



In a philanthropic response to support our community's most vulnerable people, the Give Where You Live Foundation has issued the following 37 community grants totalling just over \$916,600.

Anam Cara House Colac: \$30,000

To improve the lives of homeless and vulnerable people experiencing a chronic life limiting illness by providing respite in a home-like environment.



Anglesea Community House: \$1,816

To support the availability of affordable second-hand goods for those in need in the Surf Coast through the purchase and use a pallet hoist and strong shelves.



Ardoch: \$20,510

To improve early literacy skills, develop oral language and social skills, build confidence, and support the school readiness of children aged 4-6 years in disadvantaged Geelong communities through Ardoch's Early Language and Literacy Program.



Australian Federation of Disability Organisations: \$30,000

To strengthen educational, employment and social participation of young people with disability aged 15-19 years, experiencing disadvantage in Geelong and Colac, through the Passport 2 Employment Program.

Back to Back Theatre: \$30,000

To support job retention and new employment opportunities for people with disabilities working within the theatre, through the development of new artistic work and translating their existing work to the screen, as a result of the current covid-19 environment.

Barwon, Child, Youth & Family: \$30,000

To reduce family conflict, a risk factor of and precursor to family violence, by strengthening family relationships and reducing financial stress through increasing families' financial knowledge, literacy, management, skills and resilience through the Strengthening Family Connections Plus program.



Bellarine Living & Learning Centre: \$30,000

To maintain food security and provide improved health education to Whittington residents through the FoodConnect and Foodbank programs which develop enhanced food literacy and food preparation skills within the community.

Bellarine VCE Girl's House: \$30,000

To provide a safe and supportive environment for girls to live who due to their current living environments are at risk of disengaging from school and homelessness so they can complete their education.

Bethany: \$25,063

To break the cycle of reoffending by developing a network of integrated support for released prisoners within the Corio-Norlane community.

**Bluebird Foundation: \$30,000**

To improve long-term educational outcomes for children aged up to 5 years living in the 3214 postcode through their arts- based parent/child groups.

CatholicCare: \$30,000

To improve the economic security and community connectedness for refugee and asylum women (mothers) living in Geelong through the support of the Settle Well Mum's Job Readiness program.

Community Veracity: \$30,000

To assist people with alcohol and other drugs issues through support-based services including health, support groups, community programs, education, and job pathways through the Power in You program.

**EdConnect Australia: \$29,700**

To improve the educational outcomes of disadvantaged Geelong & Surf Coast students and those at risk of disengaging within primary and secondary schools through a school volunteer program.

**EMPOW+R Australia: \$8,500**

To improve food insecurity across our community by increasing capacity to store nutritious food and extending the healthy food selection available to those in need.

**Encompass Community Services: \$6,617**

To improve capacity and the development of skills of adults with disabilities, by building a horticulture therapy area at The Paddock, Leopold.

Gateways Support Services: \$9,950

To reduce anxiety, build resilience and improve the mental health of children with autism and/or intellectual disabilities through physical activities that are supported by therapists.

Hope Bereavement Care: \$30,000

To build resilience for those experiencing the sudden and unexpected death of a loved one by providing information, support, counselling, and connection to prevent mental health issues, family breakdown and employment disengagement.

Leisure Networks: \$30,000

To strengthening school readiness among children aged 3- 5 years in Geelong and Colac through Mini Movers a program that uses sport and play as a vehicle to improve all five domains of physical literacy and promotes healthy habits from a young age.

Life Education: \$5,000

To build the resilience of primary school children by empowering them to make safer and healthier choices and decisions through the Life Education drug and health education program delivered at partner schools across our region.

Lifeboat Geelong: \$30,000

To build the resilience of those impacted by institutional child sexual abuse as it relates to mental illness, addiction, and family breakdown by providing wellness and basic needs support.

Lifeline Direct (Geelong & South West VIC Region): \$28,000

To decrease suicide across the Colac Otway region by providing access to an in-person counselling service, an adaptation of Lifeline's 13 11 14 Crisis Support and suicide prevention service.

Little Dreamers Australia: \$30,000

To decrease the risk of school drop-out for Young Carers aged 10-18 years by improving health and wellbeing through the Young Carer Mentoring and Education program. The program focusses on mentoring these young carers aiming to decrease the risk of disengaging from their education, strengthening education and employment outcomes.

**MacKillop Family Services: \$30,000**

To support children and young people living in Out of Home Care to engage with their community and school through utilising Therapeutic Life Story Work to help them recover and heal from a complex and often traumatised past.

**Ocean Mind: \$30,000**

To decrease the effects of mental health issues and social isolation for young people aged 8-18 years by harnessing the therapeutic benefits of surfing, mentoring and community.

OneCare Geelong: \$30,000

To support individuals and families who are experiencing multiple aspects of disadvantage by fostering meaningful relationships and building resilience through the COACH Mentoring program.

**Operation New Start: \$30,000**

To facilitate early intervention for disengaged youth in secondary schools across our region, through the support of a specialist youth worker to work with young people aged 14-17 years who are not attending school on a regular basis.

**Raise Foundation: \$30,000**

To support young people aged 10-14 years who are displaying signs of being at risk and disengaging from their education at Grovedale College and Western Heights Secondary College through a school-based mentoring program.

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre: \$10,000

To offer the youth of the 3214 community who are at risk, a safe space to learn, connect, grow and be themselves through a co-designed youth program.

**Samaritan House Geelong: \$30,000**

To help break the cycle of homelessness amongst men aged 18+ in the Geelong region by providing crisis accommodation and on-going support for some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

**SHINE for Kids: \$30,000**

To strengthen family relationships by reducing social isolation for children aged 5-16 years from the Geelong region whose father is in custody in Barwon and Marngoneet prisons through the Ride By Your Side transport and mentoring program.

**Skyline Education Foundation Australia: \$30,000**

To strengthen educational and social engagement and assist transition through VCE to tertiary education or a career of choice for gifted and academically talented young people aged 16-18 years from socially and financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Somebody's Daughter Theatre: \$30,000

To re-engage at risk young people aged 12-19 years in their learning and community through Nobody's Fool Theatre; a full-time creative education program that combines classroom learning and a theatre production experience that allows young people to tell their story.

Stroke Association of Victoria: \$30,000

To reduce unemployment and increase employability among stroke survivors across our region through the 'Life After Stroke' program.

The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre: \$30,000

To enhance support of people impacted by sexual assault, and women, children and young people impacted by family violence across our region by strengthening the organisational capacity to use technology to deliver services and assistance.

**The Song Room: \$19,978**

To support at risk young students aged 5-12 years to engage with their school and learning and improve their social-emotional wellbeing and community involvement through participation in The Song Room Arts Learning program.

Weenthunga Health Network: \$30,000

To support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young women studying in Years 10-12 to pursue health careers by facilitating a network of health and education organisations to provide opportunities, experiences and connections that further their aspirations.

Youth Plus: \$8,457

To support young people enrolled at their Flexible Learning Centre through assisting and supporting the build their skills, knowledge and experience towards employment, through their VCAL curriculum. This grant will support the purchase a coffee machine, grinder, cart and equipment to support training and employment opportunities in hospitality industry for these students from low socioeconomic back grounds and learning needs. The young people will gain valuable work experience through the operation of a school cafe to work towards employment beyond school.