COMMUNITY GRANTS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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

Community, connection and inclusion are at the heart of what makes our City great.

It is a tremendous pleasure to present the 38 recipients of our 2016-2017 Community Grants program who will draw on a funding pool of $264,075 to implement outstanding community-minded projects across Port Phillip.

These 58 projects demonstrate the profound commitment and dedication of Port Phillip’s diverse community sector in fostering an engaged and healthy community. Activities funded vary from training refugees through a local social enterprise SPACE2BE, engaging public housing residents in creative workshops facilitated by Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre through to supporting a playgroup that supports vulnerable families in South Melbourne. All projects aim to strengthen connections within our community, build capacity and offer opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of those that live here.

The City of Port Phillip is honoured to be partnering with such a broad cross-section of volunteer based community groups, sporting clubs, not-for-profit organisations and service providers, all working to promote social inclusion and community participation across the municipality.

I congratulate the successful applicants and all involved for their efforts. I hope you find inspiration in the following pages and are motivated to find opportunity to participate in the thriving communities of Port Phillip.

With warm wishes,

Cr Bernadene Voss
Mayor
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<td>Christ Church Community Centre</td>
<td><strong>Quilters At Christ Church St Kilda.</strong> Women of all ages meet twice a month to work on their patchwork and quilting projects benefitting from each other’s skills, experience and friendship. This monthly program is supported by a professional teacher and beginners are welcome. Email: <a href="mailto:communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au">communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>Stepping Stones.</strong> This is a free fortnightly social support group for elderly local residents who are isolated for various reasons such as disability and or mental illness. Email: <a href="mailto:communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au">communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre</td>
<td><strong>ESNLG Graduation and Student Conference Day.</strong> ESNLC will celebrate the achievement of their learners, trainers, mentors and volunteers. Email: <a href="mailto:co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au">co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre</td>
<td><strong>Port Phillip Volunteer Expo Evaluation Program.</strong> The Steering Committee will conduct an evaluation to measure the community impact for volunteers and their organisations, of the Volunteer Expo after four consecutive years of implementation. Email: <a href="mailto:co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au">co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre</td>
<td><strong>Let’s have dinner together.</strong> A monthly gathering that allows socially isolated people, within the Elwood community, to get together, share food and engage in conversation. Email: <a href="mailto:co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au">co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Elwood Toy Library</td>
<td><strong>Elwood Toy Library Community Outreach.</strong> This grant will fund printing additional Elwood Toy Library pamphlets to be distributed to local libraries, schools, kindergartens and Maternal Child Health and child care centres. Email: <a href="mailto:eltoylib@gmail.com">eltoylib@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Inner South Community Health</td>
<td><strong>‘Social Spoons’ Social Café Meals Project.</strong> This community strengthening program assists marginalised individuals to gain confidence and connect with community through the support of social workers, peer mentors and subsidised cafe meals. Email: <a href="mailto:kbaggaley@ischs.org.au">kbaggaley@ischs.org.au</a></td>
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National Council of Jewish Women (Vic) GAC
“Be Fit” Program Support Independent Living of the Members of Golden Age Clubs. An exercise program, conducted fortnightly, is specially tailored for older people who speak Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian and works towards reducing social isolation. Email: nellie@ncjwa.org.au

Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre
Engaging Art. An accessible arts project that will engage disadvantaged residents through art to facilitate creativity, well-being and pathways towards social inclusion. Email: connect@pmnc.org.au

SEeba
Multiple Mothers Breastfeeding Support Program. The purchase of hospital grade double breast pump will provide affordable hire to SEMBA members helping to meet community demand. Email: communications@semba.amba.org

St Kilda Gatehouse
Community BBQs. Weekly community BBQ’s that provide opportunities for engagement between marginalised community members, local residents, staff and volunteers. Email: penelope@stkildogatehouse.org.au
Caulfield South Netball Club

Claiming court time’ – A girls in sport, life-skills netball based program (by Caulfield South Netball Club (CSNC)). A collaborative project between Elwood-College and Netball Victoria where older students will be mentored to coach sport to younger teams at Elwood Primary School. Email: wendy.dunstan@outsidethesquareconsulting.com.au

Chabad on Carlisle (Free) Incorporated

Chabad on Carlisle cook-off: Funding will engage young adults and children as volunteers to help prepare, cook, serve or deliver a meal to elderly residents on Jewish holidays. Email: rivka@chabadoncarlisle.com.au

Fishermen’s Bend Gymnastic Club Inc.

Gym Ready – Phase 2. This project will establish a sustainable gymnastics club that has capacity to meet demand for services and that offers a diverse program of gymnastic-type programs suitable for all interested children, typically aged 2 to 18 years of age. Email: enquiries@fbgc.org.au

Inclusion Melbourne

Volunteering with People with Disability. Volunteers, from the City of Port Philip, will be trained through a series of workshops in disability awareness, therefore increasing the participation of local residents with intellectual disability in community activities. Email: francesca.davidson@inclusion.melbourne

Inner South Community Health

Creatures of the Bay. Resident volunteers will collect rubbish and work with a local artist to create four life-like sea creature sculptures. These structures and their story will educate the community on the impact of rubbish and pollutants on marine life in Port Phillip Bay. Email: dgodden@ischs.org.au

Inner South Community Health

Wominjeka BBQ. A weekly nutritious BBQ lunch that provides the opportunity for the local Indigenous community to form social and cultural connections and gain access to health services. Email: mawilliams@ischs.org.au

Inner South Community Health

Our Rainbow Place. A fortnightly gathering that provides a healthy and nutritious lunch for the Indigenous community and the opportunity to engage with their community and health professionals and other agencies within a culturally sensitive environment. Email: mawilliams@ischs.org.au
Inner South Community Health

**Waterfront Welcomers.** A volunteer program that recruits and trains Port Phillip residents to welcome cruise ship passengers providing them with key local information and encouraging them to explore Port Melbourne and surrounds. Email: dgodden@ischs.org.au

Inner South Community Health Service Limited

**Winter Homeless Memorial.** This important annual event, which takes place near the winter solstice at the Peanut Farm in St Kilda in June, provides an opportunity for people to come together to honour and remember those who have died as a result of homelessness. Email: mcrawford@ischs.org.au

Launch Housing

**Social Housing Advocacy and Support Program (SHASP).** This education program aims to ensure public housing tenants and residents maintain safe, appropriate and sustainable housing within the community. Email: jesse.grubb@launchhousing.org.au

Launch Housing South Melbourne

**Mini Magic – Supported Playgroup for Families Experiencing Homelessness.** This playgroup supports families, with children aged 0-4 who reside at City Gate Apartments, by creating a space where families can interact with each other and enhance their child’s development through music/play and receive material aid and referrals to local services. Email: shannon.richardson@launchhousing.org.au

Love Our Street 3184

**Love Our Street 3184.** This project brings like-minded Elwood residents together to pick-up litter, improving the appearance of the neighbourhood whilst protecting wildlife, marine life and water quality in Elster Creek, Elwood Canal and Port Phillip Bay. Email: loveourstreet3184@gmail.com

MS St Kilda Peer Support Group Inc.

**Going More Places.** This project will aim to reduce social isolation and increase community access for local people who have disabilities, suffer disadvantage or are aged by providing them with the support to get out and about. Email: lisadavis766@gmail.com

Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre

**Port Melbourne Unearthed.** A series of creative and musical workshops that bring residents of social and public housing together, building their skills and confidence through the creation of a group performance. Email: connect@pmnc.org.au
Port Phillip Community Group
Walking Woof Club. A facilitated dog-walking group that encourages isolated and marginalised residents to connect through their love of animals. This program promotes exercise and social connections within the local community, for many participants this is their only regular social activity. Email: rose@ppcg.org.au

Port Phillip Community Group
“Melodic Mob Continues to Sing” (Melodic Mob). This project provides an opportunity for people with disability and or those who are marginalised to, showcase their artistic skills and experience the joy and empowerment through participation in creative performances. Email: karen@ppcg.org.au

Port Phillip Housing Association
Barkly Street Cook Up (Chelmsford and Pyrmont Rooming Houses). This fortnightly social meals program, for residents of PPHA’s Chelmsford and Pyrmont rooming houses, allows for people to come together to prepare and enjoy an exciting, healthy meal whilst connecting socially, learning about nutrition and developing their cooking skills. Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au

Port Phillip Housing Association
Creating Community Through Art –PPHA Artist Collective Project. Through art workshops and a group exhibition tenants will be provided the opportunity to build their capacity through the developing, showing and selling of art. This project will also help to dispel myths about community housing. Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au

Port Phillip Housing Association
Financial Literacy for PPHA Tenants. Tenants living in PPHA properties, including rooming houses will learn about credit cards, pay day lenders, utility bills (hardship schemes) and budgeting. The financial literacy education sessions will run over one year, targeting tenants who are in arrears. Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au

Port Phillip Volunteer Expo Steering Committee
Port Phillip Volunteer Expo and Recognition Program 2017. The Expo provides over thirty non-profit organisations the platform to annually showcase their services and volunteer opportunities for people who would like to give back to their community. Email: co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au

Prahran Mission
Community Activities @ Scottsdale for people living with severe and enduring mental illness. This project provides the residents, friends, family and volunteers of Scottsdale Psycho-Social Disability Rehabilitation and Support with otherwise unavailable community based activities. Email: shelley.stretton@prahranmission.org.au
Prahran Mission

**Engagement Hub Groups and Activities.** This hub provides a safe, inclusive space for participants and homogenous groups to engage in a range of activities designed to address barriers to independence and community participation that mental illness can produce. Email: shelley.stretton@prahranmission.org.au

**Project Respect Inc.**

**Outreach to women in the sex industry while fostering a safer, more connected City of Port Phillip.** An outreach program that works with licensed brothels linking women who experience violence with relevant information and referrals to support organisations. Email: rachelreilly@projectrespect.org.au

Sacred Heart Mission

**Our Say: Client Consultative Group.** This new initiative has been developed to formally encourage social participation with Sacred Heart Service users and to obtain meaningful feedback into their work to informing service delivery and strategic objectives for the next ten years. Email: cmiddendorp@sacredheartmission.org

Sacred Heart Mission

**Hands on Health Community Volunteer Clinic.** This clinic provides complementary health and wellbeing services for people who are disadvantaged and/or homeless within the City of Port Phillip. The services are delivered by skilled volunteers and focus on community engagement and social participation. Email: cmiddendorp@sacredheartmission.org

Sacred Heart Mission

**Kickstart: Wellbeing and Activities.** This project will improve the health and wellbeing of people who are experiencing homelessness and chronic disadvantage through offering sporting activities. The ongoing case management helps clients identify and achieve their wellbeing goals. Email: cmiddendorp@sacredheartmission.org

Sacred Heart Mission

**5 Minute Volunteer – growth and sustainability.** This program will aim to foster neighbourliness by connecting local volunteers to assist older residents in the most practical and immediate ways. This could include volunteers monitoring the welfare of the residents in times of potential crisis such as heat waves, storms and power outages. Email: lcross@sacredheartmission.org

Sacred Heart Mission

**Outlandish.** This innovative eco-volunteering program is targeted towards women who have experienced homelessness and deep persistent social isolation, providing support in accessing social and economic participation opportunities. Email: lbradley@sacredheartmission.org
Sacred Heart Mission, Queens Rood Rooming House Plus Program

**AWAKENINGS – narratives of empowerment and recovery through creativity.** Queens Road Rooming House Residents will use visual media and music to explore their implicit narratives and play with the idea of their desired narratives. Email: kenmcnamara@sacredheartmission.org

Shalom Association

**Integration Russian speaking migrants into Australian society.** A series of workshops with professionals such as lawyers, health professionals and social workers will help older Russian migrants integrate into Australian Society. Email: lofrenk@gmail.com

South Melbourne Football Club

**Engaging disabled children into active Sport and into the Community.** This pilot trial soccer program that will engage locally based children with disabilities into the mainstream sporting community, the club then hopes to expand and establish an ongoing program. Email: multimedia@smfc.com.au

South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten

**Kindergarten Garden (Part 2).** Improvements will be made to the Kindergarten Garden, replenishing soil and garden mulch to protect existing plants, provide sun protection for children and update the south facing side of the garden. Email: smmk@try.org.au

South Port Day Links Inc.

**The Safe Seniors Driving and Travelling Program.** Safe and defensive driving workshops will be provided to local seniors whilst also providing information on accessing public and community transport options. Email: robm@spdl.org.au

South Port UnitingCare

**BOLT – Bicycles over Lunch Time – St Kilda Primary School & Port Melbourne Primary School.** Boys aged 9-12, who are at risk of disengaging from education, will be taught bike skills, tricks and mechanics whilst being guided by mentors who support and lead them through this crucial transformative period in their life. Email: info@southportuc.org.au

Space2b Social Design

**Space2b Social Design – Space2work.** This funding will create employment pathway opportunities for refugees and unemployed Port Phillip residents through enhancing the capability and capacity of each participant. Email: janine@space2b.com.au

St Kilda Community Housing Ltd

**Good Grub Gardening Group.** Rooming house residents will be afforded access to more green space, to grow their own vegetables, through the provision of new raised garden beds. Email: mleveratt@stkch.org.au
St Kilda Gatehouse

*Greeves St. Voices.* Community groups, learning institutions and corporations are invited to participate in educational sessions designed to connect a diverse range of people, to gain understanding of those most marginalised in the Port Phillip community. *Email: sally@stkildagatehouse.org.au*

St Kilda Legal Service

*Survivors Help Information Pen.* This initiative will endeavour to reduce the occurrences of family violence through the provision of pens, which will discretely provide contact information about services, and educational posters for community, legal and health services within the municipality. *Email: suzan@skls.org.au*

St. Luke’s Anglican Church

*Homies – homework tutoring club.* Weekly tutoring programs that assist disadvantaged youth, from grade 2 to 7 during the school term. Volunteers work with student to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills whilst providing positive role modelling. *Email: office@stlukeschurch.net.au*

The First Step Program

*Walk & Talk: A Family and Friends Support Therapy Program.* The project utilises the “walk talk therapy” concept providing support for family and friends struggling to deal with their loved one’s addictions whilst engaging in light meditative exercise. *Email: jen@firststep.org.au*

The Salvation Army Crisis Services

*Growing Together – Edible Gardens Program.* Volunteer mentors will work alongside young people in the development of sustainable edible food gardens providing opportunity for the youth to develop transferrable skills and engage with their community. *Email: rob.ellis@aus.salvationarmy.org*
BPD Community

**BPD Information and Support.** This project aims to provide support to those with lived experience of Borderline Personality Disorder and also their families and friends through information nights, carer’s group and a consumer group. 
Email: bpdcommunityvic@gmail.com

Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre

**Galiambale – therapeutic painting development program.** Men recovering from alcohol and drug substance abuse participate in an art course that forms an essential part to their recovery program. 
Email: manager@esnlc.com.au

Port Philip Housing Association

**Get That Job – Skills and Strategies for Employment Success.** ESNLC will provide a series of workshops for Port Phillip Housing Association tenants providing them with the opportunity to learn about the employment market and how to compete for work. 
Email: hbrooker@ppha.org.au

Space2b

**Across Barriers.** Three schools and Space2be will partner to develop a series of workshops for student participation that assisting to welcome and connect new migrant families. 
Email: janine@space2b.com.au

St Kilda Gatehouse

**Off the Streets.** Women involved in street based sex work will be offered the opportunity to participate in regular, safe and social recreational activities through the support of the St Kilda Baptist Church and their volunteers. 
Email: penelope@stkildagatehouse.org.au

Temple Beth Israel

**Nourish – Feeding Community Spirit.** This new initiative engages volunteers to cook and offer hot meals to disadvantaged members of the community. Father Bob Maguire’s Foundation will provide the Hope Mobiles to support the distribution. 
Email: ellen.frajman@tbi.org.au
Christ Church Community Centre
*Community Kitchen Garden.* The community centre’s kitchen garden engages people attending the centre through maintenance and cultivation. The new water tank will help promote sustainability by reducing water consumption. *Email: communitycentre@christchurchstkilda.org.au*

Elwood Children’s Centre
*Purchase new sandpit covers.* These new covers will improve Occupational Health and Safety performance and provide a cleaner, safer environment for all. *Email: cassecc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au*

First Step
*Comprehensive AOD and Mental Health Assessment Project.* This project will increase First Step’s capacity to accommodate more patients, whilst enabling staff to efficiently and effectively conduct initial assessments ensuring quality care is delivered. *Email: jen@firststep.org.au*

National Council of Jewish Women (Vic) GAC
*Support of Independent Living of CALD Community residing in Office of Housing.* This iPad will allow our workers to easily access emergency information and contact supervisors during outreach program and also provide participants with access to web based presentations on living a healthier lifestyle. *Email: nellie@ncjwa.org.au*

Port Melbourne Toy Library Inc.
*Party pack toys.* The Toy Library will purchase toys and other equipment for use in party packs that will be made available to hire for birthday parties and other occasions helping ensure the library’s sustainability. *Email: pmtoylibrary@gmail.com*

Port Phillip Community Group
*Portable public address system with speaker and microphone.* A portable public address system with speaker and microphone for indoor and outdoor use at community events such as Homelessness Prevention Week, PPCG events or other community organisations. *Email: karen@ppcg.org.au*

Roomers Magazine
*Stackable ergonomic and OHS compliant chairs.* Replacing the existing chairs with lightweight stackable chairs will meet the centre’s OH&S standards and allow for easier storage. *Email: co-ordinator@esnlc.com.au*
Sacred Heart Mission
*Carpet Cleaner.* The Home Care team will utilise this industrial carpet cleaner for industrial and trauma cleaning within Sacred Heart Mission Residences and servicing other agencies in need of this support. *Email: lcross@sacredheartmission.org*

South Melbourne Mission Kindergarten
*Science and Numeracy Project.* These resources will implement quality learning experiences that promote early numeracy and science skills for the children in our kinder program. *Email: smmk@try.org.au*

South Port Day Links
*Vehicle Cleaning Equipment.* The equipment will assist SPDL to reduce the maintenance costs of the four vehicles that are utilised for the door to door transport program. *Email: robm@spdl.org.au*

South Port UnitingCare
*BOLT – Bicycles Over Lunchtime.* The tools and equipment purchased will be used for the BOLT early intervention program which engages boys aged 10-12 years who are ‘at risk’ of disengaging from education. *Email: info@southportuc.org.au*

St Johns Ambulance Victoria
*Essential Radio Communication Equipment for St John Ambulance Port Phillip Division.* This equipment, which will operate in all areas regardless of telephone system outages, allows St John Ambulance Volunteers to communicate with each other, the Base and with other emergency providers. *Email: fundraising@stjohnvic.com.au*

St. Columba’s Primary
*Promoting a Healthier Community – Additional basketball facilities.* This project will install permanent interchangeable basketball and netball rings on the outdoor courts at St. Columba’s Primary, providing additional sporting facilities that the whole community can book and utilise. *Email: diana.hartshorn@gmail.com*