

Community Grants

This financial year has seen an empowering program rolled out with a grants budget of **\$80,000** to allocate to our community. Grants have been provided to Redfern Youth Connect, Gunawirra, Milk Crate Theatre, Elders Olympics, Redfern Allblacks, Performance Space, Counterpoint Community Services, Aboriginal Housing Corporation and Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care. The Community Grants program for FY19/20 is now exhausted with it due to replenish and recommence in July 2020.

Since February 2020, we're pleased to announce that Mirvac have awarded four new community grants to organisations described below to help support the development and social capital of our local community.



— Elders Olympics

The Elders Olympics is an active Senior Mini Olympics event that promotes active living and good health whilst providing an opportunity for Aboriginal Elders from Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care to explore social and kinship connections among the mobs.



— Milk Crate Theatre

Milk Crate Theatre is a not-for-profit organisation that uses performing arts to change the story of homelessness. Their programs are run for, with and by members of the community that have a lived experience of homelessness and the complex issues associated including people with mental health, financial, emotional and physical support needs, addiction, trauma, domestic violence and people who are recently arrived.

This grant will contribute towards the Tiny Universe production that will investigate the individual experience of homelessness – what it means to navigate housing welfare and mental health recovery for people who are often at the mercy of dehumanising government systems.



The Milk Crate Theatre have also launched an open creative program open for anyone that includes a range of videos uploaded weekly, covering basic breathing and warm ups, a whole workshop series about devising theatre, and some offerings from special guest artists! Please visit the following link for to [view program](#).

— Redfern All Blacks

The Redfern All Blacks Rugby Leagues Club (RAB) is a not-for-profit sports club that aims to develop and grow the community through sports. The community grant will go towards the 2020 South Sydney Rugby League competition sponsorship.

The purpose of this sponsorship is to fund the operations and supplies to the club whilst providing financial support to the community for local events.



— Gunawirra Art Collage

Gunawirra will receive a grant to help fund a 4-month program for pre-school children from Redfern, Erskineville and Eveleigh to create an Aboriginal Art Collage. This will help cover the costs for an Educator and Artist over this period.

The mothers of Gunawirra have volunteered to paint a mural for the South Eveleigh Precinct with more information to be shared on this in an upcoming newsletter.