



KOONDEE WOONGA-GAT TOOR-RONG

Progress Report
June 2021 to December 2022



WORD FROM THE CHAIR

TERORI HAREKO-AVAIVILLA

Koondée Woonga-gat Toor-rung (KWT) has gone from strength to strength this past year. Many challenges were met with openness for the opportunities it offered both in growth and learning for KWT and its Board.

We continue to work closely with Australian Communities Foundation (ACF), the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership (FIL), and the Paul Ramsay Foundation with maintaining our allyship and our continued partnership in community engagement and building granting opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups and individuals.

This report will provide insight and highlights to the work and granting opportunities offered by KWT to First Nations communities across Victoria.

I would like to thank the Board and KWT's new EO, who continue to provide diligent cultural advice, safety and support to the work and growth of KWT Community Fund.



WORD FROM THE EO

JODY BARNEY - KWT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Whilst our history as an organisation is not long, KWT is enriched with hundreds of years of cultural knowledge both on our Board and through the applications and projects that we currently provide grants too.

Our communications strategies and the use of technology has assisted in building strong relationships with First Nations communities across Victoria. By sharing stories and highlights on our website, social platforms, emails and external networks and forums, allows us to maintain and engaged the First Nations communities on opportunities offered by KWT and our partners.

My role as the EO has been a learning curve and have been on of great joy thus far. I have continued to recieved support and confidence not only from the KWT Board, but also by the First Nations community, Elders and from our allies. I have also been fortunate to be offered great support from the philanthropic and academic communities. These relationships and allyships will continue to strenthen our work, as we grow and offer First Nations Victorians many years of granting opportunites, supporting our mob doing great work in community.

I look forward to the year ahead and the many opportunities 2023 with bring to KWT and its work with Victoria First Nations communities.

OUR JOURNEY

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 AND KWT ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH

Koondee Woonga-gat Toor-rong (KWT) has continued to grow as an organisation despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. Creating granting opportunities for the First Nations communities across Victoria and development of its operational activities as well as partnership growth.

This state of growth and learning provided opportunities to restructure our Board, development of our organisational Charter and Strategic Plan 2021 - 2024. And our Statement of Purpose for the incorporation of KWT demonstrates the commitment and drive that is required for KWT to thrive.

Our work and commitment to grow, saw the KWT Board contribute many hours, experience and community engagement to ensure the successful distribution of micro-grants to First Nations community members during COVID. This was made possible with the support and partnership with the Paul Ramsay Foundation (PRF).

Furthermore, we continued our work in the development of KWT organisational policies and procedures, as well as redesigning our branding, marketing and our online socials communication. Including leading conversations and discussion on decolonising wealth, allyship and partnership with First Nations communities, via presentations at forums and conferences.

Our commitment to cultural safety and participation continues in how we represent, market, participate and lead.



LEADERSHIP

IMPACT OF A COMMUNITY BOARD

The KWT Board has gone through much growth, this has seen us work together to ensure that First Nations communities across Victoria had access to philanthropic opportunities to aid and support their visions of building cultural and community wellbeing.

The Board is committed to ensuring that community is aware and has access to grant opportunities offered by KWT. Board members cover metropolitan and regional Victoria, in terms of area and communities who are engaged via their networks.



(L-R Back Kathryn Coff, Terori Hareko-Avaivilla, John Burke, Kerry Arabena, Julia Spindler, Genevieve Timmons

L—R Front Jody Barney, Sherree Chaudhry)

The KWT Board has developed policies and procedures for New Board Member recruitment that is transparent and is in line with the vision and priorities outlined in our strategic plan and charter.

Profiles of Board Members can be accessed on the KWT Fund webpage:

<https://www.kwtfund.org.au/boardmembers>



APPOINTING AN EO

A NEW BEGINNING

KWT this year appointed Jody Barney as the EO of KWT. Jody Barney, a proud Deaf Birri-Gubba / Urangan woman from Queensland has worked in the community sector for over 35 years. Her role with KWT has been as a Board member and previous Chair of KWT late 2019 to mid 2022. Her appointment as the Executive Officer (EO) in July 2022 has assisted in the re-alignment of our representation after having the EO position dormant for a period of 24 months.

The Board's confidence in Jody has seen representation at community, local and state levels in bringing the discussion of KWT role and responsibilities to life.

In 2022, the workplan for KWT continued to evolve, assisting community led activities by individuals and groups supported KWT presence in these areas by way of promotion as a sponsor or funder of various events. Giving KWT a greater voice in building awareness of the philanthropy and giving back. Jody's workplan has and will always be to engage with community members and support them in their application process as well as to support the Board and maintain necessary relationships across all sectors.

2022 has being a huge year for Jody Barney. Jody was inducted into the Women's Honour Roll of Victoria for her ongoing community work especially in the development of women with disabilities in the communities, and was also awarded a Churchill Fellowship to research the work required to assist Deaf First Nations people in the justice systems using their own cultural sign language systems.

In 2023, Jody will represent KWT on the Australian Community Foundation (ACF) Advisory Group, KWT is pending formal incorporation by late December 2022, giving KWT full independence at being 100% operational as a First Nations led philanthropy organisation.



OUR WORK

KWT STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

The KWT Board held a two day Strategic Planning Retreat in Barwon Heads facilitated by Ms Kerry Arabena from Arabena Consulting in May 2021. This included a yarning session on hopes, dreams and aspirations which formed the structure of the KWT Charter.

The KWT Charter is aimed at creating enduring legacies – ones that speak to our past and our future, and are reinforced by the circular nature of our breath. We will breathe life into promoting sustainability and creating opportunities for all of our community to shine, particularly those whose voice is often unheard, whose choice of identity is theirs alone, and whose true character is not yet understood and often unseen.

The Board also invited supporters from Towards a Just Society, FIL and PRF to join them for an update on KWT activities.

DEVELOPMENT OF KWT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

2022 has been a time of putting priorities into action. The KWT Board developed and continues to develop policies and procedures to help clarify and reinforce the standards expected of employees and members of KWT in all their professional dealings.

These were developed to define what is acceptable and unacceptable in the workplace and includes:

Current Policies and procedures:

- Grant giving
- Travel & Accommodation
- Sitting fees and expense claims
- Appointment of Board Members
- Board Member personal information form
- Conflict of Interest
- Conflict of Interest declaration
- Board roles and delegations
- Code of conduct and Ethics
- Board privacy and confidentiality

Further policies and procedures are currently in progress and under Board review.



INCORPORATION

TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION

KWT has secured pro bono legal support from Wisewould Mohoney (WM). WM has reviewed KWT's situation with their tax specialists and have considered that KWT falls under the DGR category of Public Benevolent Institution (PBA).

A PBI is a registered charity that is an institution whose main purpose is to provide for the relief of poverty, sickness, disability, destitution, suffering, misfortune or helplessness. Under a PBI registration KWT will receive a DGR1 designation. The beneficiaries of the charity must be members of a class of people that particularly needs this protections and assistance (ie First Nation People), rather than the community as a whole.

WM has drafted a Statement of Purpose that addresses the ATO criteria for endorsement under the PBI category:

The principal purpose of the Association is to provide direct relief from sickness, disability, destitution, suffering, misfortune and helplessness experienced by Victorian First Nations people by developing and implementing targeted programs to promote access to education, and healthcare, and provide support, training, and opportunities to enhance independence, community resilience and self-determination.

Next steps in the incorporation process is to complete a draft Constitution, issue a notice of meeting to vote on incorporation and adopting the constitution, this is expected to be finalised at the end of December 2022.



GRANT MAKING



NAIDOC WEEK
Grants Now Open

Grants Closing 5pm Today! Don't Miss out.

Grants available for First Nation local community groups in Victoria, to support NAIDOC activities. Apply for up to \$5000 for your NAIDOC community event.

Applications closing June 13th 2022
Applicants must provide an ABN & DGR/CC status (if you're being auspiced by an organisation, provide their details)

For further info and application forms
email: admin@kwtfund.org.au

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VICTORIAN FIRST NATIONS LED COMMUNITY FUND

KWT Board has worked closely with the First Nations communities across Victoria to ensure our grant rounds information and application process was easy to access.

There were a total of 23 grants provided between June 2021 and November 2022 totalling \$179,530 and ranging from \$3,600 to \$10,000 per grant.

Included this year was the NAIDOC grant round, this was offered for the first time in 2022, to community groups. This was received well by the community who wanted to hold events on country.

These grants were provided to Aboriginal organisations across the Melbourne Metropolitan area and regional Victoria such as Broadford, Castlemaine, Echuca, Heywood, Kyabram, Mildura, and Shepparton.

For grant details please refer to Appendix 2: Koondee Woonga-gat Toor-rong Grants June 2021 – November 2022.

See appendix 1.



KWT Community Grants NOW OPEN for applications

KWT is a First Nations led community fund based in Victoria, for Victorian First Nations communities. Our current community grants round is now open. Application forms can be downloaded from our website: www.kwtfund.org.au

Contact us to yarn about your project and how we can help.

Grant round now open and Closing 9th of September 2022.

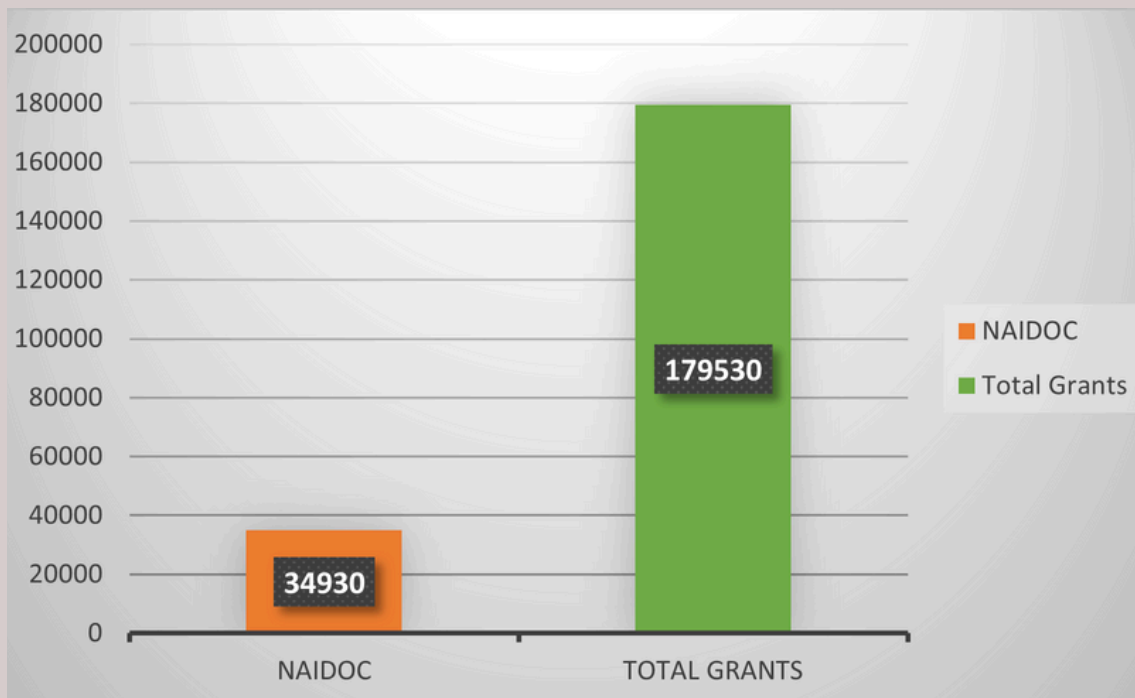
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Grants for First Nations Community projects.

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NAIDOC Specific Grants

NAIDOC 2022 theme “Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up” was a first for KWT to provide small \$5,000 grants to community led events by First Nations community groups.



KWT took an active role in NAIDOC this year, attending various events around the city and in the regional areas. The Board actively participated in their local areas and represented KWT and shared upcoming and online links for applications for grants and EOI for Board opportunities. For this year's NAIDOC commitment, KWT purchased a community table at the Victorian NAIDOC BALL. The table was hosted by KWT EO, with invited guests from community and the philanthropy community. KWT Board and EO attended the Victorian NAIDOC Ball and supported community members and allies to share in the event.



(L-R: Rachel Maza (KWT Grantee - Blak Voices of Brimbank) with KWT Chair Terori Hareko-Avaivilla. KWT EO Jody Barney on stage signing for VIC NAIDOC, GALA BALL 2022.

CASE STUDIES

Our funding rounds found many community members with excellent project ideas that saw increase attendance and repeated engagement which has had a huge ripple effect in the community.

Koorie Basketball Academy

Rick Baldwin, is the CEO of Koorie Basketball Academy (KBA), his dedication to the youth and young adults in his community has been growing since his first grant in 2020. The academy has engaged and been successful with a couple of grants that have assisted young players to engage in sport, offering culturally safe and accessible ways to engage with young people. Such as basketball training, drills, competition and camps. The young girls program, to build self-esteem in basketball and leadership in developing skills has seen many continue on and take up junior coaching and umpiring roles allowing them to earn a few dollars per game. This financial incentive has also given the girls access to financial literacy supports and an ability to contribute to their immediate and extended families. Whilst not a lot of money the girls have stated it's a contribution they didn't have prior to attending KBA. The grants supported not only basketball fees and registration but also uniforms, travel expenses to camps, competition and cultural activities with other First Nations Basketball greats such as Patty Mills.



Image supplied by Koorie Basketball Academy - KBA basketball camp 2021

CASE STUDIES CONT...

The Heywood Deadlies are a walking group that was set up during COVID in Heywood Vic, starting out small it provided a space for local mob to have access to exercise and combat isolation and loneliness. The grants provided by KWT have assisted the organiser to promote, provide and support local people into the walking group. They have been able to assist over 100 walkers during this time and in 2021/2022 they have increased their walking group to a few days a week. Having yarns on various topics and engaging with other local services to provide information on Mental Health and Well-being as well has social interaction and exercise. KWT provided a small grants to help the group take runners to Queensland to compete in a fun run and half marathon. The funds assisted with uniform, shoes, flights, accommodation for the women. The ongoing support of Sherree Chaudhry, KWT Board member who's a local in Heywood, has been instrumental in maintaining that connection between KWT and the Heywood Deadlies.

Blak Voices of Brimbank directed by Rachel Maza: the project in interviewing many voices across the Brimbank community has been well received. The knowledge and wisdom shared by the Elders has been a great success in keeping a digital history of those stories for future generations. These recordings have been developing as a legacy to the local mob of Brimbank and will be in the public domain in weeks to come. During the filming of the interviews the engagement by the community has brought many out for the first time since the pandemic. Therefore creating a safe cultural space to share yarns and give back to the future.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total Spend since receipt of Paul Ramsay Foundation Grant in June 2021 see appendix 1.

Grants	Expenses	Total
\$179,530	\$119,373	\$298,903

MICRO-GRANTS & PD FUNDING

Covid Surge Funding

From December 2021 to September 2022 KWT, in collaboration with ACF and FIL, provided 213 micro-grants to individuals and families across Victoria.

This was essential support to lessen the impact of the COVID pandemic. The community did not see this as welfare it was community helping community and provided families with a little bit of a lifeline.

The Paul Ramsay Foundation Interim Report was submitted to PRF on 1 April 2022 and the subsequent KWT Acquittal Report on 27 September 2022.

AICD Funding

The recent variation to the agreement with PRF providing \$25,000 to the KWT to fund the Executive Officer's attendance on the AICD Company Directors Course. The Executive Officer has booked the course and paid for the associated membership and expenses and the Chair has undertaken the course online from May 2022 to October 2022 with positive results.

ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

ALLYSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS

KWT has had an amazing year in building on the strength of its relationship and allyship with others in the sector. The relationship formed and nurtured with ACF and the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership (FIL) for example have developed and continue to influence best cultural practice and guidance in a stream of events and opportunities. The commitment by each continues to identify the shared learnings and values that design a pathway of respect and honesty in giving.

KWT's allyship and relationships with First Nations communities and broader communities, brings together leaders, mentors and cultural knowledge keepers to share and create a culturally safe space to work together in conveying the ideals and aspirations of KWT giving back to the First Nations communities across Victoria. Their roles are significant in decolonizing wealth and granting language.

AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE

KWT continued advancement to ensure inclusivity and the elimination of discrimination within the organisation, this work is ongoing and is led by Jody Barney who as the First Aboriginal EO who is Deaf (the only one in the philanthropy space) has set a benchmark.

KWT has also ensured that information and the dissemination of material is as accessible as possible. KWT is currently looking at wide range of communication media to ensure that our grants and events information is accessible to all.

Grant opportunities are inclusive and many grants include ways of making it accessible for the many mob with disabilities.

Sharing of KWT grant opportunities within the disability sector has seen an increase of awareness and 2023 looks at the development of our first Forum to be inclusive and accessible.

PRESENTATIONS

Two Board members participated in November at a First Nations Working in Two Worlds Forum, that brought together a cross sector of participants including from the Philanthropy Community. The Board members presented on KWT current work, processes for grant making and giving, and the opportunities to work with wider networks. This created further interest and requests from other philanthropic organisations to learn from KWT and its work with community.

ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY CONT...

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- FIL: KWT has three members of the FIL Alumni as Board members, and the current EO also member of the FIL alumni, is part of FIL Advisory Committee. The relationship with FIL has strengthen more since the COVID funding has been distributed. The report to PRF highlights the success of this relationship and the ongoing commitment by both organisations to advance and continue to work in partnership on similar and other projects.
- ACF: Advisory Committee Membership, the current EO Jody Barney has been appointed as KWT representative to this Committee. The connections made with ACF will continue in this capacity beyond the incorporation of KWT in 2023. This is to create ongoing presence and guidance in a two way approach.
- IFIP: membership to participate in other Indigenous led funds globally. The relationship and membership has grown and the upcoming conference in Mexico will see the EO presenting at the conference. The conference will be attended by a KWT Board member also, this will provide an opportunity to ensure that we are nurturing and supporting cultural giving practices not just within our local communities but international communities too, To learn from each other and to network globally for humanity.
- MELBUNE UNI: Melbourne Disability Institute – KWT often seeks academic and disability related information and supports that can be shared with community. This gives both the institute and KWT options to share knowledge that will increase applicant's opportunities beyond KWT scope.
- Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity: Leadership development for applicants and grantees who wish to continue their leadership development and participate in the program. KWT relationship in sharing these linkages has seen a few applicants successful and otherwise participate in the AFSE process. Outcomes of 2023 are yet to be shared at this time.



CURRENT WORK

KWT WORK IN PROGRESS

- IFIP conference in Mexico in February 2023 – presentation pending TBC both the EO and one Board member will be attending.
- Family Wellness & Education Micro-grants – education, hardship and housing TBC after the tabling of this report. Conversations still continuing. PRF Relief funding for First Nations families across Victoria, this will be delivered again in partnership with FIL.
- KWT Forum August 2023 - A forum is planned for the later part of 2023, that will seek to bring the Philanthropy community together in a culturally safe space to share knowledge, network, decolonise granting practices and building stronger relationships with the First Nations communities across Victoria.
- Community and grantee partner visits – Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, North East, Bendigo, Metro – these visits scheduled during October to November were postponed due to the flood crisis in and across Victoria and Sorry Business of the EO they are rescheduled for March 2023.
- Evaluation Framework (Karabena) – working with the Karabena Group in early 2023 to finalise the framework. Due to delays during the floods and Sorry Business this was postponed in 2022.
- KWT BOARD - a planning retreat is planned for March 2023. This will allow the Board members and EO to share what is upcoming for KWT.
- Website update and Communications update - The current website will undergo updates, since KWT has grown. Much of the information is out of date due to this growth. New communications materials will also be developed and disseminated to community to build further awareness and engagement.



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Date of grant	26/07/2021
Grantee/project title	Koorie Academy Ltd : Deadlies Camp - Girls program
Amount Granted	\$10,000
Koorie Academy aims to empower girls and boys through the game of basketball.	
Date of grant	26/07/2021
Grantee/project title	Victoria University / A Fight For Survival: Northlands Returns to Northlands
Amount Granted	\$10,000
Northlands Mob Collective is a grassroots collective of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people with an important story to share – The Northlands Story. They are former students, parents, teachers and/or community members of Preston East Technical School / Northland Secondary College. This project enabled local community to gather together, reconnect with the heartland of their story (Northland Secondary College - formerly Preston East Technical School and now Northern College of the Arts and Technology), and formally commemorate all those who have passed during the collective story.	
Date of grant	26/07/2021
Grantee/project title	Candace Williams / Bowarring Mentor Program - Youth Mentoring and Community Engagement
Amount Granted	\$10,000
This project benefits Indigenous youth by providing continued support and opportunity to connect with each other, Elders and community. The project builds on the youth's cultural knowledge and identity through providing a safe space for them to come together and listen to the Elders stories and knowledge. The program provides youth with a space to participate in Yarning Circles to connect with each other and the Elders. It also offers art classes, jewellery making, weaving with our Elders and ceramic work.	

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Date of grant	11/08/2021
Grantee/project title	Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Co-Operative / Producing Two Possum Skin Cloaks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients with Mental Health Concerns
Amount Granted	\$6000
<p>This grant helped create two possum skin cloaks, accessible for people having an inpatient admission to the St Vincent's Hospital in Fitzroy, Melbourne, and at the Northern Hospital in Epping. The project aimed to allow people who have or are having an inpatient admission to complete a piece of artwork on a pelt to contribute to the overall cloaks.</p>	
Date of grant	3/11/2021
Grantee/project title	Richelle Jackson / Victorian Seven Sisters Netball
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>This program helps guide young girls out of their hometown and into the eyes of Mainstream Pathways. It also helps young Indigenous girls to meet other girls like themselves with similar interest. The past players have made friendships that are going to be lifelong.</p>	
Date of grant	23/02/2022
Grantee/project title	Maza, Lisa Gabrielle / Blak Voices of Brimbank
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>The project involved interviewing a diverse range of First Nations Peoples' in Brimbank, especially a number of Elders who have been involved in the community. These recordings will be edited into individual stories to be used as a public resource for anyone keen to hear from the local First Nations People of the Brimbank area.</p>	

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Date of grant	6/04/2022
Grantee/project title	South West AFL Masters Football Team / Statewide Aboriginal AFL Masters Day for Men & Women
Amount Granted	\$10,00
<p>The aim of this project was to increase participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players in AFL Masters Football. AFL Masters Football has been ahead of the curve (again) in relation to diversity and inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants. This project will help to increase active lifestyles for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the South West who are aged over 35 years. Continued involvement with sport and recreation helps to address social, emotional and wellbeing issues as well as general health and fitness.</p>	
Date of grant	29/06/2022
Grantee/project title	Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation / 2022 NAIDOC event at Two Rivers Gallery
Amount Granted	\$3,600
<p>Gunditjmara artists provided artist talks and demonstrations of their arts practice July 2022. The first talk was held at the site of Mayapa Weeyn (make fire) a tribute to the Cart Gunditj held at Cart Mountain Narrawong by the designer and creator of this amazing sculpture, Walter Saunders.</p>	
Date of grant	13/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Melbourne Warriors Sports Club / Entering the Indigenous Basketball Team in the Darebin Junior Basketball Association Competition
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>These funds were to support costs associated with court hire, score sheet fees and supplies we may need to sustain the club throughout the season and also funding to go towards accommodation, travel and uniforms for all teams to participate in a tournament.</p>	

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Date of grant	13/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Melbourne Warriors Sports Club / Entering the Indigenous Basketball Team in the Darebin Junior Basketball Association Competition
Amount Granted	\$4930
<p>Nalderun held a NAIDOC event for the first time and bringing the Aboriginal community together and celebrating native culture, our stories, hard work and relationships with all the good people of Castlemaine and surrounds.</p>	
Date of grant	13/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation / 2022 NAIDOC Gathering at Nalderun
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Heywood Deadlies held a Community Fun Run Walk Event in celebration of National NAIDOC Week 2022. The theme this year was Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! The theme aimed to encourage community to come together and celebrate NAIDOC Week but also have a healthy lifestyle aspect on it and in the longer term will encourage the community to become engaged with Heywood Deadlies and to make healthy lifestyle choices.</p>	
Date of grant	13/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation / 2022 NAIDOC Week Heywood Deadlies Community Fun Run Walk Event
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>To celebrate NAIDOC Week on the Mornington Peninsula, Willum Warrain held a NAIDOC soul lounge Evening for Community members. The event saw community members reflecting and celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.</p>	

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Date of grant	13/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Koorie Academy Ltd / 2022 NAIDOC Week Koori Academy Basketball Clinic
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Koorie Academy aims to empower the girls and boys through the game of basketball. The funding supported the Koori Academy Basketball Clinic during 2022 NAIDOC Week.</p>	
Date of grant	27/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Rochelle Jackson / Doojookyaan - Golden Oldie Netball
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>Golden Oldies is an annual sporting event for older adults. Golden Oldies World Netball Festival 2022 was held on the Sunshine Coast. Every two years, the Indigenous women's team 'Doojookyaan' comprises players aged over 45 plays in the Netball tournament.</p>	
Date of grant	27/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Aldara Yenara Aboriginal Corporation / 2022 NAIDOC Family Day
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Aldara Yenara and community group KCLC ran a family day with a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, traditional dance, arts and crafts (painting boomerangs and clapsticks), face painting, free BBQ lunch, petting zoo from Kyabram Fauna Park. Their aim is to bring the entire community together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.</p>	

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Date of grant	27/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation / 2022 NAIDOC Family Day
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC) was registered on 16 July 2009 as the Registered Aboriginal Party that represents the interests of the Taungurung people. TLaWC runs projects for the economic, social and cultural well-being of Taungurung people. Funding will support Taungurung Land and Waters Council to hold the 2022 NAIDOC Week Event in the Mitchell Shire.</p>	
Date of grant	27/07/2022
Grantee/project title	Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Inc / 2022 NAIDOC Week Event
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) is a community controlled Aboriginal organisation based in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) of Melbourne. MMIGP is committed to retaining, promoting, and strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural identity. The aims of MMIGP are to support enhanced outcomes for the Aboriginal community within EMR by providing a wide range of programs and activities that empower, educate and support our community. This grant supporting the organisation of the 2022 NAIDOC Week event at The Grand on Cathies Lane, Wantirna South.</p>	
Date of grant	24/08/2022
Grantee/project title	Castlemaine Documentary Festival / Lake of Scars Panel and Discussion at the Castlemaine Documentary Festival
Amount Granted	\$5000
<p>Castlemaine Documentary Festival, runs over a single weekend at the Theatre Royal Castlemaine. The Festival is an immersive and intimate experience, providing a platform for a diverse group of people to connect for an extended shared experience in a social setting. "The Lake Of Scars" Synopsis. In a corner of Victoria exists a link to an ancient culture. The film examines the preservation of culture and environment as protagonists fight for scarred trees to be preserved, for middens and stone scatters to be protected and recognised, for environmental flows of water to be allowed into the seasonal lake.</p>	

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Date of grant	24/08/2022
Grantee/project title	Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation / Gathering Space Community Garden
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>Kirrip aims to build a traditional community garden with traditional food and plants and a café space with computers for the community members to study, search jobs, and other activities. As the project progresses the café will be able to support the opportunity for training of community members in customer service / hospitality.</p>	
Date of grant	24/08/2022
Grantee/project title	Black Eagles Basketball Association / Cultural Healing Cloak Project
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>Black Eagles Basketball Association will bring the youth and community together by creating a Possum Skin Cloak / Baby Cloak and Indigenous Weaving. This will include bringing in specialists around Suicide, Grief, Trauma, Self-Determination, Self-Regulation and Building Resilience.</p>	
Date of grant	21/09/2022
Grantee/project title	Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation / Thanampool Group
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>This grant will support the running of monthly sessions to help women in the community learn more about their health and well-being, language, culture, relationships, and connect with other women's groups through social outings. The Thanampool Group will connect with women in Jabiru NT through virtual catch ups and discuss similarities and differences.</p>	

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Date of grant	2/11/2022
Grantee/project title	Kiilalaana PTY LTD / Kiilalaana Women's Gathering
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>In October, Kiilalaana hosted a young women's retreat and gathering for up to 60 participants at Lake Cullullerraine in Mildura. The event focussed on deadly role models and facilitators not only sharing knowledge, also sharing stories. Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Culture, Connection, Entrepreneurial Mindset and Wellbeing.</p>	
Date of grant	2/11/2022
Grantee/project title	Our Songlines / Survival Day 2023
Amount Granted	\$10,000
<p>January 26th is a traumatic day and despite continuous lobbying to 'change the date', 'Australia Day' still doesn't encompass ALL Australians. Through a blend of musical, educational, interactive, and reflective experiences, Our Survival Day (OSD) events allows a safe place for Indigenous and allies to come together, experience culture together and celebrate our collective strength. Funding will be used to ensure all First Nations creatives are paid award wages and that primary festival staff are paid for their time in the lead-up to the event.</p>	
Total Grants Given	\$179,530