

ORGANISATION & GRANT	PROGRAM SUMMARY
AGED CARE	
<p>Anam Cara House Geelong - \$50,000 A Community Hospice established in 2007, caring for people with a life limiting illness, residing in Geelong and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>To contribute to the new specialised community hospice for Geelong region families diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, including the support of their families and carers.</p>
<p>Bellarine Community Support Register - \$12,500 The Bellarine Community Support Register aims to provide safety, security and connectedness to Bellarine residents, many of whom are elderly and living alone.</p>	<p>To finalise the development of a new secure database that will hold all the personal, medical, property and emergency contact information of our current and future Registrants and assist our organisation to transition from a paper-based office system to a cloud-based system.</p>
COMMUNITY WELLBEING	
<p>Art of the Minds - \$15,000 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 in recovery.</p>	<p>To fund festival marketing and advertising for mental health and wellbeing events during National Mental Health week in October 2022, improving education to the community around raising awareness of mental illness.</p>
<p>Barwon Disability Resource Council - \$20,000 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 support the establishment of a Leadership Peer Action Group for people with a disability, building their skills and experience in community leadership, strengthening their understanding of the importance and value of inclusion within the Committee for Geelong leadership programs.</p>
<p>Bellarine Living and Learning Centre - \$20,500 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 fund employment of a Coordinator and Volunteer Project Manager to engage the community around food sustainability through horticultural and cooking workshops, fresh food boxes, community kitchen and visits to partner organisations.</p>
<p>Bravehearts Foundation - \$5,000 National children's charity dedicated to the prevention of child sexual assault.</p>	<p>To help 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>Cloverdale Community Centre - \$20,000 A neighbourhood house in Corio governed by a voluntary Committee of Management, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.</p>	<p>To increase the capacity of the trade training site, enabling more disengaged and disadvantaged community members to gain additional training, thereby increasing their opportunities to join the workforce.</p>
<p>Drysdale Family Support (SpringDale Community Garden) - \$4,000 Operating since 2004, 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 a chipper/shredder to produce organic garden compost and install raised garden beds in the Community Garden to improve accessibility for senior members.</p>

<p>Encompass Community Services – \$13,000 Encompass Community Services is a not-for-profit organisation committed to promoting equality and universal opportunity for all. Encompass have been delivering disability supports and Community Services for 35 years.</p>	<p>To assist with the purchase of a vehicle to deliver home packs to individuals and families. Vehicle will also be utilised for the collection of donated items.</p>
<p>Feed Me Bellarine - \$50,000 (yr1) \$50,000 (yr2) 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 Geelong, Surf Coast and Bellarine communities.</p>	<p>To support an increase in meal capacity with the purchase of a larger oven, and employment of a part-time administration worker to answer calls for assistance and co-ordinate volunteer deliveries.</p>
<p>Geelong Food Relief Centre - \$30,000 The Geelong Food Relief Centre (GFRC) was established in 1990 providing food aid services throughout the Geelong Region. GFRC assists members of the community who are experiencing food insecurity.</p>	<p>To fund the purchase of food for the North Geelong Warehouse, to improve food security in the region.</p>
<p>Geelong Mums - \$15,000 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 the Volunteer Coordinator to engage and mobilise new and returning male volunteers to carry out repairs, refurbishing, assembling of objects and mechanical tasks on donated items for distribution to families.</p>
<p>Healthy Minds Geelong - \$10,500 Healthy Minds Geelong is an innovative online mental health hub making navigation of the mental health system easy and promoting a positive culture of mental health in the region.</p>	<p>To fund research on mental health services in the region to develop a mental health hub/online directory for the organisation's website.</p>
<p>Hope Bereavement Services – \$45,000 (yr1) \$45,000 (yr2) 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 fund employment of a Community Development and Engagement Coordinator for the Hope Community Pathways program, a proactive and community-responsive model of care to meet the needs of the bereaved and their carers.</p>
<p>Lazarus Community Centre - \$33,000 (yr1) \$25,000 (yr2) \$20,000 (yr3) 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 fund organisational operational costs to sustain critical support services for homeless and people of disadvantage in a safe and welcoming place.</p>
<p>Lifeline Geelong & South West Victoria - \$10,000 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 support a Lifeline Trainer to deliver a Crisis Support course to volunteers, ensuring continued capability of responding 24/7 on the crisis line in the Geelong Centre.</p>
<p>Norlane Community Initiatives - \$30,000 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 local community development practitioners to work alongside Norlane residents to co-create activities, projects and initiatives at two Neighbourhood Common sites.</p>
<p>Ocean Grove & District Men's Shed - \$3,600 Provides support to men in the Ocean Grove & District community with friendship and fellowship to improve their health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>To fund the upgrade of router equipment, enabling safer use of equipment and accurate computer detail cutting of wood and metal pieces.</p>

<p>OneCare Geelong - \$25,000 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 marginalised.</p>	<p>To support staffing operational costs for the continuation of Eat Share Thrive programs for disadvantaged, marginalised and socially isolated Geelong residents.</p>
<p>Riding for the Disabled Barwon - \$10,000 A voluntary, nonprofit organisation providing safe riding lessons for children with a diverse range of disabilities in the Barwon Region.</p>	<p>To fund the cost of hiring the facilities and horses, enabling young disabled people to participate in fortnightly riding sessions to improve their learning and social interaction.</p>
<p>Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre - \$5,000 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 support participants with free lessons for the 'Make a Meal, Take a Meal' program, providing dignified food relief while focusing on building nutrition literacy and improving cooking capacity of disadvantaged parents.</p>
<p>Samaritan House Geelong - \$15,000 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 fund a housing project linking three levels of government, the community sector and private developers with the shared goal of creating more equitable housing options across the region.</p>
<p>The Empowerment Challenge - \$23,000 The Empowerment Challenge provides younger mums with a safe space to feel empowered, connected, respected and valued. Long term accessibility to services providing mental health and well-being support, mentorship and community connection are provided.</p>	<p>To fund Phase 2 of the 'Mobile Outreach' program, offering easily accessible, long-term support to vulnerable younger mums in the Geelong area, allowing them to connect, foster self-belief and improve mental health and well-being.</p>
<p>The Power in You Project - \$40,000 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 'New Directions' program, supporting people when exiting the prison system by assisting them to reintegrate safely and successfully back into the community.</p>
EDUCATION & TRAINING	
<p>Barwon Adolescent Task Force - \$30,000 The Barwon Adolescent Taskforce (BATForce) is an alliance of organisations in the G21 region with a stake in the provision of services with and for young people from all socio-economic, cultural and geographical areas within the region.</p>	<p>To provide resources for students, parents/carers and schools for the transition to Year 7, in response to the complexities of COVID by developing skills and strategies to deal with anxiety and stress of living through a pandemic.</p>
<p>CatholicCare Victoria - \$20,000 (year 2 of 2 year grant) 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>EdConnect - \$17,200 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 fund recruitment, screening, training and placement of 14 volunteers in schools to convert the 'Resiliency in Students' module to online and to continue the Mentor program, providing benefits to both students and volunteers.</p>

<p>Geelong Region Local Learning & Employment Network - \$15,000 Established in 2001 with the aim of engendering sustainable employment in the regional economy and to support young people and community members living in disadvantaged areas.</p>	<p>To support 'Project Upskill', an on-the-job training model focusing on digital marketing to help raise awareness and engagement for structured workplace learning programs/resources, offering meaningful employment in the regional economy for young people from a range of cohorts.</p>
<p>Northern Futures - \$40,000 Northern Futures began as an initiative in 2007 to address significant job losses in the northern suburbs of Geelong due to large manufacturers leaving the area.</p>	<p>To fund a facilitator for the 'CALD Jobseekers' program offering participants an opportunity to gain experience and practice their skills in conversational and written communication and computer skills to produce a book documenting their stories of arriving in Australia and adjusting to their new culture.</p>
<p>Skyline Education Foundation - \$20,000 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 Song Room - \$35,000 (year 2 of a 2 year grant) 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>
<p>Volunteering Geelong - \$17,500 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 fund the 'Impacting a Pathway to Employment' Program (IPEP) preparing 10 young people for employment and offering a volunteering experience as part of their participation.</p>
ENVIRONMENT	
<p>Anglesea Aireys Inlet Society for the Preservation of Flora & Fauna (ANGAIR)- \$10,000 ANGAIR is an active voluntary group dedicated to protecting the indigenous flora and fauna and maintaining the natural beauty of the local environment.</p>	<p>To support Friends of Eastern Otways to develop a smartphone app used in conjunction with QR Codes to be placed on existing signs along walking tracks in the Great Otway National Park promoting exploration, appreciation and conservation of the natural environment.</p>
FAMILY	
<p>Bethany Community Support - \$25,000 An independent, community services organisation, providing support to men, women and children living in Barwon and Western Victoria. Established in 1868, Bethany offers a multi-sectoral service response to some of the most disadvantaged and complex communities across the region.</p>	<p>To contribute to ROAR, a specialised group program for vulnerable women in the community who are experiencing family violence by providing a safe place to share stories of change, strengthen one another and rebuild positive futures.</p>
<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 fund the North Children's Choir, for children in the 3214 postcode an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive high quality after-school music education program.</p>
<p>Espod Geelong - \$6,200 A non-profit organisation established in 1986 that provides confidential, client-based options counselling for people who have an unexpected or difficult pregnancy.</p>	<p>To fund rewiring of the organisation's house to ensure safety for staff, volunteers, individuals and families.</p>

<p>Grovedale Toy Library - \$1,500 A volunteer-run Toy Library formed in 1985 providing children aged from newborns to 8 years low-cost access to developmentally appropriate toys to promote healthy child growth through play.</p>	<p>To develop 'Story Stacks' that include a story book by an Australian author and matching toys, to enable children to enter the story through the accompanying activities to develop their language and literacy skills.</p>
<p>Lions Village Licola - \$7,000 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 twenty-two 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 2023.</p>
HEALTH	
<p>Bellarine Community Health - \$25,000 Formed in 2009 and operating from five community health centres located in Drysdale, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Portarlington, a full range of community services to all ages are provided.</p>	<p>To establish a full-time Speech Therapy Senior Clinical role within the Child Health team to increase early intervention service capacity for children aged 0-12 years.</p>
<p>The Type 1 Foundation - \$12,000 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 Camp Koala for diabetic teenagers providing them with respite from their normal routine and offering specialised facilitators and activities to educate and increase confidence managing their diabetes.</p>
HERITAGE & ARTS	
<p>Geelong Art Gallery - \$7,500 Geelong Gallery was established in 1896 and is governed by a Board of Management, providing an inclusive experience of art for residents and visitors to the region.</p>	<p>To deliver outreach workshops to primary school aged students in the community, increasing their understanding of First Nations culture by designing and creation of two school murals, facilitation of workshops and online resources during Book Week.</p>
<p>Music at the Basilica - \$2,500 Formed by Artistic Director and Basilica Organist Frank De Rosso in 2006, Music at the Basilica is an organisation dedicated to presenting fine sacred music performed by excellent artists in the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels Geelong.</p>	<p>To support artists performing at a Festival of Music with concerts, free organ recitals and a free cultural connection event in cooperation with an Indigenous group during October 2022.</p>
<p>The Trustee for Geelong Advertiser Music Scholarship Trust - \$2,500 The Geelong Advertiser was formed with a grant of \$60,000 and created a Trust for young musicians to further develop their skills, talents and careers.</p>	<p>To support the Regional Section of the Australian Youth Classical Music Competition for young classical musicians from the G21 footprint, increasing the opportunities available to performers by offering them a public performance.</p>
<p>Torquay Museum Without Walls - \$1,000 Formed in 2015, the history group committed to researching and recording stories from around the Surf Coast presenting these stories in a digital format.</p>	<p>To purchase a superior printer to enhance exhibitions of the local Torquay history with quality images and posters, and the quarterly library display, benefiting locals and tourists to the area.</p>
RESEARCH & INNOVATION	
<p>Kids Plus Foundation – (year 2 of 3 year grant) - \$30,000 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>Wombats Wish - \$25,000 Established in 2005, providing bereavement support to children in the Geelong region following the death of a parent.</p>	<p>To fund evidence based research to update activities and workshops in the camp program appropriate for different age groups enhancing the experience of children/young people and surviving parent throughout their grief journey.</p>
YOUTH	
<p>Ardoch - \$10,000 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 develop a Robotics program for children in years 5 & 6 to learn vital STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills and help foster their confidence and engagement in learning.</p>
<p>Bancoora Surf Life Saving Club - \$2,500 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 purchase new Nipper boards, benefiting younger members of the Club to develop skills in water safety and awareness.</p>
<p>Bellarine Training and Community Hub - \$10,000 Community hub/neighbourhood house located in Ocean Grove, providing community based and youth programs, services and accredited training programs to the communities across Ocean Grove and the wider Geelong region for over 22 years.</p>	<p>To fund staffing costs for the 'Drop In' program, offering disengaged and disadvantaged young people across the Bellarine a weekly recreational program facilitated in a fun, safe and supportive environment.</p>
<p>Cottage by the Sea – \$15,000 (yr1) \$15,000 (yr2) 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 annual Mentor program camps for participants aged 13-18, offering disadvantaged and vulnerable children and their families access to programs and resources to help meet their health and wellbeing needs.</p>
<p>Geelong Youth Engagement - \$15,000 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 operational costs for a move to more suitable premises with disability access, a larger space and in a more central location for delivery of youth services in one location.</p>
<p>Kardina Community Services - \$4,000 Provides a variety of programs across Regional Victoria to meet the social needs of the community.</p>	<p>To cover costs of a guest speaker and subsidise registration fees for the INCREASE leadership development conference, for young people aged 13-20.</p>
<p>Ocean Mind - (year 2 of 2 year grant) - \$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>	<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 - \$8,000 A mental health awareness organisation that has been providing free programs to youth in the Geelong sporting community for 15 years.</p>	<p>To contribute to the relocation to a new office, set up of IT/email system and purchase computers for staff to support continued growth of the organisation.</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 support the 'Nobody Fool Theatre' program, a creative arts platform re-engaging disaffected young people aged 12-18 with education, community and hope for the future.</p>

<p>Sports Challenge Australia (SCA) - \$8,000 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 deliver the SCA mentoring program face-to-face at Geelong East Primary School and outside the school gate for 'at risk' youth aged 6-12 years who have lost connectedness, building their mental and physical health through sport.</p>
<p>The Scout Association Barwon District - \$7,500 Scouting has operated in Australia since 1907. Scouting offers Youth members the opportunity to challenge themselves to explore a variety of activities, to follow pathways of interest, to learn leadership skills, to be great team members and to learn a range of new skills.</p>	<p>To purchase archery equipment, expanding the variety of outdoor activities available to Scouts in the Barwon District.</p>

Other Grant Initiatives

2021 P500 GRANTS	PROGRAM
<p>P500 Grant Recipient Geelong Youth Engagement - \$68,000 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 the implementation of Geelong Youth Engagement's new "Strive" Program. Support for 30 young vulnerable people for 20 weeks focusing on building self-confidence, community awareness and assistance to work through their challenges. Goal setting and commitment to their goals, is a large component of the program</p>
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Common Ground Project - \$1,000</p>	
<p>P500 Shortlisted Organisation Geelong Mums - \$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 incredibly 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 2022, five \$2,000 scholarships will be presented.</p>
<p>Back to School Program - \$50,000 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 \$50,000 which is leveraged through FRRR to receive 2,040 \$50 Target vouchers totaling \$102,000.</p>
Adroit Insurance & Risk Capital Grant	
<p>Geelong Youth Engagement - \$75,000 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 purchase a bus for transporting young people in the Geelong region to several locations for participation in the resilience program.</p>