

12.8	Annual Brimbank Community Grants Program 2024/2025
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Attachment(s)	1. Brimbank Annual Community Grants 2024/2025 Successful Grants [12.8.1 - 16 pages]

Purpose

For Council to note the Brimbank Annual Community Grants Program 2024/2025 assessment outcome.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Annual Brimbank Community Grants Program 2024/2025 assessment outcome as at Attachment 1.

Background

The Brimbank Community Grants Program provides one-off financial assistance to not-for-profit organisations and community groups seeking to deliver projects that support and improve the Brimbank community's health and wellbeing, support life-long learning, encourage sustainable living, promote Brimbank as a destination and build capacity through partnerships and networks.

The Community Grants Program has a total financial year allocation of \$600,000 spread throughout two funding streams:

1. Annual Community Grants - delivered once per calendar year.
2. Quick Responsive Grants – Two Community Grants categories (Responsive and Establishment Grants) available throughout the year from 2024 to fill a gap for eligible organisations requiring assistance for emerging or unexpected needs and opportunities outside the Annual Community Grants Program timelines. These Grants are assessed tri-annually in February, August and November.

Funded initiatives are required to align with Council's Strategic objectives:

- People and Community - A welcoming, safe and supported community - An inclusive place for all.
- Places and Spaces - Liveable and connected neighbourhoods that support healthy and sustainable futures - A green place for all.
- Opportunity and Prosperity - A future focused, transforming city where all have opportunities to learn and earn - A prosperous place for all.

The Brimbank Annual Community Grants Program 2024/2025 was open for a period of approximately 7 weeks from 29 May to 14 July 2024. There were 168 applications, with a requested total amount of \$1,015,241. These included: 23 Community Strengthening Grants, 15 Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants, 3 Climate Emergency Grants, 4 Young People's Ideas Grants, 38 Community Festival and Event Grants, 8 Major Festival and Event Grants, and 77 Seniors Operational Grants applications.

Assessments were completed in October 2024. Out of the \$600,000 budget allocation, a total of \$547,805 was allocated to this program and the remaining \$52,195 will be allocated to all year round Quick Responsive Grants.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified in November 2024.

Council has also supported 13 grant applicants through the Quick Responsive Grants since the program's inception in February 2024.

Matters for Consideration

Analysis

The 2024/2025 Annual Community Grants categories were endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 May 2024. Under the Community Grants Policy, Council determines the Community Grants categories annually while the grant assessment is delegated to Council Officers. The final grant approval is delegated to the Director Community Wellbeing with the engagement of an external Probity Officer to provide independent probity advice on the final approval's conduct.

The following categories endorsed to be delivered as part of the Brimbank Annual Community Grants Program 2024/2025:

1. **Community Strengthening Grants - up to \$10,000** - support for projects and activities that strengthen the community, promote resilience and leadership, lifelong learning, encourage partnerships and involvement in community life and develop a strong sense of belonging and identity.
2. **Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants - up to \$10,000** - support projects or activities that improves community mental health and wellbeing, builds community capacity to support mental wellbeing and strengthen community connections.
3. **Climate Emergency Grants - up to \$10,000** - support the community to implement projects that support greenhouse emissions reduction and climate adaptation within Brimbank.
4. **Young People's Ideas Grants - up to \$10,000** - support a young person or group of young people (aged 12-25 years) who are supported by an auspice organisation or are part of an incorporated group, to deliver a project, event or program that positively impacts other young people in the Brimbank Community.
5. **Community Festival and Event Grants - up to \$10,000** - support the contribution of Brimbank's smaller groups and organisations that play a role in building a more connected and engaged community via a festival and event. These are local smaller scale festival and events primarily attracting local audiences.
6. **Major Festival and Event Grants - up to \$25,000** - support festival and events that showcase Brimbank's diversity, places, talents, cultures or unique offerings. These festival and events enhance Brimbank's reputation as a great place to live, work, visit and play and are of larger scale attracting more than 5,000 people.
7. **Seniors Operational Grants - up to \$1,000** - support Brimbank seniors' groups towards their day-to-day operating costs.

The Brimbank Annual Community Grants Guidelines and a Seniors Operational Grant Guidelines were developed to provide applicants with information about the categories, eligibility requirements, the application, assessment and approval processes, and requirements for the administration of funding.

Grants promotion and information sessions

Council promoted the grants opportunity through a variety of mediums and offered online and face-to-face information and drop-in sessions. To publicise the grants, advertisements were placed in local newspapers, on Council's website, digital screens and social media platforms, and information was sent to various partner organisations,

community networks and mailing lists, and all council facing customer service areas. Supporting documents including local demographic data, translated materials and other supporting resources for grant applicants were made available.

Face to face and online information sessions included:

- 2 interactive Grants Writing Workshops at St Albans Community Centre (STACC) and Sunshine Library – in attendance were 37 participants
- 3 drop-in sessions at STACC and Sunshine Library
- 2 information sessions at Keilor Library and online
- Promotion at the Seniors Expo and presentation at the Seniors Forum meeting
- 8 online and in-person festival and events training sessions related to contracts & suppliers, risk management, events permits and accessible events.
- Over 230 phone enquiries answered during the application period.

Assessment Process

All applications were assessed via SmartyGrants, an online grant management portal against the published criteria of the Grants Guidelines.

Each of the eligible applications, excluding the Seniors Grants, were assessed by a minimum of two selected content expert officers from across different Council units. The Seniors Operational Grants were assessed by the Carers, Disabilities and Seniors Unit. A second-round assessment was then completed by senior council staff.

The Final Panel Assessment was completed by the Director Community Wellbeing, Manager Community Strengthening and Social Planning, Coordinator Connected Communities, Community Grants Officer, Coordinator Arts and Culture, Social Policy and Research Coordinator and an external Probity advisor.

An external and independent Probity Advisor provided probity advice on the conduct of the Final Grants Assessment Panel in consideration of the Brimbank Community Grants Policy and Guidelines. In addition, the probity advisor ensured the following probity principles were met transparency and accountability, Fairness and equity, Impartiality and ethical conduct, value for money, conflict of interest management and confidentiality management.

Summary of Grant Outcomes

The table below provides a summary of the applications received, recommended, not recommended and the recommended amounts.

Grant Category	Total Applications Received	Total Applications Recommended	Total Applications Not Recommended	Total Amount Allocated
Community Strengthening Grants	24	9	15	\$71,603
Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants	15	7	8	\$59,995
Climate Emergency	3	2	1	\$14,997

Grants				
Young People's Ideas Grants	4	2	2	\$18,600
Community Festival and Event Grants	37	24	13	\$202,110
Major Festival and Event Grants	8	5	3	\$107,500
Seniors Operational Grants	77	73	4	\$73,000
Total	168	122	46	\$547,805

Implementation

Successful applicants have until December 2025 to implement their projects, events or festivals.

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Resource And Risk Implications

Resource requirements can be met within the Annual Budget 2024/2025.

Community: potential impact on community, including public trust and customer service impact

- Yes - Unsuccessful grant applications have received feedback and an invitation to attend future grant writing workshops.

Regulatory: legal, legislative or regulatory implications including the rights/obligations of stakeholders

- Yes - The grant round was administered in accordance with the Brimbank City Council Grants Major Policy 2014 and assessment overseen by an independent probity governance officer.

There are no Environmental, Financial or Safety risks identified.

Legislation/Council Plan/Policy Context

This report supports the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategic direction and objective of:

1. People and Community - A welcoming, safe and supported community - An inclusive place for all

- Wellbeing and Belonging - Responsive services that support mental and physical wellbeing
- Pride and Participation - Community and cultural connections built through social and artistic expression

2. Places and Spaces - Liveable and connected neighbourhoods that support healthy and sustainable futures - A green place for all

- Sustainable and Green - Protect natural environments for current and future generations

3. Opportunity and Prosperity - A future focused, transforming city where all have opportunities to learn and earn - A prosperous place for all

- Earning and Learning - Everyone has access to education, training and lifelong learning to support their aspirations

This report complies with S5 Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, S7 Instrument of Sub-Delegation from the Chief Executive Officer to Council Staff, and Brimbank City Council Grants Major Policy 2014.

Council officers contributing to the preparation and approval of this report, have no conflicts of interests to declare.

Brimbank Annual Community Grants 2024/2025 Program Successful Grants

Group Name	Project Title	Brief Project Description	Project Area	Amount Funded
Community Strengthening Category				
Acacia Indochinese Community Support Association Inc.	Social Support Group for Vietnamese Women and Their Pre-School Children	This project is a partnership between the Acacia Indochinese Community Support Association Inc. and the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc, to provide social support for Vietnamese women and their preschool-aged children in Brimbank. It aims to enhance parenting skills, foster community connections, and address intergenerational issues to strengthen family relationships. Weekly support groups and annual information sessions will help parents share experiences, access resources, and build life skills. Additionally, multicultural events will promote networking and reduce isolation, particularly among disadvantaged and isolated Vietnamese parents, including those facing mental health challenges.	Deer Park, St Albans	\$5,000.00
Arts Access Victoria	Maker Space - Brimbank	Maker Space – Brimbank is a project designed to offer accessible arts learning, social connection, and creative practice opportunities for young Deaf and Disabled people aged 18-30. It aims to break down barriers to participation in the arts, such as lack of access to Auslan interpretation, wheelchair access, and other support services. The project also focuses on building community, confidence, and professional skills among participants while combating social isolation. Workshops, led by Deaf and Disabled artists, will include various mediums and will be tailored based on feedback from the Brimbank community. Maker Space seeks to refine and expand its pilot program to better serve the local community and provide employment opportunities for Deaf and Disabled artists.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Walking Football 4 Health Victoria Inc	Brimbank Walking Football 4 Health	Walking Football 4 Health Victoria promotes walking football as a gentle, inclusive form of exercise, particularly for older adults and those with health limitations. The project offers family, adults-only, and disability-specific walking football programs at Keilor Park, aiming to create a safe, welcoming environment for all community members. Collaborating with organisations like Disability Sports Australia and AAAPlay, it provides tailored sessions that support accessibility and community engagement. Additionally, partnerships with Diabetes Victoria and Gotcha4Life emphasise the mental and physical health benefits of walking football.	Keilor	\$8,021.00

Inner West community Bike Hub Inc.	Learn to Ride in '25	The Community Bike Hub, powered by the non-profit organisation, Local Impact, aims to increase access to active transport in Melbourne's west, especially in Brimbank. Through the 'Learn to Ride in '25' initiative, it will promote inclusivity, health, and sustainability by encouraging cycling and fostering a connected, active community. Recently established at the Green Gully Traffic School in Keilor Downs, the Hub will serve as a base for community programs. Planned activities include bike riding sessions tailored for diverse groups, such as general community rides, sessions for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) members, and programs for primary school children.	Sydenham	\$9,000.00
Life Saving Victoria Limited	Inclusive Communities: An Aquatic Inclusion Project for CALD, Seniors, and People with Disabilities	The program aims to deepen engagement with existing culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) participants and broaden outreach to include seniors and people with disabilities. Activities include swim teacher accredited employment courses, aquatic safety education, Learn to Swim programs, and youth/seniors/disability beach excursions day, with support from partners like Sunshine Leisure Centre and local schools. The initiative brings together over 600 participants and volunteers, enhancing health, community connection, and settlement for Brimbank's diverse residents.	Across Brimbank, Deer Park	\$10,000.00
Downball Sports Australia Incorporated	Engage and Play: Downball for Healthier, Happier Brimbank Kids	Downball Australia will deliver five Downball workshops to disadvantaged primary schools in Brimbank, reaching 750 Grade 3-6 students. Partnering with Brimbank City Council, they will identify schools most in need, focusing on socioeconomic disadvantage, mental health, and CALD representation. The workshops in Term 2, 2025, will engage entire classes while targeting children less likely to participate in sports, especially girls, CALD individuals, and those facing mental health challenges. Each student will receive a Downball to encourage continued physical activity, benefiting both families and the broader school community. Teachers will also receive resources and training to maintain Downball activities, with feedback collected to evaluate the program's impact.	Across Brimbank	\$8,625.00
Victorian Skateboard Association Inc.	Promoting Brimbank Skateable Spaces	The Promoting Brimbank Skateable Spaces project aims to increase skateboarding participation and community connection in Brimbank by engaging children, youth, and families through skate parks and local schools. The project will take place in numerous skate parks including Sunvale Skate Park, St Albans Skate Park, Packard Street Skate Park, and surround schools/pop up spaces within Brimbank. Victorian Skateboard Association (VSA) will host ten public All Aboard workshops, where experienced coaches will teach skateboarding basics at no cost, with equipment provided. These free sessions will enhance safety skills and encourage greater use of local skate parks, while promoting skateboarding's physical and social benefits. VSA's direct involvement ensures effective communication, resulting in high participation and strong community connections.	St Albans, Sydenham	\$4,072.00

Kontiki Cultural Women Empowerment	Eco Fashion for MotherEarth	Eco Fashion for Mother Earth is a 12-month community project focused on zero-waste recycling and upcycling, run in partnership with the Samaritan Foundation and Skilling Employment and Aid Enterprises Australia (SEAEA). It engages people of all ages to transform discarded fabric into creative fashion items, aiming to reduce textile waste. Guided by skilled sewing machinists, participants will create unique items like aprons, tote bags, and bean bags using techniques like tie-dye and patchwork, with the final pieces displayed in a public exhibition. This project fosters a fun, inclusive environment where participants can connect, learn about self-care, and enhance mental wellbeing. The final collection will be presented to the Brimbank community in a public exhibition.	Across Brimbank, St Albans, Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Inspire Hope	A Hope for Christmas	The aim of the 'A Hope for Christmas' event is to bring 'Christmas Cheer' alive and into the hearts of our homeless/struggling community members in Brimbank that would be spending this day alone or isolated from loved ones. They hope to foster an environment where they are surrounded by gifts, colour, food and festivities. All will be welcome to celebrate this day of togetherness. Through this time spent celebrating it will help bridge the gap of social isolation on a day with such a heavy expectation, while offering the hope for more connecting community events that promote the spirit of giving and joy.	St Albans	\$6,885.00
			Total	\$71,603.00
Mental Health and Wellbeing Category				
Diabetes Victoria	Vietnamese Diabetes Peer Support Group	This project aims to establish a diabetes peer support group specifically for the Vietnamese community in Brimbank, addressing high diabetes rates among over 17,000 affected residents. It seeks to improve health outcomes through culturally tailored education and support, reduce stigma, and strengthen social connections within this community. The program will include five facilitated sessions in 2025, led by Vietnamese-speaking health professionals and community leaders, with culturally specific educational materials distributed. Expected outcomes include creating a safe, inclusive support space for 15-20 participants per session, improving health outcomes, and fostering community bonds. The pilot will be evaluated to inform future culturally tailored health initiatives in Brimbank and beyond.	Across Brimbank, Sunshine	\$8,600.00
1000 Generation s Ltd.	Shine and Strength Wellbeing and Development Program	The Shine and Strength program is a tailored personal development and mentoring initiative aimed at empowering young people by building resilience and improving mental health and wellbeing. Focused on youth facing hardship or at risk of disengaging from school, these programs are collaboratively developed with local schools to address the unique needs of diverse backgrounds, including LGBTQIA+, migrant, refugee, Aboriginal, and culturally diverse young people. Over nine weeks, participants go through three units—Worth, Strength, Purpose in Shine, and Significance, Resilience, Courage in Strength—to foster emotional resilience, healthy relationships, and engagement. Through hands-on support in areas with high unemployment and social challenges, 1000 Generations seeks to uplift young people and strengthen communities.	Across Brimbank	\$9,760.00

GUIH Org Ltd	Community Engagement, Empowering, Enrichment, Health and Wellbeing Group (CEEH&WG)	The project aims to identify and support vulnerable and isolated community members early, helping them avoid involvement in health, legal, and criminal systems. The project will expand current activities through monthly outreach, bi-monthly group programs, and community connection activities, employing a culturally respectful, strengths-based approach. Volunteers will engage with participants weekly through calls, face-to-face meetings, or email, assisting them with tasks such as accessing health, legal, and housing services. Brimbank grant funding will support bi-monthly group events focused on health and wellbeing topics like Healthy Living, Community Safety, and cultural adjustment for migrants. Volunteers will also receive Mental Health First Aid training to enhance their skills in supporting community members effectively.	Deer Park, St Albans, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$8,150.00
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Be active. Be happy: Dementia Wellbeing Project for Vietnamese Seniors	The Australian Vietnamese Women's Association (AVWA) is dedicated to supporting Vietnamese seniors with dementia in Brimbank through weekly nature-based, music, and arts activities designed to enhance mental wellbeing and foster social connections. Seniors aged 65+ gather at St. Paul Community Hall in Sunshine West, where they can share their interests and participate in activities tailored to their preferences and experiences. AVWA's holistic approach aims to provide a supportive environment that promotes personal fulfilment and social connection. This initiative not only builds a sense of community and belonging but also enriches the quality of life for participants. The program emphasises meaningful engagement, improving overall wellbeing for Vietnamese seniors with dementia.	Across Brimbank	\$5,600.00
Quang Minh Temple	Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness and Inclusiveness: A Pilot Study in Brimbank.	The Quang Minh Temple, in partnership with Cohealth Brimbank Local Mental Health and Wellbeing, is launching a project to raise mental health awareness among Brimbank's Asian communities. This initiative includes ten supportive workshops aimed at empowering community members with mental health knowledge and tools. The project will involve approximately 100 people and will offer activities tailored to participants' interests, promoting mental health in a culturally relevant way. By embedding these workshops in community spaces, the program aims to reach those who may struggle to access the Australian health system. With a history of community support initiatives, Quang Minh Temple provides a welcoming environment for open discussions on mental health and wellbeing.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Centre for Muslim Wellbeing Limited	Mental Health First Aid for Muslim Communities	This project involves delivering five culturally responsive mental health first aid workshops in Brimbank, designed specifically for Muslim community leaders and members. The training will be co-designed, using focus groups to identify gaps in mental health literacy and knowledge within the community. Key outcomes include improved access to mental health resources, bridging the gap between community members and professional services, and normalising mental health discussions to reduce stigma. The program also emphasises the role of community leaders in fostering a supportive environment, encouraging participation, and promoting mental health. Ultimately, the workshops aim to enhance social cohesion, resilience, and empowerment within the community.	Across Brimbank, Deer Park, Keilor, St Albans, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$9,500.00

International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance	Naturally Connected Brimbank	This project offers guided nature therapy walks for adults with disabilities and their carers in Brimbank parks. Following a co-design workshop, four accessible nature therapy trails will be created, with a Certified Forest Therapy Guide leading eight two-hour walks over short distances, free of charge. These walks engage participants in sensory activities that promote relaxation, reduce stress, and support physical and mental health. The program fosters inclusivity, mindfulness, and a sense of social connection in natural settings. Additionally, it encourages participants to explore and appreciate local green spaces in Brimbank, promoting environmental stewardship.	Deer Park, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$8,385.00
			Total	\$59,995.00
Climate Emergency Category				
EcoWarriors Australia Incorporated	Planting the Seed: Helping Schoolchildren to Create a Living Classroom	'Planting the Seed' is an interactive learning program for Ardeer Primary School students aimed at revegetating the "Verdant Woodlands" area near Kororoit Creek. The program teaches students to collect local native plant cuttings and seeds, propagate seedlings, and use these plants for site revegetation, involving community members in the process. Students will also engage in "citizen science" by monitoring their planting sites. Additionally, a Traditional Owner representative will educate students about the cultural significance of local native plants and wildlife. A Wayapa Wuurk wellbeing educator will help students connect with and care for the environment through Indigenous wisdom.	Sunshine	\$9,997.00
Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Incorporated	Albion Library of Things	The Albion Library of Things project aims to create a community resource that offers a variety of tools and equipment for loan to Brimbank residents. By promoting borrowing over purchasing, the initiative encourages households to reduce their carbon footprint and increases awareness of the circular economy. The project will feature an online library catalogue and borrowing system based on community input about which tools and equipment would be most beneficial. It will also facilitate the donation of unwanted items to expand the library's offerings, focusing on tools from manufacturers that support repair rights. Additionally, the project will provide workshops to help the community develop skills for using the available equipment and create materials to educate residents about the benefits of a circular economy.	Across Brimbank, Sunshine	\$5,000.00
			Total	\$14,997.00
Young People's Ideas Category				

Australian Vietnamese Arts Inc.	"OurBrimbank-Half a Century Home" documentary project	This project is the creation and screening of the documentary "Our Brimbank - Half a Century Home," created by Australian Vietnamese Arts and Culture (AVAC)'s young members, aim to capture the resilience and hope of Vietnamese families throughout their journey in Brimbank. In 2025, Australia will commemorate 50 years of Vietnamese refugee settlement, with Brimbank housing one of Victoria's largest Vietnamese communities. It will highlight their initial struggles, including language barriers and cultural challenges, while also showcasing their ability to adapt and thrive by establishing businesses, places of worship, and cultural centers. This youth-led project serves not only as a record of the community's history but also as a bridge connecting younger generations to their heritage, fostering mutual respect and inspiring change. The initiative will culminate in a dynamic screening event that celebrates this rich history and diversity, reinforcing community bonds and shaping a narrative for the future.	Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Australian Young Christian Workers MovementInc	Girls and Young Women Empowerment Project	The Girls and Young Women Empowerment Project expands on the successful Youth Food Project (YFP), aiming to foster a safer and more welcoming community for girls and women in Brimbank. Participants will engage in various responsibilities including, helping to plan activities, prepare meals, and promote the program to build self-confidence, community connections, and leadership skills. Each participant will be paired with a mentor to further develop their leadership abilities in areas of interest. The sessions will include 'girl talk' discussions during meals, allowing participants to share project information, make presentations, and hear from guest speakers on topics related to safety and wellbeing. Additionally, the fortnightly cooking program encourages young people to choose and prepare meals together, facilitating discussions on their interests and promoting further community involvement.	Across Brimbank	\$8,600.00
			Total	\$18,600.00
Community Festivals and Events				
International Youth Fellowship Incorporated	2025 World Culture Festival	The World Culture Festival will celebrate diversity and showcase the various cultural traditions and art forms of our community, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation. The main activities will include trying on traditional costumes, play cultural games, arts and crafts, see live cultural, musical, and fashion show performances, as well as eat street food from different ethnic communities. Each local cultural group will have their own stalls with unique activities. The event will potentially promote cultural diversity and raise awareness of traditions, beliefs and customs, and foster community spirit by bringing people together to interact and collaborate with each other, and thereby strengthening relationships. The festival is for all ages and backgrounds, but specifically targeted at families and the local youth.	Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00

Santa Maria Assunta Association Incorporated	Santa Marija Assunta Traditional& Cultural Maltese/Gozitan VillageFesta	The Santa Marija traditional Village Festa is a significant local festival celebrating Maltese and Gozitan culture. The festa s y m b o l i s e s freedom and national identity, featuring a vibrant procession with brass bands and children in costumes. The event will bring the whole Maltese & Gozitan community together at Deer Park, as well as other ethnic communities. Over three days, attendees enjoy feasts and participate in folk music and dance, with the grounds decorated with flags, bunting, and the Maltese coat of arms. Since its inception in 1983, the event has consistently attracted between 4,000 and 45,000 participants from the Maltese and Gozitan community, as well as other ethnic groups and visitors from nearby suburbs and states.	Deer Park	\$10,000.00
Sophie deLightful Presents Pty Ltd	Curbside Carnies: Circus Snapshot	Curbside Carnies: Circus Snapshot' is a series of circus-based, pop-up events which can be offered to a broad range of communities across Brimbank. Eight outings of two hours duration will be delivered in consultation with council, altered to fit each audience/community. A typical outing would include warm-up games, circus play space and mini workshops. The goal is to use circus arts to increase mental, physical and emotional wellbeing, and encourage active and healthy lifestyles across a diverse range of priority communities. Its aim is to build on the initial success and reach of the Curbside Carnies 2022 Festivals & Events project.	Across Brimbank, St Albans	\$10,000.00
SocietyOf Automotive Engineers - Australasia	Formula SAE-A 2024	Formula SAE-A is an exciting event where university teams design, build, and race small formula-style cars in a time trial. Over a weekend, teams will showcase their engineering skills through design presentations, build demonstrations, and competitive racing on a professional track. The event includes workshops and networking sessions with industry experts, aiming to enhance students' practical skills, foster innovation, and strengthen university-industry ties. Open to the public, the challenge promotes STEM education and inspires future engineers while advancing automotive technology. Comprehensive safety measures will ensure a secure and thrilling experience for all.	Sydenham	\$10,000.00
St Sebastian Assoc Incorporated	Multicultural Festival	The St. Sebastian Seniors Association, in partnership with Resurrection Parish, MMG Brass Band, and the Maltese Association, will host a no-cost Maltese cultural event that has been celebrated since the association was formed in Victoria in 1990. This event h a s a rich history dating back to the 16th century in Malta. After the mass service, a procession will be around the church grounds featuring a statue, accompanied by the Maltese brass band playing traditional marches and musical arrangements. The Maltese Association will join the St. Sebastian Association in celebrating its feast day by parading their flags and banners.	Across Brimbank, Deer Park, Keilor, St Albans, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$4,210.00
Sunshine Golden Age Garden Club Inc.	Craft and Garden in Brimbank for Health and Wellbeing	This event will focus on mounting a display of homemade items that reflect the customs and competence of the Garden Club. Members will bring items that they have grown or made at home, in a competitive display. Tables covered with colourful cloths and members' exhibits, flowers, dahlias, roses, vegetables, children's items, photography, crafts, cookery to make an attractive display that can be viewed by everyone. Refreshments and a light meal will be served to exhibitors, judges, club members. It will be a welcoming event held in Brimbank.	Sunshine	\$3,968.00

Vietnamese Community in Australia - Victoria Chapter Inc	50 Years of Refugee Settlement, Preservation of Culture & Traditions	The King Hung's Commemoration event celebrates the resilience, ingenuity, the preservation of cultures and traditions, and the invaluable contributions of the Vietnamese community in shaping of Australia's vibrant multicultural fabric over the past five decades. It has been a Vietnamese cherished tradition that is being held every year by the Vietnamese Community. For 2025, the commemoration is further highlighted with the 50th anniversary of refugee settlement in Australia. The event showcases contemporary music, exhibitions, traditional dance, free food, the presentation of recognition to senior community members, cultural & arts groups and the high-achieving 2024 VCE students in the Vietnamese language.	Across Brimbank, Deer Park, Keilor, St Albans, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$6,500.00
Vietnamese Families with Special Needs Inc	Vietnamese Community Event 2025	Vietnamese Community event 2025 will bring together families of people living with a disability from diverse backgrounds, strengthening community bonds and promoting social cohesion. The event will have face painting, local artists displaying their work, offering handmade crafts, paintings. The event will also have sensory activities, butterfly house, Easter eggs hunting, interactive games, magic show, music and dancing. Through these activities, the attendees will have opportunities to play with their children and friends to have fun together. People living with a disability will improve their social connection and physical skills. The event will have lunch with Vietnamese food and Australian food, that will support local Brimbank businesses and will provide attendees with a happy, relaxing and enjoyable day.	Deer Park	\$9,200.00
Anna Reynolds	Allegro Non Oppo Out West	Allegro Non Oppo Out West is a series of four free public piano concert series performed in four op shops in the City of Brimbank. The op shop concerts will take place over four Saturday afternoons from 1-4pm in the months of May (Autumn), June (Winter), October (Spring) and December (Summer) in Salvos Stores Deer Park, Taylors Lakes, Sunshine and Derrimut. The concerts will be given by award-winning composer and musician Ania Reynolds, performing all original solo piano compositions in cinematic, Latin, classical and jazz genres. The concerts will be free live music events for the local communities, and will also serve as pop-up performances to be encountered by chance.	Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Ukrainian Association Sunshine	ANZAC Day Community Family Day	The Ukrainian Association Sunshine is hosting a family day for members and the broader Brimbank community, featuring a BBQ, cake stalls, craft activities, games for children, and Ukrainian and English language entertainment. The event aims to foster pride in Australian heritage by honouring the ANZACs with a wreath-laying ceremony at the dawn service beforehand. It will also promote Ukrainian and Australian culture through food stalls and entertainment. Additionally, the event seeks to strengthen connections with local organisations and residents.	Sunshine	\$1,300.00
Vietnamese 50up Club Inc.	Mid-Autumn Festival	The Mid-Autumn Festival in Brimbank aims to deepen cultural understanding and appreciation by highlighting Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipino, and other traditions through activities like lantern making, cultural performances and the lion dance. Scheduled for October 4, 2025, at Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre, it expects around 500 attendees. The event focuses on helping children and young people connect with their heritage, fostering pride in cultural identity. It also promotes cross-cultural interactions, enhancing respect and cohesion within the community. This festival will inspire discussions on cultural heritage at home, school, and social gatherings, emphasising community participation.	Sunshine	\$8,700.00

Bach Viet Dance Not for Profits Association Incorporated	The Vibrant Heart of Southern Vietnam	This project is a cultural performance. 'Journey from the Mekong River to Saigon' will take audiences back to Vietnam, exploring its history and the diverse cultures of various ethnic groups. Bach Viet Dance is committed to bringing dance performances that have never been seen before in Australia including - the Southern Vietnamese traditional dance, including the festive tray dance, the Khmer, Hakka dances and a traditional Vietnamese wedding with comedic role-playing. This cultural concert will demonstrate the livelihoods of people living along the Mekong River through dance and will showcase the stylish old Saigon through both singing and dancing.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Friends of HV McKay Memorial Gardens Inc	McKay Gardens Community Festival	The McKay Gardens Community Festival will offer performances, music, dance, and various entertainment options for all ages. It will feature four main activity areas: the KIDS Corner with arts, crafts, face painting, and storytelling; the FITNESS Corner where local sports clubs invite children to join and actively participate; the HERITAGE Tree displaying historical photos and information with a self-guided Oak Walk; and an Entertainment Tent hosting multiple multicultural performances. Occasionally, there will be stalls selling jewellery, candles, and other small items. Children can also enjoy fun garden play items like skipping ropes, hula hoops, balls, and inflatable swimming rings.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Taylor's Lakes Of Lions Club	Lions Community Music and Picnic Day	The Lions Community Music and Picnic Day will feature live music, food, and activities suitable for all ages in a relaxed setting. There will be a range of delicious food options through food stalls, and the classic Lions BBQ. Children can enjoy live performances, novelty experiences, and fun activities throughout the day. Local community groups are encouraged to participate by hosting displays, food stalls, activities, and volunteering opportunities to engage with attendees. Families and friends can enjoy the event in the scenic surroundings of Taylor's Creek Linear Park.	Sydenham	\$10,000.00
The Task at Hand Incorporated	'The Wayfarers'	The Wayfarers' is a public space roving performance featuring circus and performance designed specifically for public libraries exploring themes of inclusion, comradeship and the travelling imagination through the world of literature and storytelling. Featuring some of Melbourne's most exciting and diverse circus and physical theatre performers and a book trolley laden with unwanted books and hidden speakers that doubles as a floating performance platform for acrobatic feats, 'The Wayfarers' will inspire and bedazzle audiences as it travels through libraries in Brimbank.	Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Avalokitesvara Yuan Tong Monastery Inc	WESAK Festival = Celebrating Cultural Diversity on Buddha's Birthday	The Buddha's Birthday celebration will be a collaborative event with various Buddhist temples and organisations, featuring the historical practice of 'Alms offering' (dana) by monastics from different cultural backgrounds. Free for the public, the event will include interactive programs such as Q&A talks on life issues, meditation sessions, Chinese calligraphy, music, cultural dances, and children's activities like animal petting and face painting. There will also be a baby Buddha bathing ceremony as part of the cultural experience. The festival aims to foster social connections across all ages, genders, and backgrounds, helping to reduce isolation and mental stress. It promotes a sense of community and encourages healthy lifestyles for attendees.	St Albans	\$10,000.00

LittlePineTree Productions	Sincerely Yours	This event aims to connect senior residents with local council services, clubs, and organisations while making theatre and the arts accessible to all. It features four world-class performances, followed by an afternoon tea for socialising and accessing information on local support services. Information stalls will provide details about various community resources, clubs, and council offerings. Local councils, libraries, neighbourhood houses, aged care centers, and probus clubs are all involved. The event strengthens community ties and enhances access to cultural and support services for senior residents.	Across Brimbank, Deer Park, Keilor, Sunshine, Sydenham	\$9,982.00
Africa Day Australia Inc.	Africa's Got Talent - Music Arts and Dance Festival	Africa's Got Talent - Music Arts and Dance Festival will be a showcase of emerging young people's creative talents and celebrate African cultural diversity. A youth-led committee will plan, manage and deliver a creative festival led by young people helping them acquire vital skills. They will work closely with Council Youth Teams, Youth Service Providers, and schools to identify and audition creatives that will participate in the festival.	Across Brimbank, St Albans, Sunshine	\$10,000.00
St. Albans Sports Club Inc.	St Albans Family Fun Day	The St Albans Sports Club, in collaboration with the local football and cricket clubs, will host a family fun day to strengthen community connections. Building on 16 years of organising The St Albans Gift and Family Day, this event aims to focus more on engaging families and fostering community ties. The event will offer a variety of family-friendly activities, including sports workshops. It encourages participation from families of diverse cultural and social backgrounds. The goal is to provide a healthy, enjoyable environment for community interaction and engagement.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Sunshine Heights Cricket Club Inc	Sunshine Heights Goes Platinum!	'Sunshine Heights Goes Platinum' will be a weekend-long festival to celebrate the 70th anniversary the cricket club. The festival will be a celebration of the club's entire history and will welcome people of all genders, cultural backgrounds and ages across various cricketing, educational and social activities throughout the weekend. The festival will seek to engage people of all ages to celebrate all that Sunshine Heights Cricket Club represents in the cultural diversity and cricketing space. The weekend will also provide both past and present junior and senior members to participate in a cricket tournament to celebrate 70 years!	Deer Park, Sunshine	\$5,000.00
Uganda The Pearl of Africa Victoria Association Inc.	Ugandan Independence and Cultural Day Festival 2025	The purpose of this festival is to unite the Ugandan community residing in Brimbank and provide a platform for cultural exchange and celebration with other communities. By showcasing Ugandan diversity through food, dance, arts, crafts, and other artistic elements, the festival aims to foster cultural appreciation among the local Brimbank diverse community and beyond. This event will promote mutual understanding, celebrate diversity, and cultivate a shared sense of belonging within Brimbank. Activities will include cultural performances, music, games, exhibitions featuring Ugandan businesses, and a formal three-course Ugandan traditional dinner.	St Albans	\$10,000.00

Western Edge Youth Arts Inc.	St Albans Edge	St Albans Edge is a free, 20-week youth theatre program for Brimbank young people aged 13-18, especially those facing structural disadvantage. The weekly two-hour workshops will be facilitated by professional Lead and Support artists who identify as People of Colour (POC) with strong ties to the local community. They will provide a safe, creative space for youth to develop skills in performance, playwriting, collaboration, and leadership. Participants will also learn additional theatre skills, such as dance, costume design, and music production, from industry professionals. The program concludes with a performance at The Bowery Theatre, inviting the community to celebrate the participants' work.	Deer Park, Keilor, St Albans	\$10,000.00
North Cyprus Turkish Association of Victoria	Muslims of Victoria: Intercultural Community Event	The event aims to promote positive narratives about Muslims and foster community connections by sharing common histories, challenges, and aspirations. The initiative centres on the "Muslims of Victoria Project," which is a film which features stories from 10 diverse Muslims in Victoria. There will be a public screening of this film at the Bowery Theatre for Brimbank residents. This event seeks to build a sense of belonging and understanding within the community.	Across Brimbank	\$3,250.00
WomenOf Brimbank Incorporated	Brimbank Colour Festival	This festival is an inclusive celebration inspired by the Hindu festival of colours Holi, aiming to strengthen community ties and promote cultural diversity. Attendees will experience a kaleidoscope of colours as they participate in traditional rituals like throwing colour powders and water. The atmosphere will be filled with joy, music, and dance performances, showcasing the rich traditions associated with Holi. The event will also feature cultural exhibitions and interactive workshops to encourage learning and cultural appreciation. Diverse food stalls will offer an array of cuisines, adding to the festival's sensory richness. The overall goal is to foster unity, respect, and belonging among attendees from various backgrounds.	Across Brimbank, St Albans	\$10,000.00
			Total	\$202,110.00
Major Festival and Events				
St Albans Business Group Association Inc	St Albans Lunar Festival 2025 on 19/01/2025 at Alfrieda Street, St Albans	The St Albans Lunar Festival is an annual tradition designed to connect, include, and support local communities and businesses. The event will feature stalls for local brands and businesses to showcase and promote their services and products, a variety of traditional food options to cater to all tastes, and rides and entertainment for all ages. Additionally, there will be musical performances, including dance, singing, and instrumental pieces that celebrate the cultural richness of the Lunar New Year festivities in January 2024. This celebration is made possible through event staff, volunteers, and the many groups that come together to donate, contribute and supply event essentials for this meaningful yearly festival.	St Albans	\$25,000.00
Keilor Park Soccer Club Inc.	Keilor Cup 2025	The Keilor Cup 2025 is a four-day junior soccer tournament for boys and girls aged 6 to 13, attracting over 200 teams from all parts of Victoria. The event has grown over the years as a result of bringing together players, families, friends and the local community through a common love of the game and its associated individual and community benefits. The 25th cup will be bigger than ever as a cultural festival celebrating diversity in the local and soccer playing communities.	Keilor	\$7,500.00

Utsav Melbourne Association Incorporated	Mega Indian Spring Festival&Durga Puja - 2025	The Durga Puja 2025 is a free and inclusive mega Hindu festival which will celebrate the triumph of good over evil while honouring feminism through the worship of Goddess Durga and her family, who will be prominently featured on an elaborately decorated stage. The event will showcase various ancient Indian rituals and cultural performances from at least 20 multicultural groups, along with traditional meals for attendees. Additionally, it will include charitable activities, food donations, live shows, online programs, and food stalls from local businesses, all contributing to a vibrant atmosphere of positivity.	Across Brimbank, Sunshine	\$25,000.00
Sunshine Business Association Inc	Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival 2025 on 26/01/2025 at 301 Hampshire Rd Sunshine 3020	The Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival or Tét Festival is a free multicultural community event that celebrates the lunar calendar, a time of renewal and for friends and family to come together to celebrate the start of a new year. The festival will bring our culturally diverse community together in a safe and fun environment. It will be an event to highlight Sunshine's Vietnamese, Chinese & Asian communities' cultures and traditions at a 1-day inclusive festival. The event encompasses a large visually exciting performance stage with seating, music, dancing, street performers, street food stalls of many nations, kids rides, face-painting, cultural kid's activities, Lion and Dragon dancing, blossom trees, red-pockets, firecracker long-strings ending with spectacular fireworks.	Sunshine	\$25,000.00
Football Empowerment Incorporated	African Nations Cup Victoria 2024	The African Nations Cup Victoria 2024 will showcase African-Australian youth talent through soccer competitions featuring 20 Men's and 4 Women's teams in a round-robin format leading to finals. Attendees will enjoy cultural music performances by local artists and a variety of cultural foods. Dedicated kids' activities will ensure a family-friendly atmosphere. Leadership workshops will run alongside sporting events, enriching the experience for all participants. The event culminates with quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals, celebrating both athletic achievement and cultural diversity.	Keilor, Sunshine	\$25,000.00
			Total	\$107,500.00

Seniors Operational Grants				
No.	Group Name	Activity Area	Number of Members	Amount Funded
1	Keilor Over 50's Recreation Club Inc.	Kealba	50	\$1,000.00
2	Association Of Ukrainians in Victoria (St Albans)	St Albans	92	\$1,000.00
3	The St Albans Combined Pensioners Association	St Albans	67	\$1,000.00
4	West Sunshine Greek Citizens Club	Sunshine West	117	\$1,000.00
5	Australsko Hrvatsko Drustvo Hercegovina Geelong Inc.	Sunshine West	40	\$1,000.00
6	Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association Victoria Inc.	Keilor Downs	350	\$1,000.00
7	Australian Ukrainian Senior Citizens Fellowship GoldenAgeInc	St Albans	67	\$1,000.00
8	Seniors Latin Club Inc	Sunshine	47	\$1,000.00
9	Western Chinese Friendship Association	St Albans	65	\$1,000.00
10	Australian Macedonian Seniors Group Nostalgija Of Brimbank Inc.	Deer Park	45	\$1,000.00
11	Macedonian Pensioner's Group 'Pitu Guli' Inc.	Taylors Lakes	18	\$1,000.00
12	Keilor Life Activities Club Inc.	Keilor	218	\$1,000.00
13	Probus South Pacific Limited	Taylors Lakes	125	\$1,000.00
14	Keilor Downs Senior Citizens Bocce Club Inc	Kealba	140	\$1,000.00
15	Western Region Maltese Women's Group	Sunshine West	50	\$1,000.00
16	Serbian Pensioner Club 'King Peter' Inc	St Albans	117	\$1,000.00
17	Serbian Senior Social Club Nikola Tesla Incorporated	St Albans	79	\$1,000.00
18	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese & Parish of St Anthony Sunshine	Sunshine West	70 plus	\$1,000.00
19	Santa Maria Assunta Association Incorporated	Deer Park	170	\$1,000.00
20	U3A Brimbank	Kings Park	262	\$1,000.00
21	Macedonian Pensioners Group Brimbank 'Dimce Mogilceto' Incorporated	Deer Park	120	\$1,000.00

22	Indian Seniors Association-West	St Albans	70	\$1,000.00
23	Anglo Indian Guild of Victoria	Deer Park	125	\$1,000.00
24	St Sebastian Assoc Incorporated	St Albans	130	\$1,000.00
25	The Lakes Estate Residents' Association Inc	Taylors Lakes	200	\$1,000.00
26	KlabbGhannejja Maltin Inc	St Albans	250	\$1,000.00
27	St Bernadette Seniors & Social Club Inc	Sunshine West	73	\$1,000.00
28	Greek Cypriot Parent and Youth Club Western Suburbs Of Melbourne	Sunshine West	195	\$1,000.00
29	Senior Citizens Melbourne Croatia Inc.	Sunshine North	150	\$1,000.00
30	Senior Chilean Group Incorporated	Deer Park	50	\$1,000.00
31	Australian Bosnian Seniors Group Inc.	St Albans	70	\$1,000.00
32	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Aust Parish of St Albans & Districts	St Albans	55	\$1,000.00
33	Brimbank Croquet Club Inc	Cairnlea	24	\$1,000.00
34	Turkish Cypriot Elderly Women's Association Inc	St Albans	100	\$1,000.00
35	Circolo Pensionati De Brimbank Inc	Keilor Downs	100	\$1,000.00
36	St Paul's Elderly Support Group	Sunshine West	58	\$1,000.00
37	Italian Independent Senior Club of Sunshine	St Albans	33	\$1,000.00
38	Sydenham Baptist Church (Tuesday Friendship Group)	Sydenham	40	\$1,000.00
39	Deer Park Senior Citizens Club	Deer Park	80	\$1,000.00
40	Saint Albans Senior Citizens Club Inc	St Albans	68	\$1,000.00
41	Harvester Day Club	Sunshine	30	\$1,000.00
42	North Cyprus Turkish Association of Victoria	Albion	250	\$1,000.00
43	Macedonian Pensioner Group 'Uspeniena Presveta Bogorodica' of Sydenham Inc.	Deer Park	22	\$1,000.00
44	Macedonian Senior Citizens Pelister club St Albans	St Albans	74	\$1,000.00

45	Macedonian Senior Citizens Women Group Plister St Albans	St Albans	26	\$1,000.00
46	Sunshine RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Sunshine	50	\$1,000.00
47	Croatian Senior Citizens Club Inc.	St Albans	120	\$1,000.00
48	Macedonian Senior Group 'Tumbe Cafe'	Hillside	40	\$1,000.00
49	Filipino Elderly & Youth Association Incorporated	Delahey	47	\$1,000.00
50	Macedonian Senior Citizens Group West Sunshine	Sunshine West	65	\$1,000.00
51	Senior Citizen Turkish Club	St Albans	32	\$1,000.00
52	Keilor Activities for Older Adults	St Albans	59	\$1,000.00
53	New Age Woman Awareness Group Inc	St Albans	31	\$1,000.00
54	Western Suburbs Maltese Association Inc.	Keilor Downs	20	\$1,000.00
55	Polish Senior Citizens Club	Ardeer	34	\$1,000.00
56	Ukrainian Women's Association Australia - Alla Horska Branch	Ardeer	25	\$1,000.00
57	Combined Probus Club Deer Park Inc	Deer Park	33	\$1,000.00
58	The Greek Orthodox Community of St Albans Aghia Paraskevi	St Albans	65	\$1,000.00
59	Keilor Macedonian Elderly Group	Keilor Downs	50+	\$1,000.00
60	SCATS Senior Citizen Organization	St Albans	70-85	\$1,000.00
61	West Sunshine Multicultural Spanish Senior Citizens Inc	Sunshine West	100	\$1,000.00
62	Social Senior Club Macedon Inc.	Kealba	more than 50	\$1,000.00
63	Brimbank Senior Citizens Friendly Group Inc.	St Albans	35	\$1,000.00
64	St Margaret's Social Club Australian Sannat Association Inc.	Keilor Downs	90	\$1,000.00
65	St Helena Maltese Australian Social Club Incorporated	Ardeer	250	\$1,000.00
66	Latin Seniors St Albans Group	St Albans	26	\$1,000.00
67	Filipino Australian Senior Citizens of Victoria	St Albans	40	\$1,000.00

68	Macedonian Women's Senior Citizen Group Markovi Kuli Inc	Deer Park	52	\$1,000.00
69	Macedonian Senior Citizens Group Markovi Kuli Inc	Deer Park	52	\$1,000.00
70	Maltese Cultural Association of Victoria Inc	Albion	75	\$1,000.00
71	West Sunshine Turkish Senior Citizens Group	Sunshine West	60	\$1,000.00
72	Macedonian Senior Citizen Group of Ardeer Inc	Sunshine West	30	\$1,000.00
73	Australian Croatian Senior Citizen Club Sunshine Inc.	Sunshine West	89	\$1,000.00
			Total	\$73,000.00