

Community Grants Annual Report 2024/25

Arts and Cultural Grants Funding Recipients 2024/25

Arts and Cultural Grants – Major Round			
Papercuts Comics Festival	Papercuts Comics Festival	A biennial free to attend three-day festival of comics and graphic novels on 12-14 September 2025. It aims to promote awareness of comics and graphic novels as an artistic and literary medium, showcase the local creative community, connect creators and help them reach new audiences. This project activates City Library and Adelaide Town Hall. And draws attendees from across Australia and NZ.	\$15,000
Ida Sophia Cassar	Patience and Penitencia	Ida Sophia's (Ramsay Art Prize winner) first museum presentation, a durational performance at Samstag Museum of Art, June – July 2026. Patience and Penitencia is about the silent treatment, a punishment often exchanged between women.	\$14,500
Chamber Music Adelaide	On The Terrace 2025	On The Terrace is a free, highly accessible chamber music festival which invites audiences to experience music in unique cultural spaces. Performances take place at the State Library SA; Art Gallery of SA and SA Museum on 2 November.	\$15,000
THE MILL Incorporated	Tarnanthi at The Mill 2025	The Mill is partnering with Tarnanthi Festival to present two new exhibitions by SA based First Nations artists, Shane Cook (Wulli Wulli and Koa (Guwa)) and Rhubee Neale (Arrernte & Anmatjere) on display at The Mill, 17 October 2025 - 16 January 2026.	\$8000
The Little Machine	Exhibition and Event Program 2025	The Little Machine (TLM) is an artist-run gallery space in Regent Arcade. Funding will support the 2025 exhibition program of 6 exhibitions. Exhibitions feature an opening, artist/curator talk (also livestreamed), a published curatorial essay and professional documentation.	\$14,500
Big Picture Club Inc.	Adelaide 48 Hour Film Project 2025	An international filmmaking competition where local filmmakers have 48 hours to write, shoot, edit and score original short films. It attracts approximately 700 attendees locally and places Adelaide in an international calendar of 130 cities worldwide. Submitted films are screened at The Mercury Cinema in October 2025.	\$10,000
Arabic Language and Culture Association of SA (ALCASA)	Arabic Arts Alive: Strengthening Community Connections Through Film, Music, and Dance	A series of community gatherings, Arabic film, music and dance events, and storytelling workshops, culminating in one bigger event featuring music, dance, and storytelling at Carclew in September 2025.	\$15,000
Three D Radio	Transmission Festival (Working title)	Three D Radio and Fresh FM are joining forces for an inclusive, all-ages mini festival, taking place at Carclew in December 2025. The festival will feature two live stages curated by each station.	\$15,000

Mark Valenzuela	TAMBAY DAYS	An extension of Mark Valenzuela's Adelaide Contemporary Experimental (ACE) 2025 Porter Street Commission to be exhibited in August 2025. This element activates ACE's front gallery to make space for the community to come together and celebrate Filipino culture through performances and public programs.	\$10,000
Henry Wolff and Heidi Kenyon	Speculative Re-Wilding: Planting Car Parks for a More-Than-Human Future	A speculative re-wilding project in carparks, blending native and introduced plant species to explore new narratives around biodiversity, ecological complexity, and climate resilience. It is part of the Nature Festival and activates the North Adelaide Community Centre carpark.	\$10,000
Pride Adelaide Inc.	Pride March Adelaide 2025	Held annually in November since 2003, Pride March Adelaide attracts over 6000 people and over 100 community groups and supportive businesses. Pride March celebrates the strength, diversity, creativity, solidarity and history of LGBTIQ+ people and their communities.	\$10,000
Open Space Contemporary Arts T/A OSCA	OnSite	A pop-up exhibition in November 2025 at No.9 Karaoke Bar in Chinatown, presenting site specific artwork curated by Alice McCool, Kim Munro and Yusuf Ali Hayat. 6 culturally diverse artists working across multiple art forms will present new works exploring ideas of place that engage with the location and surrounding communities.	\$11,000
Adelaide Ballet	Dancing Through Degas	Dancing Through Degas reimagines his iconic works—poised ballerinas, backstage moments of the Paris Opera, and the elegance of 19th-century Paris—through a captivating fusion of live ballet performance and cinematic storytelling at ILA during September 2025-----.	\$14,500
Arts and Cultural Grants - Quick Response			
Nicole Walker	In Motion	Showing at Gluttony as part of Adelaide Fringe, In Motion, presented by a team of emerging Adelaide creatives, blends circus, theatre, and dance to tell a story about grief.	\$1720
Helpmann Academy	2025 Graduate Exhibition Project Curator Mentorship Program	An opportunity for an emerging curator to curate the Helpmann Academy Graduate Exhibition, with mentorship from staff at the Samstag Museum of Art, and support from the Samstag, UniSA and Helpmann Academy teams on all curatorial aspects of the exhibition.	\$5000
Bri Hammond	Object Permanence	The inaugural recipient of The Mill's Photographer in Residence program, Bri Hammond, will exhibit at The Mill during Adelaide Fringe. The exhibition marks a departure from commercial to artistic photography with a focus on parenting and connection with other parents.	\$2000
Bonnie Williams	DOWNPOUR	An inclusive production featuring cabaret, burlesque and performance art with a focus on featuring and supporting a diverse lineup, including performers and audiences living with disabilities.	\$5000
Lucinda Zola	Solo Exhibition at Floating Goose Studios - Through My Window	Through My Window is an exhibition by visual artist and musician Lucy Zola that explores tension, dichotomy, and the deeply personal moments that shape our understanding of self and space. Through ceramic sculptures, photography, experimental film and interactive digital works, Lucy invites viewers to examine the complexities of human emotion through the metaphorical and physical lens of windows.	\$1145

Blaide.live	An Evening with Zakir Khan	Adelaide-based Blaide.Live presents a show by Zakir Khan blending spoken word, comedy and storytelling. This event enables South Asian communities of Hindi speakers to experience an event in the Adelaide Town Hall as part of the Adelaide Fringe.	\$4925
Pretty Good Thanks	Queer Club 2025	A locally produced LGBTQIA+ focused mini-festival taking place at the Queen's Theatre during Feast Festival.	\$4000
Laura Wills	Wet, Public Program	A visual arts exhibition at Floating Goose Gallery which includes a range of free to attend public programs including artist wellbeing day, a symposium on water projects, community art workshops and an opening event.	\$5000
Sam Brooks	Flourishing of the Human Spirit	A new mural by artist Sam Brooks in Topham Mall, stretching across two walls and featuring a floral design in consultation with nearby businesses. The mural replaces ageing and worn-out decor.	\$5000
Juanita Navas-Nguyen	Confessions of a Boba Liberalist	An Adelaide Fringe show by local performer Juanita Navas-Nguyen about culture and connection, taking place in new venue the Circulating Library in the Courtyard of Curiosities at the State Library.	\$2950
Grote Business Precinct	Lunar New Year of the Snake art installation	An interactive public artwork created by Makerspace and local artist Min Lin, located in Moonta St and celebrating the Lunar New Year of the Wooden Snake.	\$2700
Georgia Oatley	A Pastoral - Debut Album Launch at The Lab	Georgia Oatley's album launch featuring a lineup of diverse local artists as well as puppetry, visuals created for the performance utilising the venues screens and theatrical elements including live puppetry.	\$3100
Runt! Records	Laneway Pre-Party: Valentine's edition	An all-ages gig featuring live music, DJs and art with a focus on representation of female and gender diverse artists. The project is a collaboration between 2 emerging youth lead SA music collectives (Runt Records and Adelaide Scene) as well as a Brisbane music collective who will host a similar Brisbane based event at the same time, aiming to strengthen national ties between emerging music collectives and record labels.	\$4000
Lumina Vocal Ensemble	A Choral Kaleidoscope - Music from Around the World	Adelaide Fringe performances of choral music in multiple languages performed by local choir Lumina Vocal Ensemble.	\$1962
Royal South Australian Society of Art	James Ashton, artist of the Fleurieu Coast.	A solo retrospective exhibition at the Royal South Australian Society of Arts featuring the art of historical South Australian artist James Ashton and registered as part of the History Festival.	\$3237
Crafty Robot Brewing	Bringing Live to the West End	Crafty Robot Brewing in Adelaide's West End will begin a live music program in their outdoor beer garden/courtyard, programming artists twice a month on a weekend in the afternoon. There is a focus on programming a broad diversity of artists, including multicultural musicians. The performances will be free to attend and can also be heard by passersby due to the location.	\$5000
Flamboyance Tours Pty Ltd	Monthly Meander Series (walking tours)	Support to create marketing materials to promote a series of guided arts and culture tours in the city. The tours will cover topics including city of music history, women's history, Adelaide Arcade history and slow fashion shopping tour. The project is aiming to grow a local audience for Adelaide tours.	\$4000

Songwriters Composers and Lyricists Association (SCALA)	Songcraft Showcase: Showcasing South Australia's best songwriting talent in the heart of Adelaide	The Festival of Original Music is a songwriting competition showcasing original unrecorded new music live in front of judges and an audience at The Jade. The competition is open to anyone to perform in and open to the public to attend for a small ticket fee of \$10. Competitors will receive constructive feedback and there are modest cash prizes to contribute to the winning artist's development.	\$3150
Arts and Cultural Grants – First Nations Arts and Culture			
Bedlam Rigney	Take Your Meds Album Launch	A new album by Cringetrender (Bedlam Rigney), Kurna + Ngarindjerri artist and musician launched at Nexus Arts on 5 April, featuring a powerful night of music, blending raw emotion with high-energy performance.	\$2000
Jonathan Stier	Reconciled Voices	A free community concert at Nexus Arts featuring a lineup of primarily Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers aiming to foster reconciliation and allyship within the community.	\$5000
Natasha Wanganeen	Survival Day	Survival Day creates a safe space for the continuation of singing, dancing and speaking and telling the true history and cultural heritage in evolving ways. The event will include performances by First Nations performers. Survival Day is the main event on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Calendar besides NAIDOC week and is used by the First Nations Community to perform, practice and teach their culture and traditions.	\$5000
Carclew Inc	Blak Seeds Fest	A First Nations lead family friendly mini festival, alongside a First Nations exhibition. Blak Seeds Fest is made up of an exhibition featuring Carclew's Emerging First Nations Creatives, and the work of local First Nations artists, kicking off with the Blak Seeds Fest mini festival as its opening event. The festival will also include performances by First Nations musicians.	\$5000
The Mill Inc	First Nations Choreographic Lab pilot	A one-week choreographic workshop at The Mill with The Mill's First Nations Dance Program Coordinator, and proud Ngarrindjeri, Narungga and Kurna woman Caleena Sansbury and 4 local First Nations dancers. Following the development there will be a 'Work In Progress' showing open to the public at The Mill.	\$3900
Jackie Saunders	Nexus Artist in Residence	Ngarrindjeri Wirangu artist Jackie Saunders, who also lives with a disability, has an artist residency at Nexus Arts followed by a public exhibition. The artist will be supported with materials and mentoring in different areas including an Aboriginal art mentor, Disability Support Worker and digital expert.	\$4500
Soundstream New Music	Inarma Choir in concert at the Art Gallery of South Australia	Gabrielle Smart will support women's choir Inarma Choir to travel from remote communities in SA and NT to Adelaide to perform a free concert at the Art Gallery of South Australia in December 2025.	\$4960
Mali Harkin-Noack	Burn Your House to the Ground/ Hate Street Dialogue & after/the/slaughter	Development of a theatre piece by 15-year-old Narrunga poet, actor and writer Mali Harkin-Noack with mentorship support followed by an in-development showing of the piece, open to the public to attend.	\$5000

Adelaide Contemporary Experimental	Kudlyu I See You	Support for the creative development, production, editing and delivery of a new artwork by Adam-Troy Francis (Kurna, Ngarrindjeri, and Wirangu language groups) and Arabana/Mudbura Walpiri photographer Colleen Raven which will be the headline new commission in ACE's high-profile Rewriting Landscapes exhibition as part of Tarnanthi Festival 2025.	\$5000
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Community Impact Grants Funding Recipients 2024/25

Organisation	Project	Project Description	2024/25 Funding Awarded
Community Impact Grants – Multiyear Strategic Partnerships Allocations (final funding awarded 2024/25)			
Kuma Kaaru and Nucleus	Kurna Foundational Knowledge Project	The Knowledge Project aims to increase community understanding of Kurna language, culture and customs through in person conversations and digital forums. The project also seeks to empower community to ask cultural questions and to continue to seek cultural knowledge contributing to reconciliation. Learn more about the Kurna Knowledge Project here: Knowledge Project .	\$49,000
On the Flipside	Flipside at City Skate Park	This project's mission is to create an inclusive, creative, and wellness-based engagement of young people in the City of Adelaide through <i>Skate and Meditate</i> sessions, Skate Daze and <i>Workshop Daze</i> events at the Adelaide Skate Park. In 2024/25 an estimated 250 individuals attended the On the Flip Side activities, including 50 city residents.	\$30,000
COTA SA	Conversations in the City	An annual series of forums to inspire, connect and promote healthy ageing and wellbeing in the City of Adelaide. Three forums are delivered annually at the Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens. The events are an opportunity for older people to build relationships and connect to information, including City of Adelaide services for older people. 300 people attended the 2024/25 Forums.	\$25,000
Trees for Life	Regenerate in the Adelaide Park Lands	An intergenerational and intercultural program, co-designed with mental health services, targeting city residents over 55years and young adults/international students who may be living with mental illness, feeling isolated or lonely, to get active in nature. The series of 20 to 25 annual events offer three hour supervised nature-based group activities in the Adelaide Park Lands (Tuthangga Park 17, Pakapakanthi Park 16, and Nantu Wama Park 6) and surrounding CoA natural spaces.	\$33,000
Community Impact Grants – Multiyear Community Programs and Events Allocations (final funding awarded 2024/25)			

Chinatown Association of SA	Lunar New Year	Chinatown Adelaide Lunar New Year Street Party to celebrate the 2024 and 2025 Lunar New Year with the local community and businesses.	\$25,000
Adelaide Tamil Association	Pongal Festival	Harvest Festival is celebrated every year dedicating to the farmers and named after the ceremonial "Pongal", which means "to boil, overflow". The Pongal sweet dish is prepared, first offered to the gods and goddesses, and shared with the community.	\$20,000
Telugu Association of South Australia Incorporated	Game For All Cricket	Community T20 Cricket Tournament. TASA brings members of the community together along with new migrants and international students to engage all in a community tournament.	\$3000
Victorian YMCA Community Programming Pty Ltd	YMCA Adelaide Pushing Project	The Adelaide Pushing Project is the second edition of the successful 'Adelaide Skate Park Activation'. The project aims to promote an active lifestyle outdoors among youths and support them in developing new skills.	\$25,000
Community Impact Grants – Quick Response			
Pride Adelaide Inc	Pride Month 2025	Funding to support Adelaide's Pride Month activities throughout June 2025. The featured event is a Gala night at the Festival Centre with performances and speeches. Workshops, panel discussions, additional performances, and sporting activities will also be hosted during the month.	\$2000
Saturday Club, Scots Church Adelaide	Celebrating Multicultural Communities 2025	Multicultural celebration events in 2025. Nine events in total would be supported. Funding will assist Kurna activities, including Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony.	\$2000
SARAA South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance	IDAHOBIT 50th Anniversary of Decriminalisation of Homosexuality	An exhibition night at Palace Nova East End. Proceedings will include Welcome to Country, talks about discrimination, sexual health, and a movie showing. An expected 150 people will attend the event.	\$2000
Indian Australian Media (SA) Incorporated	mela Adelaide da	A free community event run annually by the Indian Australian Media Association. Activities will include cultural performances, sporting competitions, children's activities, and international music. This event is expected to attract 5000 people.	\$2000
Mentor Healthcare	Haircuts for the Homeless and Needy	A pop-up barbershop in the park lands for low socio-economic clients, and the wider Adelaide community experiencing disadvantage, including those experiencing homelessness. A suggested 6 sessions of free haircuts throughout summer could serve up to 60 people.	\$2000

TQ Productions	Brazilian Folkloric Summer Workshops	A series of 10 free Brazilian dance classes over 5 weeks in January 2025. It is thought that 20 people would participate in each class. Multicultural communities along with international students will be targeted for these activities.	\$2000
Adelaide Park Lands Association	Parklands Loop Collective #8	Adelaide Park Lands Association has been hosting regular free "loop" walks of the City of Adelaide parklands. They are seeking funding to contribute to the promotion of free events. 150 attendances expected.	\$1000
Leo Multicultural Association	Lunar New Year Celebration Community Choir Concert	Lunar New Year community choir concert at Pilgrim Church. Attendees pay a small entry fee to enjoy performances from the orchestra and choir. An expected 80 people will attend the event.	\$1000
Perrin Abbas (Sole Trader)	Yoga at Wellington Square	Yoga with Perrin has been running free yoga classes since 2018 in Wellington Square. In winter they move into Immanuel Lutheran Church. Funding will assist with event delivery costs including venue hire and insurance.	\$1000
Jessica Johnson (Sole Trader)	Watercolour Wellness	2-hour watercolour wellness sessions in the City. The sessions would allow 10 participants each. 2 sessions supported with part funding.	\$1000
Bund der Bayern Inc	Oktober is Over '25 - German Cultural Community Event	A post Oktoberfest family fun day at Carclew. "The event includes a Welcome to Country, live music, and children's face painting. An expected 150 people will attend the event.	\$1200
Resonance Immersion	Candlelit Yin Yoga Class with Live Music	Free yoga sessions with live music in CBD. Part funding would support events in 2025 with 25 people to attend each event.	\$1000
The Adelaide Youth Orchestras	AYO Staff and Volunteer First Aid Training	First Aid training for volunteers. Part funding was awarded to support 5 people to undertake training.	\$1000
Community Impact Grants – Sport Equipment and Uniform Quick Response			
Adelaide Hockey Club	Junior hockey Equipment	Funding to purchase a set of hockey sticks that the club can hand out to kids to remove one barrier to participate in the sport.	\$1000
Adelaide Lutheran Sports Club	First Nations Artwork – Uniforms & Merchandise	A collaborative session with a First Nations artist to create an artwork that embodies our club's journey, values, and diverse membership. This artwork will be incorporated into new merchandise and uniforms.	\$850
inSync Athletics	Event Marquee	Portable marquee for weather protection.	\$350
Riverside Rowing Club	Boat upgrades	King quad maintenance to extend the life of a key asset.	\$700

Club de Petanque d'Adelaide Inc	Playing boules	New playing Boules to support increased club participation.	\$700
East Adelaide Soccer Club Inc	Uniforms and equipment	New uniforms and equipment to support membership growth, including a new women's team in 2025.	\$500
FC CBC Incorporated	Football equipment	Updating club equipment, such as soccer balls, training equipment, and coaches' uniforms.	\$1000
Mercedes Old Collegiate Soccer Club	New balls and cones	News balls and equipment to support this year's expansion from 1 to 2 teams.	\$400
South Australian Precision Team	Dance Troup Christmas Costumes	Purchasing new costumes for Christmas pageant performance, as troupe membership continues to grow.	\$500
West Adelaide Hellas Soccer Club	New goals for Miniroos	Replacing vandalised and weathered movable and portable goals for miniroos (under 8's).	\$700
Asian Community Services	Taichi for Community Wellness and Cultural Connection	Given the importance of cultural representation and community presence—especially in locations like the Adelaide–Qingdao Rose Garden—a contribution of \$450 has been approved to assist with the purchase of uniforms and help establish a consistent, recognisable identity for the group.	\$450
Adelaide University Motorsport Team	World Solar Challenge Race and Preparations	Support uniform costs for their participation in motorsport events, the club aims to enhance community engagement and representation while fostering inclusivity.	\$800
Adelaide City Soccer Club	Installation of sensor lights	Funding to acquire essential equipment due to vandalism, stealing of copper wiring	\$1000
The Adelaide University Swimming Club	Development Coach Accreditation Training and Coached Sessions	Coaching certificate (\$330) and to pay this coach for future training sessions once certified.	\$800
AULC	New Club Uniforms	The new uniforms will enhance performance and team pride, featuring both shorts and skirt options to promote inclusivity.	\$800