

# Community grants newsletter



Hello and welcome to the June 2014 edition of Community Grants E-newsletter.

The Community Development Department aims to provide support to community groups, schools and local agencies through providing grant related information by quarterly e-newsletters. Council will also use this newsletter to inform the community when Council grants funding round opens.

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## Part 1 – Listing of Funding Opportunities

### **Moonee Valley City Council Community Grants**

Our 2015 Community Grants program is just around the corner so it's time for you and your group to start thinking about next year's project!

To ensure you are notified of key dates, keep an eye on this newsletter, or visit [mvcc.vic.gov.au/communitygrants](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/communitygrants) to check for updates.

### **Annual Arts Grants Program**

The City of Melbourne annual Arts Grants Program offers anyone with a great idea and an artistic outcome in the City of Melbourne, an opportunity to apply for funding. The Arts Grants Program makes art more accessible for everyone, ensuring support of a diverse range of artists and taking art into the public realm for all to participate in and experience.

Applications are open until 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

For more information, go to the [City of Melbourne website](http://www.cityofmelbourne.vic.gov.au).

### **Community Investment Program**

City West Water's Community Investment Program aims to build relationships and develop partnerships with their many stakeholders. It incorporates in-kind sponsorship, financial support for events and groups, and water fountains for community events at no cost.

This program is ongoing.

For more information, go to the [City West Water website](#).

### **Planting the Future Junior Landcare Grants**

Landcare Australia has 25 grants up to \$1,000 to be awarded to applicants who can implement Junior Landcare projects that demonstrate Landcare's commitment to protecting, restoring and sustainably managing Australia's natural environment and its productivity.

Applications are open until 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

For more information, go to [Junior Landcare website](#).

### **Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund**

The Victorian Multicultural Commission Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund will enhance Victoria's multicultural heritage, celebrate cultural diversity, leverage economic benefits and promote socially inclusive communities.

Expressions of Interest are required to apply, and are open until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

For more information, go to the [Victorian Multicultural Commission website](#).

### **Feed Melbourne 2014 Grant**

These grants aim to give local charities the capacity to support people going through hard times in their communities, by providing food relief. Grants up to \$15,000 are available for small charities run by volunteers.

Applications are open until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

For more information, go to the [Feed Melbourne website](#).

## **Part 2 – Resources**

### **Moonee Valley Community Groups Conference**

Council is holding its first Moonee Valley Community Groups Conference at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds on Saturday 28 June, 9.45am-2.30pm.

Network with members of other community groups, witness a keynote presentation about turning ideas into reality, and see the launch of the Moonee Valley Community Grants short film. Lunch is included.

Morning and afternoon training sessions are also on offer. Topics are:

- Effective Volunteer Management
- Project Planning, Evaluation and Reporting
- Marketing Basics for Not-for-Profits
- Write a Winning Funding Submission

This event is **free** for people involved in community groups and organisations. Thanks to those of you who have already registered. Places are limited and filling up fast, so RSVP now on [mvcc.eventbrite.com.au](http://mvcc.eventbrite.com.au).

## Part 3 – NEW! Community Profile

Interested in hearing what other Moonee Valley community organisations have been up to?

The new community profile section of the newsletter will feature one of our community organisations. If you'd like your group or organisation to be the star of the next edition, please email [communitygrants@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@mvcc.vic.gov.au).

### **This edition: Caroline Chisholm Society**

#### **Tell us about Caroline Chisholm Society.**

Focussing on alleviating pressures for pregnant women and families with preschool children, Caroline Chisholm Society (CCS) offers free emotional assistance through pregnancy and counselling support either by phone or in person. The Society also provides material aid in the form of new and quality pre-loved baby clothes, toys, books, nursery equipment and food. CCS also offer family support which includes assessment, planning and action within the Child FIRST framework, case management and in-home support to families, housing support including advocacy and assistance with priority housing applications, social support including mentoring and through devised programmes addressing such things as parenting strategies, challenging behaviours and post natal depression.

#### **Caroline Chisholm Society is the recipient of a 2014-16 Moonee Valley Partnership Grant. Can you tell us about the program this grant enables?**

This grant enables Caroline Chisholm Society's 'Women for Women' programme which is all about women working with women to help women. We encourage women to get involved and volunteer to help sort the new and pre-loved donations, cleaning prams, preparing bassinets, baby bundles and cot packs or knitting. Further to this, caseworkers are invited to contact CCS, outlining clients' needs and a prearranged bundle of goods is prepared for collection, preferably on a Friday. Already, several agencies have accessed the new CCS service. We have captured wonderful feedback, with both caseworkers and families really appreciating the support.

#### **How can people get involved in this project?**

Do you know of someone who is a good organiser of clothes and would derive satisfaction and enjoyment from assisting our clients while becoming more engaged within the community? If you are a caseworker, do you have clients who are expectant mothers or with young children? Would you like to access material aid for your clients with such things as pre-school clothing, new born baby bundles, strollers, high chairs, nappies, formula, toys and books?

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Pictured here:

Alicia Allen of Crossroads and Simone Tracey of CCS with a boot full of material aid going off to an inner West family who are challenged with four children under the age of two.

