

ORGANISATION & GRANT	PROGRAM SUMMARY
AGED CARE	
<p>Anam Cara House Geelong - \$12,500 A Community Hospice established in 2007, caring for people with a life limiting illness, residing in Geelong and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>To provide support for the Tovertafel 'magic table', bringing a suite of interactive games specifically developed to assist with cognitive skills for those living with dementia.</p>
<p>Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club - \$4,000 Volunteer organisation providing lifesaver and lifeguard training and services to the local community.</p>	<p>To contribute to operational costs for the 'Silver Salties' initiative, a physical activity and social connections program designed for older participants, including visits to the beach from local aged care facilities.</p>
COMMUNITY WELLBEING	
<p>Art of The Minds - \$10,000 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 activities for National Mental Health Month in October that will improve the education of the community through events centered around raising awareness of mental illness.</p>
<p>Barwon Disability Resource Council - \$40,000 An organisation that works with individuals with all disabilities, of all ages, including their parents/carers. Aims to assist positive change in the lives of people with disabilities, their families and carers by promoting rights, social and economic inclusion for all.</p>	<p>To increase additional support for the Early Intervention Advocacy Program, assisting vulnerable individuals requiring immediate advocacy services for housing, finance, justice or government services, counselling or disability support.</p>
<p>Bellarine Living and Learning Centre - \$21,000 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 employ a Co-ordinator to facilitate fresh food box provision for the Whittington community, including food instructional online videos that support people to utilise the produce supplied.</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 are offered to provide training and professional development to enable the education of children regarding their personal safety.</p>
<p>Community Veracity - \$30,000 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 support the hiring of external services including personal training, weightlifting, self-defence, cooking, nutrition, art therapy and other forms of community connection, providing opportunities for participants to find healthy outlets and rebuild self-worth .</p>
<p>Drysdale Family Support - \$1,200 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 freshly-harvested food.</p>	<p>To purchase and build a lockable steel shed to store the SpringDale Community Garden's mechanical equipment and tools.</p>

<p>Geelong Animal Welfare Society - \$14,000 Established in 1956, GAWS is a charitable animal welfare organisation supporting the Greater Geelong community by providing animal welfare education to pet owners and members of the public, animal rehoming programs, returning lost pets to their owners and a community vet clinic service.</p>	<p>To assist with the purchase of specialist veterinary dental equipment and surgery recovery cages for shelter animals.</p>
<p>Hands of Change - \$29,000 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 continue support of the Nurturing Young Minds program, teaching students at Meredith Primary School basic business skills, required later in life. The project chosen by the students to implement is the Meredith Community Garden.</p>
<p>Lara and District Men's Shed - \$20,000 Provides support to men within the Lara community with friendship and fellowship to improve their health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>To extend the shed meeting room by 50% to enable more members to attend meetings with social distancing and provide other community organisations the opportunity to utilise the facility.</p>
<p>Lions Village Licola - \$5,000 Since establishment in the early 1970s, it has been sponsoring deserving (vulnerable) children aged 8 to 11 years from the Barwon region to attend the Lions Village Licola camp.</p>	<p>To provide funding for vulnerable children identified through local family and refugee support agencies to enjoy the challenges of a life changing five day Lions Village Licola summertime wilderness camp in January 2022.</p>
<p>Norlane Community Initiatives - \$37,000 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 employ an experienced Chef to prepare fresh, affordable and nutritious meals for local Norlane/Corio residents to purchase weekly through the social enterprise café, The Aviary.</p>
<p>OneCare Geelong - \$18,000 Commenced operation in 2009 in Geelong West with the aim of reducing disadvantage by providing both services and opportunities for social connection to those in the community who are isolated or marginalized.</p>	<p>To support Eat Share Thrive Program, providing meals, fresh produce, pantry items and a community connection for those who are vulnerable, marginalised and socially isolated, thereby increasing food security and community participation of Geelong residents.</p>
<p>Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre - \$1,008 A not-for-profit Corio community based neighbourhood centre that has operated since July 1980, offering a supportive environment to learn, connect and grow through vocational programs.</p>	<p>To purchase gardening equipment and materials for the community-led garden group, enabling participants to grow fresh food through the farm-to-table journey and distribute throughout the community.</p>
<p>Samaritan House Geelong - \$30,000 Provides a welcoming and safe home for homeless men experiencing crisis and enables their transition to a better future. The men are supported to transition to, and keep, stable accommodation, access appropriate services and develop the skills to find employment and live independent, meaningful lives.</p>	<p>To support the costs of operating the Accommodation Living Skills Program. The program provides life skills to men experiencing homelessness, assisting them to become independent including sourcing of long term housing.</p>
<p>Sirovilla - \$25,000 Established in 1970 by the CSIRO to provide affordable and social housing for low income older people in the Geelong region.</p>	<p>To support the employment of a Project Manager to work with Councils and other stakeholders to increase the amount of social/affordable housing stock within the G21 Region. Using innovation and consistent housing standards, will maximise funding allocated to the region from the Victorian Government's Big Housing Build initiative.</p>

<p>Lifeboat Geelong Foundation - \$10,200 To provide a pastoral support service for adult victims/survivors of church-related sexual abuse.</p>	<p>To provide complementary therapies including art, music, narrative writing and exercise to support survivors of sexual abuse.</p>
<p>The Type 1 Foundation - \$15,000 Established to enhance and empower the lives of children and families living with the incurable type 1 diabetes, raising awareness through education in schools, medical practices and the wider community.</p>	<p>To support the introduction of a pilot Camp Koala project, enabling specialised facilitators to educate participants and also provide respite for young people and their families from the daily regimen that type 1 diabetes requires.</p>
<p>UCA Queenscliff Point Lonsdale - \$7,000 Long established community organisation facilitating learning opportunities around inclusion and diversity for the local community.</p>	<p>To refurbish part of the main kitchen at the Queenscliff Uniting Church to ensure accreditation and availability for community organisations to utilise the facility for activities.</p>
<p>Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) - \$20,000 Supporting people and families for over 100 years, working alongside those of all ages in the Geelong community.</p>	<p>To employ a part-time Emergency Relief Services Co-ordinator to co-ordinate operations, including management of volunteer teams who deliver the service.</p>
<p>Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative - \$40,000 An Aboriginal controlled community organisation with a 40 year history in the Geelong community, facilitating, designing and delivering culturally-centred community engagement services and activities for Aboriginal people in the region.</p>	<p>To support the Strengthening of the Community and Cultural Connections project with four annual community events to connect with and celebrate culture and connections, and welcome new families and babies.</p>
<p>EDUCATION & TRAINING</p>	
<p>Ardoch - \$15,000 Provides children's education programs by partnering with schools and early years services to deliver tailored education programs for children and young people in vulnerable communities.</p>	<p>To support the Broadening Horizons program to help children aged 3-16 in the Geelong region build a broad understanding of the world, visit places of cultural and educational significance, and positively impact educational outcomes and post-career aspirations.</p>
<p>CatholicCare Victoria - \$30,000 (yr1) \$20,000 (yr2) Service provision to the vulnerable, marginalised, and disadvantaged children, adolescents and families in the Victorian community.</p>	<p>To provide economic security and employment opportunities for refugee and asylum seeker youth and their mothers who reside in the northern suburbs of Geelong through participation in the Settle Well - Next Phase program.</p>
<p>MacKillop Family Services - \$11,000 MacKillop's specialist schools provide a positive learning environment to support students disengaged, or at risk of disengaging from school. The Geelong setting supports 70 primary and secondary school students.</p>	<p>To expand the established VCAL run school café by introducing a soup kitchen for locals in need and increase the culinary skills and knowledge of the students.</p>
<p>Skyline Education Foundation - \$25,000 Provide intensive financial, educational, emotional and practical support to gifted and academically talented students, whose potential to complete VCE, transition to tertiary education or employment is compromised by entrenched disadvantage.</p>	<p>To employ Skyline alumni as tutors, offering weekly tutoring needs to 30 vulnerable VCE students participating in the Geelong Region program.</p>
<p>The Smith Family - \$11,362 A national, independent children's charity helping disadvantaged Australians to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.</p>	<p>To deliver the PASSport program, a specific intervention designed to support the educational transition of vulnerable students in Year 6 as they progress to secondary school in Geelong.</p>

<p>The Song Room - \$35,000 (yr1) \$35,000 (yr2) National organisation that brightens the future of vulnerable children with tailored high quality music and arts programs delivered in partnership with schools.</p>	<p>To deliver the Transformational Learning Through Creativity program for vulnerable Whittington Primary School students by supporting their engagement in learning and improving their social emotional well-being, empower teachers in embedding the Arts into their teaching and school leadership and prioritise as an integral part of the school experience.</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>Colman Education Foundation - \$3,800 Provides direct benevolent relief by way of services and financial assistance to overcome and alleviate the causes of disadvantage and effects of poverty, misfortune, destitution and helplessness particularly for poor, disadvantaged young people in Victoria.</p>	<p>To assist with venue costs, learning materials/resources and specialist bi-lingual support for the onsite delivery of a supported playgroup collaboration for local families at the Our-Place Northern Bay site.</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 assistance to families in the Geelong region when grieving the death of a child from conception to 18 years through counselling and support, groups, remembrance events and the Treasured Babies Program</p>
<p>Geelong Mums - \$28,000 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 provide support to access cots, beds and linen for vulnerable families and using volunteers, safety check, clean and distribute suitable safe sleeping equipment to families in crisis for their babies and small children.</p>
<p>Wombats Wish - \$20,000 Has been providing bereavement support to children in the Geelong region for 12 years.</p>	<p>To provide a camp and group counselling sessions specific for children and young people who have had a parent die suddenly, over the past 12 months, from either mental health issues or substance abuse.</p>
HEALTH	
<p>Active Geelong - \$15,000 Active Geelong was established in July 2017 to make Geelong the most physically active city in Australia to improve the health outcomes of all Geelong residents.</p>	<p>To support the establishment of Agent Advocates in 14 population centres surrounding Geelong. The program will connect with these communities and their vulnerable populations to engage in Active Geelong's objective of being the most physically active city ensuring improvement health outcomes for residents in each centre.</p>
<p>The Sanctuary Counselling Centre - \$22,000 In its 26th year helping individuals and their families to manage living with a life-challenging illness or bereavement.</p>	<p>To fund the increased need for services assisting individuals and families with counselling for social isolation and high anxiety due to comorbidities from the COVID pandemic.</p>
HERITAGE & ARTS	
<p>Geelong Steam Preservation Society - \$7,500 Established the Bellarine Railway and has operated trains from Queenscliff for 40 years. Each Tuesday, around 15 men aged 50 - 80 years old gather at the railway shed in Queenscliff. They have a cuppa, discuss the state of the nation and then spend several hours working on a variety of railway maintenance and restoration tasks.</p>	<p>To purchase a ride-on mower and small trailer for maintenance of the grounds at the Drysdale and Queenscliff Railways Stations.</p>

<p>Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company - \$20,000 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 provide learning through Nobody's Fool Theatre; devise and perform the latest play - 'Too Young To Be Old' - for G21 schools and wider community, including vulnerable youth aged less than 26 years.</p>
<p>RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT</p>	
<p>Kids Plus Foundation - \$0 (yr1) \$30,000 (yr2) \$30,000 (yr3) Established to support children and young people with neurodevelopmental disabilities to reach their potential and maximise their participation in daily life.</p>	<p>To contribute to a Research Co-ordinator position to oversee the organisation's research agenda, enabling improved therapy service delivery by allied health providers resulting in daily, practical benefits to children and young people with neuro-physical disabilities.</p>
<p>YOUTH</p>	
<p>BCYF - \$20,000 Independent, community service organisation committed to achieving better outcomes for vulnerable communities across the Barwon Region in collaboration with partners to deliver evidence based prevention, early intervention and treatment programs.</p>	<p>To provide support for the Youth Futures Crew–Peer Education Project that will deliver evidence-informed health promotion sessions in schools and the community, increasing 'mental health literacy' and 'help seeking' in young people across the Geelong region.</p>
<p>Cottage by the Sea - \$15,800 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 additional places at the Take A Break camps for vulnerable children aged 6-12.</p>
<p>Geelong Youth Engagement - \$30,000 Established in 2020 to develop programs for young people aged 15-18 identified as "at risk" youth in the Geelong, Surf Coast, Bellarine, Colac, and Golden Plains regions.</p>	<p>To assist with program administration and operations costs that will support the development and implementation of programs for at risk young people that will encourage engagement with education, employment and family, increase confidence, build resilience and self belief.</p>
<p>Kids Thrive - \$20,000 Established in 2010, Kids Thrive has been built on 30 years' experience of leaders in the field of arts and community development to create a new approach called child-led change, being implemented at Northern Bay College.</p>	<p>To continue to fund the final year of the Geelong Kids as Catalyst Program at Northern Bay College by supporting delivery and handover of community engagement activity, inclusive of resources, training school staff and seeking ongoing community liaison assistance.</p>
<p>Ocean Mind - \$30,000 (yr1) \$30,000 (yr2) 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 fund the Program Co-ordinator for an additional 2 years enabling the expansion of the service with additional places that will reduce the waitlist for young people to access mental health support through surfing.</p>
<p>Read the Play - \$22,630 A mental health awareness organisation that has been providing free programs to youth in the Geelong sporting community for 15 years.</p>	<p>To enable the organisation's Mental Health Clinicians to provide youth Mental Health First Aid training for club officials at sporting clubs across the Geelong region.</p>
<p>SHINE for Kids - \$30,000 National charity that works solely to transform the lives of children affected by the criminal justice system. The organisation works together with children, young people and families to break the cycle of intergenerational offending and disadvantage.</p>	<p>To support a place-based transport and mentoring program for children from the Greater Geelong region whose Mum is in custody in the Tarrengower and Dame Phyllis Frost Correctional Centres.</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 support the provision of face-to-face and online programs at Geelong East Primary School for 'at risk' youth aged 6-12 years who have lost connectedness, building their mental and physical health through sport.</p>
<p>Raise Foundation - \$15,000 Works to impact youth wellbeing and engagement through early intervention mentoring programs in schools and communities. Their programs create thriving communities by empowering young people to become resilient, capable and connected.</p>	<p>To recruit and train volunteers as mentors for early intervention youth programs at Belmont High School, bringing about positive wellbeing and improved school engagement.</p>

Other Grant Initiatives

2020 P500 GRANTS	PROGRAM
<p>P500 Grant Recipient Feed Me Bellarine - \$46,000 An organisation with a new way to tackle food waste, creation and community engagement. Taking perfectly good food waste and feeding those in need, as well as joining the caring community in working together.</p>	<p>To support the organisation's growth, by extending their program from Ocean Grove and the Surf Coast to Geelong, including development of their new facilities in Newtown. This will enable meals to be available to an increased number of vulnerable and isolated people.</p>
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Hope Bereavement Care/Bluebird Foundation - \$1,000</p>	
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Barwon Child, Youth & Family (BCY&F) - \$1,000</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>To fund annual scholarships to mature aged students studying at The Gordon. In April 2021, five \$2,000 scholarships were presented.</p>
<p>Back to School Program - \$45,000 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 allows the distribution of vouchers to 50 schools in the Geelong Region based on the scale of educational advantage.</p> <p>The Foundation contributed \$45,000 which is leveraged through FRRR to receive 2,056 \$50 Target vouchers totaling \$102,000.</p>
Other Initiatives	
<p>Financial Capability Project Volunteering Geelong - \$30,000 The Give Where You Live Foundation (GWYLF) and Geelong Community Foundation (GCF) are partnering to foster a collective response to building financial capability for vulnerable and marginalised populations in the Geelong / G21 region. They have partnered to oversee the implementation of a Building Financial Capability Grant, funded by the Ecstra Foundation as part of its commitment to "building the financial capability and wellbeing of all Australians within a fair financial system". Both GWYL and the Foundation have also contributed \$30,000 each to fund initiatives that will be identified through the project.</p>	<p>To provide a Financial Literacy Program for those experiencing financial difficulty by delivering a program aimed to build skills and confidence around everyday money matters for participants. Trained Volunteer facilitators will aim to improve the financial situation for participants, before it reaches an escalated level of financial distress.</p>
2019/20 grant returned and reallocated	
<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 provide funds to sustain critical support services, providing a safe & welcoming place for those that are experiencing homelessness, or isolation within the Geelong and surrounding community.</p>