2024-25 Healthy & Connected Communities Grants - Project Grants Recipients

Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Total Recommended $
Are-able Limited	are-able Rock Geelong Music Group	are-able Rock Geelong Music Group is an all-abilities music group where you can unleash your inner rock star!	2,250
Barwon Disability Housing Network	Barwon Disability Housing Networking (BDHN) Information Sessions	The BDHN provides information and networking sessions to people living with disability and their careers in the Barwon Region focusing on housing	3,300
Bellarine Bicycle Users Group	Bellarine Coastal Connections Website	In consultation with cycling and walking groups, create an interactive website to promote existing routes and build support for more shared trails across the Bellarine.	7,900
Belmont Croquet Club	World Croquet Day 2025 Come and Try Promotion	Our aim is to engage community members in a healthy, sporting pursuit, suited to all ages and genders, via the Belmont Croquet Club.	2,941
Croatian Cultural Association Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac Inc.	20th Anniversary Celebration event	The CCA 20th Anniversary Gala event including meals, band, folkloric group, wine, sausage tastings to celebrate contribution, connection to Croatian and wider community.	2,500
Deadly Sports Plus Aboriginal Corporation	Free First Aid Courses for Aboriginal Community members	Providing HLTAID011 First Aid training and a small first aid kit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.	10,000
Drysdale Primary School	Drysdale Primary School Celebrating 150 Years 2025	Drysdale Primary School Celebrating 150 years (1875 – 2025) connecting with the community by publishing a booklet of our shared community history.	6,000
Drysdale-Clifton Springs Pickleball Club	Promoting Active Aging: Prioritising Injury Prevention and Wellness in Pickleball	Drysdale Clifton Springs Pickleball Club will launch an Injury Prevention campaign, promoting player safety, skill enhancement, game enjoyment, and community awareness of the game's benefits.	8,366

Friends for Good Inc	Bloom and Connect: Empowering Expectant Parents	'"Bloom and Connect" provides social connection for expectant mothers in Armstrong Creek, fostering friendships, increasing resilience, and easing the transition into parenthood.	8,199
Geelong Area Multiple Birth Association (GAMBA)	Wellness for Families of Multiples	A wellness program focusing on mental health support through a mental health first aid course, peer connection and physical exercise classes for families of multiples.	9,048
Geelong Gallery Limited	Geelong Gallery Volunteer Engagement Program	Enhance volunteer resources through training and professional development to further foster social connection, inclusion, cultural safety, and lifelong learning at Geelong Gallery.	8,438
Geelong Karen Community Association	Sport Tournament	Sports tournament including Karen traditional sport and other sports to see the community come together and socialise as well as enjoying the tournament.	4,070
Geelong One Fire Reconciliation group	Wangala Balit Ngarrwa 2025	Wangala Balit Ngarrwa: to make knowledge strong, is a local First Nations led project to build young people's leadership of reconciliation across Greater Geelong.	8,125
Geelong Pickleball Club inc	Totally Pickled Come & Try	To introduce the sport of Pickleball to the Geelong community through a series of Come and Try opportunities culminating in tournament and ongoing playing opportunities.	9,520
Geelong Pride Volunteer Action Group	GPC	A community connection group Geelong Pride Centre GPC advocate for better outcomes for LGBTIQA+ addressing specific needs and fostering a more inclusive supportive community.	5,000
Geelong West Neighbourhood House Inc	Healthy Ageing Talks	Presentations by local health experts to inform older adults on health topics to support active, healthy living, followed by the establishment of peer support groups.	9,900

Geelong Western Beach Boat Club Inc	Western Beach Boat Club Community Celebration	The WBBC will celebrate its official 70th anniversary in May 2025 by a community open day and history booklet, for the wider community.	2,100
Leopold Community & Learning Centre	'Use it or Lose it'	Strength & Conditioning Exercise Classes and Pilates-Core & Balance Exercise Classes.- designed for those who want to grow stronger, healthier, more active and independent.	9,420
Multicultural Community Services Geelong Inc. Trading as CULTURA	Refugee Week Celebration	Cultura Refugee Week Celebration will be a celebration of new and emerging communities and include music, dancing, singing, food and stories of resilience and settlement.	9,993
Nigerian Association of Geelong Inc	Geelong Afro Night	The Nigeria Association of Geelong will host an African night event to showcase cultural heritage and performances from different countries in Africa.	10,000
Norlane Community Initiatives	Norlane Neighbourhood Meals: Volunteer Empowerment for Sustained Food Security and Social Connection	Development of a volunteer strategy for sustaining community meals in Norlane, improving food security, social connections, and active participation.	10,000
Northern Bay College P-12	Harmony Day Multicultural Exhibition 3214	A celebration of the many cultures that make up the Northern Bay College community through engaging students to showcase various sports, foods and creative endeavours.	8,700
Ocean Grove Pickleball Club	Seniors Skills Coaching Clinic	To provide specific coaching to individual senior Pickleball players in the Geelong Region to improve confidence, physical skills and emotional wellbeing.	3,650
Platform Arts Inc.	YOOKAPA Community Connection	This project provides opportunities for new members to connect with the YOOKAPA Artist Collective and explore First Nations arts practices in a culturally safe environment.	5,250
Polish Community Association in Geelong Inc.	Inter-generational Connectedness via Polish Cuisine	Promoting inter-generational connectedness by inviting Polish seniors to conduct Polish cooking classes for our younger generation, using the Club's unused commercial kitchen.	4,350

Portarlington Senior Citizens Centre Incorporated	Port Senior Citizens Birthday celebration	A luncheon for the clubs birthday with entertainment.	2,650
Rainbow Cricket Geelong	Queer Cricket: All gender social cricket competition	A social cricket competition designed to encourage LGBTIQA+ people of all genders to participate in sport by removing gendered barriers that exist in traditional competitions.	3,100
Reclink Australia	Connect Geelong: Fostering inclusion and hope through community recreation	Reclink will engage diverse communities in co-designed free sport and recreation programs to improve physical health, mental health and social wellbeing of the target populations.	8,550
Sri Lankan Association in Geelong Inc	Sri Lankan New Year Celebration 2025	Culturally appropriate Sri Lankan Sinhala & Tamil New Year celebrations with Sri Lankan expatriates in Geelong.	5,900
The Compassionate Friends Victoria	TCFV Geelong Grief Support Expansion	We will enhance holistic support for bereaved Geelong families, trauma support for group leaders, a promotional video, and informational magnets to enhance referrals.	10,000
The Lounge International Student Centre Geelong	The International Student Lounge Cook & Connect Program	To proactively educate and socially connect international students in Geelong through a range of cooking and nutrition workshops at The Lounge International Student Centre.	10,000
Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative	Art Therapy Program	A facilitated art therapy program for community to come together, connect and heal through art and culture.	10,000
Zonta Club 0f Geelong Inc	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence	This is a specific focused campaign aimed at increasing the awareness of the need to combat domestic violence.	2,000
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2024-25 Healthy & Connected Communities Grants - Equipment Grants Recipients

Applicant	Equipment Title	Total Recommended $
Australian Slovenian Cultural & Sports Association "Ivan Cankar" Geelong Inc	Kitchen stand mixer and electric cordless chainsaw & pruner	2,000
Badminton Geelong	Sporting equipment for our all abilities and juniors teams	1,900
Barwon Heads - 13th Beach S.L.S.C Incorporated	3 Soft Nipper Boards	1,750
Barwon Soccer Club	Barwon Soccer Club goals for 46 Junior teams.	2,000
Days for Girls Australia Limited Waurn Ponds Group	Sewing machines	1,000
Dragons Abreast Geelong	CoxBox Mini System for Dragon Boats	1,960
Mount Duneed Playgroup	Playgroup resources	1,800
Fight Cancer Foundation - Recycle Shop	Kitchen and cleaning equipment	1,890
Geelong Archers	Timing and warning equipment	2,000
Geelong Numismatic Society	Portable projector stand, extension cords x 2 and powerbank, ohs cable covers	1,400
Geelong Prostate Support group	Laptop computer	1,800
Geelong Rangers Soccer and Sports Club	Food storage fridge	2,000
Hair Aid Inc.	Hairdressing equipment	1,655
Leopold Football Netball Club	Leopold Football Netball Club defibrillator	1,630

Norlane West Scout Group	Satellite communicators and UHF CB handhelds	2,000
Ocean Grove Sporting Club Inc	Court squeegees	600
OneHope Baptist Church	First Nations toys and equipment for playgroup	2,000
Portarlington Harmonica Band	Balance of sound system	2,000
Portarlington Neighbourhood House	Chairs	1,860
Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre	Defibrillator	1,630
Second Lara Scout Group	Sporting equipment	850
The Geelong Concert Band Inc.	Bass guitar amplifier	1,850
Uniting Vic Tas Limited	Freezer	1,600
Vines Road Community Centre	Boardroom and office equipment	870
Waurn Ponds Deakin Cricket Club	Electronic scoreboard	2,000
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