



## 2021 Reconnection and Recovery Grants Awarded

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Awarded	Project Summary
Sojourners Church	Community Playgroups	\$5,000	To provide community playgroups for families in Werribee to connect with parents of young children whilst building relationships amongst the groups and providing a space to care and support the children and parents attending.
Christmas at the Lakes	Christmas At the Lakes - Connecting Our Community	\$5,000	A community event providing an opportunity for attendees to re-engage and reconnect with others in the community, which will support the community to recover. The event is open to all multi-cultural groups and supports local performing artists, sporting and service clubs.
Nga Matai Purua Inc.	Waiata Waananga by Breanne Peters	\$4,930.97	An 8-week Maori musical theory program where participants will learn about composition and musical theory, then showcase their creations to friends and family at the conclusion of the program. It is envisaged as a safe and effective way to reconnect and reactivate the Maori community in Wyndham.
DBSV (Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria)	Happy family Happy Women	\$5,000	A program for young mothers and their children aimed at creating an inclusive community that nurtures the wellbeing of all young mothers through dance and music.

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Deakin University Australia	An Action-based Learning Program with Chinese Grandparents	\$4,930.80	Workshops and playgroups facilitated in local preschool services for Chinese grandparents to re-establish connections with their grandchildren and participate in activities designed to increase wellbeing.
Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Association Inc.	Shrimad Bhagwat Katha 2021	\$2,500	A community cultural event over seven consecutive days that will celebrate, explain and share the Hindu culture, promote interfaith harmony, and incorporate many activities supporting people's wellbeing, including fun activities for kids.
MacKillop Family Services	Sing and Grow Music Therapy Group	\$5,000	Group programs in accessible Wyndham venues in collaboration with community organisations for families to participate in hands-on music activities over eight weeks. The program is aimed at supporting children with acquiring and progressing developmental skills and to extend parenting skills in relating to children through interactive play.
Werribee Hockey Club	Inclusive Hockey Programme	\$5,000	A sporting program for all Wyndham residents in a safe, vibrant and welcoming environment. Participants will make lasting friendships, develop communication skills and work together to build a stronger, healthier, happier, and safer community.
South West Foundations Ltd.	Community Relief Program	\$4,500	This project aims to equip people who have lost their jobs during Covid-19 through resume writing, providing interview tips and connecting to different job agencies. The project will be undertaken in partnership with South West training services in the local community.
Telugu Association of Australia Inc.	Women Empowerment Workshop	\$4,907.60	A hybrid event which will cover focus areas such as family harmony, mental health, parenting and cyber hygiene in homes. The workshop will include experts discussing the focus areas, panel discussions, a dance workshop and meal to connect and energise participants.
ParKanDo	ParKanDo Connect & Move - Strength & Balance Program	\$4,668	To meet the diverse and evolving needs of seniors and people impacted by chronic illness ParKanDo, partnering with Victoria University, will offer strength and balance classes simultaneously online and face-to-face. The program will enable participants to reconnect and reduce isolation while improving physical and psychological wellbeing.

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Iramoo Community Centre	The Coming Together Project	\$5,000	The Coming Together Project will provide affordable opportunities for disadvantaged families living in Wyndham and is aimed at assisting our community by providing access to free or low-cost educational workshops and programs.
Essence Productions	Say it Out Loud	\$5,000	A pilot 8-week program that targets 'at risk' youths using creative performing arts to offer skill and confidence building activities for participants. The process of developing a play will encourage courage, resilience, empathy and trust through working in a small supportive team.
Seniors Journey Inc.	Seniors Connection	\$3,550	The project will establish various social activity groups with the purpose of socially connecting and empowering seniors with new interests and hobby skills, including gardening, fishing, calligraphy, senior music busking, dancing, Tai chi etc. with the aim to increase community participation in community and hobby groups.
Encompass Community Services	International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) - Encompass Art Competition 2021	\$4,950	Encompass Art Competition 2021 is a 2-day Art Gallery Exhibit to be held in Wyndham in support of the International Day of People with Disability Celebration. The event will reconnect and encourage increased participation of people living with a disability within the greater Wyndham community through arts.
Bengali Society of Melbourne Inc.	Kali Puja & Deepawali 2021	\$4,000	An event to celebrate Kali Puja and Diwali festivals to support cultural integration for the multicultural community of Wyndham.
Bridge Builders for Australasia Inc. (BBFA)	Wyndhamvision 2021 Singing Competition - Singing Our Way to Recovery	\$5,000	A singing contest designed to reconnect Wyndham's youth from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to the community. The aim is to let the youth sing their way to recovery and bring hope to a community that has been stalled by the COVID 19 pandemic.
Little River Mechanics Institute and Library Inc.	Welcome to Little River - Reconnection and Recovery Support for Community Activities	\$2,530	To reconnect the community with the re-establishment and promotion of a number of community activities such as "Welcome to Litter River", "Welcoming Wednesdays", "Little River Share" and a Mother's Day event in partnership with Wyndham Women's Support Group.

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Pilipino Unified Support Organisation Inc.	75th Philippines-Australia Friendship Day Celebration	\$5,000	A festival for different Filipino communities to come together to celebrate the 75th Philippines-Australia Friendship Day, which will include food stalls, bands and entertainers from different multicultural communities as well as job fair for new arrivals, refugees, asylum seekers, international students and other community members wanting information about jobs.
Tamilar Inc.	Meendum Inaivom, Coronavai Agathil Kollvom (Let Us Meet Again, Let Us Keep Corona at Bay)	\$5,000	A series of programs such as connecting senior citizens to peers in their community, leadership roles during difficult times and many more. The aim of these programs is to reconnect those in the Tamilar community to the wider Wyndham community and to support community recovery and strengthen the community's ability to support each other.
Committee for Wyndham Inc.	Reconnect & Recover through Strong Leadership	\$5,000	To deliver a series of online leadership sessions focussed on enabling Wyndham people from business, community, sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations to be those who will step forward, accept responsibility and help drive the Wyndham community through these difficult pandemic and post-pandemic times to help forge a strong future.
M-Power Community Services Inc.	Multicultural Connectiveness Gateway	\$5,000	A project to bring women from diverse backgrounds in the Wyndham community together to share experiences and ideas and to support each another. The event will bring together different community groups to teach cultural dances, to cook cultural meals, and learn how to create jewellery using recycled materials focusing on aboriginal and other cultural designs.
Werribee Giants Baseball Club	Reconnect Wyndham Residents through Fun Activities with Werribee Giants Baseball	\$4,249	A project to connect with Wyndham residents including those who are suffering any disabilities and/or disadvantage and provide an opportunity for them to become part of the Werribee Giants baseball family. As a sporting club we are wanting to assist in the recovery of our community through sports.
Quantin Binnah Community Centre	Mental Wellbeing Support for Parents and Carers with Children Post COVID	\$5,000	A five-week workshop to provide practical support for parents and carers with children experiencing ongoing mental health challenges attributed to the impact of COVID. The workshops are designed to enhance the understanding of children's mental health and provide possible strategies to assist in the navigation of relationship issues.

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Virgin Mary Mosque	Community Communication and Reconnection Workshops	\$5,000	A project to educate the community to use digital communication tools to stay connected and share important information with their loved ones and their community during and following the COVID pandemic. The project will also offer the local community personal development skills through targeted workshops to engage the community and help them be productive, helpful and stay positive in the community.
Life Saving Victoria	Sink or Swim - An Aquatic Survival Program for Wyndham Youth	\$4,973	The Sink or Swim (SorS) program aims to reduce the number of aquatic related injuries and drowning deaths in Victoria through aquatic education. This program focuses on teaching Wyndham youth how to identify potential dangers thereby empowering them to make safe choices in and around aquatic environments.
Wyndham Community and Education Centre Inc.	The Peace Choir Project - Singing for Reconnection, Resilience and Social Inclusion	\$5,000	Wyndham Community and Education Centre Inc. will collaborate with Play it Forward (Aust) to engage our diverse community in an inclusive community choir project. Through the project, participants will create an original musical composition that will help the community to reconnect and recover from COVID and promote inclusion.
The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian branch, Tarneit Scout Group	Scouts Supporting Connected Communities	\$5,000	Tarneit Scout Group has recently opened and will be running a once-off leadership training program for nine parents. The program aims to help community members reconnect after the pandemic by upskilling the volunteers with highly transferable skills to deliver valuable programs and services to the wider Wyndham area.
Jet Australia Foundation Ltd.	Reconnection with the Community through Veggie Garden	\$5,000	To provide an opportunity for Community Language School children, parents, volunteers and the wider Wyndham Community to learn about growing vegetables and beneficial flowering plants and to volunteer whilst providing free veggie plants and beneficial flowering plants to the wider community.
Comfort Care Foundation Inc.	Youth Reconnect	\$5,000	A program that will encourage local disadvantaged youth to come together in a supportive environment to share issues and develop a support network and sense of community.
WYNFM Community Radio Inc.	WYNFM Reconnects	\$2,320	WYNFM is wanting to reconnect to the community through broadcasting and promote the opportunities WYNFM offers through a well-designed and functional social media platform as well as train volunteers to keep WYNFM functioning and playing a role in supporting and providing important information to the community during and after the pandemic.

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Activate Youth Inc.	BOOST: Mental Health & Skill Training Workshops (BOOST-MHSTW)	\$5,000	To establish the BOOST-MHSTW program for the youth and wider community by engaging them in social activities, organised peer-support systems, professional wellbeing consultations, and skill workshop training, ultimately advancing inclusion amongst the community, especially after COVID via the promotion of skill-based training and mental wellbeing.
Universal Multicultural Advancement Inc.	Mezban Festival	\$4,500	A social festival of the Chittagong region of Bangladesh to help reconnect the community. The host is called Mezban in Persian and Mezban means hosting or arranging a feast for the guests. Mezban is held on the occasions of death or death anniversary, birth-anniversary, own-successes, business-launching, housewarming or invite after any Big Festival.
Virgin Mary Mosque	Victorian Mosque Open Day	\$5,000	An open day for all the community in an effort to develop a friendly, neighbourly, and cohesive community environment. It is also an opportunity for the broader community to experience firsthand our religious and cultural practices.
Victorian Bangladeshi Community Foundation	VBCF South Asian Communities Live and Virtual GYM	\$5,000	To develop an online multicultural live and virtual gym for all the South Asian Communities living in Wyndham to support their health and wellbeing issues. This virtual gym will include information and content for other online activities like discussion forums, videos, audios about lifestyle, general fitness and wellbeing.
Pacific Community Australia	Road to Recovery	\$4,200	A cultural festival that promotes and celebrates Pacific Islander culture that will be complimented on an ongoing basis by a community garden. These activities will support the social and emotional wellbeing of the community by reconnecting them and by providing a shared space to network and build supportive relationships.
Multicultural Seniors Association of Victoria	Diwali Celebration	\$3,000	An event to celebrate Diwali, a day of enormous cultural and religious significance to both Hindus and Sikhs, which will include a focus on understanding the needs of migrant communities to feel connected to the broader Wyndham community whilst proudly maintaining their sense of identity and culture.
Hindu Dharma Community of Melbourne (HDCM)	HDCM (Hindu Dharma Community of Melbourne) - Reconnect 2021	\$2,050	Face to face and online events to reconnect the Hindu community to the wider Wyndham community. The aim is to bring the most linguistically isolated groups together and attempt to address their concerns and help to gain mental wellbeing with the engagement from health professionals.

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Australian Malayalee Islamic Association (AMIA)	AMIA Community Camp	\$3,000	A one day workshop intended to improve the mental and physical wellbeing of community members, especially after COVID lock downs, that will include motivational speeches, games and other activities that help in creating a sense of belonging within the community and that create hopes for the future.
Westpoint Soccer Club	Bringing Soccer Back to Point Cook	\$2,666.30	To provide coaching lessons for parents/volunteers to help them coach young players aged from 7 to 15 years old whilst making friends and supportive relationships with each other in these unique times. <b>Dates:</b> 01/07/2021 - 01/10/2021 <b>Location:</b> Football Victoria
Telugu Ladies Club (TLC)	We Connect	\$4,688	A lady only event that connects Telugu women in the Wyndham area. The event will provide a platform to share information, network, learn from each other and have "my time" while having fun with friends.
Mama Destiny Inc.	Health Promotion Program for Congolese People in Western Melbourne	\$2,700	A health promotion program aimed at mid-life and older Congolese-Australian residents in Wyndham and surrounds.
Wyndham Park Community Centre	Connecting Community beyond Covid	\$4,600	A collaborative project between Wyndham Park Community Centre and Wyndham Women's Support Group to re-build social connections between women from culturally and linguistically diverse women post COVID. Multiple programs will be delivered over a 12-month period in and around the centre that will strengthen connections.
Yidnekachew Tessema Social Soccer Club	Re-connecting the Ethiopian Community through a Sporting Festival in Wyndham.	\$4,666	A program aimed to assist Wyndham community members to reconnect through engaging sports and other activities within a culturally appropriate program intended to support residents of Ethiopian ancestry. The activities will endeavour to motivate people and create community connection opportunities designed to increase participation in community activities thereby increasing networks and strengthening relationships.