

Media Release

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BACKING IN VICTORIA'S YOUNG TALENT

Labor is backing in young Victorians across the state.

Minister Grigorovich today announced 111 grant recipients sharing in close to \$220,000 as part of Youth Fest 2026.

Victorian Youth Fest shines a light on the achievements of young people across a diverse range of areas – from the arts and innovation to community service and mentorship.

Melton City Council will light up Melbourne's West with their 'Brilliance & Beyond Celebration' bringing together young people for live performances, storytelling, art and food.

The Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation will run a regional basketball competition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

The Linden Teen Photographers Party will once again transform the heart of St Kilda into a creative gallery, showcasing the work of emerging young photographers in bold and unconventional ways.

Youth Fest will run from 1 to 30 September 2026.

There are 66 events in metropolitan Melbourne and 45 across rural and regional Victoria.

To learn more about Victorian Youth Fest 2026, and for a full list of recipients, visit vic.gov.au/youth-fest-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Luba Grigorovich

"Youth Fest encourages our next generation of young leaders to explore their creativity and develop skills that will take them into adulthood."

"This year's jam-packed program is all about creating opportunities for young people to connect and celebrate."