

ORGANISATION & GRANT	PROGRAM SUMMARY
AGED CARE	
<p>Sirovilla - \$10,000 Established in 1970 by the CSIRO to provide affordable and social housing for low income older people in the Geelong region.</p>	<p>To assist the development of “The Sirovilla Hub” that will help to reduce social isolation among the elderly, enabling the community to come together, share information and provide a place for those that don’t interact socially due to financial constraints.</p>
COMMUNITY WELLBEING	
<p>Art of The Minds - \$5,000 Activate, educate and engage people of the Surf Coast and the wider community to creatively manage mental health and wellbeing. The organisation’s message includes the prevention of mental illness and supporting those who are in recovery.</p>	<p>To support the running of mental health events centred on musical performances and stories of lived experience, for youth and adults of all backgrounds.</p>
<p>Barwon Riding for the Disabled - \$3,000 Established over 40 years ago and now operating from Koombahla Park Equestrian Centre in Wallington enabling children with a disability to experience equestrian activities.</p>	<p>To pay rider registration and insurance for children of low socio-economic backgrounds and families already dealing with the additional cost of a child with disabilities.</p>
<p>Bellarine Living and Learning Centre - \$32,000 Located in Whittington, a friendly neighbourhood centre and Learn Local Not For Profit organisation, established in 1984. Provides local residents with opportunities to learn, develop and socialise.</p>	<p>To engage a Co-ordinator to facilitate 2 urban harvest food swaps per term assist in the development of food security. This will include interactive demonstrations and workshops.</p>
<p>Bravehearts Foundation - \$8,000 National children’s charity dedicated to the prevention of child sexual assault.</p>	<p>To deliver the Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education program for children from prep to age 8 in schools across the Geelong region. Parent and teacher information sessions also offered as reinforcing messages annually provides confidence, knowledge and skills to all who attend.</p>
<p>Community Veracity - \$25,000 The Power In You Project assists individuals battling addiction. A day program is provided in South Geelong to help build the basic skills lost during this difficult time.</p>	<p>To assist individuals who are struggling with substance abuse issues who have completed either intensive day programs or residential rehabilitation programs. The day programs provide activities as well as a support group.</p>
<p>Cottage by the Sea Queenscliff - \$15,000 Provides short-term care through holiday camps and programs for disadvantaged and at-risk children and young people, including those marginalised due to poverty, cultural disadvantage, refugee status, family breakdown, domestic violence and trauma.</p>	<p>To support the provision of meals to vulnerable members of the community during the CoVID-19 pandemic while children’s programs are unable to operate.</p>
<p>Diversitat - \$80,000 Offering services in settlement, community development, youth services, aged support, training and education, as well as arts and events for newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers and members of our culturally and linguistically diverse community.</p>	<p>To provide support for a Humanitarian Housing Program Coordinator to liaise with Geelong real estate agents, landlords and volunteers to assist vulnerable new arrivals into safe and secure housing.</p>

<p>Drysdale Family Support - \$2,000 Operating since 2004 to provide assistance to people in need. The organisation operates a Food Bank to support less fortunate families in the region. Since 2015, the SpringDale Community Garden, which occupies 1200 square metres of church land, has been adding a freshly-harvested component to available food stocks.</p>	<p>To construct a small 'wetland bio-pond' area for birds, bees, frogs and insects to assist productivity and biodiversity; acquire a pizza oven to improve our social cohesion and to acquire tools and equipment to support activity.</p>
<p>FareShare Australia - \$24,000 Rescues food from supermarkets, wholesalers, farmers and other businesses that would otherwise go to waste and cooks it into free nutritious meals for people in need.</p>	<p>To assist with the purchase of a new refrigerated van for the delivery of meals, pastries and fresh produce to people in need throughout the Geelong region.</p>
<p>Feed Me Bellarine - \$40,000 Established in 2019 to tackle food wastage by rescuing food designated for landfill that volunteers prepare and then deliver readymade meals to those in need throughout the Bellarine community.</p>	<p>To contribute to the organisation's overheads and other operational costs for 12 months, enabling the expansion of the service by opening the regions FIRST waste food cafe and mini mart which runs on a 'Pay as You Feel or Can' model.</p>
<p>Gateways Support Services - \$10,000 Operating since 1997, empowering and supporting children and adults with a disability and their families to maximise their quality and enjoyment of life, potential and positive relationships within the community.</p>	<p>To purchase equipment for the new sensory room in the multipurpose building that supports people with autism, intellectual disability and or complex needs with a focus on capacity development through skills acquisition.</p>
<p>Geelong Food Relief Centre - \$30,000 A Food Bank run exclusively by volunteers. Today the centre operates two mini-marts strategically positioned in North Geelong & the Geelong CBD along with a bulk food distribution warehouse.</p>	<p>To fund additional emergency food purchases for disadvantaged members of the Geelong community. This will indirectly benefit 38,000 people and encompasses individuals of all ages, nationalities, religions and backgrounds.</p>
<p>Hands of Change Limited - \$35,000 Located in Meredith, engaging with local communities to determine and address key social issues and actively collaborating to design hands-on programs to address these challenges.</p>	<p>To teach year six students practical business skills for the future - focusing on planning and budgeting, building resilience and a can-do attitude and focusing on true community engagement.</p>
<p>Hope Bereavement Services - \$25,000 Believes that "no-one should be alone in grief." Qualified, free bereavement advice, support and counsel is offered to any person in the G21 Region impacted by the death of a loved one.</p>	<p>To provide grief education, resources, pathways and support that increases individuals and organisation's ability to care for and cope in the event of a death, particularly sudden and unexpected, in their community.</p>
<p>Lazarus Community Centre - \$40,000 A community centre established as a safe and welcoming drop-in facility for those in our community experiencing hardship related to homelessness and isolation.</p>	<p>To appoint an Operations Manager to assist in providing sustainable governance, enabling self-sufficiency and to be able to better address the Geelong regions homeless and isolation issues.</p>
<p>Lifeline Geelong Barwon Region- \$8,000 A member of Lifeline Australia's national network which supports the 13 11 14 Crisis Line service. Lifeline Geelong has been operating for over 40 years in the region.</p>	<p>To upgrade and renovate the crisis support offices in central Geelong, assisting in the management of the increased volunteer staff numbers associated with answering more help seeker calls on the 131114 phone service.</p>
<p>Norlane Community Initiatives - \$25,000 Community led place making organisation with the vision to create healthy, sustainable and inclusive neighbourhoods. Their mission is to cultivate and generate community and place.</p>	<p>To re-activate the Spruhan Avenue Neighbourhood Hub and increase the service hours to 5 days a week at the new residence, addressing community needs of food insecurity, social isolation, participation, health issues and belonging.</p>

<p>Orange Sky Australia - \$5,000 Established to positively connect communities through the provision of free laundry and shower services to people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>To support the continued provision of laundry and showers services to Geelong's homeless and also offer a place for non-judgmental conversation.</p>
<p>Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) - \$40,000 Supporting people and families for over 100 years, working alongside those of all ages in the Geelong community.</p>	<p>To employ an administrator to assist with the Geelong Food Assistance Network, focusing on elevating community awareness of food insecurity and improving the coordination of membership to support more efficient distribution of nutritious and culturally appropriate food.</p>
EDUCATION & TRAINING	
<p>Bancoora Surf Life Saving Club - \$6,500 Volunteer organisation providing lifesaver and lifeguard training and services to the local community.</p>	<p>To purchase new lifesaving equipment that will be used to help deliver programs and increase engagement of members.</p>
<p>EdConnect Australia - \$10,000 Connecting volunteers to young people in schools, preparing and connecting inter-generational volunteers with disadvantaged or at-risk young people to foster educational success and personal wellbeing.</p>	<p>To train and place volunteers with students in need in Government primary and secondary classrooms throughout Geelong, where they remain engaged for an average of 3 years, and some many more.</p>
<p>The Song Room - \$30,000 National organisation that brightens the future of our most disadvantaged children with tailored high quality music and arts programs delivered in partnership with schools.</p>	<p>To provide a Teacher Music Mentoring program for Whittington Primary students to assist with building capacity, capability and confidence of generalist teachers, lift learning outcomes and enhance socio-emotional well-being of students by incorporating Arts Learning into their classroom.</p>
<p>Volunteering Geelong - \$20,000 A volunteer resource centre for the Greater Geelong, region, offering a referral service for volunteers looking for volunteer roles and organisations looking for volunteers.</p>	<p>To provide support for the introduction of the 'Pathways to Employment' training program, a skills based pathway for young people who may not have a work history.</p>
<p>Youth Plus Foundation - \$3,000 St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre in Geelong is a school which runs programs for students who are unable to engage in regular schooling.</p>	<p>To support a partnership with Good Cycles, a social enterprise that trains and works with young people aged 18-24 experiencing disadvantage, learning bike maintenance and repair skills. The students will work on restoring a donated bike, which they will ultimately be able to own.</p>
FAMILY	
<p>Bluebird Foundation - \$30,000 Geelong-based community arts organisation delivering quality arts programs that make a real difference in people's lives through focus on poor educational outcomes that have become entrenched and generational in some communities.</p>	<p>To continue the TBA North program, a particular educational intervention targeting disadvantaged families with young children in the north of Geelong. It is designed to be embedded in primary schools and uses music-making as a tool to engage caregivers, children and school staff.</p>
<p>St. Kilda Mums (Geelong Mums) - \$40,000 Established in 2013 by volunteers to provide babies and children in disadvantaged circumstances with the essential nursery equipment and clothing they need for a safe start in life.</p>	<p>To support disadvantaged families by providing the essentials they need, for their babies and children through the recycling of nursery equipment like cots, prams and car seats.</p>
<p>Wombats Wish - \$7,750 Has been providing bereavement support to children in the Geelong region for 12 years.</p>	<p>To engage a Psychologist to provide a service to support bereaved children and their families in this very difficult and traumatic period of their lives, prior to and after attending a Wombat's Wish camp.</p>

HEALTH	
<p>Bay Leaf Community Kitchen - \$20,000 Establishing a new outlet for food relief in Geelong. The organisation's innovative concept is to provide hot, nutritious meals for people in need who are referred to the drive-thru service.</p>	To help build and equip a kitchen that will allow referred vulnerable families to drive through, with anonymity, and collect a nutritious meal to eat together, at home, as a family.
<p>Bellarine Community Health - \$30,000 Operating from five community health centre's located in Drysdale, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Portarlington providing a full range of community services to all ages.</p>	To support the Provisional Psychologist position for continuity of the role in the youth environment, providing services for young people 12-25 years seeking psychological support.
<p>Kids Plus Foundation - \$20,000 Established to support children and young people with neurodevelopmental disabilities to reach their potential and maximise their participation in daily life.</p>	To support the SMART (Sensory; Motor; Activity; Responsive; Timely) program, an early intervention initiative aimed at supporting babies (and their families) at high risk of having a significant neurodevelopmental disorder.
<p>The Sanctuary Counselling Centre - \$25,000 In its 26th year helping individuals and their families to manage living with a life-challenging illness or bereavement.</p>	To fund a range of counselling and support services that are affordable and accessible to all individuals and families living with a life challenging illness or bereavement. Therapeutic options include individual and family counselling, music therapy and group workshops.
HERITAGE & ARTS	
<p>Back To Back Theatre - \$5,000 Established as a resource for people with disabilities to make the transition from institutional care into living in the community.</p>	To offer a "Slow Art Movement" program to increase social connectedness by addressing issues of loneliness, isolation and exclusion for individuals with disabilities, expanding access to artistic practice for those who may have never had access to participation in the arts.
<p>Queenscliffe Historical Museum - \$2,000 A social history museum accredited by Museums Australia and run totally by volunteers.</p>	To purchase preventative conservation equipment to monitor the condition of collections throughout the relocating to temporary premises and then in the new museum, ensuring the internal environment of the temporary storage and new premises, satisfies Museum standards.
<p>Torquay Museum Without Walls - \$1,000 History group committed to researching and recording stories from around the Surf Coast presenting these stories in a digital format.</p>	To purchase a book scanner for preservation of historical items by digitising and archiving documents, photographs and objects before writing a contextual and historical understanding of Torquay community volunteering.
YOUTH	
<p>Good Cycles - \$14,500 A bicycle-based social enterprise that creates opportunities for young people facing barriers to employment. They provide training and supportive employment to improve the prospects of young people.</p>	To provide entry-level employment for the "Geelong Laneways Waste" service for young people facing adversity to fulfil a vital role servicing the Geelong community and to also experience meaningful employment.
<p>Kids Under Cover - \$10,000 Established in response to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission report on youth homelessness, a non-denominational organisation that delivers programs that prevent youth homelessness.</p>	To fund annual scholarships for young people living in Kids Under Cover accommodation in the Geelong region. The scholarships help offset the basic costs of education enabling disadvantaged young people to remain engaged or re-engage with their education.
<p>Ocean Mind - \$30,000 A community organisation coordinated by professional youth workers trained as surf instructors and volunteer community members, providing therapeutic surf programs for young people aged 8-18 years in the G21 area.</p>	To support an early intervention project to support young people (8-18 year olds) experiencing mental health challenges, social isolation and disabilities to develop confidence, build social connections and improve their skills.

<p>Read the Play - \$17,000 A mental health awareness organisation that has been providing free programs to youth in the Geelong sporting community for 15 years.</p>	<p>To implement youth Mental Health First Aid courses, lead by Mental Health clinicians, to the Geelong sporting community addressing the community's need for adequately skilled support people (both adults and peers) regarding mental health concerns.</p>
<p>Skyline Education Foundation - \$10,000 Founded to provide intensive financial, educational, emotional and practical support to gifted and academically talented students, whose potential is compromised by entrenched disadvantage, to complete VCE and successfully transition to tertiary education or employment.</p>	<p>To support the engagement of a part-time Alumni Development Manager to design an Alumni support framework for implementation over a three-year timeframe from July 2020-June 2023.</p>
<p>Somebody's Daughter Theatre - \$15,000 A unique company of artists whose mission is to work with those who are the most marginalised in our community, empower them and give them a voice.</p>	<p>To support the "I'm fighting for a normal happy life. Where I can be a kid while I'm still a kid" 'Let Me Be Young' theatre project for all young people aged 12-26, particularly disengaged young people across the Greater Geelong Region.</p>
<p>Sports Challenge Australia - \$10,000 An evidence based organisation offering a 'world first experiential mentoring program' using the 'medium' of sports and problem solving activities to encourage young people to use their full potential in all areas of their lives including positive involvement with their peers, family, school and community.</p>	<p>To introduce a program to address mental and physical health in 'at risk' children 9-12 years that have been identified in the East Geelong community.</p>

Other Grant Initiatives

2019 P500 GRANTS	PROGRAM
<p>P500 Grant Recipient The Sanctuary Counselling Centre - \$52,500 In its 26th year helping individuals and their families to manage living with a life-challenging illness or bereavement.</p>	<p>To provide a 'Family Support Project'; a specialist grief and loss counsellor for 2.5 days per week for 12 months to support individuals and their families to manage the challenge of living with a life-challenging illness or bereavement, by offering free or low-cost counselling and music therapy for people.</p>
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Ocean Mind - \$1,000 A community organisation coordinated by professional youth workers trained as surf instructors and volunteer community members, providing therapeutic surf programs for young people aged 8-18 years in the G21 area.</p>	<p>To deliver a multi-phased surfing program, with each phase of the program designed to build trust, confidence, and connection over time for young people.</p>
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Shine for Kids - \$1,000 A national charity that works solely to transform the lives of children affected by the criminal justice system, working together with children, young people and families to deliver evidence-based programs to provide positive opportunities and trauma informed-support to reduce the likelihood of children transitioning into the child protection and justice systems.</p>	<p>To offer the "Ride By Your Side" program, a unique 12-month place-based transport and mentoring program for children from the Geelong region who have fathers who are incarcerated in the Barwon and Marngoneet Correctional Centres.</p>
ADROIT CAPITAL GRANT	
<p>Gateways Support Services - \$100,000 A community organisation, operating since 1997, empowering and supporting children and adults with a disability and their families to maximise their: quality and enjoyment of life, potential and positive relationships within the community.</p>	<p>To support the Edmill housing project in Belmont that will have six units that give a real home for young people with disabilities, and one additional unit for emergency housing for young people with a disability. The Edmill units have been renovated to create a valuing environment where young people can develop and thrive in their community with skilled staff support.</p>
SCHOLARSHIPS	
<p>The Gordon Scholarships - \$10,000 Our founding donor Ken Stott was a student of The Gordon. He recognised and believed strongly in the importance of education and lifelong learning. He would be very pleased that we continue this scholarship support of mature age students.</p>	<p>Funding annual scholarships to mature aged students studying at The Gordon. In April 2020 five \$2,000 Scholarships were presented.</p>
<p>Back to School Program - \$49,250 The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) runs this national program that has been operating since 2005, which helps rural and remote children and young people access quality educational experiences to engage in learning and to strengthen their educational outcomes. The Geelong Community Foundation delivers this program in the broader Geelong region.</p>	<p>Provides \$50 Target Vouchers to primary & secondary Schools. The Foundation in partnership with FRRR, the Glover Foundation and a number of other supporters distribute vouchers to 50 schools in the Geelong Region based on the scale of educational advantage.</p> <p>The Foundation contributed \$49,250 which is leveraged through FRRR to receive 1,819 \$50 Target vouchers totaling \$95,950.</p>