

# 2023-2024 Large Grants Awarded

<b>Applicant</b>	Left Write Hook Ltd
<b>Activity Title</b>	Left Write Hook: Take back your power through creative writing and boxing.
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Left Write Hook is a peer-led, research-informed 8-week creative writing and trauma-informed boxing program. We help victim/survivors of gendered violence to rewrite their narratives and reclaim their bodies through physical and creative means. Our model connects participants with community resources to provide a low-cost, accessible and trauma responsive service.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/11/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Black Dog BoxFit, Elm Park Drive, Hoppers Crossing
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$21,880

<b>Applicant</b>	Melbourne Bengali Association (MELBA) Inc
<b>Activity Title</b>	DURGA PUJA - SPRING COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2024
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The Spring Festival -Durga Puja signifies triumph of good by destruction of evil, celebrated by spreading joy through cultural events involving several communities irrespective of race, religion, ethnicity with strong focus on racial harmony and multiculturalism. Preparations take place for a few months partnering with several community groups.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	11/10/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	13/10/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Riverbend Primary School, Wyndham Vale
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$15,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Essence Theatre Productions
<b>Activity Title</b>	The Yellow Line
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The Yellow Line project engages intergenerational age groups in Wyndham with performing arts, providing training, reimbursement, and on-stage experiences. Centred on a true story of a local Pasifika prison guard, it fosters community learning and nurtures creative courage among youth, aiding them in addressing pressing societal issues through unique voices.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	06/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	08/03/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Wyndham Cultural Centre but also other venues post first run.
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$39,901

<b>Applicant</b>	African Development Centre
<b>Activity Title</b>	Creating New Pathways in Wyndham's Youth African Community
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The African Development Centre aims to reduce weapon crime focusing on the reported increase of knife use in society by youth from any national background. The project will give young people a sense of connection to the local community through Ubuntu Principles, which include respect and human dignity, to support building new pathways for young people in the Wyndham community.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	20/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	04/07/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Various locations throughout Wyndham
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$15,500

<b>Applicant</b>	Iramoo Basketball Club
<b>Activity Title</b>	Mini Moo's Early Basketball Journey
<b>Activity Summary</b>	"Mini Moos" is an engaging basketball program for 4-5-year-olds, focusing on fun, imaginative learning, and early childhood development. It fosters a love for the sport, encourages parent-child bonding, and promotes inclusivity, all while partnering with local childcare centres and seeking community support for sustainability.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/06/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Eagle Stadium
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$4,500

<b>Applicant</b>	Point Cook Cultural Community Incorporated
<b>Activity Title</b>	Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival
<b>Activity Summary</b>	To hold a spectacular Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival at the Point Cook Town Centre for approximately 15,000 visitors for the whole community to enjoy. The all-volunteer committee are planning for 80-90 performances from many cultures and Multicultural groups. The festival will include a cultural exhibition, children's entertainment, and delicious food.
<b>Event Start Date</b>	09/02/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Point Cook Town Centre
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Christmas At The Lakes
<b>Activity Title</b>	Christmas At The Lakes - Community joining together and celebrating the festive season
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Christmas At the Lakes is a fun filled family friendly day of entertainment, rides, activities and a special visit from Santa for the children. The evening completes with a brilliant firework display that really stops the whole event. The ride all day package covers all activities and rides.
<b>Event Date</b>	07/12/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Breezewater Reserve - 25 The Breezewater Point Cook
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$23,800

<b>Applicant</b>	Sustain: The Australian Food Network (Sustain)
<b>Activity Title</b>	The Wyndham Food Collective
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The Wyndham Food Collective is a collaborative initiative to establish a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable food system in Wyndham. The Collective will bring together key stakeholders from across the food system to develop and implement a shared vision for a healthier and more food secure future for Wyndham residents.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/04/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Sessions and activities will run across Wyndham and in particular from Werribee Park Heritage Orchard with Craig Castree, Wyndham Park Community Centre with Ian Fenton and the Pasifika Community Garden (Tarneit) with Tonya Toi amongst other locations to be confirmed once The Collective is established and a project plan created.
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	SisterWorks
<b>Activity Title</b>	Wyndham Welcomes: A Mobile Hub for Migrant and Refugee Women by SisterWorks
<b>Activity Summary</b>	SisterWorks Mobile Hub provides training workshops and classes to migrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking women (Sisters) throughout regional Victoria. The Hub provides opportunities for Sisters in areas where access to services is limited. These workshops and classes build and enhance Sisters' economic self-sufficiency through education, employment, and entrepreneurship opportunities.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/06/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	31/08/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Community partners venue / office
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Australian Karen Preserving & Promoting History + Cultural Association Inc
<b>Activity Title</b>	Maintain Karen Cultural Identity & Promote Healthy Wellbeing
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Teaching Karen (Pwo dialect) language literacy and cultural dances. Making Karen traditional musical instruments and weaving bamboo baskets. Recreational traditional games, social gathering activities for all ages include disable. Performances at cultural events to encourage vulnerable young people create connection spaces toward the positive choices and changed.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	04/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/04/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Youth Resource Centre, local sport and recreational grounds and BBQ outdoor spaces, event centre such as Dream building Church for the project launch
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$20,000

<b>Applicant</b>	WynBay LLEN
<b>Activity Title</b>	Cultivate 2 Care
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Cultivate 2 Care is a community project designed to engage students in horticulture, hospitality and community services activities while supporting those less fortunate in their local areas. With the support of the student's school community and local community organisations this project is designed embrace change for our vulnerable community.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/04/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	The Salvation Army, Watton St. Werribee
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Werribee Islamic Centre
<b>Activity Title</b>	Eid Multicultural Festival 2024
<b>Activity Summary</b>	An Eid Festival Event that will be a lively and safe celebration of culture, uniting people from diverse backgrounds in a fun and inclusive way. It will feature traditional prayers, mouth-watering cuisine, music, and activities for all, fostering unity within our community and wider Wyndham Community.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	22/06/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/06/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	70 Wootten Road, Tarneit
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$25,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Refugee and Migrant Communities Network Inc (RMCN)
<b>Activity Title</b>	Empowering Caregivers: Enhancing Wellbeing in the Filipino-Australian Community of Wyndham
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Pilot project to deliver crucial support to caregivers within the Filipino-Australian Community to enhance their mental health and overall well-being. Undertake an initial assessment of their needs, desires and knowledge of mental health self-care. Offer tailored mental health training workshops and support, and resources including an educational video.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	31/12/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	8/215 Watton St Werribee at the Offices of Great Care, which will be providing the venue for workshops and meetings.
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$25,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Wyndham Diwali Incorporated
<b>Activity Title</b>	Wyndham Diwali - Multicultural Festival of Lights 2024
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The event will celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali in Werribee or President's Park in Wyndham Vale and over 15,000 attendees will enjoy the festivities, eating traditional sweets and food, be part of the street market experience, scintillating performances and fireworks + laser show (if feasible) as the sun goes down.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	02/11/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	09/11/2024
<b>Venue / Location</b>	President's Park, Wyndham Vale
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$30,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Wyndham Park Community Centre Incorporated
<b>Activity Title</b>	Shed for All Abilities Program
<b>Activity Summary</b>	'Shed for All Abilities' will expand our WPCS's disability offerings, increasing capacity to support 14 people/week and offering a broader range of practical skills building in woodwork, gardening and more. The program promotes agency and inclusion: building confidence, fostering essential skills, and creating a space where creativity and wellbeing thrives.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/04/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Wyndham Park Community Shed
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Life Saving Victoria
<b>Activity Title</b>	Year 3 - Aquatics Education, Skills & Participation Program for CALD Youth and Seniors
<b>Activity Summary</b>	LSV will work with the CALD community, seniors and local organisational partners to address drowning prevention, increase aquatic confidence and improve 'CALD and Senior community friendly' facilities. The project assists settlement processes for CALD groups via increased participation opportunities, improved health, wellbeing, education, employment pathways, social inclusion and community connectedness.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/07/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/06/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Multiple venues including AquaPulse, Local community centres/groups, closest foreshores
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$24,957

<b>Applicant</b>	headspace Werribee
<b>Activity Title</b>	First Nations Peer Support Project
<b>Activity Summary</b>	headspace Werribee will further support and increase capacity for the First Nations peer support program. The peer support component of the First Nations program focuses on connecting and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to feel comfortable and engage in mental health supports.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/07/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/06/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	headspace Werribee; some possibility for culturally based outreach work including to community centres
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$32,000

<b>Applicant</b>	IndianCare Inc
<b>Activity Title</b>	Stronger Families
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Will deliver Baby Makes3 program in 5 different languages for CALD communities. BM3 program is an evidence-based, award-winning initiative that builds stronger families and promotes gender-equality by influencing social norms, practices and structures. IndianCare has trained language-speaking community leaders to make BM3 workshops for parents more inclusive and culturally appropriate.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/05/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30/04/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Point Cook Community Learning Centre and a location in Werribee
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$35,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Team Sports 4 All
<b>Activity Title</b>	Entrench Team Sports 4 All in Wyndham
<b>Activity Summary</b>	TS4A has up until 2023 supported kids in Southeast Melbourne. In April 2023 we launched in Wyndham with the goal of supporting every kid in Wyndham who wants to play sport but can't afford to. Our grant application will help fund our transition from 'Phase1: Launch' to 'Phase 2: Entrench'.
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01/07/2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	31/03/2026
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Various Wyndham sporting clubs
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$40,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Victorian Cultural Association Inc
<b>Activity Title</b>	Wyndham Holi 2025
<b>Activity Summary</b>	Our objective is to spread the message of peace and harmony, celebrate through the vibrant festival of colours - Wyndham Holi and present an exquisite picture of multi-cultural Wyndham. We are celebrating our 11th year in 2025. We won State government's Meritorious award of Excellence in 2019.
<b>Event Date</b>	15/03/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Presidents Park, Wyndham Vale
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$30,000

<b>Applicant</b>	Victorian Bangladeshi Community Foundation (VBCF) Inc
<b>Activity Title</b>	International Mother Language Day 2025 in Wyndham
<b>Activity Summary</b>	The objective of this event is to celebrate International Mother Language Day 2024 with wider community by engaging bilingual community language schools/organisations/groups in Wyndham. This event will promote awareness of linguistic, cultural diversity and multilingualism in Wyndham City through networking and engagement with other bilingual community groups.
<b>Event Date</b>	22/02/2025
<b>Venue / Location</b>	Tarneit Community Learning Centre (outside carpark and inside meeting room for full day)
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$37,500