Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project would like to propose two projects for the prebudget submission. One issue identified during the 1000 conversations community consultation process was the poor participation in sport, music and art. Fundamentally, access and equity are key limitations for young people within our community. The first project would inform community decision making and set monitoring and evaluation targets. The second project would be on-ground activities to provide more wrap-around support.

1. Participation in the community, via music, sport and art can be a significant enabler for positive development in a young person’s life. We want to increase participation by primary and secondary students in extra-curricular activities. However, we do not currently have benchmark data that will enable us to fully understand the issue and set targets. A data capture project would help to gain a comprehensive understanding of current participation levels, including barriers and identification of solutions to participations.
2. There are 10,400 children between the ages of 6 and 17 in Greater Shepparton. We would like to organise afterschool activities free-of-charge for vulnerable children. This would require employing 1-2 coordinators to run diverse activities and coordinate volunteer involvement (to address adult to child ratios and provide positive role models). This would allow us to tap into extensive existing volunteer capacity on our community in sporting clubs, the arts etc, building on our already extensive volunteer program.