

## **COMMUNITY CONNECT INVESTMENT STREAM – OCTOBER 2025 ROUND**

### **Funded projects**

**Community Connect funding is awarded to successful applicants for the purpose of conducting projects which enrich the lives of residents within Randwick Local Government Area (LGA) by cultivating a sense of belonging, connection, and social cohesion.**

In the October 2025 round, Council received 25 applications, requesting a total of \$190,704. This figure includes requests for cash contributions and fee support (i.e. waiving of fees for the use of Council venues, facilities and services).

The available budget for allocation in this round was **\$30,000**.

Six applications were approved, with a total of **\$29,994** granted. The below table contains a description of approved projects, and a breakdown of the funding awarded.

Successful project Description	Recipient	Amount granted	
		Cash contribution	Fee support
<b>1. Lexo Hub Supported Playgroup - Targeted Earlier Intervention &amp; Prevention</b>  The playgroup program runs during school terms for children aged 0–5 and their caregivers. It provides structured, play-based learning to support child development and positive parenting. Botany Family & Children’s Centre will deliver weekly 2-hour sessions led by qualified educators in a safe, inclusive setting. The program promotes family engagement, social connections, and school readiness, and includes referral pathways to specialised services for holistic support.	<b>Botany Family &amp; Children's Centre</b>	\$8,109	\$0
<b>2. Nurturing Dharawal Culture</b>  In celebration of Dharawal culture, Gujaga Foundation will host a series of cultural workshops for families at La Perouse. Led by senior Dharawal practitioners passing on cultural knowledge and practice to the next generation, workshops will include language activities, fishing, cooking, and other cultural workshops.	<b>Gujaga Foundation Limited</b>	\$6,000	\$0
<b>3. Women for Women</b>  A safe, supportive space for Irish Australian women and friends to share lived experiences with mental health, addiction, eating disorders, pregnancy and infant loss, and domestic violence. Facilitated by mental health professionals, the program blends storytelling and education to reduce stigma, build resilience, and foster community connection.	<b>Irish Support Agency</b>	\$1,250	\$265
<b>4. Kooloora Christmas Celebrations</b>	<b>Kooloora Community Centre</b>	\$2,800	\$0

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Kooloora will be hosting three Christmas celebration events: one for adults to enjoy connection and good company, one for playgroup families to celebrate with their young children, and another for Kids Zone participants aged 6–12. Food, drinks, presents for children and entertainment will be provided.			
<b>5. PCYC Fit for Life</b> Fit for Life is a PCYC early intervention program for at-risk young people aged 10–17, combining morning fitness, mentoring, life-skills workshops, and breakfast to support school attendance and wellbeing. Held at 7am in a safe, supervised environment, participants train alongside police and community mentors, then receive a nutritious breakfast and transport to school. The program promotes PCYC values of commitment, resilience, integrity, respect, and citizenship.	<b>Police Citizens Youth Club NSW Ltd (PCYC Eastern Suburbs)</b>	\$9,500	\$0
<b>6. Multicultural Seniors' Carnivale</b> The event will give participants the chance to interact with, learn more about, and get to know people from a variety of backgrounds. Through dance, music, poetry, food, and social interactions, they will be able to appreciate a range of cultural expressions. The occasion will allow other Randwick locals to engage in active conversation with elderly culturally and linguistically diverse people.	<b>Sydney Multicultural Community Services</b>	\$0	\$2,070
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED: \$29,994</b>			