



# Community Projects

These projects are designed to **support the connection between your service and the wider community** through the **GEM principles**. This plan will outline everything you need to successfully implement the project within your service.

## GRATITUDE TREE

### LEARNING INTENTION

As a community we are learning to develop an understanding of gratitude and to recognise the positives around us.

### RESOURCES

- Leaves, branches, sticks, pot plant (this will depend on how you decide to make your Gratitude Tree).
- Leaf templates (provided or make your own).
- Drawing materials e.g. Textas, pencils, pens.
- Sticky tape or blue tac.

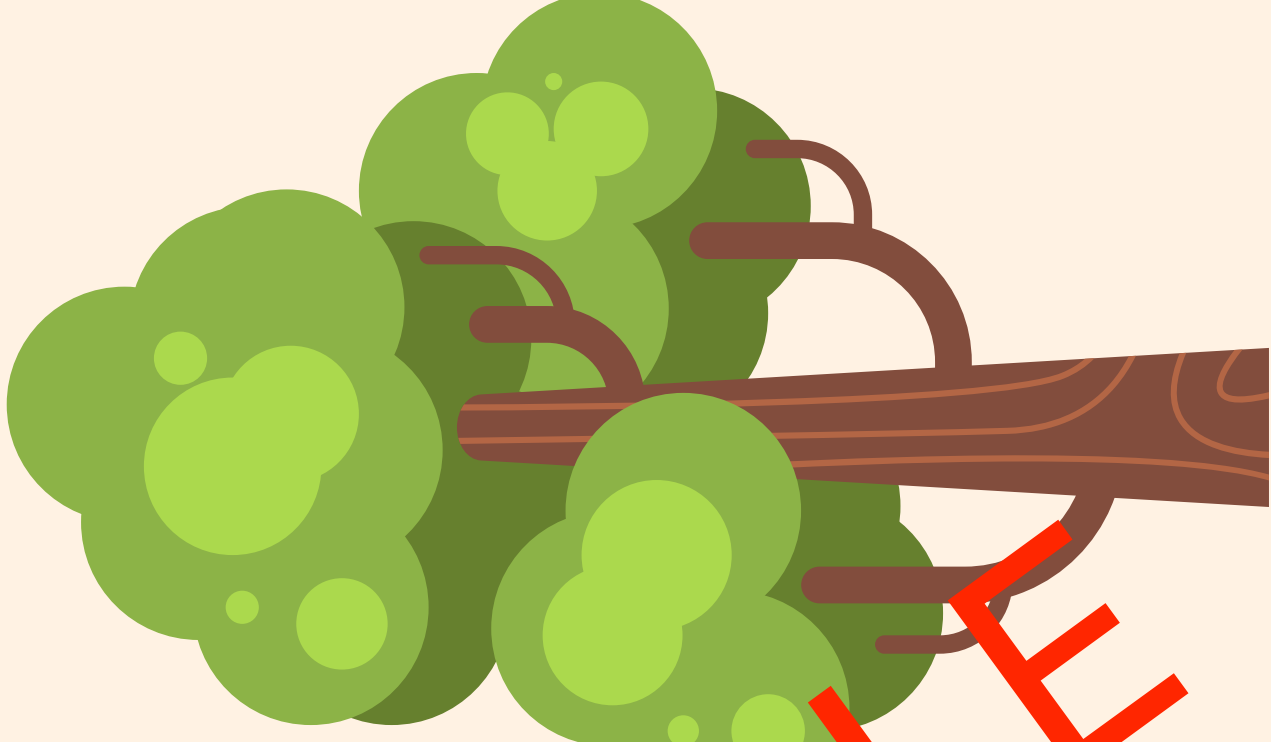
### ACTIVITY

- As a service create a gratitude tree in a communal space such as a foyer or meeting area.
- Depending on the time of the year, you could go outside and collect leaves, bark, sticks and twigs to make your gratitude tree. Alternatively, you could use a pot plant or create a paper/cardboard version on a wall.
- Have a selection of leaves available for your community to contribute to the gratitude tree (print and use the leaf template provided or real leaves if appropriate).
- Provide a selection of pencils, textas and pens for people to write and draw on the leaves.
- Provide sticky tape or blue tac to stick the leaves to the tree.
- Invite children, parents, educators and visitors to contribute to the gratitude tree. Share the letter provided with your families.
- Display the provocation sign (provided) near your gratitude tree.
- Keep adding to the tree throughout the term/year or for the length of your project.



# What Are You Grateful For?

**SAMPLE**



Write or draw the things you are grateful for on the leaves provided.

## THINK ABOUT...

- What are your favourite things?
- What good things happened today?
- What are you excited about?
- What do you love doing?
- What makes you happy?
- Who are you grateful for and why?

Attach your leaves to the gratitude tree. Make as many as you like. Please revisit this tree each time you visit our service.



