

Jemena Community Grants Program 2023

Our Recipients



At Jemena, we pride ourselves on being an active member of the communities in which we operate, working responsibly and respectfully with local people to identify opportunities, address disadvantage, and leave a positive and lasting impact.

Each year, through our Jemena Community Grants Program, we seek to make a positive difference at a grassroots level for people living and working in our operating areas across Victoria and New South Wales. This year, we're focusing on projects addressing social inclusion and delivering environmental impacts.

In 2023, we're excited to award almost \$150,000 in grants to 15 groups set to deliver some wonderful projects within their (and our) local communities.



Social Inclusion Grants



Grants for activities enhancing social inclusion, wellbeing and capacity building, including those addressing:

- social inclusion, diversity and belonging
- reconciliation and cultural awareness
- accessibility and social participation
- physical & mental wellbeing
- vital support for people in need
- employment, skill & capacity building
- other local community priority areas

Environmental Impact Grants



Grants for innovative projects building greener, more sustainable local neighbourhoods and communities, including those addressing:

- renewable energy
- climate change
- waste reduction (& circular economies)
- biodiversity and wildlife
- Indigenous and cultural heritage
- resilience building after disasters
- other local environmental issues

We're also proud our activities are helping us contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goals 3, 8, 10 and 11.





4 Voices, NSW

4 Voices' mission is to provide support and social, digital, community, employment connections to women who may be or who are at risk of experiencing social isolation, family and domestic violence and/or homelessness. Currently they operate mobile outreach services at 21 locations in Brisbane and Sydney, with volunteers providing a range of free services during each three-hour shift, from general socialisation (conversations, coffee, device charging, internet access) to job-seeking support (resume writing, job applications), life-skills (help accessing government, medical, legal or housing services) and more. This grant will help run a new outreach shift for the next 12 months in Waterloo, Sydney.

 **\$10,000**



Barnardos Australia, NSW

Barnardos Australia is a leading non-denominational child protection charity, providing support to over 15,500 young people and families across NSW and the ACT every year. Barnardos aims to break the cycle of disadvantage, creating safe, nurturing and stable homes for disadvantaged children while keeping them connected to families and communities. Through this grant Barnardos will be able to deliver more parenting education groups through its Beyond Barbed Wire Program supporting female prisoners.

 **\$10,000**



Arcadia Vale Public School P&C, NSW

Volunteers at Arcadia Vale Public School P&C Breakfast Club provide 90 of its 155 students with breakfast every day. Many students come from low-income areas and were coming to school without having had breakfast. With a full stomach, kids are better able to focus on school work and achieving more in lessons. Parents are also finding their food budgets are going further without needing to provide their kids with breakfast. This grant will support the Breakfast Club for 12 months.

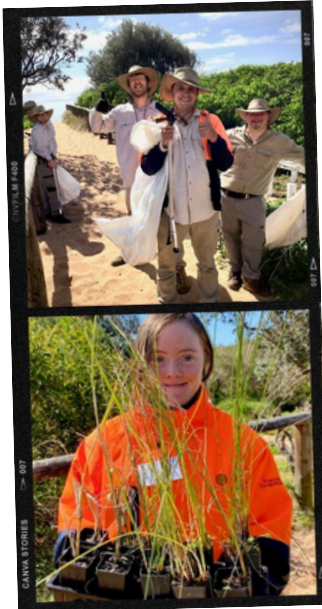
 **\$2,000**



The Bower Reuse and Repair Cooperative, NSW

The Bower Reuse and Repair Cooperative is an environmental charity which uniquely intersects with outreach into the social sector. Through its activities, the Cooperative reduces waste and carbon emissions; reduces its ecological footprint; and supports social causes by assisting members of the community who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. This grant will support 12 repair workshops teaching a range of DIY skills commonly needed in the home that reduce repair bills and waste.

 **\$20,000**



Bushlink, NSW

Bushlink, a proud part of Northside Enterprise Inc., employs and supports people with intellectual disabilities, through providing employment in bush regeneration and garden care. Operating largely on the Northern Beaches and North Shore precinct of NSW, Bushlink, in addition to contract work, runs various programs encouraging learning about bush regeneration and engaging with people with a disability, both for corporate clients and schools. This grant will support bushcare and garden programs for young people with intellectual disabilities.

 **\$10,000**



Early Bird Cafe, NSW

Early Bird Café is a 100 per cent volunteer-run registered charity providing more than 30,000 hot breakfasts, thousands of frozen meals, hygiene, warm clothing, other essentials and access to medical support for more than 30,000 people each year experiencing homelessness and hunger in Sydney's CBD. This grant will be used to support a Saturday breakfast service that will provide a hot breakfast and enough food for the whole day for up to 100 clients over 12 months.

 **\$10,000**



Corrimal Public School P&C Association, NSW

Located on Dharawal country, Corrimal is a vibrant public school with around 244 students from a range of backgrounds, including around eight per cent who identify as First Nations. Looking to strengthen school community and student awareness and acknowledgement of local First Nations heritage and culture, this grant will support Corrimal Public School to design and install a new yarning circle. It will be developed in collaboration with local First Nations community members and organisations, and indigenous knowledge and art will be incorporated into the circle's design.

 **\$10,000**



Kind Hearts Illawarra, NSW

Kind Hearts Illawarra operates a twice-weekly outreach program in Wollongong for vulnerable people, particularly those at risk of homelessness, providing meals, hygiene supplies, food hampers and an opportunity for social connection. They are focused on operating sustainably and diverting food from waste. Kind Hearts are a small volunteer-run charity, currently helping up to 150 people each week. This grant will go towards purchasing long-life pantry staples, fresh food, pet food and other critical hygiene and household items, as well as sustainable packaging for hampers.

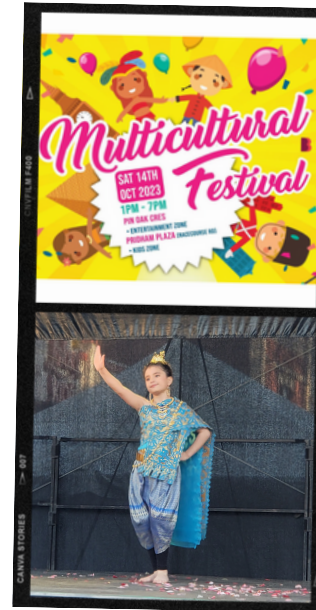
 **\$10,000**



The Groundswell Collective, NSW

The Groundswell Collective is not-for-profit community organisation, led by a small group of local changemakers, all with a passion and proven track record for delivering highly successful, sustainability projects that support and assist the local Lake Macquarie community to be resilient and regenerative. The Groundswell Collective works to increase green space; preserve and protect our natural environment and deliver actions that support the transformation of energy, agriculture, waste, transportation, and building systems. This grant will support the Urban Hum Tiny Forest project.

 **\$10,855**



Flemington Chamber of Commerce, VIC

The Flemington Chamber of Commerce Association exists to promote and support 120 local Flemington businesses. The Flemington Traders Association is a business association represented entirely by a committee of dedicated volunteers. Their role is to represent the interests, concerns, and overall views of Flemington's business across local, State, and Federal government levels. Our Vision is to act as a strong, unified, and communicative precinct and to foster and enhance community spirit. This grant will support the multicultural festival in Flemington.

 **\$10,000**



Darebin Creek Management Committee, VIC

The Darebin Creek is a healthy and natural creek supporting thriving communities of plants and animals. A place where the connections of people and nature are appreciated and deepened. Darebin Creek brings communities together as a place of discovery, recreation, restoration and celebration. Darebin Creek Management Committee is the custodian of this Vision. This grant will be used to support Stage 2 of the Restoring Ivanhoe Floodplain project.

 **\$16,000**



Glenroy Neighbourhood House, VIC

Glenroy Neighbourhood House is a charitable institution with the purpose of advancing social and public welfare by advancing mental health and preventing social isolation; and providing a physical location where it supports individuals to undertake activities, or work on projects, in the company of others. It provides various health and wellbeing, and educational programs/classes to community members of various ages, abilities, CALD and socio-economic backgrounds. This grant will fund the weekly food relief program that supports people struggling with cost of living pressures.

 **\$10,000**



Reading out of Poverty (ROOP)

Reading Out of Poverty (ROOP) strives to ensure that every disadvantaged Victorian child has the opportunity to acquire literacy and reading skills to reach their full potential, succeed at school and beyond. Its ongoing activities target those who are most disadvantaged, including our Books from Birth Initiative, Pop Up libraries, 'Read, Learn, Play' activities using volunteers in playgroups, maternal and child health centres and medical clinics, book drives and giveaways, mentoring and support for the CALD community and Christmas Gift Giving. This grant will support the Books from Birth program.

 **\$10,000**



The Venny, VIC

The Venny has been successfully running the Kensington Adventure Playground since it was established in 1981 as a supervised backyard for children and young people living in public housing and the broader community. Our purpose is to directly facilitate the inclusion of disadvantaged children into society through play. Services include drop-in play sessions, early intervention and prevention programs for at risk kids at our Kensington site and pop-up play experiences in designated spaces near the North Melbourne and Flemington housing estates. This grant will help support the Dinner Night program to provide a safe space for vulnerable children and young people to connect and access a healthy meal once a week.

 **\$10,000**



Reservoir Cobras Cricket Club, VIC

For over a century, the Reservoir Cobras Cricket Club has been providing opportunities for people to play cricket at various levels. The Club primarily consisted of adult male players but, in 2021, re-established its junior program and, for the first time, fielded a women's team. Since then the Club has undergone a remarkable transformation, with over 50 per cent of its current playing members being under 18, women, or individuals with disabilities. The Club is committed to fostering diversity and inclusivity. Approximately 35 per cent of its players come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This grant will help fund the first team uniform for players to reduce economic barriers for participation.

 **\$675**

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