

2025-26 City of Greater Geelong Community Strengthening Grants - recipients

Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Total Recommended \$
Bay Leaf Community Kitchen Incorporated	Bay Leaf Kitchen Community Thrive Day	Bay Leaf Community Thrive Day provides financially vulnerable families with access to expert advice, practical skills, and tailored support, empowering independence and strengthening community resilience	5,800
Bell Post Hill Football & Netball Club	Bell Post Hill Football & Netball Club 50-year Celebration	Bell Post Hill FNC celebrates its 50th anniversary with a family day, recognising the past, present and future, supporting inclusion and strengthening community belonging.	3,800
Bellarine Community Health	The Kinder Kit: Empowering Early Childhood Services	Empowering early childhood services to be healthier, more equitable places for all, by upskilling educators and sharing resources that support good health & wellbeing.	9,700
Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria	Creating a Splash: Capacity building to deliver blind / low vision activities in Geelong	Develop capacity of local recreation facilities to deliver aquatic activities for people with vision loss. Linking people with vision loss and providing training to staff.	9,590
Bluebird Foundation	arTIKulate	arTIKulate encourages young people to explore through art, the effects of social media, particularly antisocial expressions of masculinity, on mental health and social relationships.	8,725
Brazilian Association of Greater Geelong Inc.	Together We Grow: Community Strengthening Program 2025–26	Year-round women’s circles, wellness workshops and skills evenings that reduce isolation, get people active, and strengthen multicultural connections across Greater Geelong.	3,100
Drysdale Bambinos Community Playgroup	Strengthening Families on the Bellarine	Expanding Drysdale Bambinos Playgroup with inclusive resources and cultural celebrations, to reduce isolation, challenge rigid gender norms, foster belonging, and support children’s wellbeing and development.	5,800

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Flowwa Friends Inc.	Dandelion Penpal Exchange among "Friends-To-Be" : Sow Creativity. Spread Hope. Grow Roots.	Innovative and expressive 'blind' penpal exchange and mindful art-making get-togethers fostering connection, wellbeing and intergenerational, cross-cultural empathy through expressive art, storytelling and shared reflection.	8,550
Friends for Good Inc.	Seen and Supported: Youth Voices on Loneliness	Inclusive in-person and online workshops where young people connect, with creativity as the vehicle to build belonging, share experiences, and raise awareness of supports.	10,000
Geelong Area Multiple Birth Association (GAMBA)	Sports for kids of multiples	A combination of active activities, dancing and gymnastic classes that promote active lifestyles and socialisation for children of multiples and their parents.	1,640
Geelong Arts Centre	Time to Thrive Dance	Facilitated by Jessica Lesosky, Time to Thrive engages senior citizens of all abilities in the Geelong and surrounding regions through movement and dance.	10,000
Geelong Iranian Society	Regular Community Gathering	Community gatherings designed to engage both established community members and newly arrived families.	4,500
Geelong Saints Hockey Club	Stick with Hockey	To increase the participation of juniors, 7-12 years old, in hockey, with a particular focus on female players from low socio-economic areas.	2,980
Geelong Scottish Dance	A Scottish Afternoon	Our project aims to bring the Scottish culture to the wider community through highland dancing displays, a pipe band and Scottish country dancing.	3,500

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Geelong West Neighbourhood House Inc.	Valued Volunteering	The project will develop a robust framework, along with the accompanying activities and resources, to embed an inclusive and sustainable community volunteer program at GWNH.	10,000
Geelong Youth Choir Inc.	Community Workshop & Performance Program	This initiative brings together students from local schools for two weekend workshops and a performance, igniting interest in community singing and building GYC's annual program.	10,000
German Karneval Society Geelong	Heritage in Harmony: German Cultural Series	Heritage in Harmony is a series of German cultural events featuring authentic food, live music, and festive traditions for the whole community to enjoy.	8,913
Grovedale Neighbourhood House	Kitchen Connect - Cooking with our Community	Cooking courses for community members; aiming to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed to prepare healthy, affordable meals for themselves and their families.	2,892
Hope Bereavement Services Inc.	Strategic Planning for Sustainable Grief Support Services	Conduct a Strategic Review in Hope's 40th year to ensure the continued provision of healing, grief services building resilience, and connection bringing people together.	9,750
Indented Head Yacht Club	Tackers and OutThere Sailing for Indented Head teens	IHYC intends to host the Tackers & OutThere Sailing program for local teens, aged 12 - 17.	8,000
Leisure Networks	Splash Together Learn to Swim Program - Advancing Inclusive Water Safety Education	Splash Together will deliver water familiarisation programs for culturally diverse women to foster gender equity and promote inclusion through shared aquatic experiences.	4,545

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Leopold Community & Learning Centre	The Fresh Plate	A series of seasonal cooking workshops that inspire healthy eating, food security and community connection, includes information on growing seasonal food, recipes, demonstrations and tastings.	7,720
Murnong Community Garden Inc.	Community Gardens free workshops	Three Community Gardens collaborating to provide a free workshop series to the combined communities covering The Circular Economy, Productive Food growing and Growing Bush Tucker.	1,236
Portarlington Neighbourhood House	Mid-Winter Bush Dance at Parks Hall	A Mid-Winter Bush Dance will bring different ages and backgrounds together for a fun and inclusive evening. A free community event for all.	3,503
Reink Australia	Move Together: Swim & Gym for Wellbeing	Reink will engage marginalised communities in co-designed free swim and gym sessions at local leisure centres, to improve physical health, mental health and social connection.	9,950
Soroptimists International of Geelong	Waves of Confidence	Waves of Confidence provides culturally inclusive swimming lessons for refugee and multicultural women, building water safety, confidence, and wellbeing through 15 weeks of women-only classes.	2,090
St Leonards Progress Association Inc	One hundred years of the St Leonards Memorial Hall	The 100 year Memorial Hall history project shares and documents stories about the hall's origins and continuing place in the St Leonards community.	9,120
The Antifragile Movement	Strengthening community between people living with mental health related disabilities.	Expanding the utilization of art to inspire and enable empowerment of people living with mental health related disabilities in the Geelong region.	10,000

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The Good Neighbourhood Project	People & Pancakes: Cultivating Community Connections at Labuan Square	Weekly pancake morning teas with rotating activities (art, trivia, games, sport) to revitalise Labuan Square, build neighbourly connections, and create a safe, welcoming space.	3,810
The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre	Geelong Candlelight Vigil Forum	Geelong Candlelight Vigil Forum gathers our community, honouring women and children tragically killed by family violence, to share stories of strength and inspire meaningful change.	10,000
Wombat's Wish Inc.	Strategic Planning and 21st Birthday	Developing a strategic business plan for Wombat's Wish to achieve objectives and maintain excellent governance and financial forecasting, 21st Birthday celebrations as a charity.	4,000
Total			203,214