

# Neighbourhood Development Component

## What has Council done?

- Established the Small Poppy Fund - neighbourhood matching grants scheme
- Provided online information and resources about things people can do to improve neighbourhoods
- Commenced identification of internal council processes that may impede neighbourhood projects
- Supported traders in Ripponlea shopping strip to develop a neighbourhood improvement strategy
- Established Linking Neighbours Program as a pilot program in Elwood
- Continued to support residents to hold street parties
- Currently undertaking public consultation on Carlisle Street Structure Plan to ensure the street retains its neighbourhood focus for local community
- Established Fitzroy St Taskforce to address neighbourhood issues

This component of the Community Plan has a focus on supporting the development of local connections, networks and improving our neighbourhoods.

A community matching grants program was identified as a key initiative for implementation in the first year of the Neighbourhood Development Action Plan.

## What indicators track our progress?

Indicator	Result (07/08)	Data Source	Explanation
Number of Small Poppy projects funded	6	Council data	Grant monies have ranged from \$750 to \$5,000
Number of Small Poppy applications received	16	Council Data	
Number of street parties	25	Council Data	

## Small Poppy Fund

Council launched the 'Small Poppy Grants' program in December 2007 with the objectives of fostering community-led projects of shared benefit that support social connections. The primary target group for this program is people who come together with an idea to do something that is both achievable and of communal benefit and who are unlikely to be formally organised or have access to other funding opportunities.

The first six months allowed 'road testing' of program guidelines and administrative procedures. Recent changes to the selection criteria and guidelines more clearly explain the aims of the program, and sharpen its distinction from Council's other grant programs.

### Small Poppy projects funded in 2007/2008

Project Name	Description	Neighbourhood	Status
Raleigh Worm Farm	Residents installed worm farms in a large scale public housing estate	St Kilda	Completed
Paint the Streets	Community arts project celebrating Elwood.	Elwood	Completed
Skinner's Succulent Garden	Local parents and children creating a succulent garden in their 'backyard', Skinner's Playground	South Melbourne	Ongoing
Community@55 - Plants, Passion and People	Sustainable garden project with renters in block of 30 apartments	St Kilda East	Ongoing
The Street Garden	Nature strip improvement project to create usable open space	Elwood	Ongoing
Eden Communal Food Growing	Sustainable food growing project	St Kilda	Completed

