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FOUNDATION BAROSSA GRANTS SUPPORT NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Four projects focused on improving the health and wellbeing of our community are the 2021 Foundation Barossa Community Grant recipients. The projects address key needs, build community strength and find collaborative solutions to community problems.

This year, the program received an injection of fresh ideas with the Youth Council taking part in the selection process. After an initial review by the Community Grants panel, the students from the four participating schools presented the applications to the Foundation Barossa board. This gave the ambassadors an opportunity to learn more about issues in our community.

‘Thank you for the wonderful news that Jaxon and Reo’s proposal was accepted and fully funded. They are super excited and look forward to seeing their project through. We’re grateful to Foundation Barossa for the time and effort they put in to supporting the local community and providing such opportunities for young people,’ said Josh Grieger, Year 9 Wellbeing Leader, Faith Lutheran College.

Four successful projects will share in \$6000, which includes fundraising by the students.

The **Youth Homelessness Home Starter Package program** will provide young people moving into independent accommodation with essentials like small appliances, kitchenware, linen and bedding.

Nuriootpa High School's Breakfast Club will use the funding to increase their capacity for storage of breakfasts and take-home meals for students and families requiring support during times of crisis, financial hardship, family disfunction, or emotional breakdown. The club provides the school’s 1400 students with a morning meal, a place of connection and a positive start to the school day.

Greenock Cricket Club All Abilities Cricket Program is a short-term program to help juniors of any skill level, particularly those with a disability, to learn the skills of cricket. The program gives kids who may not otherwise be able to experience sport the opportunity to connect, have fun and belong. It will create an inclusive and supportive environment that

embraces diversity and will facilitate meaningful contact between the club and the community.

Garden Gatherings for Wellbeing at the St Petri Hand in Hand Family Centre will turn the centre's outdoor area into a usable vegetable garden and cooking area. They will run community gardening days and increase children and adults gardening knowledge. The project will aim to get people outside, socialising and meeting people. It will also teach skills that will contribute to physical and mental health.

“We are thrilled to receive the grant from Foundation Barossa to support our gardening projects. This will provide a way for families, community members and volunteers to contribute to the garden, learn about sustainability and increase the mental and physical wellbeing of our community as we enjoy some time outdoors” said Rananne Zanker from St Petri Lutheran Church - Hand in Hand Family Centre

Community Grant applications must benefit the Barossa community and reflect the values and objectives of Foundation Barossa around community, inclusiveness and nurturing

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