COMMUNITY GRANTS

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THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME PROVIDES A STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND CREATE AND PROMOTE AN ENGAGED, HEALTHY, RESILIENT AND VIBRANT CITY OF PORT PHILLIP.

The City of Port Phillip Community Grants Scheme provides a strategic opportunity to work with organisations and individuals to strengthen the community and to create and promote an engaged, healthy, resilient and vibrant city.

The City of Port Phillip is proud to award $282,691 to 57 organisations under the 2015/16 Community Grants program. Providing support to local clubs, charities, and sporting organisations, the Community Grants program is vital for ensuring the delivery of a wide range of volunteer and community services.

Each year Councillors have the privilege of allocating this essential funding and it’s one of the roles we value most, as it provides so much opportunity and joy across our community and this year is no different. This year’s grant allocations will enable vocational training for Port Phillip Housing Association tenants, health and wellbeing services for the disadvantaged and homeless through Sacred Heart Mission and inclusive arts workshops for marginalised people with Port Phillip Community Group among many other initiatives.

The City of Port Phillip is honoured to partner with a broad range of local community members and organisations to promote social inclusion and community participation across our city.

Congratulations to all the successful applicants. We hope you and others are inspired by the different programs taking place between now and July 2016 and are encouraged to apply for grants next time for 2016/17.

With warm wishes,

Cr Amanda Stevens
Mayor
**Port Phillip Housing Association**

*Foodmate for rooming house tenants.* Foodmate is a nutrition and cooking skills program for vulnerable people. The program provides participants with the skills to source and prepare fresh food independently. *Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au*

**Inner South Community Health**

*Wominjeka BBQ.* The Wominjeka BBQ provides a weekly opportunity for the local Indigenous community to engage over lunch with a nutritious meal. The BBQ offers an opportunity for social and cultural connection with the Indigenous community and facilitates access to health services. *Email: ghamilton@ischs.org.au*

**Port Phillip Housing Association**

*Chelmsford Cook-up.* The Chelmsford Cook-Up is a social meals project for residents at the PPHA Chelmsford rooming house. Each fortnight, residents and PPHA staff together prepare and enjoy an exciting, nutritional meal in a relaxed setting where people can connect socially, learn about nutrition and develop their cooking skills. *Email: lvasilevska@ppha.org.au*

**Inner South Community Health**

*Winter Homelessness Memorial.* The Homeless Memorial is an annual event at the Peanut Farm in St Kilda. The secular non-political evening provides an opportunity for people to come together to honour and remember people who have died as a result of homelessness. *Email: ghamilton@ischs.org.au*

**Ardoch Youth Foundation**

*Community Cohesion and Youth Participation through Elwood College Breakfast Club.* This project will promote healthy eating, community cohesion and learning readiness for Elwood College students with support from trained Ardoch volunteers. These socially inclusive events will offer targeted support for disengaged and isolated students. *Email: info@ardoch.asn.au*

**Royal District Nursing Service Limited (RDNS)**

*Healthcare and Nutritional Support for People Experiencing Homelessness in City of Port Phillip.* This project provides targeted and practical nutritional support to people experiencing homelessness in City of Port Phillip, who are at risk of malnutrition. The project aims to improve access for homeless people to holistic, integrated and supportive nursing and healthcare. *Email: lsupple@rdns.com.au*

**Sacred Heart Mission**

*Hands on Health Community Volunteer Clinic.* The Mission’s Hands on Health clinic provides complimentary health and wellbeing services for people who are disadvantaged and/or homeless in the City of Port Phillip. Its services focus on community engagement and social participation, offering therapies which disadvantaged people cannot generally afford. *Email: info@sacredheartmission.org*
**Inner South Community Health**

*Waterfront Welcomers Phase 2.* The project trains local residents to act as volunteer ambassadors for Port Melbourne and the City of Port Phillip in welcoming visitors from cruise ships docking at Station Pier. Email: ghamilton@ischs.org.au

**Port Phillip Mens Shed Association**

*Fitting out an additional men’s shed.* Port Phillip Mens Shed Association runs a men’s shed workshop with the aim of enhancing men’s well-being and serving the community. The project will expand opportunities for community groups to participate in activities and enable members who have no equipment or space at home to be more involved and engaged. Email: donlaird@bigpond.com

**Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre**

*Port Phillip Volunteer Expo.* The Volunteer Expo is an annual event where 30+ local community organisations come together to provide information on services and promote volunteering opportunities in Port Phillip. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of volunteers within the City or Port Phillip. Email: esnlc@esnlc.com.au

**St Kilda PCYC**

*Koori Boot Camp.* The program brings local Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander community members together for group exercise and healthy lifestyle advice in a fun, friendly and culturally welcoming atmosphere at the St Kilda PCYC. Email: info@stkildapcyc.org

**Sacred Heart Mission**

*Homelessness Persons General Practice Clinic.* The GP Clinic will provide primary health care to people experiencing homelessness – a group whose needs are largely unmet by mainstream or community health services. Email: info@sacredheartmission.org

**Inner South Community Health**

*Social Spoons Social Café Meals Project.* Social Spoons assists marginalised individuals to gain confidence and connect with community activities through subsidised cafe meals, through support of a key worker, peer mentors and cafe staff. Email: ghamilton@ischs.org.au

**Inner South Community Health**

*Our Rainbow Place.* Our Rainbow Place is a fortnightly gathering for the local indigenous community over lunch. The event provides an opportunity for the indigenous community to meet and engage with each other and health professionals from ISCH and other relevant agencies, in a culturally sensitive environment. Email: ghamilton@ischs.org.au
South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten

*Indigenous Education Experience / Diversity Curriculum.* This project will engage children in meaningful, exciting and new activities that will promote Indigenous Education through our play-based curriculum. A fundamental aspect of our responsibilities as educators is to provide children with exposure to the cultural heritage of our country and the diverse nature of our people. *Email:* southmelbourne@try.org.au

St Kilda Gatehouse

*Flipside (St Kilda Gatehouse Corporate Engagement Project).* Flipside facilitates community participation by connecting a diverse range of people to gain understanding of those most marginalised in the Port Phillip community (CoPP). Flipside educates individuals and groups from ‘Corporate Melbourne’ and CoPP schools through participation and connection to ‘a day in the life of St Kilda Gatehouse’. *Email:* admin@stkildagatehouse.org.au

Beach Patrol Australia Inc

*Beach Patrol.* Funding enables Beach Patrol groups in the City of Port Phillip to engage the community in removing litter from City of Port Phillip beaches and raising awareness of the litter problem in Port Phillip Bay. *Email:* terry.lobert@gmail.com

Roarhouse

*Roar-Lounge.* Roar-Lounge brings together a live and vibrant cabaret show into Residential Care Houses, Rooming Houses and Drop in Centers. The show includes music, poetry, storytelling and performance theatre. *Email:* marjetka.roarhouse@gmail.com

Port Melbourne Colts Women’s Football

*Port Melbourne Colts Women’s Football.* The project is to support women’s football in Port Melbourne. Our aim is to provide a welcoming and supportive club that caters for women to participate in sport and recreation in the City of Port Phillip. *Email:* portmelbournecolts@hotmail.com

C Care Inc

*C Care Cook Off – Cooking for Social Change.* The “C Care Cook-Off: Cooking for Social Change” is a landmark project which will bolster the capacity of the local community by increasing community connectedness through the communal preparation, packaging and delivery of fresh kosher meals to social isolated individuals. *Email:* shlomo@ccare.org.au

Melbourne City mission

*HEAT Homeless World’s Longest Lunch.* The lunch provides over 200 people who have experienced homelessness with a three course meal. It aims to raise issues surrounding homelessness and disadvantage nationwide and provide disadvantaged youth opportunities to reengage in employment and education with HEAT patron, Guy Grossi. *Email:* trisha@skys.org.au
Sacred Heart Mission

The Five Minute Volunteer – Stage 2. This initiative targets vulnerable, disconnected older residents who would benefit from practical small tasks and communication from near-by volunteers. Email: info@sacredheartmission.org

St. Luke’s Anglican Church

Homies – homework help. Homies assists disadvantaged young people from the City of Port Phillip through tutoring. Volunteer tutors work individually with each student to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills and provide positive role models. Email: office@stlukeschurch.net.au

Inner South Rooming House Network

Rooming With A View. This project will educate and resource rooming house communities to understand the challenges of the sector with the aim of finding effective responses to issues of concern. The RHN will run a forum which actively empowers rooming house residents to be part of the decision making process and exploring solutions. Email: maggie@ppcg.org.au

Windana Drug & Alcohol Recovery Inc

Making Change: The Windana Challenge. Windana will offer programs to address the impacts of problematic alcohol, other drug use and mental health issues, through therapeutic interventions and the development of healthy living skills. The groups include: Mindfulness Meditation, Psycho-educational Group and Drumbeat. Email: sarah.fair@windana.org.au

Port Phillip Community Group

Walking Woof Club. The Walking Woof club is a facilitated dog-walking group that encourages isolated and marginalized residents to connect through their love of animals. It promotes exercise and helps people form a stronger bond with their local community and new friendships. For many participants, it is their only regular social activity. Email: info@ppcg.org.au

South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten

Kindergarten Garden & Indoor Natural Environment Project. We aim to rejuvenate our outdoor and indoor Early Years learning environment with child friendly, durable plants that will help us to provide children with an opportunity to connect with nature and improve their wellbeing. Email: southmelbourne@try.org.au

Lotus Choir

Inclusion of Russian Speaking seniors in Port Phillip. The project will seek to expand Lotus Choir to reach out to others. Participation in a choir is a good antidote to reduce social isolation. Email: annazaslavskaya@hotmail.com
Australian Friendship Circle Inc

**Disability Home Visitation Program.** Friendship Circle pairs up local young adult volunteers who form part of our Home Visitation Volunteer Brigade, to make weekly visits to children and young adults with special needs. Email: director@friendshipcircle.org.au

Sacred Heart Mission

**Kickstart – Wellbeing & Activities.** The project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people who are experiencing homelessness and chronic disadvantage. It does this through offering sport and activities and ongoing case management to help clients identify and achieve their wellbeing goals. Email: info@sacredheartmission.org

Lella Carridi

**What happened at the pier? #2 (2015-2016).** This project will source and coordinate unique stories on “What Happened at the PIER” #2 (PART 2) from the local community. The “2015 PIER Festival” facilitated a women’s writers group and we wish to collate the 2015 stories and add new works to the collection for 2016. Email: agost4@bigpond.com

The Trustee for the National Council of Jewish Women of Aust (Vic) Social Support Trust

**Caring Mums.** To continue the ‘Caring Mums in home support program’ which provides emotional support to pregnant and new mothers. Email: annette@ncjwa.org.au

South Port Day Links Inc.

**Getting Older: Staying Healthy and Connected.** To develop and deliver information sessions that provides options in relation to healthy ageing. Topics will include material around supporting the development and maintenance of optimal mental, social and physical well-being in older adults. Email: robm@spdl.org.au

Melbourne City Mission

**Jumpstart.** JumpStart is an integrated six week education program for young people aged 15 to 25 years which creates pathways into education, employment and training. Jumpstart provides opportunities to broaden career opportunities build employability skills and gain an understanding of positive lifestyles. Email: trisha@skys.org.au

Port Phillip Community Group

**Melodic Mob.** Melodic Mob will support disadvantaged performers to publically showcase their skills. This project will enhance connectedness and City vibrancy by inviting members of the public to participate in and experience the joy of a diverse community chorus, singing popular songs, in pop-up performances around Port Phillip. Email: info@ppcg.org.au
Prahran Mission

St Kilda 101 Women’s Group. The St Kilda 101 Women’s Group program provides a safe and inclusive space for women to engage in a range of activities designed to address the barriers to independence and community participation that mental illness can produce. It offers a platform for socialisation, activities and experiences otherwise not available. Email: maxine@prahranmission.org.au

National Council of Jewish Women (Victoria) Community Services Inc.

Sustaining Healthy and Independent Living for isolated CALD Golden Age Club Members. To address the quality of life of members by organizing workshops focusing on health promotion and taking responsibility for their health. Programs include Cooking on a Small Budget, Balance Improvement and Muscle Strengthening exercise program as well as guest speakers on energy saving in everyday life. Email: nellie@ncjwa.org.au

South Port Uniting Care

BOLT: Bicycles Over Lunch Time New Extension. BOLT is an early intervention program for boys aged 10-12 years who are at risk of disengaging from education. Participants will be involved in practical skill building activities focusing on bike mechanics, whilst being guided by male mentors. At the end of the program they have their own bikes and know how to maintain them. Email: info@southportuniting.org.au

Home Ground Services

Social Housing Advocacy and Support Program (SHASP). The Social Housing Advocacy and Support Program (SHASP) aims to end and prevent homelessness by supporting public housing tenants and residents to establish and sustain their housing. The overall aim of the program is to ensure clients maintain safe, appropriate and sustainable housing within the City of Port Philip. Email: jesseg@homeground.org.au

Sacred Heart Mission

Creative Connections @ The Women’s House. Creative Connections is a therapeutic program aimed at improving the wellbeing and social participation of disadvantaged women, by providing opportunities for creative expression, in a safe and welcoming environment. Email: info@sacredheartmission.org

Montague Continuing Education Centre

Urban Food Forest. Working with Montague students, landscape consultants and sustainability educators we will rejuvenate the heritage school’ street aspect on Montague Street, through the creation of an urban food forest with fruit trees and indigenous bush tucker species. This will be maintained by rain water tanks. Email: montague.ec@edumail.vic.gov.au
St Kilda Gatehouse

**Off the Streets.** Off the Streets is a social inclusion program for women involved in street based sex work. It provides safe and fun recreational experiences for marginalised women in the City of Port Phillip community and a meaningful ‘break’ away from work on the streets. *Email: admin@stkildagatehouse.org.au*

Port Phillip Community Group

**Alma Road Open Day (ARCH) and Family Workshops.** Alma Road Open Day and Family Workshops will endeavour to increase the profile of ARCH, enhance accessibility, social inclusivity and community connections and provide FUN for families, children and residents. *Email: info@ppcg.org.au*

Access Health – The Salvation Army Crisis Services

**Women's Health Promotion and Sexual Health Incentives.** This project will enhance health literacy for women who are marginalised within City of Port Phillip. It will also enable the prioritisation of preventative sexual health activities for this target group via incentivised sexual health consultations. *Email: rebecca.thatcher@aus.salvationarmy.org*

Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre

**Galiambale - therapeutic painting development program.** Galiambale Men’s Alcohol and Drug Recovery Centre is a 24 hour residential alcohol and rehabilitation centre for men located in St Kilda. It offers a highly structured residential program in a calm and supportive environment, giving an opportunity for clients to live a life free of substances. *Email: manager@esnlc.com.au*

Port Phillip Housing Association

**Get that Job – skills and strategies for employment success.** Get that Job is an educational program providing skills and strategies for PPHA tenants who want to work. ESNLC will provide a series of workshops to build confidence, skills and strategies to engage with the employment market. This program will help tenants make plans, develop skills and compete for work. *Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au*

Port Phillip Community Group

**Kick Start Art – Alma Road Community House.** To facilitate inclusive creative arts practices for marginalised people so they obtain greater participation in cultural and social activities. The workshops provide access, inclusion, learning and freedom of expression. Workshops are designed to enhance wellbeing, help to educate the community, reduce isolation and break down stigmas around marginalised people. *Email: info@ppcg.org.au*

MS St Kilda Peer Support Group Inc

**Chair Yoga – Mindful Movement & Mediation for Every Body.** Offers inclusive Chair Yoga classes to all people in the CoPP - able bodied and also those with disabilities. Classes are offered to those not normally able to access or feel included in general classes currently being offered in the community. *Email: lisadavis766@gmail.com*
**South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten**

*Bravehearts Personal Safety Program.* This educational and empowering program teaches children how to deal with abuse, bullying and to keep themselves safe.  
*Email: southmelbourne@try.org.au*

**St Kilda Gatehouse**

*Gatehouse Community BBQ’s.* Gatehouse Community BBQ’s provide engagement between marginalised members of our community, local residents, staff and volunteers to broaden community inclusion.  
*Email: admin@stkildagatehouse.org.au*

**Elwood Children’s Centre**

*Embedding Indigenous Culture in Children’s Program and Centre Philosophy.* Provides funding for the Centre to embed contemporary Indigenous Australia opportunities such as incursions, music and dance, visual arts, cooking and learning about the natural environment. These are all provided by local Indigenous people/elders and organisations.  
*Email: elwood.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au*

**Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre**

*Drop in Art.* Drop In Art is an accessible program that aims to create an environment that facilitates well-being through creative activities that also reduce social isolation.  
*Email: admin@pmnc.org.au*

**Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre**

*Let’s Have Dinner Together.* Let’s have dinner together is a monthly gathering for those within the Elwood Community who eat alone and are socially isolated. The purpose is to get people together, once a month, to share food and engage in conversation.  
*Email: esnlc@esnlc.com.au*

**Christ Church Mission Inc**

*Quilters at Christ Church St Kilda.* Women of all ages meet twice a month to work on their patchwork and quilting projects with the support of a professional teacher. Beginners are welcome and members benefit from each other’s skills, experience and friendship.  
*Email: communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au*

**Caulfield South Netball Club**

*NetSetGo!* Funding will enable the Caulfield South Netball Club to run the NetSetGO! program in the City of Port Phillip for local children aged 5-10.  
*Email: office@cdna.net.at*
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre

**ESNLC Graduation and Alumni Conference Day.** This is a celebration of the achievements of learners, trainers and volunteers who all contribute to the essence of the Centre. It also enables ESNLC to incorporate reflections from alumni into future programming. *Email: esnlc@esnlc.com.au*

Christ Church Mission Inc

**Stepping Stones.** Stepping Stones is a free fortnightly social group for elderly local residents who are socially isolated to come together. *Email: communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au*
St John Ambulance Port Philip Division

*Essential Training Equipment for St John Port Philip Division.* St John Port Phillip volunteers are local residents who meet weekly for training from first aid professionals. *Email: heather.wallace@stjohnvic.com.au*

South Port UnitingCare

*BOLT – Bicycles Over Lunch Time.* BOLT is an early intervention program for boys aged 10-12 years with behavioural/socialisation concerns, who are at risk of disengaging from education and typically are from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. During lunchtime, 8-10 boys participate in practical skill building activities focusing on bike mechanics, whilst being guided by male mentors. *Email: alice.rigby@southportuniting.org.au*

Sacred Heart Mission

*Vacuum Packs.* The provision of six new vacuum cleaners will ensure the SHM Home Care staff have the appropriate equipment to assist their clients to do the best job possible. *Email: lcross@sacredheartmission.org*

South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten

*Indoor/Outdoor Play Resources.* In order to implement an effective play based curriculum for 3-5yo children, we require additional equipment for gross motor and sensory play that we can use in our indoor and outdoor environments. *Email: southmelbourne@try.org.au*

Southport Playhouse Occasional Care

*Rest Time.* Due to demand, playhouse has introduced extended hours sessions and are aiming to incorporate a yoga/rest & relaxation period into our program. *Email: rtplayhouse@gmail.com*

Port Phillip Men’s Shed Association

*Equipping an expanded shed.* As our numbers have grown, there is a need for more space. In partnership with Southport Uniting Care (SPUC), a new workshop is being constructed and funding will be used for various extra equipment required. *Email: donlaird@bigpond.com*

Christ Church Mission Inc

*Christ Church Community Centre Kitchen Garden.* The kitchen garden provides fresh produce for the community centre’s meal program. It provides opportunities for people to join in, learn new skills, make friends and for some to develop skills which can lead to employment. Conditions apply: Acquittal will need to show conditions have been adhered to. *Email: communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au*
First Step

**First Step.** First Step is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to help people overcome drug and alcohol dependence and the associated mental health issues. First step is unique in that it can offer clients medical help, psychological services, legal advice and assistance with obtaining employment, at no cost to the client. Conditions apply: Acquittal will need to show conditions have been adhered to. *Email: bryan@firststep.org.au*

**Port Melbourne Colts Football Club**

**Sportsclub BBQ.** A portable BBQ is required at the clubrooms. Groups will then be able to use the bbq in inclement weather and enable them to raise funds for their groups. Cricket, baseball, football groups all occupy these grounds all year round. *Email: portmelbournecolts@hotmail.com*

**Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)**

**Sensory Equipment for Aspect Autism Day Program.** Sensory input is crucial for people with autism to maintain emotional health and wellbeing. This project will provide vital sensory equipment for Aspect’s Choose&Connect day program for adults with autism. *Email: ilam@autismspectrum.org.au*

**Port Phillip Community Group**

**Mills Street Community Room Equipment.** The Shoreline Tenants Action Group will purchase equipment which will be used to increase the health and wellbeing of the residents. Although the community room is used by many of the residents it will be more active and inclusive, more relevant and more engaging. *Email: david@ppcg.org.au*

**South Melbourne Trugo Club**

**Replace worn out old catching bags.** The South Melbourne Trugo Club provides the opportunity for members to maintain health and fitness, while engaging socially through the game of Trugo. Catching bags are essential part of the game. *Email: melbournesupers@gmail.com*

**Elwood Toy Library**

**Active Toy Rejuvenation.** A rejuvenation of our toy collection to replace deteriorating equipment with new, quality active play toys is urgently required to enable a quality service to be provided to children and residence of CoPP. *Email: eltoylib@gmail.com*

**Port Melbourne Sharks Soccer Club**

**Soccer equipment for disadvantaged families.** The funding will be used to purchase equipment and clothing required to allow participation by talented soccer players from diverse backgrounds who may not be able to participate without this support. *Email: mpanopou@bigpond.net.au*