

Brimbank Annual Community Grants 2025/2026 Program Successful Grants

Group Name	Project Title	Brief Project Description	Project Area	Amount Funded
Community Wellbeing and Strengthening Category				
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Every Memory Matters.	Every Memory Matters aims to enhance the well-being of older Vietnamese adults living with dementia in Brimbank by providing a culturally inclusive, dementia-friendly support group. Weekly sessions will include social interactions to build friendships and reduce loneliness, chair-based exercises and gentle sports games to support mobility, and cognitive activities such as memory games, music therapy, and storytelling to stimulate mental function. Caregivers will also benefit through access to practical resources, emotional support, and opportunities to participate in activities with their loved ones—helping to strengthen family bonds and build confidence in their caregiving role. The program will also include celebration of traditional Vietnamese festivals such as Tết, Vu Lan, and the Mid-Autumn Festival.	Deer Park, Across Brimbank	\$6,600.00
West Welcome Wagon Inc	CommUnity Table	CommUnity Table event is a cornerstone initiative dedicated to fostering community spirit and promoting the inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers living in Brimbank and the broader western suburbs of Melbourne. This event is specifically designed for refugees and asylum seekers residing in Brimbank, creating a welcoming environment where they can connect with both local services and fellow community members. Participants are invited to share a meal which encourages the exchange of stories and traditions, helping break down barriers in a warm, informal setting and allowing newcomers to feel valued and accepted as they settle into their new community. The event features information tables hosted by key service providers such as Brimbank City Council, Community Bank Seddon (Bendigo Bank), Greater Western Water, and local settlement and educational networks. These organisations provide essential information about local resources, support programs, and opportunities for engagement, helping refugees and asylum seekers access the tools they need to thrive in Brimbank.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$9,500.00
Action on Disability Within Ethnic Communities Inc	Artability	Artability is a 7-week program designed to support, empower, provide healing through creation for individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and those living with a disability. Held weekly for 2.5 hours, the program uses evidence-based art therapy to improve foster inclusion, reduce social isolation, and promote improved mental health and wellbeing. Facilitated by a qualified art therapist, each session provides a safe, welcoming space for participants to express themselves creatively while building relationships and confidence. Through guided art activities, participants explore themes of identity, belonging, resilience, and self-care. The sessions encourage gentle reflection, peer support, and personal growth in a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed environment. To celebrate the achievements of the participants, they will hold a local community art exhibition at Sunshine Library.	Sunshine, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00

Papua New Guinea Women's Association of Victoria Inc	Lukautim Sista Project	The 'Lukautim Sista'Project. Lukautim sista means caring, supporting sisters or women in PNG language. The Lukautim Sista Project is a ten-month social and wellbeing initiative supporting Papua New Guinea (PNG) women and girls living in Melbourne's west, particularly in the Brimbank area. Many participants are survivors of family violence, tribal conflict, and sorcery-related violence, now facing isolation, cultural disconnection, and barriers to employment, housing, and social participation in Australia. This project will deliver a series of culturally safe programs including digital and financial literacy, job readiness, housing and real estate education, and understanding employment rights. It will also feature wellbeing activities such as dance, yoga, sewing, and cultural arts and crafts, and story telling to promote mental health, confidence, and community connection.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$9,000.00
Comm Unity Plus Services Ltd	Sprout & Grow: Learning in the Garden	Sprout & Grow involves 2 workshops run each school holidays with a total of 8 programs run with an estimated 40 families. The program is free, hands-on, family-focused initiative delivered at the Neighbourhood House in Deer Park. The program will consist of gardening workshops and cooking workshops. This will offer inclusive, engaging activities that bring families together to learn, connect, and grow. The focus is on encouraging healthy habits and building life skills. It supports social inclusion, addresses food security, and promotes sustainability and reducing the impact of climate change on health. Participants will gain increased confidence in gardening and cooking, stronger community connections, and a greater sense of wellbeing. The program also creates a safe entry point into the Neighbourhood House, strengthening long-term community engagement.	Deer Park, Across Brimbank	\$9,500.00
Afghan Women Empowerment Association	Swimming Project for Muslim Women	Afghan Women Empowerment Association will deliver 15x women-only swimming sessions, held weekly on Sunday evenings when the pool is restricted for women only. This will enable women who are unable to attend mixed-gender sessions during the week due to cultural, religious, or personal reasons to have access to the pool and learn how to swim. These sessions will take place in Sunshine Leisure Center a safe space, ensuring participants feel comfortable and respected. This program also aims to strengthen community connections for those from muslim backgrounds including Afghan and other culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups. It will provide opportunities to socialize and build friendships in a culturally appropriate setting. To help foster these connections, we will organise a special celebration at the end of the swimming program, where participants can gather, share traditional Afghan food, and enjoy a relaxed and festive environment. In addition, we they will host one outdoor community gathering to further strengthen bonds, encourage open conversation, and celebrate the journey participants have shared together.	Sunshine	\$8,363.00
Centre of Advancing Women Pty Ltd	Community Mental Health Awareness Program	'Community Mental Health Awareness Program' aims to meet the unique mental health needs of women from East and North Africa and the Middle East, with migrant and refugee backgrounds, by delivering eight workshops that provide culturally safe mental health education and outreach to address cultural stigma and service access barriers. Centre of Advancing Women Pty Ltd will deliver eight co-designed and culturally safe interactive workshops, including: self-care and stress management, cultivating resilience and coping skills, healthy relationships, identity and cultural integration, trauma and PTSD recovery, anxiety and depression management, navigating parenting in a new cultural context, and mindfulness and emotional wellbeing. Each session will be facilitated by qualified/experienced staff/volunteers/service provider from the priority communities, and will incorporate educational materials and peer support in participants' preferred language.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00

Keilor Basketball Association Incorporated	Keilor Basketball Community Engagement Program	Keilor Basketball Association (KBA) is launching a new community engagement program aimed at supporting disengaged and culturally diverse youth in the St Albans area. This pilot initiative will be delivered in partnership with a school in the region, conversations around the program have commenced with schools and will target students aged 12 to 18 who may be at risk of social isolation, academic underachievement, or limited access to structured recreational activity. The program will consist of weekly two-hour sessions held at a local school or community facility. Each session will include one hour of basketball activity and one hour of Homework Club. Expected outcomes include improved school engagement, greater confidence and motivation among participants, stronger ties between KBA and the Brimbank community, and enhanced social cohesion.	Keilor, St Albans	\$7,000.00
Filipino Elderly & Youth Association Incorporated	Elderly and Youth Wellness and Connection Program	Elderly and Youth Wellness and Connection Program is a 10-month project targeting families – including children, parents, and in particular older adults – in Brimbank. The project will include physical activities, such as Zumba and yoga, to promote physical and mental health, foster intergenerational connections, and reduce loneliness in older adults. The project will comprise of 10 activities, each taking place on the last Sunday of every month and encourage families of all ages to take part in physical activity. Such activities include tai chi, bowling, and dancing as examples. The activities will mainly be located at Delahey community centre. Through attending these activities, families can socialise with other families and form relationships within the community. Additionally, within individual families, connections can be made between generations, particularly between children and older adults.	Delahey, Across Brimbank	\$5,000.00
Congregational Christian Church in Samoa (EFKS) Brimbank Central Parish Inc	"Weaving Pasefika Connections" Lalaga So'otaga Pasefika	"The Lalaga Sootaga project brings together Pasefika mothers and young people in the community in a creative, intergenerational space where cultural heritage meets hands-on learning. The initiative focuses on printing traditional and contemporary Pasefika motifs, with mothers mentoring young people through each stage of the process—from cultural concept to printed design, and finally to transformation into wearable pieces, decorative cloth, and community banners. This project fosters cultural expression, strengthens mother-youth bonds, and promotes community participation through volunteerism and skill-sharing. It celebrates island identities while building capacity, creativity, and inclusion within the Brimbank community between Pasefika and general community.	Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Islamic Museum of Australia	Arabic Calligraphy Workshops	Islamic Museum of Australia are running a series of Arabic calligraphy art workshops for both adults and children at two different libraries in Brimbank City. The workshops aim to engage participants in creative, culturally enriching experiences that highlight the artistic and spiritual significance of Arabic script. Using traditional tools and techniques, participants will be guided to create their own personalised artworks in a supportive and hands-on environment. This project celebrates Brimbank's cultural diversity, promotes intercultural understanding, and enhances access to the arts through free, community-based programming. The workshops will introduce Arabic calligraphy as both a traditional and contemporary artform, encouraging cultural expression and creative dialogue. Sessions will be tailored to different age groups, with a mix of school holiday activities and adult-focused classes. Each workshop will include interactive demonstrations, guided practice, and take-home artworks to encourage ongoing creative exploration.	Deer Park, Sunshine	\$9,500.00

Australian Bosnian Women's Association "Zena Zeni" Inc.	Wellbeing Without Walls: Women's Empowerment Through Connection	Wellbeing Without Walls is a 5 month empowerment program designed to support Bosnian women in Brimbank through a combination of therapeutic workshops and guided community outings. Each month, participants will attend a themed wellbeing session focusing on topics such as emotional regulation, self-care, confidence, parenting, healthy relationships and safety. These sessions will be co-facilitated by trauma-informed professionals and bilingual community leaders to ensure accessibility and cultural safety. Following each session, women will take part in a related community outing – such as a nature walk, museum visit, community kitchen or cultural site, giving them the opportunity to apply what they've learned in a safe, supported environment.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
The Boite (VIC) Inc	Weaving my story, an intercultural community craft project	The Boite will conduct a semester of craft classes to create opportunities for Refugee, Asylum Seeker and socially isolated migrant women from different backgrounds, including life skills classes. Bringing the women together provides new skills, and new connections. The facilitator has developed relationships with First Nations teachers of crafts, eg basket making and will include some classes with a First Nations teacher in the workshop series. This element enables participants to connect with and hear from First Nations people in Victoria. The project also supplements the craft (tapestry) classes with English classes, sessions on rights, support services, public transport use. These help the women develop confidence and independence.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
				\$114,463.00
Climate Emergency Category				
Horseshoe Bend Community Group Incorporated	Soil to Bloom - Section B - Stage 2	This project focuses on adding soil to newly completed beds, planting, and upgrading irrigation systems to create a sustainable, accessible green space at the Horseshoe Bend Reserve. A key feature will be a sensory garden designed to engage all abilities, supporting community gardening, biodiversity, and environmental education. This project will improve soil quality, increase planting and biodiversity, upgrade irrigation system and promote wellbeing - especially for those living with disabilities.	Keilor, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Dieu Am Association	"Installation of solar panels for place of worship by Dieu Am Buddhist Association.	This project proposes the installation of a solar panel system at Dieu Am Buddhist Temple to reduce energy costs and promote environmental sustainability. As a community gathering place serving individuals and families across Brimbank, the temple operates daily activities, cultural events, and wellness programs. Installing solar power will significantly lower electricity expenses, allowing more resources to be directed toward community services. The project supports Brimbank's environmental goals by reducing the temple's carbon footprint and demonstrating leadership in clean energy use within a multicultural and spiritual setting.	Sunshine West	\$9,515.00
			Total	\$19,515.00
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L2R Next Gen Inc	Breaking @ the Tin Shed ("Breaking")	"Breaking @ the Tin Shed is L2R's program of free, weekly break dance classes for young people aged 13 – 25 in St Albans. The program is delivered during the school term, over 38 weeks of the year. The objective of "Breaking" is to deliver 38 free dance workshops to young people experiencing barriers to accessing arts opportunities across Melbourne's West. The no-cost nature of the program is specifically designed to engage young people from low-income and unemployed families, as well as young people that face barriers to participating in after-school programs and main-stream arts and dance programs. Each week these workshops engage young people in one and a half hours of physical activity in a nurturing and healthy environment and are led by professional breakdancers.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Linking the Next Step	The Insightful Hub - Thrive and Empower Youth Forums	Linking the Next Step will run six engaging, hands-on workshops for neurodivergent young adults in the Brimbank Council area. These sessions are designed to help build confidence, communication, independence, and social connection—key areas many young people struggle with when transitioning into work and adulthood. Each workshop provides participants with the tools they need to grow at their own pace and in a manner that makes sense to them. The six-session series includes Speak Up & Stand Out, which builds everyday communication and self-advocacy skills; Money Matters, exploring budgeting and financial decision-making; and Workplace Ready, which equips participants with job-seeking tools, resume writing, and interview preparation. Recognising Burnout & Mindfulness focuses on identifying the signs of burnout, understanding how stress impacts wellbeing, and learning practical strategies to recharge and maintain balance. Life Admin & Independence supports the development of essential daily living skills such as navigating transport, managing time, and setting personal goals. Finally, Social Skills & Teamwork strengthens interpersonal relationships through guided group activities that foster collaboration and connection.	Sunshine, Sydenham, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
Our Lady's Primary School	Kindness, Respect & Equality: The Heart of Our Lady's	Our Lady's Primary School in collaboration with an artist will create a mural to promote the messages of anti racism, 'everyone matters', to spread kindness, gender equality and not judge people's backgrounds. The mural is going to be on the side of a wall in the middle of the playground which will also be visible from the road to all people passing and seen daily by all parents at school who pick up kids. The mural can show different types of people like races, gender and disabilities, so it could impact the community to be a lot kinder. The outcome is the students become kinder and respect each other and the students teach their family and the word will spread.	Sunshine	\$8,650.00
			Total	\$28,650.00
Community Festivals and Events				
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association Victoria Inc.	Lunar New Year and Longevity Celebration 2026	The Lunar New Year and Longevity Celebration 2025 in St. Albans will honour Vietnamese seniors aged 80, 90, and 100 for their lifelong contributions through a formal ceremony with certificates, gifts, and family recognition. The event features traditional lion and dragon dances, bamboo stick walking, hitting clay pots, red envelope giving, calligraphy by Ông Đồ, and the Phúc Lộc Thọ parade. Children will actively participate, fostering intergenerational bonding and cultural pride within a joyful, inclusive community celebration.	Keilor, Across Brimbank	\$2,000.00

The Task At Hand Incorporated	The Wayfarers Roving Show - a celebration of literacy, inclusion and hair raising circus antics.	The Wayfarers is a 40-50 minute roving and performance piece at Sydenham Library and Watergardens Shopping Centre. 5 'Librarian' characters push a trolley full of books through the library or shared public space going about their 'duties'. They will seamlessly segue into interaction and performance with the people in the immediate area. Sometimes it will be very subtle: a gentle soundtrack accompanied by slow unison choreography, through to: a 'Librarian' suddenly sings Nessun Dorma while spilling books everywhere around him. One of the a 'Librarians' performs a handstand the trolley as they are wheeled around the library. The event will be family friendly with an emphasis on audience participation and inclusion, and will showcase the talent of artists living with disabilities.	Sydenham	\$10,000.00
Inspire Hope	More Hope for Christmas	Inspire Hope is dedicated to bringing the magic of Christmas to life for our homeless and struggling community members—those who might otherwise spend the day alone or isolated from loved ones. Through gifts, vibrant decorations, delicious food, and festive celebrations, we welcome everyone to share in the joy of togetherness. By creating a space filled with warmth and connection, they aim to bridge the gap of social isolation on a day that carries such deep emotional significance. More than just a celebration, this gathering offers hope for future community events that continue to foster generosity, inclusion, and the true spirit of giving, with such success last year we have been asked to continue this as a tradition for our community members that attended.	St Albans	\$6,140.00
Santa Maria Assunta Association Incorporated	Santa Marija Assunta Traditional & Cultural Maltese/Gozitan Village Festa	The Santa Marija Assunta Traditional & Cultural Maltese/Gozitan Village Festa is a vibrant event that attracts people from diverse cultural backgrounds to celebrate in a spirit of harmony and community. Featuring Maltese reed and brass bands, along with Philippine choirs, the festa showcases music, traditions, and shared cultural experiences. Preparation and participation allow Maltese and other ethnic communities to pass on traditions, skills, and heritage to younger generations. The event fosters intergenerational learning, strengthens cultural identity, and keeps Maltese/Gozitan heritage alive within the wider community.	Deer Park	\$10,000.00
East African Women's Foundation	Harmony Through Eid	Ramadan is the holy month of spiritual observance that brings people together, and is followed by the celebration of Eid. The festival run by East African Women's Foundation will offer traditional, Somali foods. There will be speakers and traditional dance performances by children. There will also be visual displays to initiate conversations around the meaning and importance of Ramadan and Eid. The project aspires to nurture a more harmonious and connected community where all individuals feel seen, respected, and included.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Vietnamese families with special needs Inc	Inclusive community event	We will celebrate Inclusive Community Event at the local park. The event will gather all Vietnamese Families who care for special needs and their friends to meet together in fun, social interacting place. We will promote diversity of cultural expression through art/craft, dancing, music, face painting. We will provide Easter eggs hunting, magic show, sensory activities, physical and social games. We will adapt materials, play equipment, toys to meet participants needs and interests. They will provide food at lunch, the participants enjoy chatting with others while they have a lunch. Through the event, the attendees will understand, respect different social identities among them.	Deer Park	\$9,310.50

North Cyprus Turkish Association of Victoria	Cypriot Turkish Culture and Food Festival	This festival celebrates 15 Kasim Republic day, a national holiday to commemorate the declaration of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), through three standalone events: 1. Community Festival Day: A daytime celebration featuring Cypriot Turkish arts, crafts (e.g. silk art), food demonstrations (e.g., making helim), music, drumming, and folk dancing. 2. History Presentation Night: A presentation by younger community members showcasing digitised artefacts of North Cyprus Turkish Community Centre's history/role in maintaining culture, language and identity. 3. Film Night: A special screening event featuring digital films capturing the lived experiences and personal stories of Turkish Cypriots community elders at the Bowery theatre.	Albion, St Albans	\$10,000.00
Avalokitesvara Yuan Tong Monastery Inc	Vesak Festival celebrating Cultural Diversity on Buddha's Birthday	Avalokitesvara Yuan Tong Monastery will gather all other Buddhist temples/organisations to jointly celebrate the auspicious occasion of Buddha's Birthday. A key highlight is the historical/traditional alms offering ceremony, performed by monastics from diverse cultural backgrounds. This community event is free and open to the public, offering a full day of cultural, historical, and interactive activities. These include Q&A sessions on life challenges, meditation workshops, Chinese calligraphy, music, cultural performances, children's activities, and the symbolic Bathing of the Baby Buddha ritual. The festival aims to foster social connection across all ages, cultures, and backgrounds, helping to reduce social isolation, alleviate stress, and promote healthier, more engaged lifestyles.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Taylors Lakes of Lions Club	Lions Community Music and Picnic Day	The Lions Community Music and Picnic Day is a day of music, activity, food and fun for all ages, as well as an opportunity for local community groups to engage with their local community, and contribute to the event. It will provide live music and entertainment throughout the day in a relaxed and comfortable setting, with a range of food stalls and the "obligatory" Lions BBQ serving up delicious food and drink. Children will be entertained with live performances, novelty experiences and fun interactive and educational activities. Local residents, their families and friends will enjoy a fun event in beautiful surrounds of the Taylors Creek Linear Park.	Taylors Lakes	\$10,000.00
St Albans Sports Club Inc	St Albans Family Fun Day	The St Albans Family Fun Day (formerly known as the St Albans Gift) always been a fantastic afternoon for our community, and after hosting our biggest celebration yet in January 2025, they're aiming to make the next one even bigger and better. The event provides a free and welcoming space where families can spend quality time together and keep children entertained with engaging and active experiences—all at no cost. Their focus remains on creating a fun, welcoming day for families, and they're looking to expand the cultural activities and entertainment on offer to reflect the diverse spirit of St Albans.	St Albans, Kings Park	\$10,000.00
Uganda the Pearl of Africa Victoria Association inc.	Ugandan Independence Day & Cultural Promotion Festival	The Ugandan Independence Day & Cultural Promotion Festival will bring together the Ugandan community in Brimbank and provide a platform for cultural exchange with other communities. Through music, dance, food, arts, and crafts, the festival will highlight Uganda's rich cultural heritage while promoting diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect. It will place special emphasis on engaging youth and students, fostering their social inclusion and encouraging cultural pride and connection. The event aims to build stronger community ties and a shared sense of belonging. Activities will include cultural performances, games, student and youth presentations, business exhibitions, and a formal three-course traditional Ugandan dinner.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00

Aurora Clare Kurth	Dreams May Come	Dreams May Come is a poignant, yet humour-laden cabaret exploring grief, death, and the preciousness of life. Featuring original music, sensory performance, spoken word and ritual. Moving between genres from classical to contemporary, it offers a cumulative meditation on mortality. The show creates a communal space to reflect, connect, and feel. Performed by acclaimed artists Aurora Kurth and Matt Anderson and directed by Zya Kane, who aim to embed access throughout, with plans to apply for funding for audio description and Auslan interpreters. Post-show discussions and community songwriting workshops will extend the project's creative impact.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Afghans Hope Hut Victoria INC	Yalda Night	Yalda Night is an annual community celebration commemorating Afghanistan's longest winter night called Yalda Night. The event aims to showcase the rich cultural heritage, history, and contributions of the Afghan community in Brimbank through traditional music, dance, food, poem, and storytelling by Afghans in middle December and to repeat it every year. Through this celebration, they aim to strengthen community connections, create a sense of belonging, and encourage increased well-being by bringing Afghan new arrivals together in a warm, family-friendly space with an appropriate cultural environment on an unique event that all Afghans are proud of—Afghanistan enrich history and culture.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Western Edge Youth Arts Inc.	Our Stories, Our Voices – St Albans Edge 2026	Western Edge's St Albans Edge is a co-designed, youth-led Community Youth Theatre program open to any young person from St Albans and surrounding Western suburbs aged 13–30 years. Edge Ensembles brings together young artists for 20 weeks to engage in free creative performance-making activities, and community- and confidence-building exercises. The culminating performance at The Bowery Theatre will showcase an original, co-devised work reflecting the lived experiences, aspirations and resilience of Brimbank's diverse young communities. The event will be free and open to all, encouraging families, peers and local audiences to come together in celebration of youth voices, creativity and connection.	St Albans	\$10,000.00
Sri Lankan Study CTR For Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare Inc	Lowen Samaawak Multicultural Musical Show	Sri Lankan Study CTR For Advancement of Technology and Soical Welfare will organise a concert showcasing an artist and cultural coordinator's lyric writing ability to the Brimbank community. Songs will be sung by local Sri Lankan community and Vietnamese group will choreograph and present couple of dances to his songs. Subject matter for these lyrics vary from SCATS theme song, loss love, tribute to parents and religious leaders, beauty of mother land etc.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
International Youth Fellowship Incorporated	Taste Of Korea - Korean Culture Festival	International Youth Fellowship will host a Korean culture festival in Brimbank aim to celebrate and promote the richness of Korean heritage, both traditional and modern. They strengthen cultural exchange between Korea and Australia and offer locals a fun, immersive introduction to Korean food, music, fashion, and customs. The festival will build a stronger sense of identity and pride among Korean-Australians and will provide economic opportunities for local vendors and sponsors. This will be a fun and memorable experience for families and youth to enjoy interactive acitivites and performances.	Albion, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00

Western Eagles Soccer Club Incorporated	Western Eagles Polonia Cup – Strengthening Community Through Polish Sports and Culture	The annual Polonia Cup celebrates Polish culture and community in Brimbank through football tournaments, traditional dance and singing performances, and a showcase of Polish cuisine. The event promotes inclusivity, health, and wellbeing while fostering social connections, supporting families, and highlighting Polish heritage. With activities suited for all age groups, it encourages physical activity and strengthens community bonds. The Polonia Cup continues to enrich Brimbank’s multicultural landscape and uplift community spirit.	Albion	\$10,000.00
Australian Vietnamese Arts Inc	Golden Jubilee Celebration in Brimbank	Australian Vietnamese Arts will host an in-house performing art event with 2 sessions at the Bowery Theatre celebrating the settlement of Vietnamese community in Australia through performing arts and at the same time launching the Documentary about the 50th year anniversary, which will be screened in early 2026. The event will have the participants and attendance of 3 Vietnamese generations, from the ones who escaped from the country, worked hard to build up their lives, to the ones that born and grew up here who want to find out how their parents, grant parents came here. The event will have also the participant from other community leaders who want to learn from us and at the same share their own experience.	St Albans	\$9,000.00
Vietnamese Museum Australia Ltd	Mid-Autumn Festival	Mid-Autumn festival or Tet Trung Thu is one of the most important Vietnamese celebrations, bringing families, friends and visitors of all ages together through lantern parades, storytelling, lion dancing, music and traditional treats like tea and mooncakes. Also celebrated in Chinese, Korean and Japanese communities, the Mid-Autumn festival reflects a shared cultural heritage. Our event embraces this tradition, Vietnamese and multicultural music/dance and re-enactment storytelling performances, delicious foods and fun interactive activities for children and adults alike from all cultural backgrounds. By creating space for connection and learning, the festival fosters cultural exchange, strengthens social cohesion and celebrates the spirit of multicultural pride that enriches communities across Brimbank and Melbourne more broadly. The Mid-Autumn Festival will be held at RT Pollard Gardens, a beautiful park adjacent to the site of the Vietnamese Museum Australia in Sunshine which will highlight the exciting future of the museum.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Africa Day Australia INC.	Africas Got Talent - Music Arts and Dance Festival	Africa's Got Talent (AGT)- Music Arts and Dance (MAD) Flavours festival will be a showcase of emerging young people's creative talents and celebrate African cultural diversity. AGT-MAD Flavours, is a celebration of the diversity of cultural expression. It values the different ways people express themselves through various cultural forms, reflecting their life experiences and interests. The festival has previously successfully seen young new talent breaking through. A youth led committee will plan, manage and deliver a creative festival led by young people helping them acquire vital skills. While AGT-MAD Flavours primarily targets youth of African Australian background, the festival is open to collaboration and partnerships with creatives from other cultures.	St Albans	\$10,000.00

Friends of HV McKay Memorial Gardens Inc	McKay Gardens Community Festival	The McKay Gardens Community Festival will feature a lively and diverse program of live music, dance performances, and other engaging forms of entertainment designed to provide enjoyment and relaxation for all attendees. There will be four distinct "activity corners" that cater to different interests and age groups: KIDS Corner – A dedicated space for children featuring arts and crafts, storytelling by the popular roving character Wizard Simsalabim, circus performers, and free fairy face painting for every child. This interactive and creative area ensures a magical experience for our youngest visitors. FITNESS Corner – Local sporting and community clubs run fun, inclusive activities that promote active play among children. These clubs also have the opportunity to engage with families and recruit new members. HERITAGE Tree – A cultural learning space showcasing historical photos and information about the Sunshine Harvester Works and the H.V. McKay Memorial Gardens. This area also features a self-guided “Oak Walk” through the gardens, allowing attendees to connect with the area's rich local history. Entertainment Tent – A continuous program of at least seven multicultural stage performances creates a vibrant atmosphere. While parents enjoy the music and cultural showcases, children are free to explore the gardens, participate in creative activities, and enjoy the entertainment offered throughout the grounds.	Sunshine	\$10,000.00
Bach Viet Dance Not For Profits Association Incorporated	Bamboo Dance Festival	Bach Viet Dance will present two sessions celebrating Southeast Asia's shared cultural heritage through bamboo dance. 1. Cultural Showcase – Bamboo Dance Across Southeast Asia: The first showcases traditional dances from Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, and others—highlighting the common use of bamboo in folk traditions across the region. 2. Community Participation – Bamboo Dance Workshop and Celebration: The second invites the public to participate in a fun, hands-on bamboo dance workshop led by our dancers. Together, they'll celebrate rhythm, connection, and community spirit through movement.	St Albans	\$7,000.00
Women of Brimbank Incorporated	Brimbank Colour Festival - HOLI	Brimbank Colour Festival - HOLI is a vibrant and inclusive celebration of cultural diversity and community integration. Inspired by the Hindu festival of colours, Holi, it aims to bridge the gaps between diverse communities within our region. 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. Cultural exhibitions and interactive workshops will provide opportunities for learning and understanding different cultures. Food stalls will offer a diverse range of cuisines, inviting attendees to indulge in the flavours and aromas of various traditions. Ultimately, our festival/event will foster unity, respect, and a sense of belonging among diverse attendees.	Kings Park	\$10,000.00
Victorian National Parks Association Inc	Spring Fling Grassland Festival 2026	The Grassy Plains Network will host our annual Spring Fling Festival of Grasslands in conjunction with The GREEN Lab @ Iramoo. The festival is a celebration of grasslands that is open to residents neighbouring the Iramoo Wildflower Grassland Reserve, the Brimbank Community and grassland enthusiasts. It will include information displays, plant displays, food, music, grassland tours and a special highlight activity that is yet to be determined (e.g. Grassland Runway). The Spring Fling is an annual event in October, when the wildflower display is at its peak.	Cairnlea, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00

Arts Access Society Inc	Snug Salon	Snug Salon is a live performance event featuring music, poetry, dance and art installations by disabled artists. It is an event that focuses on access for all: from performers to audiences. Multiple modes of access will be available for disabled performers have their work connect with audiences, including Auslan, relaxed performances, captioning and live streaming. Arts Access Society are aiming to increase the visibility of disabled artists in Brimbank, and to create a sense of belonging and celebration for the disabled community.	St Albans, Across Brimbank	\$10,000.00
			Total	\$233,450.50
Major Festival and Events				
St Albans Business Group Association	St Albans Lunar Festival 2026	The St Albans Lunar Festival is an annual traditional event hosted by the St Albans Business Association Group Inc to connect, include, support and bring together the communities and businesses within the local area and surrounding suburbs. They provide stalls and outlets for local brands and businesses to educate and promote their services and products, an assortment of traditional food outlets to suit everyone, rides and entertainment for all ages and musical performances including dance, singing, and cultural instrumental pieces that represent the diverse community that call St Albans home. This will be made possible with 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
Utsav Melbourne Association Incorporated	Durga Puja & Dussehra 2026	Durga Puja 2026 is fully FREE and proudly inclusive for all. Like previous years, this mega Hindu(Indian) Festival will celebrate the victory of good over evil whilst also paying tribute to the power of Feminism, by worshipping Goddess Durga and her family, who will stand tall as deities on our amazingly decorated stage. The event will include various ancient Indian rituals, arts, cultural performances from at least 20 multicultural groups, traditional lunch and dinner for all patrons, intellectual charity, food donation, live shows, online programs, food stalls from local businesses, all amidst a buzzing and electrifying ambience of positivity.	Ardeer	\$25,000.00
Sunshine Business Association Inc	Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival 2026	The Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival, or Tét Festival, is a free multicultural community event celebrating the lunar calendar — a time of renewal and an opportunity for friends and family to come together and welcome the new year. This one-day inclusive festival brings Sunshine's culturally diverse community together in a safe and vibrant environment. It highlights the rich traditions of Sunshine's Vietnamese, Chinese, and wider Asian communities. The event features a large, visually vibrant performance stage with seating, cultural music and dance, roving street performers, international food stalls, children's rides, face painting, cultural kids' activities, Lion and Dragon dancing, blossom trees, red pocket giveaways, and firecracker long-strings.	Sunshine	\$25,000.00
Football Empowerment Incorporated	African Nations Cup Victoria 2025	The African Nations Cup Victoria 2025 will celebrate African-Australian culture and youth talent through a dynamic three-weekend festival of football, music, and community engagement. The event will feature 20 Men's and 6 Women's teams in a competitive round-robin format leading to finals. Beyond the pitch, attendees will enjoy live music, cultural food stalls, and family-friendly activities. Leadership workshops and female participation forums will run alongside the sporting program to empower young people. The tournament culminates with finals weekend, showcasing unity, diversity, and pride across Brimbank's vibrant multicultural community.	Keilor	\$25,000.00
			Total	\$100,000.00

Overall total	\$496,078.50
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Seniors Operational Fund				
No.	Group Name	Activity Area	Number of Members	Amount Funded
1	Keilor Over 50's Recreation Club inc	Kealba	46	\$1,000.00
2	Australian Bosnian Seniors Group	St Albans	60	\$1,000.00
3	Probus Club of Taylors Lakes	Taylors Lakes	130	\$1,000.00
4	St Sebastian Seniors Association	St Albans	130	\$1,000.00
5	Keilor Downs Senior Citizens Bocce Club Inc	Keilor Downs	140	\$1,000.00
6	Australian Macedonian Seniors Group Nostalgija of Brimbank Inc	Deer Park	48	\$1,000.00
7	Seniors Latin Club Inc	Sunshine	54	\$1,000.00
8	Western Chinese Friendship Association	St Albans	70	\$1,000.00
9	Seniors Chilean Group Incorporated	Deer Park	50	\$1,000.00
10	Greek Orthodox Archdioces & Parish of St Anthony Sunshine	Sunshine West	60	\$1,000.00
11	Santa Marija Assunta Association Incorporated	Deer park	156	\$1,000.00
12	West Sunshine Greek Seniors Group Inc	Sunshine West	125	\$1,000.00
13	Western Region Maltese Womens Group	Sunshine West	50	\$1,000.00
14	Australian Ukrainian Senior Citizens Fellowship Golden Age Inc	St Albans	65	\$1,000.00
15	Keilor Life Activities Club Inc	Keilor	211	\$1,000.00
16	U3A Brimbank Inc	Deer park	246	\$1,000.00
17	FILCARE VIC INC	Cairnlea	65	\$1,000.00
18	ST ALBANS INDOCHINESE ELDERLY REFUGEES ASSOCIATION BRANCH	Keilor Downs	350	\$1,000.00
19	Reso Men (Auspice: Resurrection Catholic Church)	Kings Park	25	\$1,000.00
20	Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di Brimbank	Keilor Downs	150	\$1,000.00
21	North Cyprus Turkish Organisation of Victoria	Albion	200	\$1,000.00
22	Turkish Cypriot Elderly Womens Association Inc	St Albans	100	\$1,000.00
23	Brimbank Croquet Club Inc	Cairnlea	19	\$1,000.00
24	Deer Park Senior Citizens Club	Deer Park	70	\$1,000.00

25	Indian Seniors Association West	St Albans	90	\$1,000.00
26	St Bernadette Seniors & Social Club Inc	Sunshine West	103	\$1,000.00
27	Combined Pensioners Association St. Albans	St Albans	56	\$1,000.00
28	Maltese Cultural Association of Victoria Inc	Albion	98	\$1,000.00
29	Macedonian Pensioner Group "Uspeniena Presveta Bogorodica of Sydenham" Inc	Deer Park	18	\$1,000.00
30	Klabb Ghannejja Maltin	St Albans	250	\$1,000.00
31	Brimbank Hungarian Senior Citizens Inc	St Albans	50	\$1,000.00
32	Sydenham Baptist Church (Tuesday Friendship Group)	Sydenham	40	\$1,000.00
33	Filipino Elderly & Youth Association Inc.	Delahey	50	\$1,000.00
34	Australian Croatian Senior Citizens Club Sunshine	Sunshine West	90	\$1,000.00
35	Anglo Indian Guild of Victoria	Deer Park	166	\$1,000.00
36	West Sunshine Turkish Senior Citizens Group	Sunshine West	70	\$1,000.00
37	Filipino Australian Senior Citizens Of Victoria Inc	St Albans	35	\$1,000.00
38	Association of Ukrainians in Victoria	St Albans	62	\$1,000.00
39	Social Senior Club Macedon Inc	Kealba	90+	\$1,000.00
40	Macedonian Pensioners Group Brimbank Dimce Mogilceto Inc	Deer park	137	\$1,000.00
41	St Albans Senior Citizens Club Inc	St Albans	98	\$1,000.00
42	Vietnamese 50 Up Club Inc.	Keilor Downs	200	\$1,000.00
43	Macedonian Senior Citizen Group of Ardeer Inc	Sunshine West	30	\$1,000.00
44	Serbian Pensioner Club King Peter Inc.	St Albans	73	\$1,000.00
45	New Friends Senior Citizens Group (New Age Woman Awareness Group)	Hillside	29	\$1,000.00
46	Serbian Senior Social Club Nikola Tesla Inc.	St Albans	68	\$1,000.00
47	West Sunshine Multicultural Spanish Senior Citizens Group Inc	Sunshine West	88	\$1,000.00
48	Macedonian Women's Senior Citizens Group Markovi Kuli Inc	Deer Park	60	\$1,000.00
49	Harvester Day Club	Sunshine	99	\$1,000.00
50	Australsko Hrvatsko Drustvo Hercegovina Geelong Inc.	Sunshine West	43	\$1,000.00

51	Brimbank Senior Citizens Friendly Group Inc.	St Albans	35	\$1,000.00
52	The Lakes Estate Retirement Village U3A Group	Taylors lakes	200	\$1,000.00
53	St. Paul's Elderly Support Group	Sunshine West	18	\$1,000.00
54	Independent Italian Senior Citizen Club of Sunshine	St Albans	27	\$1,000.00
55	GREEK CYPRIOT PARENT & YOUTH CLUB WESTERN SUBURBS OF MELBOURNE INC	Sunshine West	150	\$1,000.00
56	Macedonian Senior Group "Tumbe Cafe"	Hillside	40	\$1,000.00
57	Cyprus Senior Citizens Turkish Club	St Albans	26	\$1,000.00
58	Macedonian Senior Citizens Pelisterclub St Albans	St Albans	25	\$1,000.00
59	Western Region Scats Seniors Organisation	St Albans	70-80	\$1,000.00
60	Macedonian Senior Citizens Group West Sunshine	Sunshine West	65	\$1,000.00
61	Macedonian Womens Senior Group Pelister of St Albans	St Albans	25	\$1,000.00
62	Ukrainian Association Sunshine	Ardeer	19	\$1,000.00
63	Polish Senior Club in Albion	Albion	30	\$1,000.00
64	Sunshine RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Sunshine	50	\$1,000.00
65	Rabat Malta Senior Citizens Association Inc.	St Albans	45	\$1,000.00
66	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of St Albans and Districts	St Albans	60	\$1,000.00
67	Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di St Albans Inc	St Albans	34	\$1,000.00
68	Macedonian Elderly Group Keilor Downs	Keilor Downs	40	\$1,000.00
69	Macedonian Pensioners Group "Pitu Guli" Inc	Taylors Lakes	19	\$1,000.00
70	Maltese Senior Citizens Association	Sunshine West	100	\$1,000.00
71	Latin Seniors St Albans Group	St Albans	25	\$1,000.00
72	Keilor Activities for Older Adults	St Albans	45	\$1,000.00
73	SCATS Senior Citizen Organization	St Albans	70-80	\$1,000.00
74	Western Suburbs Maltese Association Inc	Keilor Downs	20	\$1,000.00
75	St Margarets Senior Social Club Australia Sannet Association Inc	Keilor Downs	250	\$1,000.00
76	Polish Senior Citizens Ardeer	Sunshine West	30	\$1,000.00

77	Macedonian Senior Citizens Group Markovi Kuli Inc	Deer Park	60	\$1,000.00
			Total	\$77,000.00