



2012 AUGUST GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 27 grants worth \$200,050 for the August 2012 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below.

Since the establishment of the Foundation, almost 400 grants have been approved and in excess of \$2M has been distributed to community-based groups in Victoria.

From the 2012 grant round forward, the Foundation will focus on supporting mobility in our community as its primary area of philanthropic funding, with a view to enhancing safety, environmental sustainability and/or social cohesion.

Organisation	Amount	Project/Activity
Anglican Trust Corporation of the Diocese of Gippsland	\$9,390	Sudanese Bus Driver Training To train local diaspora residents around Moe to drive the Parish's bus. This will allow those newly arrived members of the community a significant opportunity to improve integration into Australian life through better access to community services and events.
Arts Access Victoria	\$10,000	Nebula To help fund a new fully accessible mobile arts studio that allows arts programs for people with a disability to be taken to regional areas. This pilot program will deliver dynamic and socially-inclusive arts programs including workshops in animation, visual arts, and music.
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	\$10,000	Women Can Drive To provide driving lessons to 20 Vietnamese women in order to prepare them to get their probationary licence.
Bayside Special Developmental School	\$5,000	The edible garden project To establish an edible garden for students, in which they will participate in the planning, construction, and maintenance of the garden to understand about how food grows, how to recycle waste etc.
Blairgowrie Program of Sailability Victoria	\$4,000	Access 303 Pontoon To purchase a new pontoon to safely house and provide better access to a new boat to expand their program.
Disability Surfers Association Mornington Peninsula Branch	\$8,400	Adopt a Beach To purchase two sandcruiser wheelchairs to allow wheelchair-bound people safe and rapid access to the beach, marshalling areas, and into the water and back. The equipment will not only allow more people to participate in the program, it will speed up the process allowing a more pleasant experience for participants.

Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre(DONCARE)	\$7,200	DONCARE Volunteer Transport Service To help operate the DONCARE transport service, which allows an otherwise isolated group of senior citizens to interact with their peers and remain engaged with the community.
Elizabeth Hoffman House Aboriginal Women's Services	\$3,241	Driving Towards Independence To undertake the requisite training to allow 15 clients to apply for their probationary driver's licence.
Frankston Special Development School	\$5,540	Bike Education Program To expand the school's bike education program with ten geared bikes, high visibility vests and jackets and handlebar bags.
Healesville Indigenous Community Services	\$9,728	Deadly and Safe Driving Program To provide professional driving lessons and volunteers to 'get the hours up' for a group of clients. Funding is also provided to establish a volunteer mentor driver program for the local indigenous community.
Inclusion Melbourne	\$10,000	Mobility smartphone app To undertake a 'proof-of-concept' program to develop a smartphone app to enhance people with disabilities' capacity to move around independently on public transport. The app will allow carers to enter pre-determined routes for clients, which, using geo-location data will track movements and provide prompts to clients.
Kalparrin Early Childhood Intervention Program	\$8,250	Kalparrin Bike Bank Program To develop a bike bank program including the purchase of specialised bikes, gross motor equipment (for children who are too small for a bike) and an outdoor storage shed. The system will operate as a loan system to clients, alongside a program designed to get the children to care for the bikes and motor skills toys, and also instruction on bike safety.
Oriel Services	\$10,000	Bus Wheelchair Access To convert Oriel's current bus to allow for wheelchair access. Provision of this equipment would allow for greater access for Oriel clients to attend work postings.
Play on Program	\$8,500	Play on Responsible Driving To assist community members to gain various licences (car, truck, and motorcycle) to increase their mobility and enhance employment prospects and reduce social isolation.
Radius Disability Services	\$9,075	Mobility and Disability To run a pilot program which lessons and assessment of competency to drive are undertaken for 24 Radius clients. Following this a maximum of 10 clients assessed as having the required competencies will attend a learner's permit course with a view to them gaining the learner's permit.
St Luke's Anglicare	\$6,300	Preparing for P's To provide driving lessons to St Luke's Anglicare clients who have passed the learner's test to assist them with gaining their probationary licence.
Scleroderma Victoria	\$4,695	Mobile Oxygen Concentrator To purchase a mobile oxygen concentrator to ensure that Scleroderma sufferers do not become housebound as lung function decreases. The concentrator would be allocated to a

		client on a needs basis.
Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre	\$9,019	Drive to Thrive To provide driver education assisting newly arrived communities to prepare to obtain a probationary licence.
South Barwon State Emergency Service	\$5,673	Increase Rescue Capability To purchase a double ended ram to assist with the speed and precision of extractions from side impact accidents.
Victoria State Emergency Service Bellarine Unit	\$6,668	Road Rescue Equipment To purchase stabilisation and glass management equipment to enhance road rescue response. The equipment allows multiple vehicles to be stabilised at the same time, increasing response time and improving volunteer safety.
Victoria State Emergency Service Corio Unit	\$3,786	Road Rescue Enhancement Project To purchase a hydraulic 'mini-cutter' to improve speed of access in confined spaces following road trauma. Provision of the equipment will allow a range of cuts to the vehicle to be made quickly, with less exposure to the cutters for the casualty. The member can even undertake this activity from inside the vehicle with this equipment.
Victoria State Emergency Service San Remo Unit	\$6,995	Lightweight rescue tool pump To purchase a portable hydraulic pump. The Unit responds to many road accidents in hilly or mountainous country where the vehicle ends up far from the road. Currently the speed of rescue is severely limited by the length of the truck's hydraulic lines and the Unit is often reduced to hand tools to attempt to extricate road trauma victims. The portable pump will allow much more rapid road trauma response as hydraulic gear will be able to be used no matter where the affected vehicle lies.
Dunkeld Vic SES Unit	\$8,500	Equipment Holmatro Extendo Ram To purchase a Holmatro Extendo Ram to enhance rapid response road rescues. The device speeds up extrication times by combining manual and hydraulic extension. It is particularly useful where the front of the vehicle is crushed causing entrapment of the passengers.
Lilydale State Emergency Service	\$8,690	Pumping up Road Safety To purchase a portable hydraulic pump. The Unit responds to many road accidents in hilly or mountainous country where the vehicle ends up far from the road. Currently the speed of rescue is severely limited by the length of the truck's hydraulic lines and the Unit is often reduced to hand tools to attempt to extricate road trauma victims. The portable pump will allow much more rapid road trauma response as hydraulic gear will be able to be used no matter where the affected vehicle lies.
The Think Pink Foundation Living Centre	\$5,200	Supporting rural cancer patients To provide transport assistance which would allow rural breast cancer patients to attend six workshops run by the Foundation (in Melbourne).
Tadvic	\$10,000	Freedom Wheels Modified Bikes To assess the needs of 25 children living with disabilities and build bikes to meet their needs. This will be the first time these

		children have been able to ride safe, customised machines.
Victorian College for the Deaf	\$6,200	Why can't Deaf ride? To purchase bicycles and helmets to undertake a cycling program for school students to increase their confidence in riding despite little or no hearing and to improve their safety and awareness while riding.

Total 27 grants	\$200,050
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