

# Community Impact Grants 2021/22 Case Studies

The purpose of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program is to provide financial support to eligible clubs, groups, educational institutions, organisations and residents to create meaningful impact in the community and positive community outcomes as well as contributing to Council's Strategic Plan.

This document showcases some of the successful programs and events from the Quick Response and Community impact Grant categories in 2021/22

**Quick Response Grants** are quick turnaround grants of up to \$2,000, for small scale community initiatives. Applications are open all year round or until the annual budget is expended.

**Community Impact Grants** are small to medium sized activities, events or programs ranging from \$2,000–\$25,000. Applications are open across two rounds each year.

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## Wags Trail Event

### Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia

Community Impact Quick Response Grant awarded: \$1,300

The Royal Society for the Blind (RSB) held Wags Trail in Botanic Park in October 2021. The event included two walks (3k or 6km). Following the walk, participants were able to enjoy music, BBQ, inflatable games for children and browse several marquees. Stalls providing dog food with samples, pet supplies and merchandise. Information stalls including a Veterinary Surgeon ,available for any questions or advice from participants, and a stall for people with questions regarding RSB services.

The event was very popular with around 150 attendees ranging from RSB clients and volunteers, puppy educators and the wider community, including some city residents. Participants were keen to see this become an annual event for the city.

Some of the pups who walked with owners



## Freak Nation Block Party

### Freak Nation

Community Impact Quick Response Grant awarded: \$2,000

Freak Nation delivered a five hour dance party in Wauwi/Light Square in March 2022. Two DJs played classic hip hop dance beats for the public at the Quicksteps Outdoor Ballroom. Pure Funk Dance Studio performed a choreographed routine, and ten pairs of freestylers held a showcase battle, demonstrating various dance styles. Throughout the event the two MCs kept the crowd excited and hyped up the guest performers.

Over 300 people attended the event, of which 24 per cent were city residents.

*"Loved the event, great seeing everyone come together. Great Vibes! Opportunities to see what's happening in creative scenes". – Event attendee*

Freestyle dancers at the Quicksteps Ballroom in Wauwi/Light Square





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## Shaping Futures Podcast

### Adelaide Global Shapers

Community Impact Quick Response Grant awarded: \$2,000

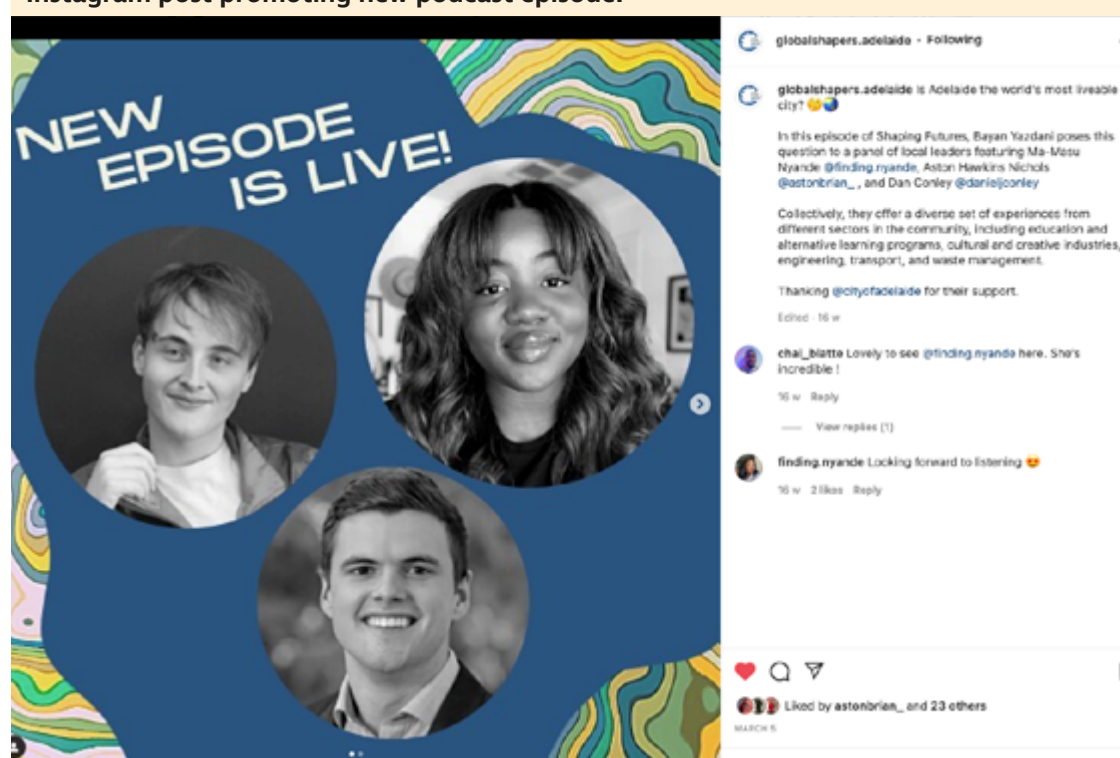
The Shaping Futures Podcast placed emerging young Adelaide leaders in conversation to critically discuss the big issues shaping our shared future. The podcast spotlighted local youth-led initiatives in a panel-discussion format to inspire listeners with the knowledge that they can take part in changing the world. The project enabled six podcast sessions to be recorded between January and March 2022. Some of the discussion topics included tackling poverty, Federal and State elections, entrepreneurship and the world's most liveable cities.

To date over 200 people have listened to the podcasts.

Listen to the podcast here:

[open.spotify.com/show/5hOsAMyDkCrYMogPlxCayz?si=a019a52860bb414e](https://open.spotify.com/show/5hOsAMyDkCrYMogPlxCayz?si=a019a52860bb414e)

Instagram post promoting new podcast episode.



## Torres Strait Islander Cultural Night

### Gowrie SA

Community Impact Quick Response Grant awarded: \$2,000

Gowrie SA, guided by Uncle Eddie Peters, delivered a Torres Strait Islander Cultural Night, as part of Adelaide Fringe in Iparrityi/Whitmore Square in February 2022. The event showcased Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal cultures through artistic expression and storytelling.

This free community event offered an excellent opportunity for the community to come together. Over 200 people from all backgrounds attended of which 20 per cent were city residents. It was a great success and appreciated not only by those who were lucky enough to attend but also by the performers. A special acknowledgment to contributions made by female led Kaurna women's cultural group Ngangkari Warra.



Image Island Night Smoking Ceremony  
Photographer Little Feet Big Dreams  
([facebook.com/LittleFeetBigDreamsStudio/](https://facebook.com/LittleFeetBigDreamsStudio/))

*"So very honoured to be apart of #TeamEddie last night at Adelaide Fringe Island Night as MC showcasing strong and talented artists from Zenadh Kes/Torres Strait Islands and other First Nations and international artists here in our own back yard."*  
– Natale Sommerville MC for the event.



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# Adelaide Pongal Harvest Festival 2022

### Adelaide Tamil Association

Community Impact Grant awarded: \$8,000

Harvest Festival (Pongal) is celebrated every year and is dedicated to the farmers. It is named after the ceremonial 'Pongal', which means 'to boil, overflow'. The Pongal sweet dish is prepared, first offered to the gods and goddesses, and shared with the community. The Festival took place in Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square in January 2022 providing traditional offerings, rituals, artwork, crafts, games, food stalls, singing and dance performances. Through this festival, Adelaide Tamil Association together with other Tamil organisations in Adelaide, were able to showcase the Tamil tradition, culture, and language to wider communities in Adelaide.

Six hundred people attended the event of which over 30 per cent were city residents.

*"One of the things I love about living in Adelaide is the incredible diversity, and the way in which we, as a community, celebrate that diversity."* – Event attendee

Find out more: [facebook.com/AdelaidePongalTHEHARVESTFESTIVAL](https://facebook.com/AdelaidePongalTHEHARVESTFESTIVAL)

Stephen Wats Photography Adelaide Pongal Festival 2022



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## Reconciliation Project

### South Australian United Church Netball Association

Community Impact Grant awarded: \$10,000

The South Australian United Church Netball Association (SAUCNA) received funding to support them with a Reconciliation project in Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22). SAUCNA commissioned an Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander artist to design an artwork for their netball goalpost covers. The finalised pole covers were completed and installed ready for the SAUCNA Reconciliation Round in May this year.

*"Reconciliation Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Aboriginal community but hopefully with the pole covers being a permanent fixture at the courts, all those attending will be reminded that the Aboriginal community is ever present and should be accepted and celebrated at all times.*

*Aboriginal people and their culture make up the landscape of our country and artwork, such as displayed on the pole covers, should be considered a normal part of our everyday observations and experiences."* – Parent of Junior Netball participant

**New pole covers in use in Josie Agius Park/Wikaparntu Wirra (Park 22)**





# Swim and Survive English Literacy Program

### Royal Life Saving Society Australia, South Australia

Community Impact Grant awarded: \$17,000

Partnering with the City of Adelaide, Australian Migrant Resource Centre and Adelaide University to ensure that this project was accessible to the new arrivals living in the City of Adelaide and surrounding areas, Royal Life Saving Society Australia, South Australia (RLSSA) delivered eight weeks of water safety education at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, incorporating both theory and practical sessions.

The program attracted over 100 participants of which almost 50% were city residents. Every participant said they would recommend the program to others, and many would love to continue attending beyond the eight weeks offered.

*"It is a really nice initiative; I can't express how happy I feel. Now when I visit the beach with my friends I wouldn't feel like an outcast. I can enter the water till a level that I feel confident in."* – Program participant

Find out more: **News — Royal Life Saving South Australia** ([royallifesavingsa.com.au](https://royallifesavingsa.com.au))

**Participants in the Swim and Survive English Literacy Program with their instructor at Adelaide Aquatic Centre**





# Nguyanguya muri wamangka: Reconciliation in the Park

### Reconciliation SA

Community Impact Grant awarded: \$25,000

On the final day of National Reconciliation Week 2022, Reconciliation SA delivered a free, outdoor community event called Nguyanguya muri wamangka: Reconciliation In The Park. This event which took place at Pinky Flat, celebrated the 2022 National Reconciliation Week theme "Be Brave, Make Change" and included live music performances, live art activations, kid's activities, a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and inclusion of First Nations businesses.

The event was very well received and a great success in its inaugural year, attracting 1,300 people of all ages.

**Nguyanguya muri wamangka: Reconciliation in the Park | Reconciliation SA**

**Samuel Graves Photographer of Baker Boy Headlining Nguyanguya muri wamangka: Reconciliation In The Park**



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