



## 2024-25 GRANT PARTNERS



### Food and Emergency Support Grants

FOOD RELIEF	
<p><b>Feed Me Bellarine, Geelong, Surf Coast - \$50,000</b> (<i>\$50,000 Year 1, \$50,000 Year 2</i>) A for-purpose organisation that repurposes wasted food to provide meals and produce to those in need.</p>	<p>To deliver food relief through a Pay as You can Market and deliveries of pre-prepared meals to individuals and families in need. Funding supports the employment of a part time Coordinator and the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables through the wholesale market.</p>
<p><b>Geelong Food Relief Centre - \$50,000</b> (<i>\$50,000 Year 1, \$50,000 Year 2</i>) The heart of the emergency food system in Geelong. They source and collect nutritious food that they distribute to community organisations to feed people in need and also operate two mini-marts where clients can source nutritious food.</p>	<p>To deliver food relief support in Geelong through the distribution of food to community organisations and direct to public through two mini-marts. Funding supports the employment of a new full time Office Manager/Finance role which will support continued growth of the organisation.</p>
<p><b>Meredith Community Centre - \$5,500</b> A Neighbourhood House located in the rural farming town of Meredith. The centre provides a range of activities for people of all ages, including playgroups, exercise programs and a foodbank.</p>	<p>To expand the existing Foodbank to include frozen items to further meet the food needs of people living in the Golden Plains Shire. Funding supports the purchase of a freezer and food items.</p>
<p><b>Winchelsea Community House - \$25,000</b> (<i>in partnership with Hesse Rural Health</i>) Winchelsea's community centre for inspiration, growth and enjoyment and exists to connect the Winchelsea community with activities, community development and lifelong learning.</p>	<p>To establish Food Access Winchelsea- a community foodbank providing food relief to reduce the number of people experiencing food insecurity in Winchelsea. Funding supports the employment of a Foodbank Coordinator.</p>
HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE	
<p><b>Lazarus Community Centre - \$20,000</b> (<i>Year 3 of a 3 year grant</i>) A drop-in facility for people experiencing homelessness, disadvantage and social isolation. The centre provides a hot meal and access to services including a hot shower, clothes washing facilities and a place to rest.</p>	<p>To continue to operate the centre and provide support to people experiencing homelessness. Funding supports core operations including salaries.</p>
<p><b>Samaritan House Geelong- \$22,000</b> A crisis and transitional accommodation centre that supports up to 20 men experiencing homelessness, 365 days a year. 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 provide crisis and transitional accommodation to men experiencing homelessness. Funding supports 3 months of service delivery.</p>
<p><b>The Outpost- \$14,000</b> A local Geelong organisation providing a hot cooked meal to local Geelong people who are homeless or struggling. The Outpost operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year.</p>	<p>To deliver a volunteer-led community meal to people experiencing homelessness and social disconnection. Funding supports the purchase of food ingredients and small capital items to support food preparation, in addition to paying for utilities.</p>

MATERIAL AID	
<p><b>Our Village - \$25,000</b> (previously Geelong Mums)</p> <p>A state-based organisation that collects and rehomes donated essential baby and children's items by working with social workers and maternal and child health nurses.</p>	<p>To deliver essential baby and children's items to disadvantaged families through partnerships with community organisations. Funding supports the salaries of employees working in the Geelong centre.</p>
<p><b>The Nappy Collective - \$12,500</b></p> <p>A national organisation that focuses solely on collecting nappies and distributing them to families in crisis.</p>	<p>To establish 15 disposable nappy collection hubs in Geelong to support the distribution of disposable nappies through material aid organisations including Our Village. Funding supports the purchase of nappy collection boxes.</p>
<p><b>Thread Together - \$35,000</b> (\$35,000 Year 1, \$35,000 Year 2)</p> <p>A pioneering for-purpose organisation, committed to reducing clothing waste and providing essential clothing to people in need.</p>	<p>To establish a clothes distribution hub in Geelong including an online distribution hub, mobile wardrobe, in-store shopping experience and capsule service at women's shelters. Funding supports the employment of a local coordinator to establish the hub.</p>



## Education and Employment Grants

EDUCATION	
<p><b>Ed Connect - \$23,000</b></p> <p>A national organisation connecting volunteers to young people in schools who need additional help and guidance through mentoring and learning support, fostering educational success and personal wellbeing.</p>	<p>To deliver in-classroom volunteer support including 1:1 assistance with literacy and numeracy and mentoring. The funding supports the salary of the Ed Connect Liaison Officer that facilitates the recruitment and matching of volunteer with schools and provides ongoing support to volunteers.</p>
<p><b>Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company - \$40,000</b> (\$40,000 Year 1, \$40,000 Year 2)</p> <p>A unique company of artists that uses the arts to engage women and vulnerable young people to create high quality theatre and pathways back into education and community.</p>	<p>To support marginalised students to complete their education through a theatre-based program and dedicated teacher from Newcomb Secondary College. The funding supports the salaries of key staff members delivering the program.</p>
<p><b>The Song Room - \$25,000</b></p> <p>A national organisation that delivers multi-year, multi-artform arts learning programs with student and teacher outcomes.</p>	<p>To deliver a school-based arts learning at Grovedale West Primary School to build engagement of students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Funding supports the salary of the Teaching Artists and salaries for coordination of the program.</p>
EMPLOYMENT	
<p><b>CatholicCare Victoria - \$45,000</b></p> <p>A social service agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne providing a broad range of child, family and youth services employment support.</p>	<p>To employ a Persian bi-cultural worker to support refugee youth and mothers to settle in Australia, including supporting access to English classes, education and employment. Funding supports the salary of the bi-cultural worker.</p>
<p><b>Geelong Gallery - \$12,000</b></p> <p>The leading visual and interdisciplinary arts institution in Geelong, housing a diverse art collection from the 18th century to the present.</p>	<p>To deliver a vocational training program that supports young people to build careers in the arts. Funding supports the employment of the Youth Program Officer.</p>
<p><b>Ngarrimili - \$42,000</b></p> <p>A First Nation's led organisation established to nurture and support business and entrepreneurship opportunities amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.</p>	<p>To support the delivery of workshops, mentoring support and barista training to First Nations individuals at the Murran Hub. Funding supports staff salaries and program delivery expenses.</p>



## Environment and Sustainability Grants

RECYCLING & RENEWABLE ENERGY	
<p><b>Geelong Sustainability Group - \$50,000</b></p> <p>A community organisation supporting residents of Geelong and surrounds to be more sustainable in their everyday lives.</p>	<p>To deliver the Community Power Hub, supporting for-purpose organisations to install renewable energy and access other energy savings. Funding supports the salary of the Community Energy Officer.</p>



## Health, Resilience and Connection Grants

PHYSICAL HEALTH	
<p><b>Cottage by the Sea - \$15,825</b></p> <p>A Queenscliff-based children's for-purpose organisation providing short-term care through holiday camps and programs for disadvantaged and at-risk children and young people.</p>	<p>To deliver a weeklong Take a Break program to 40 students from Whittington Primary school. Funding supports staff salaries and program expenses including food and activities.</p>
<p><b>Farm My School - \$25,000</b></p> <p>A for-purpose organisation that collaborates with schools to promote healthy eating, ecological stewardship and connected communities.</p>	<p>To deliver a range of cooking and gardening workshops to help build local capacity to cook fresh, healthy cheap meals. Funding supports the delivery of the workshops including staff salaries, facilitator cost and workshop materials.</p>
<p><b>Fight Parkinson's - \$2,000</b></p> <p>A leading Australian organisation for Parkinson's disease, providing research, education and support.</p>	<p>To deliver a community seminar supporting people with Parkinson's disease to learn how to manage their condition. Funding supports the delivery of the one-day seminar, including venue hire and catering.</p>
<p><b>Geelong Performing Arts Centre - \$10,000</b></p> <p>Australia's largest regional dedicated arts centre, striving to nurture creative expression, lead artistic collaborations and inspire audiences across a diverse community.</p>	<p>To design and deliver a dance based physical activity program for seniors. Funding supports the salary of the Artist facilitator.</p>
<p><b>Road Safety Education - \$5,565</b></p> <p>An Australian organisation dedicated to making our roads a safer place by empowering and motivating young people through road safety education.</p>	<p>To deliver a school-based road safety project that includes classroom resources and a 1-day workshop for up to 500 16-18 year olds. Funding supports venue hire, facilitator costs, catering, program development and evaluation.</p>
MENTAL HEALTH	
<p><b>Art of the Minds - \$5,000</b></p> <p>A Surf Coast-based for-purpose organisation that aims to activate, educate and engage the Surf Coast and wider community to creatively manage mental health and wellbeing</p>	<p>To deliver the Art of Minds Festival during Mental Health Week. Funding supports the delivery of the festival including venue hire and salaries.</p>
<p><b>Cherished Pets - \$45,000</b></p> <p>An Ocean Grove-based for-purpose organisation that focuses on the Human Animal Bond as a tool for improving the health and wellbeing of people and communities.</p>	<p>To deliver an integrated veterinary social work program that supports the human animal bond. Funding supports the provision of flexible pet care funding packages, enabling more packages to be allocated toward both crisis and home care assistance.</p>
<p><b>Foundation 61 - \$65,000</b></p> <p>A Geelong-based organisation that seeks to provide healing and hope for people affected by addiction through the delivery of an individually focused rehabilitation program.</p>	<p>To employ an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Lead Worker to implement the recovery program at the House of Hope, a women's only, live-in rehabilitation program. Funding supports the AOD Lead Worker salary.</p>

<p><b>Geelong Youth Engagement - \$23,900</b> A local organisation supporting at risk youth to reach their potential through a range of adventure based physical activities and mentoring.</p>	<p>To employ a mental health professional to support students, mentors and parents. Funding supports the salary of a mental health professional.</p>
<p><b>Hope Bereavement Service - \$30,000</b> A community-driven partnership model based in Geelong providing informed bereavement support by specialist bereavement trained staff.</p>	<p>To provide additional bereavement support for people who experience a sudden and traumatic death of a loved one. Funding supports the salary of the Bereavement Counsellor.</p>
<p><b>LifeChanger Foundation - \$30,000</b> A preventative mental health and wellbeing organisation that empowers youth with the courage to thrive by developing their social, emotional and resilience skills, and building connections within the community.</p>	<p>To deliver a school based mental health and resilience workshops to up to 2,000 students. Funding supports the salary of the Regional Coordinator and casual employees to facilitate workshops.</p>
<p><b>Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club - \$2,900</b> A volunteer surf lifesaving club providing volunteer lifesaver and lifeguard training and beach safety services to the local community.</p>	<p>To fund training for Nippers coaches and assessors contributing to increased opportunities for connection of young people and physical and mental health outcomes. Funding supports the cost of participating in training.</p>
<p><b>Ocean Mind - \$25,000</b> A local community organisation providing therapeutic surf programs for young people aged 8-18 years that are experiencing multiple issues and disadvantages in their lives.</p>	<p>To deliver additional surf therapy placements for young people. Funding supports the salaries of staff including facilitators.</p>
<p><b>Reach Foundation - \$20,000</b> A health promotion organisation that delivers positive and preventative mental health programs to support young people to develop the social and emotional skills they need to be resilient, make positive life choices and fulfil their potential.</p>	<p>To deliver a school-based wellbeing program consisting of 14 workshops to students at Northern Bay P-12 College. Funding supports the salaries of program facilitators.</p>
<p><b>Read The Play - \$40,000</b> A mental health awareness organisation aiming to improve the mental health literacy and help-seeking behaviours of young people through fun, interactive games-based sessions at their sporting club.</p>	<p>To expand the Read The Play mental health program to new sporting codes beyond netball and football. Funding will support the Project Coordinator salary.</p>
<p><b>Sports Challenge Australia - \$10,500</b> An evidence-based organisation offering a world first experiential mentoring program, using sports and problem solving activities to encourage young people to use their full potential in all areas of their lives.</p>	<p>To deliver a sports-based physical and mental health program to at risk students at Geelong East Primary. Funding supports the salaries of program facilitators.</p>
<b>CONNECTION AND BELONGING</b>	
<p><b>Bluebird Foundation - \$40,000</b> A Geelong-based community arts organisation delivering quality arts programs that make a real difference in people's lives.</p>	<p>To deliver the North Children's Choir that provides a high-quality music education for children who experience disadvantage and contributes to educational attainment. Funding supports the salaries of Choir Directors and other program expenditure.</p>
<p><b>Cloverdale Community Centre - \$47,000</b> <i>(auspice for the Real Deal Alliance) (\$47,000 Year 1, \$30,000 Year 2)</i> A neighbourhood house in Corio delivering a range of programs and activities that support individual and communal expression, social and cultural interaction and personal growth.</p>	<p>To support a community led alliance The Real Deal Geelong Alliance addressing policy priorities in the areas of housing, employment and care and connection. Funding supports the salary of the Community Organisation.</p>

<p><b>Making Waves - \$15,000</b> A volunteer-based organisation that challenges and supports young people with disability or experiencing social challenges, to further personal growth and potential through sailing-based activities.</p>	<p>To deliver the Winds of Joy, Winds of Change and Winds of Strength programs to people with disability and disadvantaged and at-risk young people. Funding supports the salary of the Community Engagement Officer and other program delivery costs.</p>
<p><b>Norlane Community Initiatives - \$50,000</b> A placed-based community development organisation that works alongside residents in Corio and Norlane to help create healthy, sustainable and inclusive neighbourhoods where everyone can thrive.</p>	<p>To develop three local commons in Corio and Norlane that foster social connection and reduce social isolation. Funding supports the salaries of key staff members.</p>
<p><b>The Power In You Project - \$30,000</b> A community organisation supporting people experiencing mental ill-health and/or addiction and those who've had involvement in the justice system.</p>	<p>To deliver the New Directions Justice program that supports individuals affected by the criminal justice system to make a positive and lasting change in their lives, and to reduce recidivism in the Geelong community. Funding supports the salaries of the program facilitators and a forensic psychologist.</p>
<b>FAMILY SUPPORT</b>	
<p><b>Bravehearts - \$10,000</b> <i>(including \$5,000 contributed from Highton Rotary Club)</i> A national children's for-purpose organisation dedicated to the prevention of child sexual assault.</p>	<p>To deliver the Ditto Keep Safe Adventure Program that helps children to identify warning signs and create help seeking behaviours to address child sexual abuse. Funding supports the salaries of the Geelong based Coordinator and Facilitator.</p>
<p><b>Meli - \$50,000</b> <i>(\$50,000 Year 1, up to \$50,000 Year 2)</i> A newly formed Victorian for-purpose organisation (merging of BCYF and Bethany) committed to strengthening communities through supporting people.</p>	<p>To deliver a Young Men's Behaviour Change Program for men aged 18-25 years to prevent instances of family violence. Funding supports the salary of the Specialist Men's Practitioner and Family Safety Contact.</p>
<p><b>The Empowerment Challenge - \$30,000</b> A Geelong-based community organisation that provides younger mums with a safe space to feel empowered, connected, respected and valued.</p>	<p>To deliver a mobile mums and bubs group for young mums (age 16+). Funding supports the salary of the Program Coordinator and Peer Support Worker</p>
<p><b>The Sexual Assault &amp; Family Violence Centre – \$48,000</b> <i>(Year 2 of a 2 year grant)</i> A specialist sexual assault &amp; family violence organisation. Their vision is for a community free from sexual assault and family violence, and a society underpinned by the principles of gender equality, social justice and human rights.</p>	<p>To deliver the 'Respect Starts Here' program. A two-year project supporting 3 football and netball clubs to take action to promote gender equality and address violence against women. Activities include gender equality needs assessment, action plans, and active bystander training workshops to empower members to speak up against sexist, homophobic, and discriminatory attitudes.</p>
<p><b>Tiny Dots Early Intervention- \$40,000</b> A Geelong-based for-purpose organisation providing assessment, referral and short-term intervention services to infants and toddlers at significant risk of disability or developmental delay.</p>	<p>To deliver assessment and therapy for children at risk of disability or developmental delay, who due to financial, educational and other barriers, would otherwise be unable to access assessment and therapy. Funding supports the salaries</p>
<b>LIFE SKILLS</b>	
<p><b>Riding for the Disabled – Barwon - \$5,000</b> A volunteer-based community organisation providing safe riding lessons for children with a diverse range of disabilities in the Barwon Region.</p>	<p>To deliver an equine based- horse riding therapy project to children with disability. Funding supports the purchase of new riding helmets.</p>

## OTHER GRANT INITIATIVES

<b>2023 P500 GRANTS</b>	
<p><b>P500 Grant Recipient</b>  <b>Tiny Dots Early Intervention - \$79,000</b>            A Geelong-based for-purpose organisation providing assessment, referral and short-term intervention services to infants and toddlers at significant risk of disability or developmental delay.</p>	<p>To expand the Community Care Clinics from fortnightly to weekly and to deliver community awareness raising activities to education and medical professionals. Funding supports the salary of Community Engagement professional and therapists delivering screening clinics.</p>
<p><b>P500 Shortlisted Organisation</b>  <b>Cherished Pets - \$1,000</b>            An Ocean Grove based for-purpose organisation that focuses on the Human Animal Bond as a tool for improving the health and wellbeing of people and communities.</p>	<p>To deliver an integrated veterinary social work program that supports the human animal bond. Funding supports the provision of flexible pet care funding packages.</p>
<p><b>P500 Shortlisted Organisation</b>  <b>Making Waves- \$1,000</b>            A volunteer-based organisation that challenges and supports young people with disability or experiencing social challenges, to further personal growth and potential through sailing-based activities.</p>	<p>To deliver the Winds of Joy, Winds of Change and Winds of Strength programs to people with disability and disadvantaged and at-risk young people. Funding supports the salary of the Community Engagement Officer and other program delivery costs.</p>
<b>EMERGENCY GRANT</b>	
<p><b>Northern Futures - \$30,000</b>            A community organisation dedicated to addressing disadvantage in Geelong's northern suburbs by creating pathways into employment for individuals who are disengaged from education and work.</p>	<p>To support the core operations of Northern Futures and the delivery of programs that provide pathways to employment.</p>
<b>STUDENT SUPPORT</b>	
<p><b>The Gordon Scholarships - \$10,000</b>            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. Five \$2,000 scholarships are provided.</p>
<p><b>Back to School Program - \$55,000</b>            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>\$50 Target Vouchers and \$100 JB Hi-Fi Vouchers distributed to primary &amp; secondary Schools. The Foundation in partnership with FRRR, the Glover Foundation and several other supporters provides vouchers to 46 schools in the Geelong Region based on the scale of educational advantage.</p> <p>The Foundation contributed \$55,000 which is leveraged through FRRR to receive 2,100 \$50 Target vouchers and 130 \$100 JB Hi-Fi Vouchers totaling \$118,000.</p>