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# \$34,000 has been awarded to the Victorian LGBTI Community through the GLOBE Community Grants Program in 2019

GLOBE, the leading LGBTI organisation that represents Victorian professional and small business owners, today announced the recipients of the 2019 GLOBE Community Grants program.

GLOBE has a long and proud tradition of providing financial support to individuals, groups and organisations in the Victorian LGBTI community through the GLOBE Community Grants, GLOBE Small Business Grants and the GLOBE Scholarship.

This year GLOBE has awarded a record \$34,000 in funding of the Grants and Scholarships programs. Dan de Rochefort, GLOBE President commended all applicants for their grant submissions, saying “this years’ applicants were of an incredible calibre, which made it more difficult than usual for the team to decide on our 2019 recipients. The GLOBE Community Grants program is integral to the continued growth and prosperity of the Victorian LGBTI Community. I am incredible proud of GLOBE’s philanthropic efforts over the past 27 years, where we have reinvested over \$500,000 into Victoria’s vibrant LGBTI community.”

GLOBE is very pleased to announce the following recipients of the **2019 GLOBE Community Grants** each receiving \$2000:

**Gippsland Pride Initiative:** the GLOBE Community Grant will support the Inaugural Gippsland Pride Gala bringing together the LGBTI community in this regional area.

**Melbourne 2020:** Melbourne will host the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championship (IGLA) in February 2020. Normally held in North America or Europe, it is a special honour for Melbourne to be the host city in 2020. The Grant will support a scholarship program designed to help Victorian participants from regional areas or disadvantaged backgrounds to register and participate in the 2020 IGLA Championships

**PAN (PrEPaccessNOW Inc):** PAN has been at the forefront of providing evidence-based community accessible information regarding PrEP. The GLOBE Community Grant will assist them in sending print resources to approximately 130 clinics, SOPVs and community health hubs around Victoria, and help undertake targeted advertising on apps like Grindr and Scruff.

**IRIDESCENT Queer People of Colour Festival:** This is an 11 day long collaborative festival catering to the unique and diverse needs of queer indigenous people, LGTBQ+ people of colour and their allies.

**Australian LGBTQIA Ice Hockey:** The grant will assist them in providing a safe and welcoming environment for Australia’s LGBTI+ ice hockey community while promoting physical health and mental wellbeing.

**Bushrangers Basketball Victoria:** As the first LGBTI+ basketball team in the women’s basketball associations in Victoria and now Queensland, the grant will support their “Come Out and Play”

program which seeks to establish new Bushrangers teams in the women's basketball associations in the Eastern and Western suburbs of Melbourne.

**Headspace Bendigo:** The GLOBE Community Grant will support the Rainbow Ball, a fully supervised alcohol and drug free event for young people aged 16-25 in the Bendigo area who identify as LGBTIQ+ or are an ally.

**St Martins Youth Arts Centre:** The GLOBE Community Grant will support St Martins Youth Arts Centre, in partnership with Minus 18, to create a series of advertising-style micro videos that promote the visibility of trans and gender non conforming young people. These videos will be shown online and in public spaces.

**Melbourne Fringe:** The GLOBE Community Grant will support SKIN, a public artwork engaging queer people with a disability. SKIN will be a massive projection-mapped photographic series presented on the screen at Federation Square for the duration of the 2019 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

**Naming Circle:** Trans and gender diverse people, people of colour and queer people often change their birth names to reflect their true identity. The GLOBE Grant will help Naming Circle hold events in a safe space during Autumn and Spring for them to celebrate this announcement.

**Switchboard Victoria:** The GLOBE Community Grant will support Switchboard's Suicide Prevention project and the creation of simple and effective hand out that will be distributed through community health centres, LGBTI+ organisations, mental health practitioners and queer spaces. The handout which will also be available on the Switchboard website.

In 2019 GLOBE is awarding two **Small Business Grants** both to the value of \$5000.

The first grant is awarded to an existing GLOBE small business member who is recognised as having the most potential for commercial success. The recipient of the 2019 grant is **Grandview Cleaning and Maintenance**. This business started as a new venture in 2015 with a sole owner/operator and now employs five people. Grandview Cleaning and Maintenance provide a complete gardening and caretaking service for body corporate, commercial and larger domestic clients in the South Eastern suburbs and inner Melbourne. The grant will be directed toward developing and implementing a social media and advertising campaign to promote and expand the business reach.

The second GLOBE Small Business Grant is for non-members of GLOBE who have a business that we feel will be highly beneficial to our community. The recipient of this grant is **Body Safety Australia** a queer-led not for profit organisation dedicated to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse and the promotion of respectful relationships.

The **2019 GLOBE Scholarship** is to the value of \$2000 and is awarded to a student or early career professional whose work we believe will be of the most benefit to the LGTBI community. In 2019 the GLOBE Scholarship is awarded to **Alexander Batsis** who is in his final year of a Bachelor of Law at Latrobe University, where he is undertaking Honours. Alexander is a passionate LGBTI advocate with volunteer commitments at the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre and the Rights Advocacy Project.

The GLOBE grants program is funded through revenue raised from the Community Awards, held in October. "The entire team at GLOBE work tirelessly to fundraise for our grants program each year, and although it is getting more difficult, we won't shy away from the challenge. We're planning a



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bigger and brighter awards ceremony where we hope to raise over \$30,000 so that we can continue to provide grassroots grants for those who need it” de Rochefort said.

GLOBE would like to thank all the applicants for the 2019 GLOBE Community Grants, Small Business Grants and Scholarship and wish them every success in the future.

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<b>2019 GLOBE Community Grant recipients</b>	
Australian LGBTQIA Ice Hockey	Bushrangers Basketball Victoria
Gippsland Pride Initiative	Headspace Bendigo
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships	IRIDESCENT Queer People of Colour Festival
Melbourne Fringe	Naming Circle
PAN (PrEPaccessNOW)	St Martins Youth Arts Centre
Switchboard Victoria	

<b>2019 GLOBE Small Business Grant recipients</b>
GLOBE Member – Grandview Cleaning and Maintenance
Non-GLOBE Member – Body Safety Australia

<b>2019 GLOBE Scholarship recipient</b>
Alexander Batsis

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## ABOUT GLOBE

GLOBE (Gay and Lesbian Organisation of Business and Enterprise) is a not-for-profit community group established in 1992. GLOBE supports LGBTI individuals, businesses and community groups so they can engage and develop their business and community interests in an environment that encourages diversity and inclusiveness.

## RESOURCES

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