



2024 SMALL GRANTS

Each year, Highways and Byways provides small grants to community organisations addressing disadvantage and exclusion, especially in rural and regional Australia.

This year's theme, 'Community Connections in an Ancient Land,' acknowledges Australia's long-standing cultural heritage and recent challenges from natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic. We are supporting projects that foster social bonds, address isolation, develop new skills and

promote sustainable land management. We are also honouring the wisdom and culture of Indigenous Australians.

We are pleased to announce 33 projects receiving grants this year, spanning diverse activities that protect Indigenous heritage and care for our land and communities.

Our grants would not be possible without the support of our donors – and we thank them for their continued generosity.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY

1. RDK All Rounder Program, “RDK All Rounder Land Care & Recycling Program”, Alice Springs, NT (Arrernte Country), \$4,000 A program for young Aboriginal men to deepen their cultural identity and enhance their skills and confidence to manage the land and engage with education or employment.
2. Tarnitipi Homelands Aboriginal Corporation, “Tiwi Songs & Stories Alive & Shared”, Bathurst Island, NT (Tiwi Islands), \$3,800 Two camps for Tiwi families to strengthen Indigenous identity, nurture inter-generational relationships and empower Aboriginal self-determination.

QUEENSLAND

3. Wenlock Catchment Management Group, “NAIDOC - Keep the Fire Burning’, Mapoon, QLD (Awnghim/ Yupangathi Country), \$4,000 A week-long event during NAIDOC Week in July 2024 uniting eight Indigenous tribes and the local community to celebrate Indigenous culture.
4. North Burnett Community Service, “Eidsvold Garden Community Connect”, Eidsvold, QLD (Wakka Wakka Country), \$3,500 Community gardening workshops led by Indigenous facilitators to share knowledge about Indigenous flora, bush tucker and sustainable land management.

5. Mungindi Hospital Auxiliary, “Community Bus”, Mungindi, QLD (Kamilaroi/Bigumbal Country), \$1,200 A fortnightly community bus service for isolated residents to bridge a transportation gap and enhance access to amenities/services.

6. The Returning Indigenous Corporation, “Bundjalung Bush Food Youth Program”, Alstonville, NSW (Bundjalung Country), \$4,000 A program for Indigenous teen girls on how to cultivate native bush foods to foster practical skills, strengthen cultural connection and support future careers.

NEW SOUTH WALES

7. Garby Elders Aboriginal Corporation, “Sharing Seafood Stories on Garby Country”, Red Rock, NSW (Gumbaygnirr Country), \$4,000 A workshop on the health of local waterways and seafood harvesting to empower the Indigenous community to make governance decisions.
8. Bowraville Innovative Social Enterprise Precinct, “The Valley Hub - On Country”, Nambucca Valley, NSW (Gumbaynggirr Country), \$4,000 A collaboration with emerging Indigenous Elders to create and share monthly stories about Indigenous culture on The Valley Hub online platform.

9. Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council, "Improved Knowledge-Sharing Amenities at Boundary Rock", Daruka, NSW (Gamilaroi/Gomeri Country), \$4,000 Enhanced visitor facilities at Boundary Rock, a significant rock art site for the Gamilaroi/Gomeri and Anaiwan people.

10. Home-Start Cowra, Canowindra, Weddin, "Yarning Place Bush Tucker Garden", Caragabal, NSW (Wiradjuri Country), \$4,000 A Bush Tucker Garden within Caragabal Public School to promote Wiradjuri culture and heritage.

11. Durras Community Association, "Murramarang History Project", South Durras, NSW (Murramarang Country), \$1,000 A permanent public display on the Indigenous history of the South Durras region, curated by Indigenous Elder Trisha Ellis.

12. Cobram-Barooga Business & Tourism, "Scar Tree Re-Location Program", Barooga, NSW (Bangarang Country), \$4,000 The relocation of two fallen scar trees to the Bullanginya Daborra Dunggalla Walk in Barooga.

VICTORIA

13. Friends of David Winterbottom Park, "Bringing Back the Birds", Wodonga, VIC (Waveroo Country), \$4,000 Two community events to survey birdlife at David Winterbottom Park to create baseline data to measure the impact of ongoing conservation efforts.

14. Waminda Community House, "Bush Tucker Garden & Seasonal Story", Benalla, VIC (Yorta Yorta Country), \$4,000 A community Bush Tucker Garden at Waminda Community House, and a story mural and booklet that shares a "Seasonal Bush Tucker Story" about the plants in the garden.

15. Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, "Helmeted Honeyeater School Planting Program", Yellingbo, VIC (Woiworung Country), \$3,910.80 A program to educate students on Helmeted Honeyeater populations, habitats, and conservation at Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area and Healesville Sanctuary.

16. Warrigunya Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation, "Warrigunya's Veggie Garden", Darriman, VIC (Gunaikurnai Country) \$4,000 A new Indigenous vegetable garden at Warrigunya, a housing support facility for Indigenous men upon their release from prison.

17. Corinella & District Community Centre, "Corinella Youth Group", Corinella, VIC (Bunurong Country), \$3,750 A weekly youth group for teens featuring educational, sports, and cooking activities.

18. Whittlesea Community Connections, "Nugal Biik Rangers Garden", Wollert, VIC (Wurundjeri/Woi Wurrung Country), \$4,000 A native bush garden at the Wollert Community Farm, which will be managed by the Nugal Biik Rangers.

19. Neighbourhood Collective, "Community Gardening Together", Bendigo, VIC (Djadjawurung Country) \$2,930 Expansion of a garden and educational sessions for people with disabilities at the 'Old Church on the Hill' Community Centre.

20. Atisha Centre, "Community Kitchen Garden", Bendigo, VIC (Djadjawurung Country) \$3,820 Development of a kitchen garden at Atisha Centre, gardening classes and free meals prepared from garden produce available to offset rising cost of living pressures.

21. Maryborough Community House, "Community Cultural Yarning Circle", Maryborough, VIC (Djadjawurung Country), \$4,000 Development of yarning circle at Maryborough Community House as venue for community engagement and cultural exchange.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

22. Friends of Younghusband River Care, "Younghusband River Front Reserve Rejuvenation Project", Younghusband, SA (Ngarrindjeri Country) \$2,598 Restoration of Younghusband River Front Reserve to rectify damage to infrastructure and vegetation caused by flooding.

24. Hills Environment Centre, "Kurna Kardla", Lenswood, SA (Kurna Country) \$4,000 A collaboration with Firesticks Alliance to deliver a two-day workshop for land managers on cultural land management practices and fire prevention.

25. Gawler Environment Centre Gawler, "Australian Native Plants & Foods: A Community Knowledge Building Project", Gawler SA (Kurna Country) \$4,000 Community workshops on Australian native flora, its significance in Indigenous culture and uses for food, health, and wellbeing.

26. Kapunda Gallery, "Lakun Mara Weaving Workshops", Kapunda, SA (Ngadjuri Country) \$2,500 Two community workshops on the traditions of Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri weaving.

27. Dinahline Community, "Environmental & Ecological Rehabilitation & Training Project", Ceduna, SA (Kokatha, Mirning and Wirangu Country) \$4,000 Ecological rehabilitation of former grazing land drawing on learnings from a study tour of similar properties in the region.

28. Betts Corner Inc, "Community Maintenance Program", Ceduna, SA (Wirangu Country) \$3,999.95 New tools, equipment and storage to enhance the livability at Betts Corner, an Indigenous community near Ceduna.

29. Charity Bounce, "Bounce Club", Indulkana, SA (Anangu, Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara Country) \$4,000 A weekly youth basketball resiliency program, engaging teens as coaches, providing work experience and a new learning environment, beyond school.

TASMANIA

30. Nipaluna Nursery Inc, "Healing Country- Rehabilitating Wind Song", Little Swanport, TAS (Luntaytamiriliyuyna Country) \$4,000 A field day at Wind Song, an Indigenous-owned property, involving Elders, students and volunteers to plant native trees, and foster cultural exchange and learning.

31. Okines Community House, "T. Politus - Plight of the Red Hand Fish", Dodges Ferry, TAS (Paredarerme Country) \$3,800 An initiative to raise awareness of the critically endangered T. Politus (Red Hand Fish), native to Tasmanian waterways, during the Winter Solstice Lantern Parade.

32. West Winds Community Centre Inc, "Cultural Roots: Uniting Communities Through a Bush Foods Arts Trail", Woodbridge, TAS (Nueronne Country) \$4,000 Development of a Bush Foods Cultural Trail linking Woodbridge School with Silverwater Park in Woodbridge.

NATIONAL

33. Farmers for Climate Action, "Creating Accessible Learning Opportunities For Farmers", National \$4,000 A new website as part of a Climate Smart Agriculture Toolkit – to provide a centralised repository of contemporary research and information on climate-smart farming practices.

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