**2024-2025 Wyndham City**

**Community Grants**

**Medium Grants Awarded**

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| **Applicant** | **West Welcome Wagon Inc** |
| **Activity Title** | **Wyndham Community Reach Out Days** |
| **Activity Summary** | Wyndham community refugees, asylum seekers and others in need will be invited to local community facilities to meet those in similar situations and self-select from new and high-quality donated goods. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Down Syndrome Association of Victoria (Down Syndrome Victoria)** |
| **Activity Title** | **DSV Family Fun Day 2025** |
| **Activity Summary** | Family Fun Day coincides with World Down Syndrome Day celebrations to be held at Werribee Zoo on 23rd March 2025. This event comprises of live performances and roaming entertainment, food, and activities to create a welcoming, connected, and social environment for our Down Syndrome community. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$6,188** |

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| **Applicant** | **South Sudan Child First Education (SSCFE)** |
| **Activity Title** | **Wyndham South Sudanese African Connect** |
| **Activity Summary** | This project aims to engage South Sudanese youth and families through cultural activities to empower and support South Sudanese youth in Wyndham. It will include South Sudanese cultural education as a creative means to promote positive relationships and build understanding of the value and benefits of diverse communities. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$12,500** |

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| **Applicant** | **South Sudan Children Rescue Community Melbourne** |
| **Activity Title** | **South Sudan Children Rescue Committee Programs** |
| **Activity Summary** | The South Sudan Rescue Committee will run child-focused programs in Wyndham aimed at supporting the integration of young youth into the broader community. By providing support and guidance, these programs help vulnerable children develop positive social skills and become active, contributing members of society. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$6,250** |

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| **Applicant** | **Laverton Youth Foundation** |
| **Activity Title** | **Youth Training** |
| **Activity Summary** | The project will focus on upskilling young people in the Wyndham area to increase skills to independence through the provision of local training such as Responsible Serving of Alcohol, Construction Induction, Forklift and Customer Service. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Leisure Networks** |
| **Activity Title** | **Leisure Networks Club Support Series** |
| **Activity Summary** | The Leisure Networks Club Support Series is a tailored set of workshops designed to build the capacity of local community sporting clubs/groups to ensure a sustainable and thriving volunteer sector. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$7,128** |

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| **Applicant** | **Ethiopian Community Association of Victoria INC** |
| **Activity Title** | **Annual Ethiopian Soccer Tournament** |
| **Activity Summary** | The Ethiopian Soccer Tournament is an annual community strengthening event that brings together Ethiopians, Eritreans, other local teams, and friends of Ethiopia of all ages and backgrounds. The tournament offers something for everyone while also engaged families during a relatively quiet time in the year. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$14,063** |

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| **Applicant** | **Werribee River Association** |
| **Activity Title** | **Sustainable Fishing in Wyndham** |
| **Activity Summary** | Sustainable Fishing in Wyndham aims to increase the community's awareness of sustainable fishing practises through several events and partnerships. Our desired outcomes include a reduction of litter and discarded fishing gear in fishing hotspots, a reduction of pest species in our waterways, and greater adherence to VFA's fishing guidelines. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$11,244** |

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| **Applicant** | **Wyndham Park Community Centre** |
| **Activity Title** | **Sharing Plates** |
| **Activity Summary** | Sharing Plates creates ceramic plates to raise funds for free regular community lunches in Wyndham community centres. Lunches will foster social connection and increase food security. It will engage newly arrived migrants, refugees, and local businesses, leveraging the Centre's ceramics studio, kitchen, and volunteers to connect, share and support each other. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Wyndham Volunteers Association Inc.** |
| **Activity Title** | **Harmony Day Celebration 2025** |
| **Activity Summary** | This is an event to celebrate the Harmony Day together with multicultural and diversified communities of Wyndham. The aim of this event is to create harmony through a Harmony Day celebration and show diversity through the language, art and culture of every ethnic group of Wyndham. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **The Little Theatre Company** |
| **Activity Title** | **Cafe Philosophique** |
| **Activity Summary** | Cafe Philosophique is a monthly event that brings together music, poetry and conversation that asks us to reflect on the parts of our lives we take for granted. The series creates a space where community can connect with each other through listening and sharing experiences relevant to the nightly theme. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$9,612** |

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| **Applicant** | **Concern Australia** |
| **Activity Title** | **Automotive Workshops for Mambourin Community** |
| **Activity Summary** | This project is a partnership between Concern Australia's 'Hand Brake Turn' program and Mambourin to provide disengaged young people in the Wyndham Community with essential automotive skills workshops with potential to lead into positive education and/or employment pathways. This is leveraging a previous successful partnership between the two  organisations. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$12,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Fashion Awards Australia Inc** |
| **Activity Title** | **Fashion Awards Australia, a fashion competition for Secondary, TAFE Colleges, Designers in Wyndham** |
| **Activity Summary** | Fashion Awards Australia Inc. is one of the most reputable not-for-profit fashion experts in Australia, nurturing creativity and growth of secondary college students, TAFE students and designers. Wyndham Fashion Awards' aim is to assist Secondary & TAFE college textile students to fulfil their dream to become designers in the fashion industry. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **African-Australian Family and Parenting Support Services Inc** |
| **Activity Title** | **Wellness and Mental Health Support for South Sudanese Youth and Parents** |
| **Activity Summary** | The project will support South Sudanese Australian (SSA) parents and families through culturally appropriate mental health services and wellness activities for youth who are at risk or have engaged the justice system. It will also provide parenting support for parents to build resilient South Sudanese Australian families living in Wyndham. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$10,500** |

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| **Applicant** | **WYNDHAM MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP** |
| **Activity Title** | **Carols By Candlelight** |
| **Activity Summary** | The Carols by Candlelight event has taken place for 30 years and was relaunched in 2023 after a 4-year break due to COVID. The funding will support building upon n the 2023 event relaunch to achieve a sustainable event for Wyndham into the future. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Board of Imams Victoria** |
| **Activity Title** | **International Day to Counter Islamophobia** |
| **Activity Summary** | This Counter-Hate project creates awareness about the UN's International Day to Counter Islamophobia. 5 interfaith multicultural dinners in Wyndham on or near 15 March during which participants will learn to counter the hateful narratives and stereotypes that sustain and entrench racism through two community games. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$15,000** |

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| **Applicant** | **Point Cook Baseball and Softball Club** |
| **Activity Title** | **Emergency Services Baseball Game for Stronger Connections and Community Engagement** |
| **Activity Summary** | An event to foster connections between emergency service organisations, healthcare staff, and the community through an exhibition baseball game. The event will seek to include facilitated activities for Juniors and a space for emergency services agencies to provide information to the broader community. |
| **Amount Awarded** | **$5,515** |