this competitive round.

YGPMLO46: 3CR Community Radio

Beyond the Bars - 25 years on air

Project Description: Beyond the Bars presents live radio from inside prison with First Nations inmates. It is completely unique and delivered by First Nations broadcasters many of whom live in the Yarra area. It gives voice to over 100 First Nations prisoners and is delivered by a team of over 15 First Nations broadcasters. We seek a financial contribution to this project.

Recommendation: \$19,121

Total Project Cost: \$86,814 **Amount Requested:** \$19,121 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: An inclusive program that has a large reach to First Peoples and has strong community impact.

YGPMLO169: Liquid Architecture Sound Inc

First Nations Artist-on-Staff Project Outcomes

Project Description: Liquid Architecture will support an early-career First Nations artist Maya Hodge to develop and present a new work in a gallery space, as well as host an opening event with live music performances and an artist talk. This will be a dedicated opportunity to celebrate experimental art practices and amplify First Nations voices in the field of contemporary sound art.

Recommendation: \$10,879

Total Project Cost: \$51,590 **Amount Requested:** \$17,000 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: The project gives a unique opportunity to educate the wider community using different elements.

YGPML218: **Na Djinang Circus**

Making Track 2026

Project Description: Making Tracks 2026 is a two-week intensive program for six emerging First Nations circus artists, designed to embed cultural and creative diversity in the City of Yarra as Circus Centre Melbourne reopens.

Recommendation: \$24,500

Total Project Cost: \$52,424 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$24,500

Panel comments: Adaptive and inclusive project with clear outlined engagement and inclusion of local Elders.

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPML017: Ms Christina Lai (Auspiced by Hot House Living Lab Incorporated)

Community Free Haircuts and Massages

Project Description: I offer a free Community Hair cutting and head massage to help individuals look and feel their best, regardless of their financial situation. It's a welcoming, judgment-free space where everyone can receive quality grooming with care and dignity.

Recommendation: \$16,000

Total Project Cost: \$20,100 **Amount Requested:** \$16,000 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: An established, simple but impactful project that meets increasing community need.

YGPML018: Fitzroy Somali Women's Group (Auspiced by FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK INC.)

Support Somali women and families in Fitzroy to build healthy, inclusive, and connected communities.

Project Description: The Fitzroy Somali Women's Group encourages social participation, connections and the shaping of community life by providing classes for skills-learning in addition to social and community celebrations. These efforts focus on strengthening, unifying and building the community's economic, cultural, educational and social services, and the healthy spirit of community and neighbourhood improvement.

Recommendation: \$7,500

Total Project Cost: \$21,537 **Amount Requested:** \$9,500 **Minimum Required:** \$7,500

Panel comments: This project aligns with grant criteria and meets a community need.

YGPML027: Diabetes Victoria

Vietnamese Peer Support Program

Project Description: The project will empower Yarra's 4,000+ Vietnamese community by providing culturally safe, in-language education and peer leadership training for type 2 diabetes management. This community-led initiative, delivered with local partners, will build health literacy, social connection, and sustainable support networks to foster long-term well-being and inclusion.

Recommendation: \$29,140

Total Project Cost: \$44,720 **Amount Requested:** \$39,7200 **Minimum Required:** \$29,140

Panel comments: The project is an extension of a successful pilot, presented by an organisation with strong partnerships.

YGPML036: Project Respect

Improving inclusion for women and gender diverse people with experience in the sex industry

Project Description: The project supports women and gender diverse people with experience in the sex industry, and those with experience of sexual exploitation (including trafficking) by enhancing the inclusivity of community services, promoting stronger referral networks, and providing professionals in the City of Yarra with a lived experience informed e-learning course to build understanding, trauma-informed, person centred responsive practice.

Recommendation: \$8,320

Total Project Cost: \$9,588 **Amount Requested:** \$8,320 **Minimum Required:** \$5,655

Panel comments: This is a clear project proposal with defined outcomes and outputs for community.

YGPMLO45: 3CR Community Radio

Disability Day Radio 2026

Project Description: Disability Day Radio 2026 will promote the rights of people with disabilities, empower the community to create their own media content and enable disabled voices and views to be heard in a media landscape which focuses almost exclusively on the non-disabled. The project will create 12 hours of radio/podcast content presented and produced by people with disabilities and chronic illness.

Recommendation: \$15,584

Total Project Cost: \$19,884 **Amount Requested:** \$15,584 **Minimum Required:** \$12,000

Panel comments: The project has clear outcomes and outputs and will amplify the voices of people with disability in the community.

YGPMLO55: Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc

Breast Care Cushion Project

Project Description: We create and deliver breast care cushions and drainage bags to major hospitals to support patients recovering from breast cancer surgery.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$8,900 **Amount Requested:** \$5,000 **Minimum Required:** \$4,000

Panel comments: Meets a specific community need which has high levels of community engagement and strong volunteer support.

YGPMLO57: North Richmond Community Health

School Holiday Art Club

Project Description: The North Richmond Holiday Art Club & Lunch Program is a free, bi-weekly school holidays initiative offering creative art workshops and nutritious lunches for children living in the North Richmond public housing estate. The program provides a safe, inclusive space for children to explore their creativity, build friendships, and enjoy healthy meals during the school holiday.

Recommendation: \$3,525

Total Project Cost: \$12,050 **Amount Requested:** \$7,050 **Minimum Required:** \$3,525

Panel comments: The project and budget align with grant criteria and meet a community need, delivered by a local provider.

YGPML068: Dadfit Community Ltd

Dadfit: Supporting Healthy, Connected, and Gender-Equal Families in Yarra

Project Description: *Dadfit* is a popular, locally led program supporting Yarra fathers via team-building exercise, facilitated discussions about mental health, parenting and relationships, and support to build positive parenting habits. In 2026, *Dadfit* will deliver 8 five-week programs across four Yarra locations, engaging 120+ dads to strengthen parenting confidence, mental health, child wellbeing, and gender equality in families.

Recommendation: \$20,001

Total Project Cost: \$59,000 **Amount Requested:** \$39,400 **Minimum Required:** \$19,700

Panel comments: The project demonstrates collaborative practice and well-established partnerships, presenting a plan to extend their reach.

YGPML071: Open Table

Open Pantry - shared lunches, community pantry and fresh-food markets

Project Description: Open Pantry is Open Table's welcoming, volunteer-powered food program providing free weekly community lunches at North Fitzroy Library, a stocked dry-goods pantry during library hours, and bimonthly fresh-food markets at Atherton Gardens. It improves food security, builds community connection and rescues surplus food so more neighbours can eat well, with dignity and no questions asked.

Recommendation: \$25,000

Total Project Cost: \$256,570 **Amount Requested:** \$34,140 **Minimum Required:** \$28,000

Panel comments: An established project with strong alignment to grant assessment criteria.

YGPML077: CHINESE GOOD VOICE (MELBOURNE) INC.

Atherton Gardens Estate Chinese Choir (Chinese Good Voice)

Project Description: China Good Voice meet weekly for choir practice. They sing, dance, play music and socialise. We want to arrange cultural performances at eight different cultural events during the year.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$17,300 **Amount Requested:** \$7,300 **Minimum Required:** \$4,500

Panel comments: The panel can see the value of this in the community, and especially for elderly members of the community.

YGPMLO78: SisterWorks Incorporated

EmpowerHer: Wellbeing, Employment and Connection for Refugee and Migrant Women

Project Description: Crafted Culture is a social enterprise cafe, catering and retail space empowering migrant and refugee women with employment, training and community connection. By expanding our operations, we'll create more jobs for Sisters, drive local impact and use food as a platform for cultural exchange - fostering inclusion, opportunity and shared equity across the City of Yarra.

Recommendation: \$20,001

Total Project Cost: \$363,200 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$20,000

Panel comments: The social enterprise cafe and retail space provides training, culturally safe employment and community connection.

YGPMLO81: Unison Housing Ltd.

Home Sweet Home Stability

Project Description: Assisting renters to maintain their tenancy through providing resources that they otherwise could not afford. This includes but is not limited to pest control treatments, cleaning, tenant damage repairs and modifications such as those for required for disabilities.

Recommendation: \$10,000

Total Project Cost: \$25,000 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$10,000

Panel comments: The project addresses need across multiple Yarra locations for under-represented groups, builds capacity and supports healthy lifestyles.

YGPMLO86: Afghan and Iranian Women's Group in the City of Yarra (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

Healthy, inclusive community support for Afghan and Iranian women and families living in Fitzroy

Project Description: The Fitzroy Afghan Women's group encourages social participation, connections, and the shaping of community life by providing activities for skills-learning, in addition to engaging in social and community celebrations. These efforts focus on strengthening, unifying and building the community's economic, cultural, educational and social services, and the health and well-being of local women and their families.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$16,892 **Amount Requested:** \$7,500 **Minimum Required:** \$6,500

Panel comments: A worthwhile project providing connection and social support to Afghan and Iranian women within Yarra.

YGPMLO101: Vacro

Second Chance Cycles

Project Description: Second Chance Cycles provides a supportive learning space for local people on community corrections orders or day release from prison, those who want advice on how to maintain their bikes, and anyone who enjoys tinkering. Participants build practical skills, recycle discarded bicycles, and provide affordable reconditioned bicycles to the local Collingwood community.

Recommendation: \$25,087

Total Project Cost: \$283,000 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$35,000

Panel comments: The project delivers measurable social and environmental benefits and has a track record of success.

YGPML102: Slavic Welfare Association Incorporated

Healthy and connected Slavic seniors in the City of Yarra

Project Description: Our Project will support under-presented Slavic seniors in the City of Yarra through the ageing well activities and lifelong learning opportunities to engage and actively participate in local community.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,001 **Amount Requested:** \$4,001 **Minimum Required:** \$3,500

Panel comments: The panel notes the Slavic Welfare Association has an ongoing dedication to supporting the wellbeing and social inclusion of Slavic seniors in Yarra

YGPML113: The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation

Literacy Tutoring for Aboriginal students Collingwood

Project Description: Provide individual literacy tutoring directly to Aboriginal students. One hour per week during the school year. Concentrate on reading, writing, spelling and comprehension.

Recommendation: \$9,000

Total Project Cost: \$20,000 **Amount Requested:** \$10,000 **Minimum Required:** \$9,000

Panel comments: Targeted, evidence-based approach to improving literacy outcomes for First Peoples students in Collingwood.

YGPML116: Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di North Fitzroy

The Ginnastica per Pensionati Exercise Program for Italian Seniors

Project Description: We provide weekly exercise, meals and culturally appropriate social engagement for elderly Italian residents

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$48,175 **Amount Requested:** \$9,420 **Minimum Required:** \$6,000

Panel comments: The panel noted the project fosters health and social engagement for elderly Italian residents.

YGPML132: Multicultural Families and Children's Group (Auspiced by FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK)

Create opportunities for women to connect across cultures, build understanding, and reduce social isolation.

Project Description: These activities are designed to reduce social isolation, especially for women with limited access to transport or services, and to promote community wellbeing, cultural inclusion, and stronger Neighbourhood connections. All events will be child-friendly and led by trusted community members who understand the unique needs of local families.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$20,750 **Amount Requested:** 10,000 **Minimum Required:** \$8,500

Panel comments: The panel noted that the project fosters health and social connection for multicultural families withing Yarra.

YGPML133: Mei's Art (Mei Lan Fang's Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association) INC

Weekly group activities and Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Mei's Art

Project Description: We enjoy learning and singing Beijing Opera. We will hold an event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mei's Art.

Recommendation: \$4,500

Total Project Cost: \$10,500 **Amount Requested:** \$4,500 **Minimum Required:** \$4,100

Panel comments: Volunteers preserving Chinese culture in the local community.

YGPML136: U3A Chinese in Yarra Inc

Weekly Activities and Academic Lessons

Project Description: We conduct courses that are typical of U3A in Australia and include literature, basic language, basic electronic devices' skill, arts and culture.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$57,000 **Amount Requested:** \$8,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: The panel recognised the project's community value and positive local impact.

YGPML139: Association of Oromo Women in Collingwood

Activities and social support for Oromo community

Project Description: This project supports fortnightly tea gatherings for 25 Oromo women and hosts three major community celebrations—Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, and a New Year's Cultural Diversity Day—open to Somali, Sudanese, Eritrean, and Yarra residents to share food, dances, and cultural conversations.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$6,300 **Amount Requested:** \$6,300 **Minimum Required:** \$4,000

Panel comments: The panel recognised the project's community value and positive local impact.

YGPML140: Serbian Pensioners Club of Fitzroy

Strengthening Serbian Seniors

Project Description: Serbian Seniors meet every 2 weeks for a shared lunch and social activities, like singing and dancing. It is the highlight of many members fortnight.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$19,330 **Amount Requested:** \$4,100 **Minimum Required:** \$3,000

Panel comments: It is important that our elderly Yarra citizens can meet and enjoy each other's company.

YGPML141: Life Saving Victoria Limited

Inclusive Communities: An Aquatic Inclusion Project for CALD, Seniors, and People with Disabilities

Project Description: This project delivers free, inclusive aquatic and water safety programs for culturally diverse residents, seniors and people with disabilities. By improving swimming skills, confidence, and community connection, it reduces drowning risk, promotes wellbeing, and strengthens participation in local aquatic venues through safe, supportive, and culturally appropriate activities.

Recommendation: \$15,000

Total Project Cost: \$49,152 **Amount Requested:** \$19,457 **Minimum Required:** \$19,457

Panel comments: The program builds on previous work and would increase confidence, safety awareness, and social participation in the community.

YGPML156: Positive Attitude Inc

Protect Positive Attitude Luncheons

Project Description: Positive Attitude Inc. is an organisation that supports and promotes inclusiveness of people living with HIV by providing a regular luncheon in a supportive, friendly environment. Our mission statement is: through the sharing of food and conversation, we can realise the common ground we all share.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$40,040 **Amount Requested:** \$12,000 **Minimum Required:** \$8,000

Panel comments: Inclusive lunches for a vulnerable community.

YGPML159: Alex Makes Meals Group Ltd

Sustaining Fresh Meal Access for Vulnerable Yarra Residents Through Established Community Partnerships

Project Description: Alex Makes Meals will produce and deliver 12,376 fresh, chef-prepared meals to vulnerable Yarra residents through 4 established partner organisations in Collingwood, Fitzroy, and Princes Hill, ensuring consistent food security for people experiencing homelessness, families in crisis, elderly residents, refugees, and women escaping family violence while supporting their connection to comprehensive wraparound services.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$45,781 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$10,000

Panel comments: The initiative has established community partnerships and measurable outcomes for community.

YGPML170: **Societa' Isole Eolie (aka Societa' Mutuo Soccorso Isole Ltd)**

Community Market, Childrens Party & Insurance

Project Description: Our 'project' comprises 2 parts. Part 1 is a public market which includes children's activities and food provided well below cost. Santa's appearance and the gift giving, is the highlight of the day.

In Part 2 , we seek assistance to meet our annual Building Insurance commitments, which is a burden to all voluntary associations.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$16,250 **Amount Requested:** \$6,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: Events to celebrate the local Italian community.

YGPML176: **Kids Space in Yarra (Auspiced by FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK INC.)**

Holidays program

Project Description: School holidays program, where kids will be engaged in indirect learning as a way of keeping them occupied when they don't have school with a lot of fun.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$9,100 **Amount Requested:** \$6,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: The organisation is embedded in the community and the project has community connection outcomes.

YGPML189: **North Richmond Community Health Ltd**

Tai Chi and Qi Gong Exercise class

Project Description: This project funds weekly, one-hour Tai Chi and Qigong sessions every Friday at 11:30 AM in North Richmond. The accessible program enhances social connectedness, improves balance, and reduces fall risk for elderly and CALD public housing residents.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$8,750 **Amount Requested:** \$5,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: The project has proven need and community support.

YGPML191: North Richmond Community Health

Chair Based Exercise Group 2026

Project Description: The project delivers a weekly chair-based exercise program for older adults living in the Richmond Housing Estate, aiming to improve strength, mobility, and overall wellbeing while reducing social isolation through gentle exercise and social connection.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$6,000 **Amount Requested:** \$5,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: The existing project addresses both physical wellbeing and social isolation in a community setting.

YGPML195: Bent Twig Alliance (Auspiced by Switchboard (Victoria) Inc)

Bent Twig Alliance Membership Initiative

Project Description: The project aims to enhance the visibility and inclusiveness of the Bent Twig Alliance by offering free social events, sustainable materials, community outreach activities, and promotional initiatives that connect older LGBTQIA+ people in safe and active spaces. Funds will support free lunches, event materials, community engagement, and a small honorarium for the volunteer president.

Recommendation: \$4,546

Total Project Cost: \$22,996 **Amount Requested:** \$5,500 **Minimum Required:** \$4,500

Panel comments: An established community group with past outcomes and alignment to criteria.

YGPML198: COLLINGWOOD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCFC)

COLLINGWOOD EAGLES ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL

Project Description: The Collingwood Eagles program is a soccer skills training initiative for children, young people, and adults with intellectual or physical disabilities. The program accommodates players of varying abilities and offers options to attend training sessions only (Training Only Group) or to participate in both training and the Football Victoria competition (Training plus Games).

Recommendation: \$6,515

Total Project Cost: \$18,685 **Amount Requested:** \$6,515 **Minimum Required:** \$6,515

Panel comments: Program has established partnerships and outcomes, making sport in Yarra more inclusive.

YGPML213: Greek Elderly Club of North Fitzroy and North Carlton Inc.

Greek Elderly Senior Citizens Club of North Fitzroy and North Carlton

Project Description: To provide social connection for our members and combat the isolation many of them experience. To provide activities that people can look forward to and that will enrich their lives.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$48,499 **Amount Requested:** \$7,418 **Minimum Required:** \$7,418

Panel comments: Supporting Yarra Greek Seniors.

YGPML215: **Young Assets Foundation**

Active Minds, Active Bodies

Project Description: Active Minds, Active Bodies is a free wellbeing program for children, young women, parents, and gender diverse people living in and around Yarra's public housing estates. Through inclusive sessions in movement, mindfulness, and relaxation led by local facilitators, the project promotes confidence, stress reduction, and community connection while creating accessible, culturally safe spaces for residents to improve their wellbeing together

Recommendation: \$20,001

Total Project Cost: \$95,000 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$25,000

Panel comments: The project builds on a pilot program with evidence of community need and consultation.

YGPML216: **Red Tag Fly Fishers Club**

Catch a Rainbow: Get Hooked on Fly Fishing with Red Tag Fly Fishers

Project Description: A fun, novel way to celebrate IDAHOBIT by introducing the LGBTIQIA+ community to the art of fly fishing via a 'come and try day'. It's an opportunity to learn new skills in a welcoming environment that will build trust, break down stereotypes and strengthen social cohesion. In this way, the project is mutually beneficial for both the participants and our members.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$23,160 **Amount Requested:** \$5,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: A unique project that aims to engage the LGBTIQIA+ community and has established community need from 2025.

YGPML217: **CCH Melbourne FGC Incorporated**

Continued Attendee Growth from Venue Expansion

Project Description: Our organisation has grown steadily since 2010, and we now seek funding to continue the ability to host events at the larger Djerring Centre to better accommodate our expanding and diverse community. With continued support through the Yarra Community Grant in 2026, we aim to maintain affordability while fostering inclusion, connection, and skill development through accessible social and educational activities.

Recommendation: \$5,580

Total Project Cost: \$11,450 **Amount Requested:** \$5,580 **Minimum Required:** \$5,580

Panel comments: A community-led program that fosters connection and combats youth isolation.

YGPML220: Gioan Hoan Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Group - Thieu Nhi Thanh The

Cultural and Leadership Development Program for Migrant Vietnamese Catholic Youth

Project Description: This project delivers weekly youth sessions and excursions that build social, spiritual, cultural, and life skills for young people aged 5–28 within the Vietnamese Catholic community. It also supports the broader community through fundraising and volunteer initiatives with local charities.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$69,182 **Amount Requested:** \$6,000 **Minimum Required:** \$4,000

Panel comments: Supporting Yarra Vietnamese youth.

YGPML237: Australian Catholic University

Future in Youth Yarra

Project Description: We will deliver free, engaging and safe weekly football and physical activity sessions for children and young people on Yarra housing estates. We will continue to activate Yarra spaces with consistent, safe, accessible and enjoyable physical activity to boost community health, inclusivity and connectedness. We will provide accreditation and employment opportunities to Yarra youth.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$161,292 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$30,164

Panel comments: The panel recognises the project’s proven impact, strong partnerships, and comprehensive planning, including safeguarding and program evaluation.

YGPML238: Carringbush Adult Education Inc

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Women’s Referral and Support Service (RASS)

Project Description: The CALD Women’s Referral and Support Service (RASS) provide vital, trauma-informed, urgent support to women experiencing complex challenges including family violence, financial hardship, and housing insecurity. Through individual appointments, RASS delivers practical assistance to address needs connect women to services and support. RASS strengthens women’s independence and contributes to improved health, wellbeing, inclusion and strengthens connection to local services and community.

Recommendation: \$19,800

Total Project Cost: \$28,200 **Amount Requested:** \$19,800 **Minimum Required:** \$12,000

Panel comments: A project presented by an established community partner with alignment to grant criteria.

YGPML255: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Of Australia Parish Of Holy Trinity Richmond Hawthorn Camberwell

Social and Recreational Activities for Richmond Greek Senior Citizens and Greek Easter Celebrations

Project Description: The Elderly Citizens Group provides meals, social and recreational activities, excursions etc. in a social gathering for many of the Greek elderly citizens in the community.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$35,161 **Amount Requested:** \$9,511 **Minimum Required:** \$9,500

Panel comments: Supporting weekly local Greek Seniors activities.

YGPML257: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

United through relocations

Project Description: This project is designed to support residents in public housing, many of whom are older, carers, people with disabilities. The majority are from migrant and refugee backgrounds. An activity program will be developed with participants, to include lunches, cultural dancing and health information such as mental health services and a place of support if people are facing uncertainty due to relocation.

Recommendation: \$14,800

Total Project Cost: \$36,872 **Amount Requested:** \$19,265 **Minimum Required:** \$14,800

Panel comments: Application provided evidence of community need, involvement of the community and specialist facilitation.

YGPML258: Yarra Futsal Ballers

Challenge Cup

Project Description: We will be hosting soccer tournaments across the Yarra estates for families living in the social housing, however, it is opened for everyone to join.

Recommendation: \$10,000

Total Project Cost: \$10,000 **Amount Requested:** \$10,000 **Minimum Required:** \$10,000

Panel comments: The project has partnership and support from local organisations and a promotion plan to attract further participation from the community.

YGPML284: Halkidikion Elderly Citizens Club Melbourne

Elderly Citizens social inclusion

Project Description: We wish to retain the culture, history and wellbeing of our members in connection with the Australian lifestyle. We wish to keep people engaged and provide social support to help with ageing, loneliness, and information sharing, making it easier for our members and provision of quality of life.

Recommendation: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,000 **Amount Requested:** \$5,000 **Minimum Required:** \$4,000

Panel comments: A small group focusing on retaining the cultural history of an elderly community.

YGPML285: Al Mawada Eritrean Women's Group (Auspiced by FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK INC.)

Social, cultural and educational activities for Eritrean women living in the City of Yarra

Project Description: We plan to run a series of activities that includes cultural celebration, social connection, learning for women and their children. The result will be a group that feels a sense of belonging in the City of Yarra with members having strong social supports around them.

Recommendation: \$5,200

Total Project Cost: \$6,850 **Amount Requested:** \$5,200 **Minimum Required:** \$3,800

Panel comments: A range of events and activities to safeguard inclusion for one of Yarra's ethnic communities.

YGPML308: Fitzroy Scout Group

Inclusive Scouting Project

Project Description: Fitzroy Scout Group's Inclusive Scouting Project supports disadvantaged youth to develop through participation in the Scouting program, focusing on community, friendship, inclusivity and learning through adventure. By removing financial barriers, young people from all backgrounds can build resilience, confidence and life skills through camps and adventures supported by our volunteer leaders.

Recommendation: \$6,180

Total Project Cost: \$154,700 **Amount Requested:** \$8,930 **Minimum Required:** \$6,180

Panel comments: The Inclusive Scouting Project provides valuable opportunities for disadvantaged young people to participate in group activities.

YGPML315: Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Weekly Activities

Project Description: We hold weekly gathering to alleviate social isolation and to strengthen inter-cultural exchanges.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$32,700 **Amount Requested:** \$8,000 **Minimum Required:** \$5,000

Panel comments: The panel notes this is a successful and long-term group.

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPM106: **Glorious Food Pty Ltd trading as Marios Cafe**

Marios 40th Anniversary Project - Free Magazine & Visual Art Exhibitions

Project Description: Marios 40th Anniversary magazine is a written and pictorial history of the iconic Fitzroy institution Marios and its surrounds. Contributions from over 60 writers, historical photos of Fitzroy, local art, patrons, staff, and festivities spanning 4 decades. This high-quality publication will be free from April throughout 2026 for diners at Marios. The exhibition program runs from April to September 2026.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$64,945 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$16,000

Panel comments: A creative idea using local partnerships to promote an iconic long-standing Yarra destination.

YGPM158: **365 Gardens Pty Ltd Trading As 365 Coffee & Food Richmond**

365's Milk Refill Revolution - ZERO WASTE

Project Description: We're installing an innovative milk-keg and refill system that will eliminate single-use milk bottles. We will save over 20,000 plastic milk bottles every year and setting a new sustainability benchmark for cafés.

Recommendation: \$6,410.00

Total Project Cost: \$57,556 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$25,000

Panel comments: A project aiming to reduce plastic waste in a commercial setting would have environmental benefit for the community.

YGPM1212: **The Old Bar**

The Old Bar X Sugar Glider X Johnston St Fiesta

Project Description: A free celebration of live music at The Old Bar and Sugar Glider during the Johnston St Fiesta (21–22 February 2026), showcasing 18 diverse local artists/DJs across multiple genres and demographics, with a dedicated family-friendly sessions to enhance and engage Fiesta audiences with Yarra's vibrant music culture.

Recommendation: \$17,850

Total Project Cost: \$25,324 **Amount Requested:** \$19,934 **Minimum Required:** \$12,000

Panel comments: Established local businesses presenting local artist as part of iconic local festival.

YGPM1233: **Community Pop-Up Markets Ltd**

Supporting microenterprises at The Community Grocer markets in Yarra

Project Description: The Community Grocer will support microenterprises to develop, deliver and grow their food businesses at our weekly markets. This will provide public housing residents in Yarra with income, training, employment pathways and the opportunity to celebrate and share cultural foods with their community.

Recommendation: \$19,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$42,434 **Amount Requested:** \$19,500 **Minimum Required:** \$17,500

Panel comments: Local community benefit and capacity -building for 8 new microenterprises.

YGPM273: Two Square Pegs

TO-LEAP Program - Thriving Opportunities for Leadership, Entrepreneurship And Projects Program

Project Description: The TO-LEAP Program run by Two Square Pegs builds enterprise development skills in residents in North Richmond, Abbotsford and Collingwood, with a focus on those living in public housing estates and who are economically disadvantaged. This project provides pathways into employment, creating local jobs and training opportunities, particularly for young people, refugees, migrants, and disadvantaged groups

Recommendation: \$40,000

Total Project Cost: \$83,740 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$38,500

Panel comments: The project fills a community need and benefits a wide group of people in Yarra.

YGPM297: Women in Tech (Auspiced by YOUNG ASSETS FOUNDATION LTD)

Women in Tech: AI Pathways for Public Housing Communities

Project Description: Women in Tech is a women-led program for residents of Yarra's public housing estates that builds digital confidence and employment pathways through hands-on AI and design workshops, mentoring, and industry engagement. The project empowers participants to create portfolios, gain real work experience, and connect with Yarra's growing technology sector, particularly the Cremorne innovation precinct.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$87,500 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$20,000

Panel comments: A project to create jobs and training opportunities for a large number of residents using community resources.

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPMLO41: Zoe Coldham

Fitzroy: a History of Protest and Activism

Project Description: Fitzroy: A History of Protest and Activism is a 60-minute documentary exploring the suburb's vibrant legacy of protest, community action and change. Through stories of collective resistance, from saving the Fitzroy Pool to Aboriginal activism on Gertrude Street, the film reveals how generations of residents have shaped a community defined by inclusion, resilience, and a belief that change is possible.

Recommendation: \$20,001

Total Project Cost: \$102,000 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$25,000

Panel comments: Alignment to stream criteria with local historical and artistic merit.

YGPMLO64: Miss Paige Templeton-Davey

2 Halves as A Whole - Public Programs 2026

Project Description: Our project brings together two free youth workshops, a creative publication, and a new exhibition by 2 Halves as A Whole, designed to empower young people in the City of Yarra through accessible, inclusive, and community-based art experiences. Together, these components will strengthen youth engagement, support local creative networks, and contribute to Yarra's vibrant and diverse artistic landscape.

Recommendation: \$4,845

Total Project Cost: \$12,895 **Amount Requested:** \$4,845 **Minimum Required:** \$2,045

Panel comments: An initiative by young people, for young people with strong links to Yarra.

YGPMLO76: Contemporary Sculpture Association (CSA): Yarra Sculpture Gallery (YSG)

Yarra Sculpture Gallery and Arts Access Victoria: Summer Residency Program 2026

Project Description: Yarra Sculpture Gallery (YSG) in partnership with Arts Access Victoria (AAV), will offer 8 artists participating in AAV's mentorship program a two month residency opportunity. Along with traditional arts practise practice, artists seeking to extend their practice to explore audio visual, digital projection and studio practise will be encouraged to participate. Residencies will culminate in an exciting YSG exhibition in 2026.

Recommendation: \$15,000

Total Project Cost: \$27,060 **Amount Requested:** \$15,000 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: A program showing past success, supporting sculpture artists within the City of Yarra.

YGPM111: **The Boite Vic Inc**

Portfolio

Project Description: The Boite's Portfolio project builds capacity for young culturally diverse musicians, providing them with Electronic Press Kits, promotional and performance experience and membership of a supporting community of interest.

Recommendation: \$22,818

Total Project Cost: \$52,500 **Amount Requested:** \$30,000 **Minimum Required:** \$25,000

Panel comments: A festival presented by a local group with a strong history of supporting culturally diverse music and musicians.

YGPM142: **Arts Projects 3065 (Auspiced by FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK INC.)**

Arts Projects 3065 - 2026 Season

Project Description: A season of arts activities on the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate that includes pop up activity, continuation of the Stitching Our Story begun in 2025, and an artist residency with Fitzroy Neighbourhood House. The season is designed to encourage community participation in a range of outcomes that celebrate our neighbourhood, reflect our sense of place and encourage connection.

Recommendation: \$4,800

Total Project Cost: \$10,500 **Amount Requested:** \$4,800 **Minimum Required:** \$3,100

Panel comments: A project extension for a large community project based in the local housing estates.

YGPM155: **Midsumma Festival**

Common Threads: Woven in Difference

Project Description: 'Common Threads: Woven in Difference' amplifies the voices of marginalised LGBTQIA+SB communities through a series of collaborative, multi-artform presentations. Creative outcomes will form a vibrant cultural overlay across Victoria's Pride 2026 through performances, workshops, exhibitions, and activations. Featuring 'Beasties' by Deep Sea Astronauts and an expanded Pride Windows program, it cultivates creative collaboration, visibility, and cultural exchange across diverse artforms.

Recommendation: \$19,355

Total Project Cost: \$31,362 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$18,500

Panel comments: A project showing community consultation and support as part of a popular festival in Yarra.

YGPM162: **3CR Community Radio**

3CR 50th Community Day

Project Description: In 2026, 3CR Community Radio celebrates 50 years as Australia's first community-owned station with a Community Day at Collingwood Town Hall on Saturday 4 July. The event will feature food, performances, historic displays, and live broadcasts, bringing together five decades of volunteers, listeners, and supporters to honour this progressive voice for social justice and community empowerment.

Recommendation: \$12,000

Total Project Cost: \$27,800 **Amount Requested:** \$19,315 **Minimum Required:** \$12,000

Panel comments: A long-standing Yarra community organisation with a large volunteer support base celebrating their 50-year anniversary.

YGPML182: Arts Project Australia

Neurodivergent artists – seen, valued, celebrated

Project Description: In 2026 Arts Project will stage an annual program of contemporary art exhibitions and host (7) free artist-led workshops, talks and demonstrations for each exhibition. All of these public programs will be offered for free to residents of Yarra, and visitors from further afield, at our gallery in Collingwood Yards.

Recommendation: \$15,000

Total Project Cost: \$39,300 **Amount Requested:** \$17,500 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: A series of workshops in Yarra supporting neurodivergent artists and artists with an intellectual disability.

YGPML203: DANCEHOUSE INC

Dancehousing

Project Description: Dancehousing is a weekly residency where eight self-organising dance communities practise, connect and curate public events at Dancehouse. The program removes barriers to participation, supports CALD, LGBTQIA+ and intergenerational communities, and sustains leadership pathways through mentorship, access support and producing resources. Each year it delivers more than 250 sessions and over 10 public events that enrich Yarra's cultural life.

Recommendation: \$20,001

Total Project Cost: \$70,000 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$20,000

Panel comments: Year-long program with strong community connections.

YGPML208: West Space

West Space 2026 Community Engagement Program

Project Description: West Space will present a suite of programmes providing a place for the creative community within the City of Yarra to gather, test and imagine around art and ideas. Through discussion, performance, workshops, and food, our 2026 Audience Engagement Program

will elevate artistic practice, find connections and through-lines between projects, and create opportunities for collective learning and knowledge sharing.

Recommendation: \$30,000

Total Project Cost: \$166,296 **Amount Requested:** \$39,156 **Minimum Required:** \$33,000

Panel comments: Large program of diverse activities including discussion, performance and workshops for the creative community within the City of Yarra.

YGPML214: **OFFICE**

3553: Designing with Country exhibition series

Project Description: Designing with Country is a series of three First Nations-led exhibitions and public talks, curated and produced at OFFICE's 3553 project space in Collingwood, Victoria. The exhibitions are aqua nullius (First Nation's water rights), Salvaging Country by Beyond Heritage (First Nation's built environment design) and Wilya Janta (remote Indigenous housing collective).

Recommendation: \$14,000

Total Project Cost: \$27,300 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$14,000

Panel comments: A series of three First-Peoples-led exhibitions and public talks with a climate focus.

YGPML227: **COLLINGWOOD YARDS**

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS & LONG TABLE LUNCH

Project Description: Community Workshops & Long Table Lunches bring together Collingwood and Richmond housing estate residents and Collingwood Yards creative community to collaborate on monthly arts and cultural workshops, and every second month share in a locally catered meal along with the wider Yarra community.

Recommendation: \$15,000

Total Project Cost: \$35,400 **Amount Requested:** \$18,700 **Minimum Required:** \$13,000

Panel comments: This project seeks to embed Collingwood Yards more deeply into the community, focussing on equity and removing barriers to participation.

YGPML254: **Ms Nina Tory-Henderson**

Housekeeping: alternative approaches to housing in Fitzroy, 1970s-1980s

Project Description: 'Housekeeping' is an exhibition that explores the history of alternative approaches to housing in Fitzroy-Collingwood during the 1970s and 1980s. Through archival material, interviews, models and mappings it will focus on grass-roots housing organisations and local movements that sought to retain existing buildings for affordable housing—histories that resonate urgently today with the impending planned demolition of Melbourne's public housing towers.

Recommendation: \$6,220

Total Project Cost: \$10,520 **Amount Requested:** \$6,220 **Minimum Required:** \$3,500

Panel comments: A project specifically relevant to Yarra with long-term impact.

YGPML262: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

BANH artist residency and studio development

Project Description: This project will create an exciting new space within the City of Yarra, offering a unique opportunity for artists to develop their practice and upgrading facilities at Collingwood Neighbourhood House. BANH will pilot an artist in residency program (visual and written/spoken word) which engages with local community. Facility upgrades include a metal and jewellery making studio.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$125,709 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$30,000

Panel comments: A project to improve community access and participation with a studio and residency model within an active Neighbourhood centre.

YGPML279: AUS CHINESE WRITERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Creating a Multicultural Anthology titled as "Southern Cross Stories: Australian Chinese Voices Across Yarra"

Project Description: "Southern Cross Stories: Australian Chinese Voices Across Yarra" is a bilingual anthology of creative writing by members of the Aus-Chinese Writers Association and multicultural communities. Featuring stories, poems, and essays inspired by life in and around the Yarra River, the project celebrates cultural diversity and connects communities through literature, workshops, and a public book launch celebrating Yarra's creative and multicultural spirit.

Recommendation: \$4,000

Total Project Cost: \$7,000 **Amount Requested:** \$6,000 **Minimum Required:** \$6,000

Panel comments: Supporting intercultural connection.

YGPML281: Playback Community

Playback 2026

Project Description: Playback is a non-for-profit event series which provides community and mentorship to emerging music makers. Participants submit their music and we provide a space to hear it played back in a live music venue. The participants gain insights and feedback from industry professionals. We promote accessibility through an 'any person, any genre, any skill' submission policy and a 'pay-as-you-feel' entry fee.

Recommendation: \$8,480

Total Project Cost: \$16,588 **Amount Requested:** \$12,788 **Minimum Required:** \$8,480

Panel comments: An established program of events in Yarra providing community and mentorship to emerging music makers.

YGPM288: **Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria Inc**

Guild Teaching Equipment Project

Project Description: The Guild Teaching Equipment Project aims to increase the number of looms and spinning wheels available for teaching and to replace outdated equipment and storage facilities. This expansion will allow the Guild to deliver more introductory courses in weaving and spinning, meeting current community demand.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$67,043 **Amount Requested:** \$20,000 **Minimum Required:** \$20,000

Panel comments: A long-running, volunteer-run community organisation that is seeing growing interest in its fibre-art courses but does not have enough equipment to meet demand. This funding would allow the teaching program to go ahead and include more participants. The new equipment fixes a practical capacity issue and is needed to run the program, rather than being general support for the organisation.

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPMLO05: Friends of Merri Creek

Merri Creek Labyrinth Redevelopment

Project Description: The project will redevelop the Merri Creek Labyrinth to improve drainage, accessibility, and habitat integration, creating a safer, more climate-resilient, and inclusive public space within the Merri Creek corridor in Clifton Hill.

Recommendation: \$39,875

Total Project Cost: \$50,675 **Amount Requested:** \$39,875 **Minimum Required:** \$37,500

Panel comments: A project to enhance and improve access to an iconic site in Yarra that provides community wellbeing.

YGPMLO59: Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc

Climate Voices – Inclusive Advocacy for a Just Transition

Project Description: Climate Voices is a community-led program equipping those most impacted by climate change with skills, confidence, and networks to lead change. By mobilising diverse voices and growing a grassroots advocacy network, it strengthens community climate action, builds resilience and stewardship, and advances key priorities of the City of Yarra Climate Emergency Plan.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$50,400 **Amount Requested:** \$39,000 **Minimum Required:** \$15,000

Panel comments: A registered social enterprise proposing a practical initiative to help small businesses reduce waste, emissions and operating costs. Strong alignment to stream criteria, strengthening community climate action, and stewardship, presented by an established community partner.

YGPMLO94: Electrify Yarra Inc

Electrification Street Groups: Neighbours Powering Change

Project Description: Neighbours Powering Change is a community-led pilot in Ivan and Park Streets, Fitzroy North, that will support households to switch from fossil fuels to efficient electric appliances and solar power through neighbour-to-neighbour engagement, surveys, events, and home energy assessments. The project will demonstrate a replicable model for community-driven electrification across the City of Yarra.

Recommendation: \$19,300

Total Project Cost: \$235,300 **Amount Requested:** \$19,300 **Minimum Required:** \$15,100

Panel comments: A community education pilot program with the goal to expand throughout Yarra aligning with Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan.

YGPML114: PlantingSeeds Projects Ltd

Yarra City B&B Highway

Project Description: The Yarra City B&B Highway is an educational and regenerative urban corridor program that helps to establish important biodiversity corridors in the area and counter the urban heat island effect. This is achieved by a program that has been developed by education and environmental academics and offers measurable outcomes.

Recommendation: \$15,850

Total Project Cost: \$30,240 **Amount Requested:** \$15,850 **Minimum Required:** \$7,450

Panel comments: Aligns with Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan and will impact a large amount of people, provide skills for children and expand habitat in Yarra.

YGPML122: Richmond Primary School

A Garden for All: Revitalising Richmond Primary School's Community Space

Project Description: "A Garden for All" aims to revitalise Richmond Primary School's community garden by restoring its infrastructure, enhancing biodiversity with native and edible plants, and creating inclusive spaces for learning, inspired play, and community connection.

Recommendation: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$76,589 **Amount Requested:** \$40,000 **Minimum Required:** \$25,000

Panel comments: A project engaging children with gardening and nature from a young age, incorporating Indigenous knowledge.

YGPML161: VicSES Heidelberg Unit

Strengthening community flood awareness through SES community education on local waterways

Project Description: The bike squad crews will set up a community education stand along one of the waterways shared trails during peak visitation times to promote awareness and provide education about climate change resilience and adaptation. Additional bikes will allow more members to become familiarised with the bikes and with the areas which would typically require bike squad presence.

Recommendation: \$6,000

Total Project Cost: \$10,500 **Amount Requested:** \$6,000 **Minimum Required:** \$4,000

Panel comments: Community engagement project for established community benefit.

YGPML177: Reground

Waste Champion Leadership Program

Project Description: The Waste Champion Leadership Program empowers passionate residents to lead waste management, driving local action and building resilient communities. Through data gathering, co-designed waste strategies, and a scalable Waste Champion Activation Guide, the

project supports Yarra's transition to a circular economy, cuts landfill waste and CO₂ emissions, and builds long-term capability that continues beyond the project's duration.

Recommendation: \$28,445

Total Project Cost: \$39,500 **Amount Requested:** \$35,500 **Minimum Required:** \$35,500

Panel comments: A project closely aligned to grant stream objectives, for an under-serviced area of community.

YGPML230: Richmond Football Club

Richmond Football Club Upcycling Merchandise

Project Description: Richmond Football Club partners with SisterWorks to transform unused club merchandise into upcycled products handcrafted by women from refugee, migrant, and asylum-seeker backgrounds. This project promotes sustainability and women's economic empowerment by creating income-generating opportunities and reducing textile waste.

Recommendation: \$10,000

Total Project Cost: \$77,400 **Amount Requested:** \$15,000 **Minimum Required:** \$10,000

Panel comments: A project incorporating circular economy principles and strong community engagement. Supports a diverse group of women through an established community partner.

YGPML268: Commune and Co Pty Ltd T/A Cirque du Soil

LoopLab Yarra – Strengthening Local Business Through Circular Action

Project Description: LoopLab Yarra will help 25 businesses across the City of Yarra reduce operating costs, waste and emissions through tailored site assessments, costed Circularity Action Plans and mentoring. The project builds business resilience by supporting practical adoption of circular practices, recycling systems and food-waste reduction initiatives that strengthen Yarra's transition to a low-carbon economy

Recommendation: \$24,500

Total Project Cost: \$54,800 **Amount Requested:** \$32,500 **Minimum Required:** \$24,500

Panel comments: A registered social enterprise proposing a practical initiative to help small businesses reduce waste, emissions and operating costs. Strong alignment to stream criteria, strengthening community climate action, and stewardship, presented by an established community partner.

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPMLO88: Richmond West Primary School

Connecting to Country: Indigenous Art and Garden Project

Project Description: Richmond West Primary School will partner with Wurundjeri artist Alex Kerr and Elder Uncle Robbie Thorpe to create a vibrant mural and expanded bush food planting within the school's kitchen garden. The project will celebrate Wurundjeri Country, culture and biodiversity, while providing students and the North Richmond community with a lasting cultural and educational asset that strengthens connection to Country.

Recommendation: \$15,139

Total Project Cost: \$18,664 **Amount Requested:** \$15,139 **Minimum Required:** \$14,300

Panel comments: A project with wider community benefit and partnership with a Wurundjeri artist.

YGPMLO97: Melbourne City Mission

Collingwood Youth Foyer Youth-led mural project

Project Description: This mural project will involve a series of murals on the interior halls of Melbourne City Mission's Collingwood Youth Foyer residential site, which supports young people with lived experience of homelessness aged 16–25. The project will involve residents from project conception and design concepts, through to art installation, and will develop community spirit, pride in place, neighbourhood identity and social connection.

Recommendation: \$19,700

Total Project Cost: \$42,700 **Amount Requested:** \$39,400 **Minimum Required:** \$19,700

Panel comments: The project aims to encourage agency and engage youth to build pride in place. Strong alignment to criteria.

YGPMML219: Mr Jack Pead (Auspiced by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation)

Reimagining Dights Falls Mill - Public Art Project

Project Description: The project involves repainting and reimagining the Dights Falls Mill to give users a fuller appreciation of the historical and cultural value of this site.

Recommendation: \$14,379

Total Project Cost: \$16,379 **Amount Requested:** \$14,379 **Minimum Required:** \$8,000

Panel comments: Project has consulted with local Wurundjeri and aims to reduce graffiti in this popular park. Strong alignment to criteria.

YGPMML286: Ms Amanda Warmuth (Auspiced by AUSPICIOUS ARTS PROJECTS INC)

Yarra Community Seating Project (pilot)

Project Description: The design and construction of new permanent sculptural public seating at Holden Street Neighbourhood house, providing a safe and inviting place for people to rest, connect and strengthen the social bond. Community will be invited to contribute to imagery and design giving a sense of pride, and allowing vulnerable people access outside their own homes without fear of falling.

Recommendation: \$19,399.00

Total Project Cost: \$20,518 **Amount Requested:** \$19,399 **Minimum Required:** \$19,399

Panel comments: Community-led design for sculptural installation increasing accessibility at a busy community hub. Strong community engagement and alignment to criteria.
