

Peter McPhee Award Grant Program

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Grant Recipients 2014-2024

Project Title	Project Coordinator	Project Description	Amount Funded
The Mernda VR Project	Thomas Keep	The Mernda VR Project is an initiative exploring the possible applications of hypothetical digital reconstructions of rural archaeological sites, with an aim to investigate the efficacy of virtual reality as a means of fostering engagement and interest in rural archaeology.	\$4,431.00
Accessible Australia Short Film Series	Cindy Li	Connecting Nationality Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants to allied health students to showcase a short film and promote community engagement with disability care.	\$2,508.00
Dream Seeds Mallee Trip July 2018	Harry Stannard	Providing resources and connections to primary schools in rural Victoria with the aim of overcoming barriers to education, aspiration and participation,	\$4,967.00
The Kingdom of BGBJ's Organisational Capacity Building Initiative: Developing Children and Youth Teaching Curriculum	Vasanthi Vasanthi	To support children and youth educators in the disadvantaged communities of Indonesia to break the poverty cycle and create a health environment for the local community.	\$4,613.00
Youth Voices	Jayke Clayden	Using film and photography to engage young people from diverse (migrant and refugee) backgrounds from the Sunraysia region to tell their stories of overcoming marginalisation.	\$4,953.00
Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) Program	Emerson Keenan	Designed and built a high quality multi-sensory toy for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), then distributed to the community,	\$5000.00
International Student Meet on Public Health	Jennifer Phan	A student-led conference inspiring 200+ students across the world to collaborate and take action on public health issues	\$5000.00
Kenyan Village Medical Education	Edward Benson	Conducted a number of health education workshops in rural locations in Kenya 2017	\$5000.00
Spokes in the Wheel	Priyani Madan	The Spokes in the Wheel program was established in March 2012 and is conducted by Engineers Without Borders (EWB) students from the University of Melbourne. It forms part of the SAIL Xtend program, which augments regular weekly tutoring sessions for children in migrant Sudanese communities by SAIL community volunteers.	\$5000.00
Melinka	Alejandro Correa	Understanding and establishing a strong engagement with the Pu Wapi Indigenous community. Building solid	\$5000.00

		strategies for establishing marine coastal areas for indigenous people in the <u>Patagonian Sea</u>	
Teachabout Dry Season Program	Jesse Drummond	Teachabout is a youth-led organisation which coordinates a school holiday program to extend and enrich learning through activities in remote communities.	\$5000.00
Drop-In: Engaging Maribyrnong's Young People	Gina Mancuso	Drop-In: Engaging Maribyrnong's Young People gives Maribyrnong Youth Services the opportunity to create and pilot a new model of service delivery, enhancing youth participation and increasing a sense of belonging and connectedness.	\$5000.00
Promoting Fitness And Wellbeing Amongst Disadvantaged Youth At A Local Community School	Kate Van Zuylekom	The program will address important social issues through the introduction of a health-conscious exercise routine into the lives of identified students. With its focus on engagement at the local level this activity identifies 10 at-risk students in the Sydney Road Community School and engages them in a health and wellbeing program at a local gym.	\$5000.00
Mixmix: Hip-Hop Dance Workshops, Symposium And Event In Manila, Philippines	Dennis Pennalligen	MIXMIX is a collaborative youth dance project which links Australia with community-driven hip-hop artists and organisations from around South-east Asia in an effort to empower youth and address issues unique to the region.	\$5000.00
Animatism – Creative Ideas And Artistic Action Between Melbourne And East Timor	Amanda Haskard	ANIMATISM is designed to engage both festival and showcase opportunities for artists collaborating between Melbourne and East Timor, creating sustainable ways to bring artists together in partnership, while deepening artistic expression and cross-cultural understanding across the Asia-Pacific region.	\$5000.00
comma means breathe,	Xiaole Zhan	What do you hope for? What do you dread? We have asked students these questions and believe their responses tell a compelling story. As student artists ourselves, we know all too well the anxieties of studying through a global pandemic, worrying about the climate, being caught in a cost-of-living crisis... As composers, we understand how to best express ourselves through music. We are collecting voice recordings and written responses from students like ourselves and setting these words to a multi-movement co-composed electro-acoustic musical work and will present our work in a community concert.	\$2,520.00
A Wasteland of Malaysian Poetry in English	Brandon Liew	A Wasteland of Malaysian Poetry in English is a community exhibition based on an audio-archive of over 300 Malaysian poems since the 1940s. These original recordings are presented on hi-fi stations in a gallery space. They trace a lineage from the colonial period and are interspersed with contemporary responses by emerging and younger poets. An integral component is the free participatory events of community open mics, talks, and workshops. It features Lee Kok Liang, an Arts student at the university in the 1950s, and editor of the Melbourne University Magazine, reflecting his career as a community activist and prominent lawyer in Georgetown.	\$5,000.00
Launch of Elucidate Melbourne Team at the University of Melbourne	Christian Bien	Elucidate, is on a mission to ensure that every Australian high school student has the support they need to achieve at school through providing a free and engaging online education platform. The project originated in Perth with a volunteer team making content online to teach it forward for WA students. Having recently relocated to UniMelb, I aim to launch a new Elucidate Melbourne team focused on creating Victoria syllabus-specific content to support all students across Victoria regardless of financial or geographical background. The new Melbourne team models the success of the Perth team which has over 40 university volunteers.	\$4,800.00

Lisa Yamamoto	Robogals Rural Trip 2025	Robogals Melbourne aims to inspire, engage and empower young women into engineering and related fields. While we typically conduct outreach workshops near the University of Melbourne, we now aim to extend our outreach to students in rural Victoria through a three day trip with our volunteers. During the trip, we will visit primary and high schools in the selected region, where students will participate in one of our STEM workshops, including robotics, Arduino or programming. The grant funds will support the trip by covering expenses such as fuel for transportation, accommodation, catering for volunteers, and other necessary support materials.	\$2000.00
Ichinkhorloo Myanganbayar	"Food for All" project in Mandal-Ovoo sum (village), Mongolia	This project seeks to transform the lives of children in Mandal-Ovoo, Mongolia, by implementing a technology-driven meal management system to ensure they receive adequate nutrition. Grant funds will be used to purchase essential hardware, such as kiosks and Wi-Fi equipment (which will also support their educational needs), to improve food access and quality for students. By addressing severe malnutrition and supporting school attendance, this initiative aims to reduce child labor and foster educational opportunities in a region plagued by extreme isolation and poverty. Grant will help build a brighter, healthier future for these underserved children.	\$5000.00
Sonika Agarwal	Meal Prep for Success	The project will help improve students' access to nutritious food by teaching practical meal preparation skills. It aims to help students develop essential skills to plan and cook affordable nourishing meals, which is vital given the current cost-of-living crisis. This initiative will help students lead healthier lives, and save time for university engagement. Guided by Nutrition students at our university, workshops over the semester will cover healthy, budget-friendly meal planning and offer hands-on cooking experiences. An accessible online guide will feature diverse recipes and extra resources with contributions from student volunteers, promoting inclusivity and cultural diversity alongside the above aims.	\$3200.00
Cy Spaleta	VCE Student Fund	As a registered charity working in the education not-for-profit sphere, VCE Summer Tutoring delivers a two-week volunteer summer program in January of each year aimed at providing a holistic and accessible education for disadvantaged students across Victoria. This grant project will fund welcome packs with academic supplies for program participants and a scholarship fund to accommodate students who require additional financial support. By drawing upon our Project Leader and broader team members, we plan to integrate these grant-funded initiatives into our already robust summer program, supplementing our capacity to better support and accommodate students and deliver our program effectively.	\$4800.00

Emily Gu	Naarm Law Students	Naarm Law Students is a collective from the University of Melbourne dedicated to providing free community legal education for young people. We seek grant funds to sustain our operations, including covering travel expenses to reach regional communities and training law students in community facilitation. This initiative builds on Naarm Law Students on Voice (NLSov), recognised at the Australian Human Rights Awards for community legal education on the 2023 Voice to Parliament Referendum. Our new project aims to empower young people to understand and assert their rights.	\$1650.00
		Total: \$100,442.00	

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