

Summary of recommended recipients of the 2025/2026 Quick Response Grants

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO002: **Ms Zo Damage**

Being of Light

Project Description: "Being of Light" is an exhibition focused on community engagement, featuring a diverse collection of framed, unframed, and interactive handmade analogue photographic works on paper. The exhibition highlights the striking diversity and rejuvenating beauty of Melbourne's inner-city waterways and parklands, emphasising how the urban landscape fosters inclusivity and creativity in Fitzroy and its surrounding suburbs.

Recommendation: \$2,500

Total Project Cost: \$2,500 **Amount Requested:** \$2,500

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO005: **Men of Soil (Auspiced by Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House)**

Men of Soil

Project Description: The Men of Soil project focuses on the rejuvenation and gardening as activities of the community garden located at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House. The purpose is to engage local men from diverse backgrounds to participate in this activity to maintain and improve physical mobility, stay active, and build resilience through connecting with others and sharing a common activity, sense of purpose, and achievement.

Recommendation: \$1,500

Total Project Cost: \$1,500 **Amount Requested:** \$1,500

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO006: **Richmond Beijing Opera Study (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts)**

Chinese Opera At the North Richmond Housing Estate for the community

Project Description: Beijing Opera study consists of 15 citizens (mostly seniors) who meet and rehearse different acts on a regular basis for several performance to entertain the local community and to promote traditional Chinese Opera throughout the year. These acts consist of music, songs, dance and acrobatics in a lively and colourful display. Each member plays a different role in various acts, such as acting, singers, musicians, markup artists, even organisers, etc.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ007: **Melbourne Comhaltas Inc**

Comhaltas Halloween Celebration

Project Description: Every year, Comhaltas organise a Halloween party.

Halloween is now celebrated all over the world but it was an old pagan festival in Ireland and has been celebrated there since the 4th century.

It involves music, dancing, singing and traditional Halloween games for the children. Lots of people, including the kids, offer to sing a song, tell a ghost story or perform a dance. We decorate the hall with spooky Halloween stuff.

It is a very enjoyable night and is now part of the local calendar in Collingwood, celebrating Yarra's diverse communities and building community connectedness.

Recommendation: \$1,200

Total Project Cost: \$1,200 **Amount Requested:** \$1,200

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ009: **Mx Jessi Ryan**

SKIN: THE EXHIBITION

Project Description: Internationally acclaimed artist, writer and community archivist JESSI RYAN returns to the Midsumma Presents program in 2026 with Programmed by and as part of the curated MIDSUMMMA PRESENTS 2026 program, SKIN: THE EXHIBITION from February 6th- 9th brings contemporary queer histories to the fore, through an immersive video experience. Enshrined in this space are the stories of 6 diverse lgbtqia+ community members as told by their tattooed cartography. Using your personal device- scanning a series of QR codes unlocks further content and interviews, each an important reflection on contemporary queer histories, place and time.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ015: **Mr Rohan Obst (Auspiced by Protect Clifton Hill)**

Council Street Festive Season Launch

Project Description: I'm delivering a community event for the fifth year; it brings the community together to launch the festive season. It's known as the Council Street Festive Season launch. We bring locals together to connect, have fun and enjoy each other's company. The event caters for all people. It is highly anticipated each year by the locals and plays an important role in community cohesion.

Elements of the event include,

- * Families leading an opening ceremony for Santa into the party
- * Local businesses sell food and drink and provide activities
- * Activities and pageantry that locals eagerly await each year

Recommendation: \$2,500

Total Project Cost: \$2,500 **Amount Requested:** \$2,500

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ016: **Mr Jake Parker**

Heaven, Distractions + Vitamin C

Project Description: The goal of this project is to produce a 20-minute short film and screen it as part of a curated event of film and live performance.

Heaven, Distractions + Vitamin C, is an autofictional film. It follows J—a young filmmaker—who is making a film to ask a fundamental question: ‘Are we even real?’ Armed with a camcorder, J films conversations with his loved ones to see what they think. They share their stories and opinions and J discovers more non-answers than answers.

Recommendation: \$2,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000 **Amount Requested:** \$2,000

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ017: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House (Auspiced by Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House)**

Resident Frequency Studio album project volume 2

Project Description: Resident Frequency Studio Album volume 2 production and mastering of community music recording on the Collingwood housing estate.

Recommendation: \$3,100

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ018: **You Yi Zhi Qiao - Crossing the Bridge Inc (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts)**

Happy Senior Life

Project Description: Our project focus on improving members English skill, taking physical exercise, attending cultural activities, learning good eating and general health, positive lifestyle and like to contact others. A greater understanding in the general community of Australia issues, values, and contributions to Australia society. To achieve this, we have choir rehearsal to sing English songs once a week. Attend seminars from government departments. Attend more activities (such like visiting museums and countryside) to integrate with mainstream.

Everyday chat online to talk each other. Once a week we have chorus rehearsal, physical exercises. Take part in multicultural festivals Celebrations.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ019: **Ms Wendy Donald**

Looking at life - Monoprints 1970-2025

Project Description: This is a planned exhibition, a review of the way my monoprints have evolved over the decades. Thirty framed works, 15 A1 and 15 A2 to be hung at Swan Street Studios gallery (<https://www.creativespaces.net.au/space/swan-st-studios-richmond>). Opening 1 November running for 2 weeks. Demonstrations and workshops of the technique of monoprinting will take place on Sunday 2

November, Saturday 8 November and Sunday 9 November. I am available on each day for informal discussion. The exhibition and demonstration are open to the public. Invitation will be provided to Year 12 VCE Arts students at Fitzroy High School.

Recommendation: \$3,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ020: **OCAV**

A Sanctuary in the City: Creating Habitat and Community at Rushall Park

Project Description: Abound Communities seeks funding to establish a biodiverse, habitat-rich garden at Rushall Park Retirement Village. The project will replace simplified open spaces with dense indigenous plantings and habitat features such as nesting boxes and log hollows, creating a thriving environment for native birds, pollinators, and other beneficial species.

Rushall Park lies within a habitat corridor identified in the City of Yarra's Gardens for Wildlife program, making this initiative a valuable contribution to broader urban biodiversity and ecological connectivity. The project will also enrich residents' wellbeing through community involvement and connection with nature.

Recommendation: \$3,860

Total Project Cost: \$3,860 **Amount Requested:** \$3,860

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ021: **Community Music Victoria**

Raising our Voices: Inspiring Ecological Awareness and Climate Action through Music

Project Description: Raising our Voices is an Eco Arts project led by Community Music Victoria (CMVic).

The project will record original songs inspired by the Birrarung (Yarra River) and disseminate them through CMVic and three public performances of Climate Choir Melbourne, including the Yarra Riverkeeper Association's Birrarung Riverfest in 2026.

The project will extend the collaborative song-making practices of CMVic's 2024 Living World project, funded by a City of Yarra Climate Action grant. This project led to choral performances at the 2024 Birrarung Riverfest on World Rivers Day, featuring Climate Choir Melbourne, the Brunswick Rogues and other high-profile musicians and singing leaders.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ022: **Princes Hill Community Centre**

Princes Hill Community Centre 50th Anniversary

Project Description: In 2025 Princes Hill Community Centre (PHCC) is celebrating its 50-year anniversary, a milestone that reflects our deep roots and ongoing commitment to community connection, inclusion, and creativity.

Our project will capture the Centre's history, legacy and ongoing role in the community by creating a documentary style video showcasing interviews with key voices, visual storytelling of the Centres diverse programs and a celebration of its impact on the local community.

Through the creation of this documentary the Centre will be supporting a new creative partnership with a local film maker, suggested by one of our program participants and volunteer.

Recommendation: \$2,950

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO025: **Melbourne Badminton Association of Daxue Xiaoyou Inc.**

Dragon Boat Festival Multicultural Badminton Harmony Day

Project Description: The Dragon Boat Festival Multicultural Badminton Harmony Day, organised by MBadX, will be held on Sunday, 21 June 2026, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Abbotsford Badminton Club. The event will feature inclusive social badminton sessions, free beginner workshops, cultural performances, creative workshops, and an exhibition match with elite Australian and international players. Open to all Yarra residents, the event promotes accessibility, physical wellbeing, cultural exchange, and social inclusion. Approximately 150 participants are expected to attend, strengthening community connection and celebrating Yarra's multicultural identity.

Recommendation: \$3,998

Total Project Cost: \$3,998 **Amount Requested:** \$3,998

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO026: **Professional Migrant Women (PMW)**

Resilient Futures – Cultural Confidence & Connection for Migrant Women

Project Description: Resilient Futures is a pilot program designed to strengthen the resilience, cultural confidence, and social connection of migrant women in the City of Yarra. This one-day intensive will create a safe space, empowering participants to embrace their identity as a strength, overcome barriers to participation, and connect with meaningful pathways into community life.

Resilient Futures responds to the identified challenges of most migrant women and offers a structured program that combines resilience-building, group coaching, and mentoring guidance within a single impactful day—empowering migrant women to grow their confidence, leadership skills, and community connections.

Recommendation: \$3,760

Total Project Cost: \$3,760 **Amount Requested:** \$3,760

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO029: **Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writer's Association of Australia Inc**

Building Bridges through stories

Project Description: We are celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writers' Association. This event will be open to the public, and we have invited local Chinese literary groups, the Yarra Chinese choir, the Yarra Chinese Friendship Association, prize-winning Melbourne novelists, a delegation of flash story writers from China, as well representatives and/or officials from Yarra City to join us. The activities will include literature lectures, author interviews, story readings, singing, dancing, and choir performances. We also plan to display members' works and photos to showcase community achievements.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPO033: **Fitzroy North Primary School**

Reusable cups: Building a culture of reuse at Fitzroy North Primary School

Project Description: This project plans to set up the capacity for Fitzroy North Primary School to switch to reusable drinkware for all events, and further foster a culture of sustainability in the school community. Our project will divert up to 500,000 disposable cups and at least 3,650 juice cartons from landfill. The first major event is our Fete in November where the reusable cups will be utilised at the bar.

Recommendation: \$3,198

Total Project Cost: \$3,198 **Amount Requested:** \$3,198

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO034: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

Getting connected faster

Project Description: We aim to rejuvenate the drop-in community spaces at Richmond and Collingwood by upgrading our outdated computer systems. The Quick Response Grant to enhance these learning environments with faster, more modern computers.

By upgrading our equipment, we will significantly improve the quality of learning and expand opportunities for participants to build essential digital skills in a more efficient and enjoyable environment.

This grant will complement Good Things Australia funding and allow us to relaunch the drop-in spaces as vibrant, accessible, and future-ready digital learning hubs for the local community.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO037: **Ms Gail Hastings**

Mental space — is it inside or outside?

Project Description: To make a new sculptural situation that probes seemingly uneventful invisible space to find a trove of treasured reality in an exhibition at Connors Connors Gallery in November 2025.

Recommendation: \$3,659

Total Project Cost: \$3,659 **Amount Requested:** \$3,659

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO039: **Ms Alex Dobson (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts)**

Rehearsal and Presentation of "POOL" by Alex Dobson at DANCEHOUSE March 2026

Project Description: Funding from City of Yarra will be used to support the final development and presentation of my new full-length experimental contemporary dance work, Pool. I am the lead artist/choreographer in collaboration with Madeline Bowman (performance), Sunny Morris and Hudson

Macushla (sound), and Shannon Toth (sculpture).

Pool merges choreography, live sound design, and ephemeral and fixed sculptures – saliva, water, fabric, glass – the performers “leak” or “expose” dances, sounds and secrets. Choreography shifts between visibility and concealment, mirroring the lived experience of invisible chronic illnesses and disabilities.

Recommendation: \$3,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO042: Mei's Art (Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Mei's Art

Project Description: Mei's Art was founded by Mr Gao Chao Zhao in 1996 in Melbourne. Over the years, Mei's Art has been loved and supported by the residents because these opera programs contain historical stories, family ethics and loves. Now Mei's Art has grown a well-known community in Melbourne. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Mei's Art. We are going to hold a celebration. We are going to invite some other communities to participate our celebration. Our intention is to be a healthy, positive and happy community enhancing the well-being of elderly senior group, enriching the life of Yarra residents.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO043: Dr Lucija Ivacic

Cereal Music Talks: A DIY Handbook for Musicians

Project Description: Cereal Music Talks: A DIY Handbook for Musicians is a special series of my ongoing podcast where I interview Melbourne musicians about the realities of making music. This edition will be rooted in Fitzroy, capturing the unique energy of Fitzroy's buzzy community, facilitating conversations that feel connected to the neighbourhood itself. The project will involve recording 4 video podcast episodes with Yarra-based musicians, and a curated limited-edition DIY printed booklet, Cereal Music Talks: Handbook for Musicians, which will share insights, and advice from the participating artists. This handbook will be distributed for free across local venues and community hubs.

Recommendation: \$2,500

Total Project Cost: \$2,500 **Amount Requested:** \$2,500

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO045: Yarra Tri Club

Water Safety and Inclusion: Enhancing Access for All Swimmers

Project Description: Our project aims to enhance water safety, accessibility, and inclusion for swimmers of all ages and abilities within our club, ensuring everyone can participate confidently and securely in both pool and open water activities. Our club supports a highly diverse community of swimmers, including beginners and experienced participants, seniors over 60+, and athletes with disabilities, autism, ADHD, or visual impairments. Many of our members are new to swimming or open water environments, while others compete in races and training programs. To provide a safe and inclusive environment for all participants, we need to upgrade and expand our water safety equipment.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO049: FITZROY CHINESE WOMENS GROUP

Healthy and Beautiful Life – Senior Women's Wellbeing Program

Project Description: The Healthy and Beautiful Life – Senior Women's Wellbeing Program will provide fortnightly wellbeing activities for Chinese senior women in Yarra, especially those in public housing. Through singing, dancing, gentle exercise, health information sessions, nutritious lunches, and cultural outings, the program supports physical health, mental wellbeing, and social inclusion. With 37 years of community service and strong volunteer support, the Fitzroy Chinese Women's Group is well-placed to deliver this culturally appropriate program. It will reduce isolation, build confidence, and strengthen connections, contributing to a healthier and more inclusive Yarra community.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO052: FITZROY CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC

Seniors' Healthy and Warm Community Family

Project Description: Our project supports seniors living in the Fitzroy public housing estate by providing fortnightly activities at the Florence Peel Centre to promote health, wellbeing, and social connection. Sessions include gentle fitness and brain exercises, health and safety information, cultural activities, and birthday celebrations, along with a nutritious seniors meal program. With around 70 seniors and 20 volunteers each session, the program reduces social isolation, supports physical and mental wellbeing, and creates a welcoming, accessible space where older residents feel valued and connected. This project aligns with Yarra's vision for healthy, inclusive, and connected communities.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO053: Ms Anita King

Something to call my own

Project Description: Something to call my own is a new, site-specific installation and performance by Nicholas Currie exploring the nature of shelter and belonging. The work centres on a dwelling-like structure that the artist will transform through a live painting performance on opening night. The central installation will be surrounded by a series of new canvases that further explore themes of architecture and the built environment. Nicholas' energetic, embodied mark-making bridges abstraction and iconography, creating visceral surfaces that reflect the physical act of making as performance.

Recommendation: \$3,500

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ054: Richmond Historical Society

Collect, Preserve and Promote the History of Richmond, Burnley and Cremorne

Project Description: Actively collect current and past history of the areas through donations, acquisitions, research and images. To continue to build and maintain the collection through preservation, digitisation and indexing of items. To produce publications, brochures and information to promote the history of the areas based on topics and areas of current interest. To produce presentations on various topics to be conducted to various community groups. Conducting meetings for the community with guest speakers covering different aspects of the area. Collaboration with Yarra Libraries in joint displays and events.

Recommendation: \$2,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ055: Rodniki Slavic Folk Group (Auspiced by Artlight Artists Inc)

Great Maslenitsa Pancake Festival

Project Description: The Great Maslenitsa Pancake Festival is a joyful celebration of the beloved Slavic tradition marking winter's end and spring's arrival. Held at 114 Greeves Street, Fitzroy, it will feature free pancakes, folk crafts, music, and dance, creating a warm, inclusive space for all. The program includes a Pancake Fair, children's games, cultural workshops, and vibrant performances by folk singers and dancers. More than a feast, Maslenitsa symbolises renewal, unity, and hospitality. This free, family-friendly festival promotes wellbeing, reduces social isolation, and strengthens intergenerational and multicultural connections, enriching Yarra's cultural calendar with joy, creativity, and community spirit.

Recommendation: \$3,450

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ056: SALAMFEST INCORPORATED

Creative Connections: SalamFest Arts, Dance and Wellbeing Program

Project Description: Creative Connections: SalamFest Arts, Dance and Wellbeing Program is a year-long initiative promoting social inclusion, wellbeing, and community connection through free and accessible cultural activities. It includes block printing workshops, community arts and craft sessions, a Rumi car display, and cultural talks and dialogues. These activities support mental health, physical activity, intergenerational learning, and cultural expression while reducing barriers for under-represented groups. The program fosters inclusion, strengthens neighbourhood relationships, and builds community leadership. By 2026, it will engage hundreds of residents and enhance wellbeing, resilience, and participation in community life.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ058: North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association Melbourne Inc

Happy Seniors, Healthy Living

Project Description: The Happy Seniors, Healthy Living project will deliver social, cultural and health-focused activities for elderly Chinese residents living in the North Richmond Housing Estate, many of whom experience low income, language barriers and social isolation. Running three days per week, the project will offer group games such as Mahjong and cards, shared seniors' meals, birthday celebrations and cultural festival events. Information sessions on health, aged care and government services will improve access to essential support. Led by around 15 volunteers, the project will strengthen wellbeing, reduce loneliness, promote cultural inclusion and encourage active community participation among seniors.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ059: Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.

Chinese Seniors Community Activities and Festival Celebrations

Project Description: The Chinese Seniors Community Activities and Festival Celebrations project will deliver ongoing cultural, educational and wellbeing activities for elderly residents in North Richmond. Weekly free sessions at the Richmond Public Housing Community Centre will include singing and dancing, English learning, calligraphy, cooking, gardening and traditional games, supporting physical, mental and social wellbeing. The project will also deliver major community celebrations such as Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival, featuring performances and cultural activities open to the wider community. Delivered by Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc with strong volunteer support, the project reduces social isolation and promotes healthy ageing.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ060: MELBOURNE YARRA YUE OPERA TROUPE INCORPORATED

Yue Opera and Seniors' Healthy Living Program

Project Description: The Yue Opera and Seniors' Healthy Living Program will deliver fortnightly cultural and wellbeing activities for Chinese seniors living in Richmond public housing and surrounding areas. The program combines Yue Opera practice and community performances with social, cultural, and health-focused activities to reduce isolation and support healthy ageing. Activities include opera rehearsals, Tai Chi and light exercise, health information sessions, and celebrations of major festivals such as Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival. Led by 18 volunteers, the program is inclusive, accessible, and free, promoting wellbeing, cultural connection, and community participation in the City of Yarra.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ062: **Dr Zoë Bastin**

Liquid Love: International Choreographic Collaboration and Workshop

Project Description: Liquid Love is a feminist choreographic collaboration between Zoë Bastin and Koraljka Begović, exploring chronic illness, resilience, and radical care. Developed in Yarra following a Zagreb residency, the work integrates movement, sound, lighting, and dramaturgy, with two local dancers joining. Free workshops share feminist choreographic tools with Yarra's dance community. Through experimental, cross-cultural practice, Liquid Love amplifies artists' lived experiences, reimagines bodily care, and strengthens local and international contemporary dance networks.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ063: **FITZROY PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT'S INCORPORATED**

Fitzroy Public Housing Chinese Seniors Community Activities

Project Description: The Fitzroy Public Housing Chinese Seniors Community Activities project provides regular cultural, social and health-focused programs for elderly residents living in the Fitzroy public housing estate. Serving 253 members supported by 13 volunteers, the project addresses barriers such as language difficulties, financial hardship and social isolation. Weekly activities include singing and dancing, Tai Chi, knitting and weaving, shared healthy meals, cultural celebrations and information sessions on aged care, health and government services. Through inclusive, volunteer-supported programs, the project reduces loneliness, promotes active ageing, strengthens social connections and improves wellbeing and quality of life for Chinese seniors.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ065: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

Wellness Club

Project Description: A group of residents from Richmond Housing estate want to launch a Wellness Club, offering gentle movement and exercise. We will run a series of fitness workshops and gentle movement, led by Leeann Nguyen, a First Nations community worker who has recently qualified as a yoga instructor. Leeann said, 'I grew up in Richmond, and I am really keen to share my newly qualified skills with this group.' We will also be purchasing some Vietnamese fans that can be used for a dance group who are going to practice and perform at a community event in 2026.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ066: **Mr Jesse Tatterson**

Revival Fest: a celebration of Australian emotional hardcore and screamo

Project Description: This project is a mini-festival featuring live performances by 6 bands in the Australian Emotional Hardcore DIY music scene at live music venue The Old Bar. 'Revival Fest' will feature the long-awaited reunion of Adelaide band Becalm, who have not performed live since 2017.

Melbourne's The World At A Glance (herein referred to as TWAAG), Keratin, and Pamphleteer have been confirmed as support acts, with two additional bands to be included in the lineup.

By engaging a range of local music industry practitioners—bands, labels, local venues—Revival Fest will further strengthen ties within the broader Yarra City DIY music community.

Recommendation: \$3,500

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO067: **FITZROY ATHERTON GARDENS TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC**

Table Tennis, Seniors' Meals, and Festival Celebrations Program

Project Description: This project will deliver regular health, social and cultural activities for elderly Chinese residents in the City of Yarra, particularly those living in public housing and on low incomes. Weekly activities will include table tennis, Tai Chi, light exercise, games and seniors' healthy meal programs, promoting active living, wellbeing and social connection. The project will also feature cultural celebrations such as Lunar New Year and the Mid-Autumn Festival, as well as community outings. Volunteer-led and not-for-profit, the project supports healthy ageing, reduces isolation and builds inclusive, connected communities, benefiting around 100 seniors.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO071: **Miss Acacia Coates**

Recording of Winter McQuinn and Acacia Pip EP at Bakehouse Studios

Project Description: This project is the recording, mixing and mastering of Melbourne / Naarm based songwriters Winter McQuinn & Acacia Pip Sophomore EP at BakeHouse Studios Richmond. These five new songs follow on from the deeply personal, off kilter optimistic life musings of 2024 release Recently I've Been Missing The Colour Green.

Recommendation: \$3,500

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO073: **Ms Natalie Mather**

The Imaginary Residency

Project Description: I am a City of Yarra-based artist applying for a Yarra Quick Response Grant to design and deliver The Imaginary Residency—a three-week, artist-led residency that unfolds entirely within participants' own homes and studios. The project draws from my practice of re-imagining everyday cities through a surreal, inventive lens. It also builds on my monthly discussion group for artist-mothers,

responding directly to conversations about the steep decline in residency opportunities once caregiving responsibilities enter the picture, and creating an accessible alternative that preserves the focus, reflection and community of traditional residencies.

Recommendation: \$3,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO074: **North Richmond Community Health Ltd.**

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - Safety planning drop-in day

Project Description: For International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the ACE team would like to spend a day providing drop-in services for women and non-binary clients with a focus of increasing safety. The drop-in service will provide:

- Safety planning discussions
- Providing phones and sim cards, along with support to set them up
- Providing cab vouchers for clients at risk of family violence to support safety planning
- Linkages to services as needed
- Free food and snacks throughout the day to encourage engagement

Recommendation: \$3,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO076: **Australian Croatian Senior Citizens Club Nikola Tavelic Inc.**

Support for senior CALD people living in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The funding will help our club to organise different social and recreational activities to keep the members engaged, healthy and included, such as info sessions, movie screening, playing games (cards, bocce etc.), organising daily trips, celebration of different holidays including international Women's Day, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Christmas, Easter etc. We help our members to meet with their peers coming from the same or similar background, help to reduce their social isolation and make them feel at home. We promote and explain government initiatives and information of the interest to CALD communities, including information of the interest to our seniors.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO078: **Vietnamese Catholic Family Mutual Assistance Network**

Weekly Activities

Project Description: The Yarra Branch with 420 members and growing, currently serves members and non-members living in the Yarra area. In addition to assisting members' families during times of bereavement, we foster community life through regular activities, and they are:

- Baton exercise
- Chinese chess

- Karaoke
- Social gatherings
- Information sessions in various topics: health; social security; Aged Care; Wills and Power of Attorney
- Line dancing, and
- Excursions.

These events not only strengthen friendships but also promote wellbeing and cultural connection within our community. We gather weekly.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO079: **Baby Walk (Trading Name Mum Walk)**

Baby Walk Richmond

Project Description: Baby Walk is on a mission to end the motherhood loneliness crisis. We're a mum-led movement on a mission to make sure no mum walks through motherhood alone.

Modern motherhood has forced too many of us mums to face the monumental shift of becoming a mum alone. 90% of mums report feeling lonely after birth, and 1 in 5 mums will experience postpartum depression or anxiety, with isolation being a key risk factor.

To solve this, Baby Walk offers free weekly walks and stay-and-plays for mums to find their people, move their bodies and feel good.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO080: **Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association Inc.**

Active Ageing and Wellness for Fitzroy Chinese Seniors

Project Description: The Active Ageing and Wellness for Fitzroy Chinese Seniors project provides weekly social, cultural, and health-focused activities for elderly Chinese residents, many of whom live in Fitzroy public housing and face social isolation, language barriers, and limited income. Our group has 74 senior members supported by 7 volunteers who assist with program delivery.

Every Wednesday, we run an inclusive program that combines nutritious community meals, traditional health exercises such as Ba Duan Jin (Eight Brocades Qigong), and engaging activities including singing, dancing, and games. These sessions encourage physical activity, improve mental wellbeing, and reduce loneliness by fostering social connections.

In addition to weekly activities, we organise cultural celebrations such as Lunar New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, and Mid-Autumn Festival. These events feature cultural performances, shared meals, and traditional practices that strengthen cultural identity while creating opportunities for broader community engagement.

The program is delivered by volunteers who assist with meal preparation, event coordination, and providing support for seniors with mobility issues or limited English. Their contribution ensures that the program remains accessible, inclusive, and sustainable.

Our goals are to promote healthy ageing through exercise, balanced nutrition, and social engagement, to

provide culturally appropriate and meaningful activities that reflect participants' heritage, to strengthen community connections and reduce the risks of isolation, and to create a supportive environment where seniors feel valued, respected, and empowered.

Through this project, we aim to enhance the quality of life for Fitzroy's Chinese seniors, improve their physical and emotional wellbeing, and build a more inclusive and connected Yarra community.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO083: **The Venny Inc**

Cubbies Care: Supporting children with empathy, understanding, and connection

Project Description: The Venny will engage an expert to deliver trauma-informed training for staff, equipping them with consistent, evidence-based strategies to support children's emotional development while also enhancing staff wellbeing and resilience. This is in response to a rise in violent and aggressive behaviour among children at Cubbies, largely linked to trauma.

Recommendation: \$2,850

Total Project Cost: \$2,850 **Amount Requested:** \$2,850

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPO085: **Mx Tarcis Fenech**

Where the Wild River Slips

Project Description: I look forward to presenting my solo show *Where the Wild River Slips* in February 2026. This show is a culmination of four years of my art practice working in sculptural earthenware ceramics on themes relating to my identity as a Maltese-Australian. *Where the Wild River Slips* deals with the grief I face living within the diasporic community of a previously colonised culture, and aims to highlight the ways in which this culture has survived, speaking to the resilience of my people and the complexity of our heritage.

Recommendation: \$3,550

Total Project Cost: \$3,550 **Amount Requested:** \$3,550

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPO088: **Melbourne Autistic Social Group (Auspiced by Holden Street Neighbourhood House)**

Melbourne Autistic Social Group

Project Description: Project aims:

- Hold regular fortnightly core meetups that offer an safe and welcoming autistic space for autistic adults and those exploring their own potential diagnosis
- Organise and run additional smaller, more casual catchups and events with a variety of activities
- Reduce social isolation by fostering safe community connection
- Offer a space for attendees to learn, understand and embrace their unique and shared autistic experiences
- Provide social connection and peer support (not therapy) in a welcoming environment
- Create a safe and welcoming space where autistic voices are heard and valued by promoting fairness and inclusion

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO089: Richmond - Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association Branch

Be Informed: Aged Care Navigation for Vietnamese Elders

Project Description: This project aims to equip elderly, frail, and vulnerable Vietnamese seniors aged 65 and over from Richmond and Collingwood with the knowledge and culturally appropriate support required to understand and navigate the upcoming Support at Home aged care reforms. Through bilingual information sessions, Vietnamese-language factsheets, and one-on-one assistance with My Aged Care, the program will empower participants to make informed decisions, confidently access services, and reduce stress and confusion during the transition to the new aged care system commencing on 1 November 2025.

Recommendation: \$2,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000 **Amount Requested:** \$2,000

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO090: Clemente Fitzroy Program (Auspiced by Australian Catholic University Limited)

Clemente Fitzroy

Project Description: Clemente Fitzroy is a community-based program designed to empower marginalised members of society by re-engaging them with the community through an education in the humanities. Clemente Fitzroy sets itself apart from more vocational or 'life-skills' courses that are offered to those suffering social exclusion. The program offers a pathway to think reflectively and, by doing so, empowers students to engage critically with the systemic causes behind their situation in an authentic, respectful, and transformative way. This is a unique and empowering program that moves beyond vocational training and into the realm of self-empowerment and improvement with lasting and life-changing effects.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO095: Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc

Disability Access Audit – Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Project Description: Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre (CNLC) will engage an accredited Disability Access Consultant to undertake a full access audit of our premises. The audit will include a site inspection and a written report assessing our building and facilities against the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, Building Code of Australia and relevant Australian Standards.

The report will identify current barriers to participation for people with disability, provide photographs and clear recommendations, and prioritise actions into urgent, medium and long-term works. This project will give CNLC a professional, independent assessment that will guide us to improve accessibility, and ensure a welcoming and inclusive CNLC.

Recommendation: \$1,980

Total Project Cost: \$1,980 **Amount Requested:** \$1,980

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ096: **CoHealth**

Breaking Fast and Eid Celebration

Project Description: The Breaking fast and Eid Celebration will facilitate the City of Yarra Muslim Community to Celebrate and preserve cultural traditions in meaningful ways.

Foster cross cultural exchanges that help to build intercultural relationships

Promote mutual respect, awareness and understanding of cultural diversity

Highlight the contribution to our State by multicultural communities

The planned activities include inviting different speakers including religious and community leaders to talk about diversity, history and culture, organising, catering, children cultural activities, face painting, and multiple activities such as African coffee and songs.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ097: **Richmond Joy Choir Inc (Auspiced by Hothouse Living Lab Incorporated)**

Richmond Joy Choir performances and activities

Project Description: We plan to hold community celebration activities which can strengthen the function of our choir. These celebrations include major Chinese Festivals, as listed below:

1) Chinese New Year Festivals

2) Duan Wu Festival

3) Mid-Autumn Festival

We plan to hold our celebration at the community hall at 106 Elizabeth Street, Richmond, as hosting it within the housing estate will provide a positive impact on everyday community life.

Recommendation: \$3,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ101: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

Timorese 50-year commemoration

Project Description: This project will deliver a special Timorese community gathering in early 2026 at BANH, celebrating 50 years of Timorese heritage in Australia through music, dance, food, and storytelling. Many local elders could not attend the major August event at Collingwood Town Hall, so this celebration will be held on their doorstep at the Richmond Housing Estate to ensure it is warm, accessible, and community focused. The event will also honour the late Timorese elder Mr Ni Tchiap with a tribute and photo display. Partnering with METAC, the gathering will unite local residents and the wider Timorese community across Melbourne.

Recommendation: \$2,451

Total Project Cost: \$3,850 **Amount Requested:** \$3,850

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ106: **Ms Jessie Hillel**

Write Night: A Collaborative Music Creation Event for Female Artists and Producers

Project Description: Write Night is a collaborative songwriting and music creation event designed to bring together female artists, producers, and songwriters from across Melbourne for one evening of connection, creativity, and empowerment. The event aims to create a safe, inspiring space where women in music can collaborate, share skills, and form meaningful creative relationships that continue beyond the night itself.

Recommendation: \$3,110

Total Project Cost: \$3,110 **Amount Requested:** \$3,110

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ108: **Euphoria Social Group**

Euphoria Picnic & 314 Launch

Project Description: The Euphoria Picnic & 314 Launch is a community wellbeing event for LGBTQIA+ people and allies, delivered by Euphoria Social, a volunteer-run grassroots organisation based in Yarra. Held on 21 February 2026 at Fitzroy North Community Hall, the event brings together around 60 participants for an afternoon of connection, creativity, and celebration. The picnic combines creative wellbeing workshops, live drag and burlesque performances, music, and peer-led conversations to promote mental health, inclusion, and belonging. The event also launches the 314 Movement, a peer-led initiative focused on mental wellbeing, social inclusion, and community resilience.

Recommendation: \$3,936

Total Project Cost: \$3,936 **Amount Requested:** \$3,936

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ111: **Mai YOUTH Club Ltd**

Kickstart Connections: Youth Wellbeing and Belonging in Richmond

Project Description: Kickstart Connections, is a small-scale pilot project designed to strengthen mental wellbeing, belonging, and social participation among young people in the City of Yarra. This project will run over three months (March-May 2026) and will consist of three key components: a launch event, a series of creative wellbeing workshops, and a community celebration and showcase. Participation will be free, and the program will prioritise accessibility for young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, low-income families, and those experiencing disadvantage or isolation.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ113: **Friends of Bats and Bushcare Inc.(FOBB)**

20 Years of Soft-Releasing The Grey-Headed Flying-Foxes

Project Description: We will celebrate the 20-year anniversary of a huge volunteer effort in the conservation of a threatened species that calls Yarra City home. Since 2007, countless volunteers have supported the soft release of orphaned grey-headed flying-fox pups in the roost in Yarra Bend Park (YBP). On May 17 2026, we

will have a special celebration to showcase our work and invite more people to volunteer with us so we can keep going for another 20 years!

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ119: **Clifton Hill Laneway Garden**

The Laneway Garden Renewal

Project Description: Replace our ageing garden beds and increase our water security. Our garden beds have rotted. They are currently inefficient in retaining water or soil. We plan to rebuild about 15 beds employing the expertise of a handiperson to construct the walls of the beds. We also plan to increase our water security by adding another free standing water tank to supplement those bought with our previous Council grant in 2016. The new tank will be filled manually with the overflow from the plumbed tanks. Hence it does not require plumbing. Children will be supervised by parents while sharing gardening activities.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Creative City and Cultural Participation

YGPQ128: **Ms Jarnah Montersino**

Keepsake

Project Description: This project will support the development and exhibition of a new body of work to be presented in 2026 in the City of Yarra. The exhibition celebrates the diversity of community and provides an innovative model of arts creation that showcases individual stories of care. Through an act of deep trust, individuals offer Montersino textiles that carry personal meaning - items once used by loved ones. This project aims to foster community connection and a reminder that what is most personal is often most universal, and that it is through the intimate that we may glimpse the collective.

Recommendation: \$3,110

Total Project Cost: \$3,910 **Amount Requested:** \$3,910

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPQ134: **The Pingju Opera Association of Australia Inc**

The Pingju Opera Association of Australia weekly activities

Project Description: Our organisation brings together people from a Chinese background to practise and perform Mandarin opera from mainland China. The group has around 70 members, most of whom live on the Atherton Gardens Estate, and continues to grow. Members meet weekly to practise singing both individually and in groups, supported by a music teacher who helps develop skills and repertoire. Performances will be presented at the end of the year on the estate and at local Chinese festivals. This opera style reflects grassroots folk culture and community expression.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ138: North Richmond Community Health Ltd.

Community Recycling Education Project

Project Description: The project responds to community concerns about littering, illegal dumping, and limited access to recycling options, as residents prepare for relocation and redevelopment of the housing towers. We will deliver four community information sessions on recycling and waste management over the course of the year. Each session will run for one hour, engaging approximately 20 to 30 residents per session incorporating both educational content and interactive discussion. By providing the right tools and information, we aim to make recycling easy, visible, and part of everyday life helping residents take pride in a clean, safe, and connected community.

Recommendation: \$2,380

Total Project Cost: \$2,380 **Amount Requested:** \$2,380

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ141: YarraBend Owners Corporation No. 1

Public Access Defibrillator

Project Description: YarraBend has a recently opened retail/restaurant/health precinct fronting onto Mills Boulevard and surrounded by Artisan Park. The precinct is very popular with locals and visitors. Between the shops and Artisan Park is a large plaza area which is the responsibility of Owners Corporation No. 1. The committee of Owners Corporation No. 1 would like to instal a publicly accessible defibrillator in this area and is applying for a grant to fund its purchase. Owners Corporation No. 1 would then take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance.

Recommendation: \$2,500

Total Project Cost: \$2,500 **Amount Requested:** \$2,500

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ149: Fitzroy Learning Network (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

Plastic Less Life Workshop

Project Description: We will deliver four whole day workshops in partnership with the Collingwood, Richmond, Fitzroy and Carlton Neighbourhood Houses. An educational and creative session will deliver scientific research through engaging activities to support community understanding of plastic pollution and the impact this has on human health, environmental health and the climate crisis.

The second session participants will be work with environmental artist Carolyn Cardinent who will lead a creative workshop using everyday single use plastic to create a collaborative artwork to then be showcased at an exhibition in the City of Yarra which is open to the wider community.

Recommendation: \$3,929

Total Project Cost: \$3,929 **Amount Requested:** \$3,929

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ153: Scout Victoria Richmond Branch (Auspiced by THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIAN BRANCH)

Pride in Our Parks: A Richmond Scouts Celebration

Project Description: The Richmond Scout Group will celebrate the end of another year of Scouting with a community gathering in one of Richmond's parks this December. Nearly 100 youth members, leaders, adult helpers, and their families will meet to acknowledge their achievements and strengthen community bonds. Throughout the year, our Scouts actively use and care for Richmond's parks and public spaces, learning respect for the environment, and community responsibility. The end-of-year celebration reinforces this connection by promoting pride in our neighbourhood, encouraging young people to care for shared spaces, and fostering a sense of belonging in a safe and welcoming environment.

Recommendation: \$917

Total Project Cost: \$917 **Amount Requested:** \$917

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ154: **North Richmond Community Health Ltd.**

Christmas Day Lunch and Activities

Project Description: NRCH will host a Christmas Day lunch and activities event for clients experiencing social isolation, financial hardship, homelessness, or insecure housing.

The event will provide a free nutritious meal, festive activities, small gifts, and social connection in a safe and welcoming space on 25 December 2025.

Recommendation: \$1,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000 **Amount Requested:** \$1,000

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ166: **Drummond Street Services Inc**

Youth Drop Music Studio

Project Description: We are developing a music studio for young people in public housing in the City of Yarra to access. This music studio is dedicated to Dau who was a young person, and keen musician who tragically lost his life. The music studio will provide safe and creative space for young people to gather, bond, and create music by developing their skills using music softwares and leading musical projects.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ170: **Neighbourhood Justice Centre - Court Services Victoria**

Knife crime workshop for local practitioners

Project Description: The Neighbourhood Justice Centre, together with Yarra Youth Services and Victoria Police, will run a professional development workshop called 'The Ripple Effect' facilitated by Think Village, designed for practitioners to understand knife crime, youth violence and emerging community safety issues. The workshop will strengthen practitioners' capacity to identify risk factors, understand the landscape of youth violence, and apply trauma-informed approaches when working with young people.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ175: Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc

Pamper Packing Project for the Salvation Army

Project Description: Every year Zonta supplies goods to contribute and help staff at the Salvation Army Crisis Accommodation Centre in Fitzroy. This centre provides a safe and clean living environment for women and children in crisis, fleeing from domestic abuse. The items we collect and seek donations of are socks and underwear, toys, books, toiletries and cosmetics. Members from the club donate, or source from local suppliers, the above items.

Recommendation: \$1,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000 **Amount Requested:** \$1,000

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ176: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Belgium Avenue GreenFront Project

Project Description: This project will transform the front outdoor area of the neighbourhood house into a climate-resilient green space that supports community wellbeing and local ecosystems. Native plants, permeable surfaces, and shade-creating greenery will reduce heat and improve environmental health in an area affected by the urban heat island effect. Hardy native species will boost biodiversity, create habitat for wildlife, and enhance long-term ecological resilience. Extending BANH's 2021 landscaping work, the project will provide a welcoming, shaded space for local residents, offering connection to nature during a time of significant housing change.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ186: Ms Deborah Ladd (Auspiced by Friends of Bats and Bushcare Inc.(FOBB))

Yarra's unique Flying Fox colony to educate and engage our children

Project Description: Flick the Flying Fox 'A Little Bat's Journey Home' is an educational and community engagement project connecting children with the City of Yarra's grey-headed flying fox colony. Through storytelling and an accompanying non-fiction resource, the project builds understanding of bat ecology, local biodiversity and the conservation work of Friends of Bats & Bushcare. Funding will support a community book launch, incorporating a guided educational walk and bat fly-out viewing, targeted marketing and promotion, and structured education programs across schools, libraries and community venues. The project aims to increase environmental awareness, strengthen community connection to local wildlife and encourage conservation advocacy.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ199: CoHealth

Innerspace: A Glam Up

Project Description: The visual appearance of the front of Innerspace will be improved through the installation of a new mural, glazing, graffiti mitigation measures and a program of regular maintenance. The service will remain appealing to clients, whilst blending in with the changing ambience of Johnston St. Innerspace will present a safe, clean and welcoming entrance, contributing to public amenity and safety.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: First Peoples Self-Determination and Partnerships

YGPO201: **Dr Moorina Bonini**

We Were Never Meant to be Contained

Project Description: This project presents a new body of work responding to the writing of Yorta Yorta Matriarch Auntie Hyllus Maris, examining the ongoing colonial expectation that Aboriginal people must continually prove their intellect and worth. Through an installation of approximately 7,000 engraved metal keys, the exhibition critiques Western systems of control while exploring Aboriginal knowledge, resistance, and the enduring question of what might unlock freedom from the colonial project. This exhibition will be the outcome of my studio tenancy at Gertrude Contemporary and presented as a solo exhibition at Gertrude Glasshouse at 44 Glasshouse Rd, Collingwood VIC 3066.

Recommendation: \$3,350

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

Stream: First Peoples Self-Determination and Partnerships

YGPO202: **Liquid Architecture**

Filming of "ngalnya dhadjowa (Beautiful Sunshine)" with Allara Briggs Pattison

Project Description: Liquid Architecture (LA) will work with Yorta Yorta artist, Allara Briggs Pattison to shoot for her forthcoming documentary / performance film "ngalnya dhadjowa (Beautiful Sunshine - Yorta Yorta)". This project is undertaken in collaboration with the lead artist, The Abbotsford Convent, and 3KND. This project stems from LA's commitment to amplifying and supporting the creative voices of local Indigenous artists, a focus led by Creative Producer: First Nations Programming, James Howard.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO205: **Footscape Inc.**

Foot Care Kits

Project Description: Footscape distributes Podiatry endorsed material aid items to disadvantaged persons including First Nations persons. Painful foot problems affecting such persons are accentuated as individuals may be forced to walk long distances upon poor footwear and socks. Footscape intends to continue maintaining this project work with a further 150 foot care kits for distribution.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO208: **Melbourne Chinese Arts & Theatre Inc.**

Yarra City: Youth Community Theatre Participation Program

Project Description: Our project is a community arts initiative based at the Richmond Library Theatrette. It consists of:

Intensive Theatre Workshop (May 2026): A comprehensive, free workshop for Yarra residents. This session will focus on acting techniques, script engagement, and collaborative storytelling, specifically designed to be inclusive of our local CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) community.

Community Showcase & Interactive Performance (May 2026): A small-scale public performance at the Theatrette. This event will showcase the creative outcomes from the workshop and invite the wider Yarra audience to participate in a cultural exchange through live theatre.

Recommendation: \$2,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,600 **Amount Requested:** \$2,600

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO218: **Australian Croatian Seniors Club Clifton Hill**

Weekly support for Croatian Senior's in Yarra

Project Description: we want to purchase new bocce balls for the seniors, playing cards, engage a trainer for exercise activities , arts and crafts supplies , projector for movie days, live band entertainment, food and drinks for weekly lunch and birthday celebrations

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO219: **Greek Elderly Club of North Fitzroy and North Carlton Inc**

Greek Cultural Activities: May Day Celebration

Project Description: To have a BBQ and celebrate May Day as a community. This is an important celebration in our Greek heritage. We will have a special BBQ lunch for 60 members. This will foster belonging and community spirit. We have applied for a grant for many previous years for help to fund this event.

Recommendation: \$1,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000 **Amount Requested:** \$1,000

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPO231: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

North Richmond Community Festival - sustainable support for waste free event

Project Description: BANH is leading a community event at the Richmond Housing Estate on 27 March. We aim to deliver an event that is as close to waste-free as possible, while remaining culturally appropriate and

accessible.

Green Plate will assist with waste-free event delivery, including sustainable waste station design, reusable plates and cups and use of a dishwasher in BANH kitchen and on-the-ground support for correct waste sorting during the event. This will reduce contamination and landfill waste while increasing community confidence in sustainable practices.

BANH will liaise with community caterers ahead of the event to align food service with sustainability objectives.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPO242: **Ms Murata Prajumas**

Women of Fitzroy: Community, Commerce & Conversation

Project Description: Women of Fitzroy: Community, Commerce & Conversation is a community-led event series hosted at our Fitzroy store celebrating women in business, creativity and culture within the City of Yarra.

The project will deliver an intimate evening events that bring together local female founders, creatives, and professionals for conversation, connection and collaboration. The program will include a moderated panel discussion featuring 4 women from diverse industries (retail, design, wellness, hospitality, arts), followed by open networking, in-store activations, and spotlight opportunities for participating businesses.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPO263: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

Little Green Hearts

Project Description: This project will deliver a weekly gardening at BANH , creating a shared and accessible green space for local residents. Many people in North Richmond public housing live in units without private outdoor areas, limiting their opportunity to garden or spend time in nature. The program will offer hands-on activities such as planting seasonal vegetables and herbs, composting kitchen scraps, saving water, and learning simple sustainable practices. Participants will care for the garden, share knowledge, harvest produce, and cook together. The project aims to build skills, support wellbeing, strengthen community connections, and encourage environmental awareness and everyday climate action.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO265: **Greek Senior Citizens District of Richmond**

Richmond Greek Community Club

Project Description: The Richmond Greek Community Club hosts weekly social gatherings with over 80 members, and the activities include the weekly lunches on Tuesday's at Loughnan Hall, games, cards, bingo, social outings, picnics, day trips and celebration days.

These regular gatherings provide a supportive environment for senior and elderly Greek residents to access and participate in community life, minimize isolation, encourage independence, well-being, and contribute to strong social and cultural connections.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPO266: **un Projects**

un Talks: 'The Leftovers'

Project Description: un Magazine 20.2 'The Leftovers' is a curated publishing project guest edited by Palyku curator and art historian Dr Jessyca Hutchens. un Projects, in collaboration with West Space and Collingwood Yards, seeks support from the City of Yarra to deliver a free, dedicated public launch event to launch this edition, presented in partnership with West Space, hosted within a solo exhibition by Wiradjuri artist Daisy Collier in December 2026.

Recommendation: \$3,953

Total Project Cost: \$3,953 **Amount Requested:** \$3,953

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPO268: **Australian Catholic University Limited**

Climate action for health and harmony - Big Sing for a Big Cause 2026

Project Description: Australian Catholic University (ACU)'s Big Sing for a Big Cause is large-scale community music performance initiative. The 2026 theme is climate action. The performance at ACU Fitzroy will feature repertoire directly addressing environmental themes. Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN) will be a 2026 beneficiary and an active project partner, including rehearsal visits, event promotion, an information presence on performance day, and climate action messaging for audiences. Our expenses will be covered through grants and donations enabling 100% of ticket revenue (via Humanitix) donated to NGOs working in climate action including YCAN.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO269: **Australian Vietnamese Women's Association**

Creating Safe and Inclusive Community Spaces for Older Residents with Dementia

Project Description: Dementia Support and Social Connection for Public Housing Residents will deliver culturally appropriate dementia support and community engagement activities for older residents living in North Richmond, Collingwood, Fitzroy, Abbotsford and surrounding public housing estates. Many participants are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and experience social isolation, language barriers, and limited access to mainstream services. Weekly sessions will provide memory-support activities, gentle exercise, social connection, health information, and culturally familiar engagement opportunities in accessible local venues. The project aims to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, strengthen community connections, and support older people living with dementia to remain active, connected, and independent.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPO280: **Dr Katrina Rank (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts)**

A Fine Line Line

Project Description: 'A Fine Line Line' is a roving performance where dancers walk in single file behind four musicians, performing gestures in unison. Traveling down streets and through City of Yarra sites, the unexpected performances will invigorate each space it enters, leaving behind a sense that something special just happened, provoking curiosity and conversation and confirming that the City of Yarra is THE place to be. A Fine Line Line demonstrates that the City of Yarra is arts-minded, fosters free, accessible, interesting and intriguing art in public places: a place where art comes to you in strange and wonderful ways.

Recommendation: \$3,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPO281: **CLIMARTE Inc**

COOL Futures (working title)

Project Description: An imagined regenerative future video work elevating voices of CoY's climate and social justice leaders during COP31.

Set in 2035, COOL Futures includes a Master Short Film (10-15mins), trailer (3mins) and social cut (1.30mins) to be released online locally and distributed globally during COP31 (9-20 Nov 2026).

Presented as though it has already happened, the video work will reflect on how CoY community groups strategically collaborated to fast track the transition to socially and ecologically sustainable, secure and resilient systems. It will serve as a roadmap and blueprint for a genuinely empowering and exciting future.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Healthy, Inclusive and Connected Communities

YGPO282: **Rainbow Social Limited**

Coffee walk and talk

Project Description: This project is organising various walks across Yarra which will seek to connect and facilitate lasting friendships to strengthen the LGBTIQ+ to combat loneliness and social isolation. A monthly walk (for a period of 6 months) both supporting local cafes including Fairfield Boathouse - Fairfield (walk around Fairfield Park and follow river trail), Uncle Drew Cafe - Clifton Hill - walk around Yarra Bend Park, Abbotsford Convent - walk around Abbotsford Convent and Children's Farm, The Farm cafe and a walk to Dights Fall, A walk around the Cremorne Street Art, a walk from Richmond to Fitzroy Gardens.

Recommendation: \$3,500

Total Project Cost: \$3,500 **Amount Requested:** \$3,500

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ285: Slow Clay Centre (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts)

Circular Ceramics for Native Bee Habitat: A Citizen-Science Workshop and Open-Source Resource

Project Description: Circular Ceramics for Native Bee Habitat transforms studio waste into urban bee habitats. Led by award-winning artist Julie Bartholomew, this Melbourne Design Week workshop (17 May 2026) engages participants in creating nesting structures from reclaimed clay at Slow Clay Centre. Participants will install habitats across the City of Yarra and monitor native bee activity for 12 months through citizen science. A community forum will share findings and release the model as an open-source resource with instructional videos. The project demonstrates how creative organizations can address urban biodiversity loss through circular design, connecting material reuse, artistic practice, and environmental action.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ288: Clifton Child Care Co-operative Limited

Clifton Childcare Co-op Community Space Upgrade

Project Description: We are seeking funding to upgrade furniture to support inclusion and access in our younger age group.

Recommendation: \$1,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,000 **Amount Requested:** \$3,000

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPQ294: TOB Fitzroy PTY LTD

The Old Bar 25th Birthday – Nine Shows of Original Australian Live Music

Project Description: From 13 to 19 of April 2026, The Old Bar will celebrate its 25th year as one of Melbourne's longest-running live music venues. We will host a week-long series of nine live shows comprising of seven evening events and two daytime shows. The celebration will feature 30 Australian bands and seven DJs, performing original and local music that reflects Melbourne's rich diversity and cultural vibrancy. Each line-up features at least 50% female or GNC performers, and includes diverse performers across cultural diversity, ability/disability, and neurodivergence.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ295: Fairfield Cricket Club

Fairfield Cricket: Safe & Inclusive Growth Initiative

Project Description: Fairfield Cricket Club is seeking funding for a Safe and Inclusive Growth Initiative to expand women's and junior cricket participation. The project will remove barriers to community sport by creating a welcoming, safe, and accessible environment for new and existing players. Funding will support junior development pathways, growth of the women's program, come-and-try sessions, beginner coaching,

and community engagement activities. It will also provide essential equipment and safety improvements for training and play. The initiative will strengthen community connection, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and create sustainable participation pathways while aligning with council priorities for inclusive, welcoming neighbourhoods.

Recommendation: \$2,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000 **Amount Requested:** \$2,000

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ302: **Richmond Vietnamese Church of Christ**

Love & Care Community Workshop

Project Description: We host a monthly workshop for Vietnamese overseas students and newly arrived migrant families in the City of Yarra.

The program serves as a bridge across cultural differences and language barriers, strengthening connections between local and newly arrived community members. On a needs basis, we act as a referral point to support services, including the Vietnamese Women's Association and overseas student support bodies, assisting vulnerable participants to access the help they need. A volunteer Student Youth Coordinator, who provides guidance and support to local university students, further enhancing participation and engagement within the group.

Recommendation: \$1,596

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ310: **Wholefoods Unwrapped Collective**

Yarra Circular Life: Zero-Waste Food Relief & Climate Mobilisation

Project Description: Building on our 2025 project, which fulfilled 186 orders and diverted 9 tonnes of waste, "Yarra Circular Life" provides a climate-positive, circular food relief model. We replace waste-heavy supply chains with a reusable container system and hyperlocal sourcing (90% within 50km).

We will mobilise Yarra residents to act as environmental stewards while building the skills to transition from food relief to our regular collective network. This award-winning model decarbonises the local food system, ensuring the transition to a circular economy is inclusive, dignified, and directly supports Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPQ312: **Ms Bianca Christoff**

Product Styling workshops for small business in-store and online.

Project Description: A two-day intensive product styling and visual merchandising workshop designed for local small businesses within the City of Yarra.

The workshops will provide practical, industry-level training on how to style products effectively for e-commerce, social media, and in-store presentation. Participants will learn to:

Style products using accessible tools and materials

Create visually compelling content for Instagram and online stores

Day 1 will be theoretically based, explaining key elements to create stunning visuals for social media and merchandising.

Day 2 will be practically led. You will learn how to best style your own products for photography and social media.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPQ314: The Trustee for Cosmos Factory Business Trust

LoJo Festival 2026

Project Description: LOJO Festival is an annual community street festival that activates the "LOJO" (Lower Johnston Street) precinct through a vibrant program of local traders, venues, makers and creative experiences. It's third instalment to be held on Sunday 23 August 2026, the festival runs from 10am until late and brings together 45 participating traders, demonstrating the event's continued growth and its strong role in supporting the local economy and neighbourhood identity.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPQ318: Home Ground Hub

Play for the Community

Project Description: This project will deliver a free three-month piano workshop program for children and young people living on the Yarra estates, beginning during the school holidays. It will provide a safe, welcoming and structured space where young people can spend time positively, build confidence, learn a creative skill and stay socially connected. The program responds to the lack of affordable local activities during school breaks, especially for families facing financial or time pressures. It will also create an inclusive pathway for young people who may not connect with sport, including girls and CALD participants, while strengthening belonging, routine and community connection.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: A Climate-Resilient and Adapted City

YGPQ321: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Estate Native Nursery Project

Project Description: This project strengthens climate resilience at the neighbourhood level by restoring native habitat through community-led action. We will establish a series of native plant and grass garden beds across the housing estate, alongside a small, on-site nursery to propagate seedlings suited to local conditions. These seedlings will be used to expand plantings across the estate and shared more broadly—through free distribution and low-cost sales at community events hosted by the neighbourhood house. This approach combines practical environmental outcomes with community participation, ensuring the project is not only sustainable but also locally owned.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPO348: **OC No. 1 PS 729969J 370 Johnston Street, ABBOTSFORD**

Mural - 370 Johnston St

Project Description: Replace the graffiti on the west wall of 370 Johnston Street with a mural.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPO353: **Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces Inc**

Gertrude x Liquid Architecture present Inter.Sonix 14 at Hope St

Project Description: Gertrude and Liquid Architecture, in collaboration with Hope St Radio and My Name Chef, are partnering to present Inter.Sonix 14: Priyageetha Dia and Pratyay Raha on Wednesday 10 June, from 6-8pm. Combining public talks, art activations, alongside hospitality and retail offerings, the project will drive audience engagement with the Collingwood Yards precinct and strengthen local business networks, fostering an innovative, repeatable model for accessible after-dark cultural experiences. Inter.Sonix 14 is being presented in association with 'salt', Priyageetha's first solo exhibition in Australia presented at Gertrude Contemporary from 13 June – 8 August 2026.

Recommendation: \$2,250

Total Project Cost: \$2,250 **Amount Requested:** \$2,250

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPO355: **Onair Enterprises Pty Ltd**

Cremorne Calander 2027

Project Description: Project Overview

The project is a 2027 community calendar celebrating the creative identity and culture of Cremorne through a collaborative campaign produced entirely within OnAir, a locally owned hospitality and creative venue based in the precinct.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Safe, Clean and Welcoming Neighbourhoods

YGPO358: **Uganda the Pearl of Africa Victoria Association**

UG@64 Cultural Heritage Program

Project Description: The UG@64 Cultural Heritage Program is a community initiative promoting cultural learning, youth engagement, and intergenerational connection ahead of the UG@64 Australasian Independence Gala, Business and Cultural Convention in October 2026. Through workshops led by visiting Ugandan cultural leaders, elders, and multicultural facilitators, children, young people, and families will

explore traditional music, dance, storytelling, language, and cultural heritage. The program addresses challenges of cultural identity, language preservation, and intergenerational understanding within multicultural Australian communities. It will culminate in a Cultural Expo at Collingwood Town Hall on 17 October 2026, showcasing performances, heritage displays, arts, discussions, and community cultural celebrations.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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

Stream: Vibrant and Resilient Local Economies

YGPQ366: **Miss Angelita Biscotti**

Harana: a Filipino-Australian themed listening party and canapé evening on Wellington Street

Project Description: Harana is a one-night precinct activation event on Wellington Street, Collingwood, bringing together two Yarra small businesses, Palay, a Fitzroy-based Filipino restaurant, and Angelita Biscotti, a composer-performer business, to launch a new premium catering and live-performance offer at Seventh Gallery. Harana (the Tagalog word for serenade) draws on the Filipino tradition of the salu-salo, an informal gathering of food, music and conversation. The three-hour evening will open with a 90-minute canapé and listening session, scored by tracks from Angelita's international touring repertoire from the Thailand Biennale, and close with a live performance set blending original compositions and reinterpreted contemporary covers.

Recommendation: \$4,000

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