

2011-12



Community Grants





It is with great pleasure that I present the 2011/2012 recipients of the City of Port Phillip Community Grants.

As an annual program, the Community Grants support a wide range of community-based initiatives with the aim of promoting social inclusion, increasing participation and strengthening connections within Port Phillip.

This year, 93 projects, which actively engage local people, have received a total of \$246,460 in funding. These include a wide-range of community efforts: from smaller programs that provide a much needed social connection for residents, to exciting new initiatives that focus on the participation of disengaged communities. Whether it be programs coordinated by cultural groups, sporting clubs, large organisations or anything in between, they all share one common goal: to provide local opportunity for active participation, with the aim of creating a healthier, happier and more connected community.

The following pages tell the inspirational stories of these community efforts. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I have and are inspired to share information, create new networks or even form collaborative partnerships.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'R. Powning'.

Cr Rachel Powning
Mayor





Ardoch Youth Foundation

Ardoch Secondary School Student Tutoring Project. To improve academic outcomes and school engagement for secondary school students experiencing financial disadvantage by providing two weekly sessions of free tutoring. Email: dianne.richter@ardoch.asn.au

Young
People

Caulfield South Netball Club

NetSetGo. San Remo NetSetGO! is Netball Australia's Junior Netball Program. It teaches girls from the age of 5 to 10 years. There is no program within CoPP and there are waiting lists in other LGAs. Email: cs.nc@hotmail.com

Children

Caulfield South Netball Club

Establishment of 2 new netball teams. To establish two new netball teams to enter into regular training and competition. Email: cs.nc@hotmail.com

Children

Caulfield South Netball Club

Supporting the growth of netball for girls in Elwood. New goal posts and training equipment at Elwood Primary will be purchased enabling netball to continue to grow in Elwood. Email: cs.nc@hotmail.com

Children

Community Housing (Vic) Ltd

Community Garden. The project involves the rooming house community in outdoor gardening; creating a space where residents can enjoy the outdoors; and increase sense of community. Email: jason.perdriau@chl.org.au

Low income

Disability Sport & Recreation

Active by the Bay. The aim of the project is to ensure that residents living with a disability within the City of Port Phillip continue to have access to a range of sport and recreation programs. Email: joe@dsrc.org.au

People with
disabilities

Elwood College

Positive Ageing Digital Storytelling Intergenerational Project. The project is a unique intergenerational school/community partnership where students and older adults meet to record experiences through Digital Life Stories (ie Multimedia DVD). Email: holt.rhonda.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Young
People

Elwood Lifesaving Club

ELSC Nipper to Patrol (Bridging Project). This project aims to better transition nippers (under 13 years) to patrolling members. The bridging program will occur off site and focus on team development. Email: ann.tony.smith@optusnet.com.au

Young
People



Helping Hand Foundation Inc.

Five Steps Forward: Life-Skill Project. The project will equip at risk youth to cope with set backs in life. The new life-skill program provides strategies to cope and make changes through the “five steps forward” program. Email: nechama.bendet@yeshivahcentre.org

Young
People

Hobson’s Bay Obedience Dog Club Inc.

Purchase of specialised training equipment. The specialised training equipment is for the “Obstacle Course / Agility” activities during our “Fun Days” attended by 30-50 members, at approximately six training sessions during the year. Email: jwilson@pauljohn.com.au

Whole
community

Inner South Community Health Service

Wominjeka BBQ. It is provided weekly offering local indigenous people and service providers a social opportunity enabling groups to interact in a relaxed setting to better plan and deliver services. Email: pingram@ischs.org.au

Indigenous

Inner South Community Health Service

Deadly Blak Women and Friends. The project provides a monthly meeting place for local indigenous women and non-indigenous women to meet in a culturally appropriate, safe and respectful environment. Email: pingram@ischs.org.au

Indigenous

Inner South Community Health Service

Improving accessibility of physical activity groups. To ensure equity of access to ISCHS St. Kilda Light Exercise and Hydrotherapy programs for people who require accessible transport. Email: kbaggaley@ischs.org.au

Over 55s

Kilbride Centre for Spirituality and Personal Development

Brigidine Community Garden. The aim of this project is to develop a self sustaining garden in the premises of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker home for those requiring accommodation, and those living in the community. Email: contact@kilbridecentre.com

Whole
community

Ngwala Willumbong co op

Art project for Naidoc exhibition. Give participants an opportunity to paint and exhibit some of their art work. This helps to build self esteem and a sense of pride in individuals. It also brings community focus to NAIDOC celebrations. Email: m.hammersley@ngwala.org

Indigenous

Port Colts Football Club

Rebuilding Juniors. The project aims to attract more female juniors, children from CALD backgrounds, to rebuild juniors, and encourage Auskick kids to continue on with our club. Email: portmelbourncolts@hotmail.com

Children



Port Phillip Community Group

Artistic Social Connections. This is a funding proposal to establish an artist workshop space that will be open on weekends during school terms and targets people living with a mental illness, but is open to the broader community. Email: josh@ppcg.org.au

People with disabilities

Port Phillip Community Group

Welcoming Social Inclusion. The project provides new K2 residents a Tenant Information Pack providing information about community services – legal, financial, health, education, recreation, welfare, and nutrition. Email: josh@ppcg.org.au

Low income

Port Phillip Housing Association Ltd

Greener & Cheaper Renting. To show rooming house residents how they can do to have a positive impact on the environment and reduce their personal costs. Email: jtansej@ppha.org.au

Low income

Port Phillip Housing Association Ltd

Ol' Bastards & So On. To establish a network of positive support and outcomes for all residents within a large male only rooming house through regular socialization over a meal and shared involvement in a garden. Email: kriches@ppha.org.au

Men

Royal District Nursing Service Limited (RDNS)

Healthcare for Melbourne's Homeless. This project provides practical nutritional support to homeless people who are in danger of becoming malnourished through the provision of food vouchers, meals and/or nutritional supplements. Email: crogers@rdns.co.au

Low income

South Melbourne District Sports Club

Participation Incentive. To support the increased numbers participating in local sports run by SMDSC and promote club within the local community. For families under financial pressure partial or full subsidies will be offered. Email: chrisk09@bigpond.com

Children

South Port Uniting Care

SkillsFest 2011. The aim is to promote an inclusive community through an opportunity for people from a variety of backgrounds to share their that would enable us have a more sustainable inner city life. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Whole community

South Port UnitingCare

Sustainable Utility Bills Project. To assist low-income local community members by providing practical methods for reducing their energy consumption and decreasing their expenses. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Low income



South Port UnitingCare's Kombiz Youth Network

On Ya Bike! Engaging with boys through their passion for bikes and skateboards, providing a challenging, fun, supportive environment with connection to community through positive role models. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Young
People

South Port UnitingCare's Burra Club

Skooters. Skooters provides social and recreational opportunities for people with a disability who face significant barriers to participation in community activities. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

People with
disabilities

Southport Playhouse

Active Bodies. Promoting physical activity for the children attending occasional care through the permanent provision of safe, age appropriate climbing equipment and the running of "sportz buzz" classes for the children. Email: amorris@armsolutions.com.au

Children

St John Ambulance Port Phillip Division

Essential equipment: First responder kits. St John Port Phillip Division volunteers provide around 1,500 hours of first aid at events in Port Phillip each year and urgently need first responder kits to be able to provide optimal care. Email: angela.taaffe@stjohnvic.com.au

Whole
community

St Kilda Community Gardens Club

Rain Water Tank Installation. Installation of 2000 litre tank with the aim of improving access to water and reducing our demand on mains water. To plan for future droughts and water restrictions becoming more self-sufficient. Email: penny.kay@hotmail.com

Whole
community

St Kilda Community Housing Ltd

Photography Group – Visualising Our Lives. Engagement of rooming house residents to tell their own stories by means of photography that will help to address issues of social participation and social inclusion. Email: mleveratt@stkch.org.au

Low
income

St Kilda Gatehouse

Doing Business: engaging local businesses. Engage with local business to build awareness of the issues addressed through the work of St Kilda Gatehouse and to develop partnerships and mutual support. Email: sally@stkildagatehouse.org.au

Women

St Kilda Primary School

Japanese Sustainable Community Garden. The Sustainable Japanese Community Garden will be a space for the school community and community groups to meet. The garden will be designed according to Japanese principles. Email: loder.amanda.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Children



St Kilda Uniting Care

Drugs to Drama. This project will work collaboratively alongside people who suffer from an alcohol or drug addiction to write, produce, film and act in a short film which portrays their own story as told by themselves. Email: shane@stkildaunitingcare.org.au

Low
income

St Kilda Uniting Care

Women's Cultural Connection. The project aims to expand the horizons and connections for the women attending the group so that they have an opportunity to meet new women and establish new friendships in the wider community. Email: shane@stkildaunitingcare.org.au

People with
disabilities

St Kilda Youth Service

HEAT Homeless Worlds Longest Lunch. The project aims to raise issues surrounding homelessness and disadvantage in our community. HEAT students, past and present and volunteers prepare and serve the three course meal. Email: vanessa@skys.org.au

Young
People

St Luke's Anglican Church

South Melbourne Community Camp. To give local families or individuals with limited financial resources, the opportunity to engage with other community members and enjoy new experiences in a healthy, relaxed and non-threatening environment. Email: nick@stlukeschurch.net.au

Families &
Children

The Poet's Garden Elwood; Mary and Basil Albert Park

New organic community gardens. The project aims to enhance our city lives by supporting and linking avid community gardeners who desire to garden organically. Email: clairegypsy@live.com.au

Whole
community

The Sharehood

Sharing Communities in Port Phillip (SCIPP). The project aims to build more sustainable communities through sharing existing resources like lawnmowers, and skills or organising a street wide garage sale. Email: contact@thesharehood.org

Whole
community

Winja Ulupna Women's Recovery Centre

Cultural Leading-Means of Expression of Art. To allow a cultural journey through the expression of art to enhance healing. Individual experimental expression of stories in a relaxed and informal space to allow healing. Email: B.edwards@ngwala.org

Indigenous

Roomers magazine

Words in Winter spoken word performance. The Roomers group will create a spoken word/poetry slam performance to be performed at the 2011 Words in Winter writing festival in Daylesford. Email: roomersmag@yahoo.com.au

Low
income



Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service

Outlandish – Volunteering. The project targets women experiencing social exclusion opportunities to improve self-esteem and build networks by volunteering in nature-based activities (eco projects, parks). Email: g.kb@goodshepvic.org.au

Women

Port Phillip Community Group

Building bridges. Enhance the accessibility of cultural activities and facilities for older public housing residents, through subsidised rates per outing and buddy relationships to be supported. Email: josh@ppcg.org.au

Low
income

St Kilda Gatehouse

Off The Streets. The project will provide fun, social and safe recreation for women who are engaged in street sex work. Activities include netball, horse-riding, weekend retreats, cooking and yoga. Email: sally@stkildagatehouse.org.au

Women



'ASTRY' Polish Senior Citizens Club St Kilda

Social Support Program. Culturally relevant recreational activities, day trips, excursions and information sessions. The club's choir will sing for elderly Polish residents. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Am Echad Federation of Jews from the Former Soviet Union

Gala Annual Concert. The Gala Annual Concert will involve performers, musicians and dancers comprising children and young people from different ethnic communities. Email: Leonid@wwh.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Am Echad Federation of Jews from the Former Soviet Union

Educational & recreational activities. The project will conduct six functions a year that provide education and recreation activities to members of the Russian speaking community. Email: Leonid@wwh.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Assoc. of Former Inmates of Nazi Concentration Camps & Ghettos from Former Soviet Union

Social Support. The Association will provide social, recreational and educational programs, commemoration evenings, outings, and concerts. Email: gennady.vilkhov@bigpond.com

Multicultural
Over 55s

Australian Theatre of Poetry Inc. / also trading as "Empyrean"

Illusions. This project is a theatrical show with elements of poetry, classical music and drama inclusions based on Chekhov's theatrical works and elements of poetry of S.Miller (director). Email: smiller@empyreantheatre.com

Multicultural
Over 55s

Christ Church Mission Inc.

Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones is a social support group for up to 20 older people, the group meets fortnightly where people can connect through afternoon tea and activities. Email: ccmisk@ozemail.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Elwood Croquet Club Inc.

Replenishment of ordinary basic standard mallets. The new mallets will be available to members and people hiring the club for private functions, the JCAAA dementia group, the Winter Leisure and Lifestyle Program, and come and try croquet days. Email: ian.davidson9@bigpond.com

Over 55s

Ensemble Nostalgia

Social Support Program. The group helps members stay active and form new friendships promoting cultural diversity through performance of songs from different cultures in the original languages. Email: bertam@tpg.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s



Ereimia Greek Elderly Association of Port Melbourne

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Ethnic Discussion Club

Organise & Conduct 10 Conferences/Seminars. Better adoption of newly arrived Russian speaking migrants into Australian society providing means for communication to decrease isolation within community, especially for people 60+. Email: vkievski@hotmail.com

Multicultural
Over 55s

Galini Greek Elderly Association of Port Melbourne

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Greek Senior Citizens Association of South Melbourne and Albert Park

Social Support Program. The group meets weekly and aims to reduce social isolation of group members. Activities include cultural celebration as well as Christmas, Mother's and Father's days and excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Healthy Tourism Senior Citizen Club "VIGOR"

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: bertam@tpg.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Hope Connection Inc.

Hope Connection Social Support Service. The group meets weekly at the Grattan Gardens Community Centre a telephone counselling service is provided and occasional special events and excursions are organised. Email: hopec@optushome.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Literary Creative Association "Lukomorie" Inc.

Organisational Support. The funding supports the activities of poets and writers from the Russian speaking community encouraging the exploration of individual's emotional state. Email: zalman007@iprimus.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Multicultural Association of Russian Women, Ogonyok (MARWO)

My Street, My town, My country. The project aims to enhance the feeling of inclusion in the wider community for people of Russian background (both newly arrived and settled residents) as well as job seekers. Email: Ogonyok2004@hotmail.com

Women

Nadezhda Russian Senior Citizen Club

Falls prevention seminars reducing risk for aged. Series of falls prevention seminars offered to older Russian people. Email: pasika35@gmail.com

Multicultural
Over 55s



Nadezhda Russian Senior Citizen Club

Gentle Exercise for Seniors. An instructor attends twice a week to conduct a strengthening and balance exercise program.
Email: pasika35@gmail.com

Multicultural
Over 55s

Napier Street Aged care Services

Theatre Experience. Older residents will have the opportunity to experience a range of daytime musical performances.
Staff will accompany older people to enjoy the Arts events live. Email: anne@nsacs.org.au

Over 55s

National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic) Golden Age Clubs

Independent Living Support – Planned Activities. The project will focus on healthy ageing through information sessions, establishment of a walking group, chair based exercise class, and tour of Melbourne Botanical Gardens.
Email: nellie@ncjwa.org.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic) Golden Age Clubs

Promoting independence. The project targets people with limited mobility providing them with a hydrotherapy program. It will help them become/remain physically active and live independently in their housing commission units.
Email: nellie@ncjwa.org.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

New Hope Foundation Inc.

Café Bazaar Multicultural Drop-In Program. The program targets social isolation amongst CALD elderly and to address the issues of physical and mental well-being. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

New Life Association Inc.

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Port Melbourne Elderly Citizens and Trugo Club

Christmas In July Bus outing. All members are invited to enjoy a bus trip for a smorgasbord lunch and outing at the Templestowe Hotel. Email: micgib@tpg.com.au

Over 55s

Port Melbourne Greek Community Inc.

Social Support Program. The group meets to enjoy social and recreational activities, guest speakers, entertainment and excursions. Religious and other culturally significant events are celebrated. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s



Port Melbourne Greek Community Senior Citizen Club Inc.

Social Support Program. The group meets to enjoy social and recreational activities, guest speakers, entertainment and excursions. The group plans to host residents from an Aged Care Facilities for lunch. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Port Phillip Life Activities Club Inc.

PPLAC 10th Anniversary. The project aims to recognise the continuing existence and benefits of PPLAC, and to recognise and the honour the input and commitment of volunteer convenors. Email: lindacharing@hotmail.com

Over 55s

Prahran Mission

Exercise Program for Older People. Provide exercise program for older people using breathing techniques, body movements and language expression to improve mobility, relieve stress, strengthening cardiovascular fitness. Email: maxine@prahranmission.org.au

Over 55s

Prahran Polish Elderly Citizens Inc.

Social Support Program. The club provides weekly cultural meals and afternoon teas and holds celebratory functions and luncheons for significant cultural and religious days. Outings are also provided 3-4 times a year. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Shalom Association of Jews from CIS

Annual Celebration of Chanukah. This project aims to organise a traditional annual celebration of Chanukah in which will be involved members of Russian and other ethnic groups in the City of Port Philip. Email: vladLana@tpg.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Shalom Association of Jews from CIS

Film Showing on a Monthly Basis. The Movie Club shows documentaries and feature films including: Australian nature, history, culture, traditions and customs. Each showing is accompanied by a short lecture and discussion. Email: vladLana@tpg.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Shalom Association of Jews from CIS

Dancing for Health. Weekly dance classes for 26 members of Russian speaking community at Betty Day Centre. A professional dance teacher instructs the classes. Email: vladLana@tpg.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Singing Hearts Russian Choir

Promoting performing arts. The Choir performs 10-12 times a year singing in many languages. The choir consists of 25 members who enjoy singing and value their role in the community. Email: pasika35@gmail.com

Multicultural
Over 55s



South Melbourne Chinese Women's Group Inc.

Social Support Program. To provide Chinese women social support, encourage participation in cultural festivals and activities, provide information for women's health, and support members to improve their English proficiency. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Women

South Melbourne Greek Women's Club "Olympia"

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Women

South Melbourne Senior Citizens Club

Coach trips and Christmas luncheon. Organising social functions and activities for members

Over 55s

South Melbourne Trugo Club

Trugo. Play Trugo

Over 55s

South Port Community Housing Group

Events Tickets Project. Residents will participate in activities/events they do not normally access such as sporting events, music events, theatre productions and cinema. Tickets will be issued in groups, to encourage social interaction. Email: jacqui@spchg.org.au

Over 55s

South Port Uniting Care

Sensory Garden – children with disabilities. Build a sensory garden to enable Kindergarten children the experience of a range of stimuli, the garden will provide a safe, peaceful area for a child needing calming, or some time to be by him or herself. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Children

South Port Uniting Care

Open Garden – from seeds to table. Open Garden is a weekly program designed to help people with limited access to nourishing, safe food to engage with fresh grown produce and build their gardening skills for health, enjoyment and recreation. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Low
income

South Port UnitingCare's Kombiz Youth Network

Connect – computer and internet access for parents. The program will provide IT staff to support parents to support their children via access to computers and internet at sites including Sol Green, Dorcas Street, Port Melbourne Uniting, St Silas Church. Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Young
People



South Port UnitingCare's Kombiz Youth Network

The Albert Park Homework Club. The Homework Club will support vulnerable students to do their best so they may access opportunities that education can provide and be supported to achieve their individual potential.

Email: ceo@southportuniting.org.au

Young
People

St Kilda Gatehouse

Community BBQs. Community BBQs engage people in preparation and cooking where local residents are provided an opportunity to get to know a marginalised community in St Kilda. Email: sally@stkildagatehouse.org.au

Women

St Kilda Greek Senior Citizens Group Inc.

Social Support Programme. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

St Luke's Anglican Church, South Melbourne

Maintain and develop English classes. Formal group lessons with social conversation over morning tea (between students and with staff), twice yearly excursions and educational presentations by community organisations. Email: sherrynau@yahoo.com.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

St.Kilda Mauritian Social Club

Social Support Program. The group runs a social support program providing members with weekly nutritional meals, activities, cultural and educational opportunities, and regular excursions. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Victorian Assoc of WW II Veterans from Former Soviet Union

Social Support Program. To provide social and recreational opportunities including BBQ's and provide outings to members who are isolated. Meetings are twice weekly. Email: hacc@newhope.asn.au

Multicultural
Over 55s

Vintage Men

Out reach ongoing (extension). The Outreach Program contacts isolated and disadvantaged older gay and bisexual men; financial subsidies for participation in activities; training services to remove discrimination. Email: wilsgo@bigpond.com

Over 55s

West St Kilda Residents Association Inc.

WSKRA Newsletter. Print copies of newsletter to distribute to all households in West St Kilda, it aims to boost community involvement in local issues through WSKRA membership. Email: wskra@netspace.net.au

Whole
Community