

Partnerships Panel Recommendations - Creative Communities

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23/27PG-CC015	hillsceneLIVE	Chandler, Lyster, Streeton	hillsceneLIVE	hillsceneLIVE is an annual 4-month artistic development program, culminating in an experimental Live Art festival in the Dandenong Ranges. Having built an annual dynamic and diverse artistic program since 2014, hillsceneLIVE will continue to provide this nurturing incubator program, supporting the creative artists and arts leaders on the fringe of the arts sector. hillsceneLIVE will build the capacity of local and regional interdisciplinary live artists and arts practitioners (both emerging and established), and be an incubator for arts leadership through our creative leadership committee, supporting them to produce and present their artist vision at an annual festival.	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$48,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC009	Yarra Valley ECOSS inc.	O'Shannassy	Ecotopia Earth Festival	Ecotopia Earth Festival is Upper Yarra's only significant, annual grassroots sustainability festival. This inclusive event aims to foster community resilience and restore vital connection following on from Covid-19. The festival celebrates local Indigenous, gender diverse, CALD Communities and showcases sustainability on a beautiful, accessible, permaculturally designed environment hub in Wesburn. Patrons can expect to find a jam-packed stage line-up, large eco market with arts, craft, food and produce stalls, fun kids activities, Indigenous cultural art and educational food security projects. Yarra Valley Ecoss expect everyone involved in the festival to feel part of the Ecotopia community and have a sense of pride in their involvement in a movement for a kinder, cleaner planet.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$50,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC012	Belgrave Traders Association	Lyster	Belgrave Lantern Parade	The Belgrave Trader group is seeking Partnership funding for the historic and iconic, Belgrave Lantern Parade. Funding will continue to put Belgrave, our communities, our artists and our region on the map, making "Solstice in the Hills" an unmissable event. The Lantern Festival has had multiple incarnations over its many years, and continues to evolve and improve with successive events. The next four years will continue this tradition. 'Activated' spaces and creative precinct 'pop-ups' will take festival revellers into the streets, alleyways, arcades, nooks and crannies across Belgrave - uncovering a rich world of art, music, workshops, circus arts, DJ's, bands, solo artists, food trucks, fire-pits and more.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$50,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC004	Badger Creek Women's Choir	All	Badger Creek Women's Choir Singing Sustainably into the Future	The Badger Creek Women's Choir has been singing and performing together since 2014 and emerged out of a desire to build community connections and a sense of belonging and friendship amongst women. The Choir will continue and further develop the work we have been doing since the choir's inception. Providing a safe and welcoming space for all women to meet including people living with mental health issues, domestic violence and financial insecurity, meeting weekly to sing and learn together, developing friendships and a sense of belonging, nurturing cross generational connections and improving mental health and general wellbeing. We will also seek to expand the horizons of the Choir through collaborations with other choirs, guest choir leaders and other creative collaboration.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC006	Tarrawarra Museum of Art	Ryrie	Tarrawarra Museum of Art Learning and Engagement Program	Tarrawarra Museum of Art's Learning and Engagement Program improves access to quality arts learning and engagement programs. This project will build capacity to undertake community outreach and grow the program over the next four years. This will bring about a leading arts learning and engagement program in Yarra Ranges, delivered in a state-of-the-art facility, the Eva and Marc Besen Centre (EMBC). The EMBC will be a learning and open storage centre, opening the first half of 2024. With space for programs and visible storage of over 300 artworks from TWMA's collection, the EMBC will facilitate 167 programs annually, including tours, workshops, forums/lectures, masterclasses and concerts, targeted towards children, families, students, teachers, artists and adults. The Partnership Grant funding will allow the development and expansion of the learning and engagement program, in preparation for the EMBC, and deliver the expanded program in the EMBC.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC005	Yarra Valley Singers	All	Facilitating inclusive creativity to enable meaningful participation in the cultural life of the Yarra Ranges	Yarra Valley Singers (YVS) is a non-auditioned adult community choir, established in 1988. It is one of Victoria's premier regional community choirs, reaching out to audiences across the Yarra Ranges region and representing the Yarra Ranges at state-wide choral events. Utilising Partnership funding, YVS aim to deliver a program of high educational and artistic quality for choristers from beginner to advanced level. This will be done safely and sustainably, improving accessibility to members with diverse needs, building capability and partnerships, and supporting creativity in the Yarra Ranges. The 2023-27 Program has been designed to support the needs of our members and our community and create a sustainable business model.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	N/A

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23/27PG-CC021	The MISFIT Project	All	Young Voices, Creative voices	The "Young Voices, Creative Voices" program will mentor a group of young creatives who require additional support due to various factors including low socio-economic backgrounds, mental health barriers, foster-care backgrounds, or cultural disadvantage. It will engage young people to meaningfully create and lead within their community, now and into the future. Partnership funding will enable The MISFIT Project to provide support to these young people, guiding them and connecting them to appropriate well-being supports, creative mentors, and alternate supports to get their creative pursuits off the ground. While we have many incredible young people in our community, we are seeing how desperately they are needing guidance and support to action things that seem impossible on their own.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC026	Belgrave Survival Day Committee	Lyster	Belgrave Survival Day	Belgrave Survival Day (BSD) is a free and inclusive, annual, family-friendly festival held at Borthwick Park. Designed to celebrate and acknowledge the value and vibrancy of First Nations cultures. It aims to raise public awareness of Indigenous cultures, traditions and contemporary issues, bring people together in the spirit of Reconciliation and improve relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members. Audiences at the event are able to engage directly with First Nations leaders and cultures and have hands-on experiences of culture through art, food and participation activities. Audiences often leave the event reflecting on their cultural responsibilities and with a hunger to deepen their engagement with First Nations narratives.	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$48,000.00	N/A
	Yarra Valley Musicians Collective Incorporated	Ryrie	Healesville Music Festival	Yarra Valley Musicians Collective (YVMC) Partnership funding will deliver a program of activities for the Healesville Music Festival (HMF) which will achieve increased community engagement and improved skills. HMF provides opportunities for the community (regardless of age, gender, culture, social background) to be involved at levels of their own choosing. Engagement activities will sit alongside broader community and Council-based activities to assist community recovery. New funding will enable HMF to broaden its program to additional sites and structure and implement a program of mentoring activities to skill young people, including funds to support increased digital communications and stakeholder management.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	
23/27PG-CC016	BodyPlaceProject	Billanook, Chandler, Lyster, O'Shannassy, Ryrie, Streeton	Making Sense of Place: Place-making through performance and participatory arts experiences	BodyPlaceProject proposes a program of place-based activities with different geographic focuses across Yarra Ranges, engaging with thematic and artistic investigations relevant to our times, such as climate change, social inequity and decolonisation. The activities would produce performances, exhibitions and other artistic outcomes each year, as well as deepening collaborative connections between artists, cultural custodians and other experts, to generate and revitalise art practices and foster new understandings of place.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC019	3MDR	All	Back to Basics	After a torrid three years, 3MDR is keen to get "Back to Basics" and rebuild the organisation from the bottom up. With Partnership funding, 3MDR will work to support key 3MDR stakeholder groups, whilst providing great content, both across 3MDR platforms and in local settings, for community members to engage with 3MDR and support their local music scene. "Back to Basics" will involve induction/introduction sessions for new volunteers; training programs; revitalisation of the 3MDR website; one major and two smaller music events per year; a music industry masterclass series; and attendance at community events.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC001	Dandenong Ranges Music Council Inc	All	Delivering Community Music to the Yarra Ranges and Beyond	The Dandenong Ranges Music Society provides unique opportunities, resources and experiences that are not readily available in the local community. "Delivering Community Music to the Yarra Ranges and Beyond" will create community engagement and wellbeing opportunities, promote a creative and nurturing environment, build capacity and increase membership to ensure our organisation will survive. Partnership funding will support the DRMC with research and development, administration, promotion, collaboration, venue hire/maintenance, compliance and evaluation and review.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$60,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC017	Upper Yarra Valley Historical Society Inc.	O'Shannassy	Crank Up and Woodchop Event	"Crank Up and Woodchop" is a 2-day festival that showcases the history of the Upper Yarra area within Yarra Ranges. Many community groups take part by demonstrating their talents, including trades of the past. With something for all ages and interests to discover, the festival brings our community together to celebrate the region, whilst also providing exposure for smaller groups, clubs, and businesses that would ordinarily not have the funds or platform to be seen publicly.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	N/A

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23/27PG-CC003	Celebrate Mooroolbark Inc	Melba	'Celebrate Mooroolbark' Annual Community Festival	From small beginnings, Celebrate Mooroolbark is now a leading community festival. The two day event attracts over 10,000 attendees annually and includes over 120 stalls, a mainstage for entertainment and new attractions every year. Celebrate Mooroolbark connects and brings the community together for a fun, social experience which improves their quality of life. It contributes to and celebrates the cultural and artistic heritage of the region while utilising the beautiful Hookey Park. We wish to further enhance our sustainability practices moving forward, to ensure we are always doing things ethically, sustainably and responsibly.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$50,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC022	Millgrove Residents Action Group	O'Shannassy	Millgrove Light Show - A light show that is truly community led and run	The "Millgrove Light Show" endeavours to unite the residents and community of Millgrove by bringing hundreds of photographs captured by locals, to life. Partnership funding will enable Photo Walks, led by local photographer Suzanne Phoenix, to come to fruition and the production of a mobile projection lightshow, the Millgrove Light Show. These events will build connection, create a sense of pride, share perspectives through art and create an opportunity for community to come together with their friends and family in celebration.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC023	Upwey Community Group (formerly Project Upwey and Upwey Township Group)	Streeton	Foothills Festival	The Foothills Festival aims to combine a number of arts, community and music activities into a one-day event to celebrate community, local services and the creative talent of Upwey and surrounding areas. The event day will offer a varied range of entertainment, activities, market and food stalls, workshops and exhibitions. The festival will support local business and organisations as a priority and will encourage and support other activities in surrounding venues prior to event day. The Upwey Community Group anticipate reaching all areas of the community, inspiring and facilitating connection, increasing exposure for groups and increasing the health and well being of a community struggling with loss, challenge and isolation.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC002	Burrinja (Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre)	Chandler, Lyster, Streeton	Dandenong Ranges Open Studios	Dandenong Ranges Open Studios provides an opportunity for both our local community and regional visitors to experience the Hills regions artists in their working studio spaces. It coordinates, produces and promotes an "Open Weekend" each autumn where participating studios are open to the public (free of charge). Artists across all mediums from the Dandenong Ranges may apply, with applications assessed by an independent peer review panel against criteria designed to ensure the aims and objectives of the program are met, and that the studio visitors have a positive experience of artists' private studio spaces. It is a unique event where artist and visitor share skills, ideas, appreciation of the arts and the beauty of the region.	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$48,000.00	N/A
23/27PG-CC018	Yarra Valley Arts (YAVA)	Billanook, Chandler, Chirnside, Melba, O'Shannassy, Ryrie	Embedding arts and culture in the Yarra Valley region	The "Embedding Arts and Culture in the Yarra Valley Region" project will actively support the development of strong and thriving creative industries across a broad demographic, benefiting multiple sectors of the community (people and business) and weaving the arts into everyday life. Enriching community through the arts and shared experience develops a strong local economy and identity that is able to bounce back from challenges and adversity and build pride in connection to place. Partnership Funding will aid this 3-part project to i) have continued partnership with Yering Station to deliver the highly regarded annual Yarra Valley Arts Yering Station Sculpture Exhibition & Awards program, ii) continue to deliver the annual Yarra Valley Open Studios program and iii) initiate and deliver a program focused on key community segments to build employability skills and confidence for individuals to enter, or re-enter the workforce, with paid opportunities alongside their contribution to the enrichment of culture within the Yarra Ranges.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00	N/A
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