

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**

Minister for Veterans

Minister for Small Business and Employment

Minister for Youth



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## MORE YOUTH LED EVENTS FOR MORE YOUNG VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is backing more youth-led events across Victoria - helping young people come together and shape the activities that matter to them during Youth Fest 2025.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today announced nearly \$220,000 in grants for 110 organisations to design, plan and deliver free or low-cost events during the festival in September.

Youth Fest celebrates young Victorians by funding fun, creative and inclusive events designed and led by young people themselves. Schools, local councils and community organisations will use funding to deliver events including art exhibitions, cultural festivals, sports days and youth awards.

This year there are 66 events in metropolitan Melbourne and 44 across rural and regional Victoria.

Mordialloc College will celebrate First Nations heritage through a series of educational and cultural events which showcase First Nations art, music, dance and storytelling.

Charlton Neighbourhood House will host a colourful fun run around Lake Wooroonook to promote physical activity, community pride and inclusion.

Mount Alexander Shire will stage an upcycled youth festival that features a sustainable fashion parade where young people can express their personal style through second-hand fashion.

Victorian Youth Fest 2025 will run from Monday, 1 September to Tuesday, 30 September. The Labor Government has funded the delivery of more than 500 Victorian Youth Fest events over the past five years.

For more information on this year's events, visit [vic.gov.au/youth-fest-grants](https://vic.gov.au/youth-fest-grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman

*"Youth Fest is all about delivering more free and low-cost events that give young people and local communities a chance to enjoy themselves."*

*"Youth Fest puts young people in the driver's seat and gives them a platform to show their talents in both metro Melbourne and regional Victoria."*

### List of organisations receiving grants:

- African Australian Youth Parliament
- Al-Hussein Arabic School
- Alpine Shire Council
- Anglicare Victoria
- Ashwood High School
- Aspergers Victoria Incorporated
- Australian Vietnamese Women's Association
- Banyule City Council
- Bhuminanda Dhaulidevi Foundation Incorporated
- Birchip Neighbourhood House
- Bluebird Foundation
- Boroondara City Council
- Buloke Shire Council
- Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network

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- Charlton Neighbourhood House Incorporated
- City of Ballarat
- City of Casey
- City of Greater Bendigo
- City of Port Phillip
- City of Stonnington
- Colac Otway Shire Council
- Committee of Management Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility - Smythesdale
- Corangamite Shire Council
- Create Foundation
- Cyprus Turkish Islamic Community of Victoria Inc
- Dallas Neighbourhood House Inc
- Darebin City Council
- Daylesford Secondary College
- Drummond Street Services Inc
- EACH
- East Wimmera Health Service
- Expression Australia
- Forrest & District Neighbourhood House
- Frankston City Council
- Future Forte
- Geelong Gallery
- Gippsland Youth Spaces Incorporated
- Glen Eira City Council
- Glenelg Shire Council
- Golden Plains Shire Council
- Green Citizens Australia Network
- headspace Craigieburn (Orygen)
- Hobsons Bay City Council
- Home Ground Hub
- Hume City Council
- Indian Cultural Association Of Australia
- Karuna Compassion In Action Incorporated
- Kashmiri Pandits' Cultural Association Inc
- Khalsa Education Society Inc
- Liberty Unity Organisation Life Global Foundation Australia
- Linden New Art
- LINE Wangaratta
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Mallee Sports Assembly Inc
- Mansfield Shire Council
- Maroondah City Council
- Melbourne Chapter of Vedanta Centre of Sydney
- Melbourne Konkani Community Inc
- Melton City Council
- Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne)
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Mitchell Shire Council
- Moira Shire Council
- Monbulk College
- Moonee Valley City Council
- Mordialloc College
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
- Mount Alexander Shire Council
- Mountain District Radio Inc.
- Mountain District Women's Cooperative Ltd
- Moyne Shire Council
- MYLI - My Community Library
- Nillumbik Shire Council
- Northern District Community Health
- Northern District Community Health
- Nourish Nation Foundation
- Open House Christian Involvement Centres
- River Nile School
- Selby Community House
- Shamama Association of Australia Inc.
- Shugoofa Organisation
- St Columba's College
- Strathbogie Shire Council
- Stride Mental Health
- Student Youth Network Inc.
- Sudaroli Inc
- Surf Coast Shire Council
- Sussex Neighbourhood House
- Templestowe College
- The Bridge Youth Service Inc
- The Girls Who Decide
- The Salvation Army Victoria
- Towong Shire Council
- TRY Australia
- Tyrrell College
- Umeed Psychology
- UN Youth Victoria
- Uniting (Victoria & Tasmania)
- Unity Libyan Youth Inc Incorporated
- Upfield Soccer Club
- Vision Hub Australia Incorporated
- Warrnambool City Council
- Wellington Shire Council
- Whitehorse City Council
- Wodonga Institute of TAFE
- Wodonga Senior Secondary College (Shepparton Flexible Learning Centre)
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council
- Young Australian Film Festival
- Youth Projects Ltd
- Zimbabwean Community in Australia - Victoria