



Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc.

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1st Quarter 2024 - Newsletter

2024 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER

ACCF held its Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner on February 16 at the Eight Restaurant to welcome the Year of the Dragon. We are privileged to have the presence of Ms Sally Sitou MP, Member for Reid representing the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Mr Julian Leaser MP representing Leader of the Opposition Peter Dutton MP; Ms Julia Finn MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier representing the Premier of New South Wales and Mr Mark Coure MP, representing the NSW Leader of Opposition. A cheque of amount \$138,550 was presented to support the 2023/2024 Community Projects Grant. This will be distributed to 15 community projects which target at helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



2023-24 Community Projects Grant recipients and projects

	Project	Organisation
1	The Fletcher Street Cottage: Bridging the Emergency Relief Funding Gap in Response to the Homelessness Crisis	Byron Community Centre Ltd (Formerly Byron Bay Community Association Inc)
2	W.I.S.E - Women, Informed, Supported, Empowered	Women Illawarra
3	"It's not just a haircut" Community Hair Project	Southlake Inc
4	Rhodes Homeless Outreach service	St Merkorious Charity
5	Restoring the dignity	Immigrant Women' Speakout
6	ACCESS Mentoring Program Scholarships	Women and Girl's Emergency Centre
7	1000 Safe Sleeps Crisis Accommodation	Westcare Community Services
8	Food Support of the Homeless Support Services and Drop-in Hubs	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
9	New Starter	Metro Assist Ltd
10	Guest Comfort Project	Dignity
11	Elevating and Transforming a Life – Meals Plus Service	Parramatta Mission
12	Girlzone Outreach Program	Detour House
13	Essential Security upgrades for women and children experiencing DV	Weave Youth Community Services
14	Fire retardant sleeping bags for street sleeping homeless people	Backpack Bed for Homeless
15	Men2Home	Uniting (Men2Home)

FUNDS AND GRANTS UPDATE JAN – MAR 2024

2023/24 Community Projects Grant Update
ACCF has awarded grants to 15 community projects organized by various organizations this year through its Community Projects Grant. These projects are designed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. They encompass a wide range of services, including crisis intervention and support, emergency relief, outreach, education, and prevention services. These projects will be delivered in metropolitan and regional areas of NSW and Queensland. Since receiving the funds, several of the organizations have already made significant progress in implementing their projects. See updates in below:

Women and Girls' Emergency Centre (WAGEC)
– ACCESS scholarship program

ACCF's grant was able to provide 5 scholarships through the program. To date, 2 scholarships have been utilised and the remaining 3 will be utilised prior to 30 June 2024. The scholarships are used for providing RSA/barista training, a childhood education course, a data analyst course, a Certificate 4 in Community Services and an IT course.

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It will take a load off my shoulders to not worry about my debts growing so I can pass my exams graduate sooner and get a job successfully.

- SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Apply now for a scholarship to study

Apply now for a scholarship between \$500 - \$2000 to help you achieve your study and training goals.

The scholarship can be used for any costs associated with study, including:

- Course fees
- Course expenses such as textbooks, study materials
- IT costs associated with study including purchasing internet access
- Trades equipment, uniforms
- Child-care directly associated with study
- Transport and travel costs related to traveling to and from a place of study.

Who is eligible?
Women and non-binary people on temporary visas who are actively engaged with the ACCESS Program and over 18 years old.

To apply
For more information, email access@wagec.org.au or speak to your case manager or ACCESS mentor. Apply using [this online application form](#).

Apply by 12 January 2024

Scholarships are available thanks to the generous support of The Australian Chinese Charity Foundation.

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WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EMERGENCY CENTRE
ACCESS PROGRAM

St Vincent de Paul Society

– Food Support for the Homeless

In this project, ACCF's grant was used to provide food and drinks at the designated drop-in hubs for the homeless.



Parramatta Mission

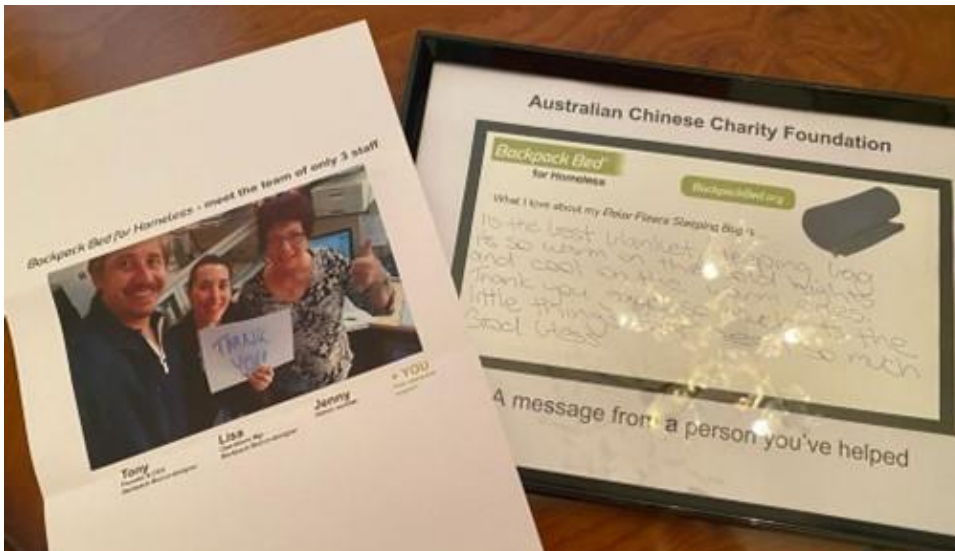
– Elevating and Transforming a Life

Since receiving the grant from ACCF, Parramatta Mission has delivered 15,683 meals, distributed 463 food parcels and hampers, provided 1,964 material aid bags, and offered 563 showers and laundry facilities.



Backpack Beds for the Homeless

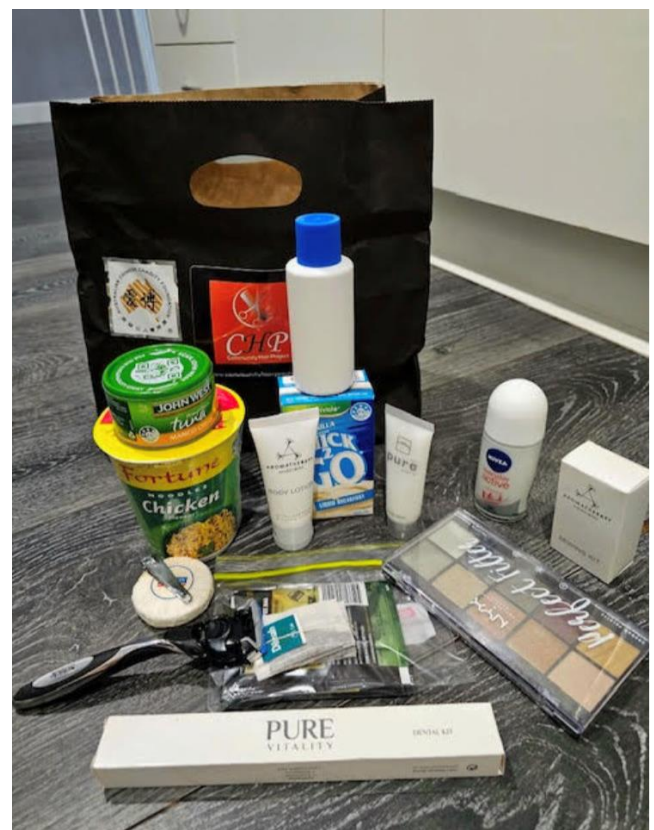
The grant from ACCF was used to provide fire retardant sleeping bags and backpack beds for street sleeping homeless people across Australia. Below is a thank you note from the team and a statement from a recipient of a backpack bed.



Southlake Inc.

– “It’s not just a haircut” Community Hair Project

ACCF’s grant was used to provide free toiletry and food gift bags to homeless people residing in regional NSW. Below is a photo of the first packs to be distributed to homeless clients.



Emergency Assistance Fund Update

Between 1 January to 20 March 2024, ACCF has received 46 applications for our Emergency Assistance Fund, of which 20 have been approved.

A total of \$24,750 has been granted to these successful applicants. Majority of these funds were allocated to providing accommodation or medical support to individuals experiencing financial hardship due to unforeseen or unexpected circumstances, and are not eligible for government assistance.



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Applications received



20

Successful applications



\$24,750

Funds granted

We have also supported other charity events and activities as below.

Premier's Harmony Dinner 2024



Attend Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2024 Supporting Careflight



ACCF Briefing Session for Community Organisations on Community Project Grants and Emergency Assistance Fund – 17 May 2024

Dear Community Organisations,

You are cordially invited to attend the ACCF Briefing Session for Community Organisations on Community Project Grants and Emergency Assistance Fund to be held virtually online via ZOOM on 17 May 2024 (Friday), from 3.30pm to 5pm (AEST).

Register now via the QR Code in the poster below (you can also obtain a copy of the poster here) or visit the following link:

<https://fs25.formsite.com/R4lXXk/dwehftgohv/index>

Please kindly RSVP by 10 May 2024.

If you do have any further questions about this online briefing session, please do not hesitate to contact the Event Chair for this online briefing session – Mr. Victor Yeung JP via email: victor.yeung@accfnsw.org



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For Enquiry
Contact Person: Mr. Victor Yeung JP
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PLEASE NOTE: This webinar will be recorded and uploaded online for people who have missed out on the day. Please turn off your camera if you do not wish your face to be recorded during the session.

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