

## Burwood Council Community Grants 2024/2025 Recipients

Organisation Name	Project Title	Project Summary	Project Beneficiaries	Grant funds
<b>Asian Women at Work Inc.</b>	Learning English Through Singing	The project uses music to help local migrant women improve their English, build confidence, and connect with others. Through group singing and cultural exchange, the program supports language development and reduces social isolation, especially among Chinese, Vietnamese, and Nepalese women. The project will deliver the program over 20 sessions and will involve 30 participants.	30	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Lifestart Disability Services Ltd</b>	Lifestart Community Picnic for Children with Disability	The project will deliver a free, inclusive community picnic for children with disabilities and their families in Burwood, coinciding with International Day of People with Disability. The event will feature accessible activities such as a petting zoo, jumping castle, live performances by children with disability, and a quiet sensory space supported by allied health professionals. The project will increase the participation of children with disabilities and help families connect with others and access local support services.	350	<b>\$ 4,989</b>
<b>Nepalese Hindu Society of Australia</b>	Teej Festival 2025	The Teej Festival 2025 is a free, inclusive cultural event celebrating Nepalese heritage, women's empowerment, and community connection. The festival will be held in Burwood Park and bring together around 2,500 people from Nepalese and diverse cultural backgrounds, promoting social inclusion, cultural expression, and cross-cultural exchange. The event will feature traditional music, dance, storytelling, food, and interactive activities focused on women's well-being. It will reduce social isolation, particularly for migrant women and families, build partnerships with local groups, and celebrate cultural diversity in Burwood.	2500	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>Inner West Neighbour Aid Incorporated</b>	Building Bonds: Seniors and Students Connecting	The project will bring together local seniors and young people through a weekly intergenerational program at Croydon Park Club, in partnership with MLC School. Through gentle exercise and movement sessions, shared lunches, and interactive afternoon sessions like brain training games, storytelling, creative activities and guest speakers, the project will support social connection, reduce isolation, and promote healthy ageing. Students will be encouraged to lead the afternoon program once a month. The project will enable seniors to stay independent, connected and visible in the community while inspiring young people to contribute meaningfully to their local community.	30	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

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<b>The Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of Burwood and District</b>	The Cottage Kitchen - serving free home made meals for those in need	The project will deliver free, home-cooked meals to vulnerable local residents each week, including frail seniors, people experiencing illness, and those facing poverty and food insecurity due to the cost-of-living crisis. The Cottage Kitchen currently provides over 120 meals each Monday, with extra meals available during the week for those in need. Meals are available for pick-up or delivered by volunteers to those with mobility issues, who also receive a regular welfare check, fostering connection and combating isolation. Grant funding will help purchase ingredients to meet growing demand.	300	<b>\$ 3,171</b>
<b>St. Merkorious Charity Association Inc.</b>	Serving Burwood Community Corrections	The project is a partnership between St Merkorious and Burwood Community Corrections enhancing community safety by addressing food insecurity among Corrections clients. Meals will be delivered twice weekly, providing 60 hot meals and 10 hampers each week over 40 weeks. By addressing basic needs, the project supports improved health, encourages attendance at rehabilitation and education programs, and helps reduce recidivism among vulnerable individuals, including those facing financial hardship, mental health issues, and addiction. The project will also engage local volunteers, fostering community awareness and connection.	2800	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>St Pauls Burwood Parish</b>	Parish Pantry	The Parish Pantry at St Paul's provides free food and meals to local residents experiencing poverty and hardship - particularly the elderly, sick, and those facing financial stress. Run by volunteers, the service now delivers over 5,000 meals weekly in response to growing demand from people facing financial stress, illness, or isolation. Grant funding will help purchase food to meet this urgent and increasing need.	225	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Days for Girls Australia Limited</b>	Burwood Library Monthly Sewing Bee (run by Days for Girls)	The project brings together older, isolated people, primarily women - many from culturally diverse backgrounds - as well as younger unemployed women from the Burwood area to connect, build friendships, and gain skills through a monthly sewing group. In a safe and welcoming environment, participants sew reusable items for the charity Days for Girls, helping to fight period poverty locally and globally. The project promotes social inclusion, personal wellbeing, friendship and skill development, as well as cross cultural understanding while also supporting sustainability by ensuring 100% of materials are reused.	40	<b>\$ 2,500</b>

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<b>Wrap with Love Inc</b>	Wrap with Love	The project brings together local volunteers, many of whom are socially isolated, to knit and crochet squares that are joined to create warm wraps (blankets) for people in need across Australia and overseas. The group meets weekly at Burwood Library, providing a safe and welcoming space for friendship, connection, and purpose. Key outcomes include reduced social isolation, strengthened community connections, and practical support for vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness, disadvantage, domestic violence or extreme weather through the distribution of wraps. Funding will support the purchase of yarn used to create the wraps.	57	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>Chinese Australian Services Society Limited</b>	Journey of Memory - Expo for Chinese Australians Experiencing Memory Loss, Cognitive Impairment and Dementia	The 'Journey of Memory Expo' is a one-day event designed to provide accessible, culturally appropriate information about memory loss, dementia, and available services to Chinese Australians in Burwood. The event will offer bilingual education sessions, workshops on brain health and ageing well, carer support resources, and gentle exercise activities. All sessions will be translated into Chinese to ensure accessibility for Mandarin and Cantonese speakers. The expo aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and connect community members with services that support people living with dementia and their carers.	70	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Sydney Chinese Drum Art Troupe Incorporated</b>	Drum Up with the Troupe	The project will deliver a community inter-cultural program offering free weekly and monthly workshops and learning activities in Burwood Park. The project will invite people of diverse ages and backgrounds to join in activities like Chinese waist drumming, dancing, singing, Tai Chi, Chinese language, cooking and Aboriginal arts (facilitated by an Aboriginal elder). The project will recruit ten new participants each week and expand activities to other areas. Participants will be mentored by current Troupe members, with opportunities to build skills, confidence and connection. A large Cultural Day in December 2025 will showcase cultural diversity through performances, food, and interactive activities. The project aims to promote wellbeing, cultural exchange, and inclusion across the Burwood community.	1000	<b>\$ 2,800</b>
<b>The Benevolent Society</b>	Empowered Caring: Knowledge, Health & Boundaries for Stronger Lives	The project will deliver a dedicated wellbeing workshop for 150 unpaid carers in the Burwood area - most of whom are women - providing a safe space to reflect on their personal needs, strengthen mental wellbeing, and connect with others in similar roles. Aligned with International Women's Day, the workshop will focus on setting healthy personal boundaries in their caring roles, recognising personal strengths, and building resilience through interactive activities like SWOT analysis, vision boards, strengths bingo, and peer discussions. The project responds to the high	150	<b>\$ 4,820</b>

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		levels of isolation and burnout experienced by carers and will empower them with tools for self-care, confidence, and community connection.		
<b>Chinese Australian Services Society Limited</b>	Cohesion Through Connection Project in Burwood	The project will deliver 20 sessions of social activities, educational workshops, and multicultural celebrations for local seniors and residents from culturally diverse backgrounds. These will include community gatherings, group exercise, English and smartphone classes, information sessions on mental health and hate crime, volunteer training, and cultural sharing activities such as Lunar New Year. The project aims to overcome language barriers and reduce isolation, improve access to services, and foster a sense of belonging and connection across the community.	400	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Reverse Garbage Co-operative Ltd</b>	Meaningful Volunteer Work for Community Service Orders in Burwood and Sustainable Education for Students	The project will provide volunteer opportunities for individuals involved in the Department of Communities and Justice's Community Service Orders (CSO) program by offering a safe, non-judgmental space to engage in meaningful work at Reverse Garbage. Participants will assist in preparing donated waste materials for sustainability education programs, gaining new skills that support their rehabilitation and enhance future employment opportunities. Running for 12 months, the project will engage 288 offenders, while also benefiting 10 local Burwood schools and the broader community through hands-on workshops focused on reuse and sustainability. This initiative promotes social reintegration, skills development, and community involvement, contributing to both the personal growth of offenders and environmental education in Burwood.	288 clients, 10 schools	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Narcotics Anonymous Burwood Women's Meeting</b>	Narcotics Anonymous Women's Meeting Tuesday night 6.30pm	The project will provide a free, weekly Tuesday night Women's Narcotics Anonymous meeting at Burwood Park Community Centre, supporting women in the Burwood LGA who are recovering from drug addiction, mental health challenges and domestic violence. As many of the women attending are just beginning their recovery journey, they are often without full-time employment and caring for children, making it difficult to contribute to the full \$30 weekly hire fee. This grant will help subsidise venue costs and establish a permanent, accessible support group for women to access peer support, build resilience, and work towards long-term recovery through a 12-step program.	50	<b>\$ 2,340</b>

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Climate Action Burwood Canada Bay	Helping to Build a Sustainable Community	The project will deliver a series of hands-on events to help Burwood residents to better understand and embrace home electrification and renewable energy. Through activities like induction cooking demonstrations, free energy consultations, and expert-led information evenings, the project will provide clear, practical guidance on how households - especially renters and apartment dwellers - can reduce costs, improve health, and benefit the environment. These events will directly address community confusion around energy options and empower people with the knowledge to make sustainable choices. Key outcomes include increased awareness, informed decision-making, and stronger community engagement in climate action.	300	\$ 3,380
			8,890	\$ 60,000