

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS

Thanks to your donations, the Give Where You Live Foundation is thrilled to announce that we will be investing over \$2 million of community contribution back into the Geelong/G2I Region this coming 2018-2019 Financial Year.

The Foundation believes that if all of people across our region receive an adequate education that enables them to transition into sustainable and sustaining employment and they are not affected by a life crisis (such as social isolation, mental health, food insecurity, homelessness and sexual assault/family violence) then generally, they won't be negatively impacted by the effects of disadvantage.

In turn, we believe this will lead to a reduction in entrenched disadvantage and greater social and economic participation across our region, so that ALL people and places thrive. As a result, these key areas (education, employment and life crisis), are where our work and funds will be directed for the greatest impact.

2018 GRANTS

In February 2018 the Foundation launched our revised grant making strategy based on our Theory of Change. This timing resulted in the running of three Grant Rounds simultaneously:

1. Community Grants (which include, Capacity, Capital Works and Equipment and Service Delivery Grants)
2. Innovation Grants
3. Community Connections Grants, which are new to the Foundation

The Foundation received 85 applications with monetary requests of almost \$3.4 million. We are pleased to announce that we have funded 42 of these applications, to the total of just over \$1.3 million.

These grants are as follows: highlighted here within their program areas of

- Live & Learn Grants
- Live & Earn Grants
- Survive & Thrive Grants
- Innovation Grants

In addition to these most recent grants the Foundation awarded grants earlier in the year through the Feed Geelong Grant Round, ENGAGE Grant Round and the TFN Grant Round.

INNOVATION GRANTS



Geelong Ethnic Communities Council

Geelong Ethnic Communities Council, trading as Diversitat \$174,996

This three-year Innovation Grant will support refugees and asylum seekers to find sustainable employment through New Futures an innovative pathway that incorporates volunteers and mentors, welcomes new arrivals via the Humanitarian Settlement program and embraces the potential of a multi-lingual workforce throughout our community.



Kids Thrive

Kids Thrive \$175,000

This three-year Innovation Grant will aim to build young people's educational engagement and trusted community networks, through supporting the Geelong Kids as Catalyst community action program, where students aged 11 to 13 years learn personal, social, enterprise and community development skills.

These skills forge local partnerships to design and lead the delivery of real-world, values-based projects to benefit their community.