



2013 AUGUST GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 32 grants worth \$255,169 for the August 2013 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below.

Since the establishment of the Foundation, more than 430 grants have been approved and in excess of \$2.2M has been distributed to community-based groups in Victoria.

The Foundation will continue to 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 Name/Activity |
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| Able Australia Services | \$8,975 | Bus wheelchair access To purchase a wheelchair lift to assist with the expanded fleet of buses which enhance client outreach. |
| Alpha Autism | \$9,877 | Bike Safety Program To develop a traffic school at the existing Heatherton site, including line marking on the existing asphalt to simulate roads, crossings, roundabouts and signage, as well as to purchase bikes and safety equipment. |
| Blind Sports Victoria | \$4,782 | Mobility for blind people To purchase mobility aids that will be loaned to participants in sporting and recreational programs that assist them in finding their way to venues, as well as during regular walking programs in urban, rural and national parks. |
| Darebin Information Volunteers and Resource Service | \$10,000 | DIVRS Matching and Mentoring To deliver the Matching and Mentoring program, where mentors assist economically disadvantaged young drivers (under 21, with many from CALD communities) to get their hours up and to better understand the broad responsibilities of driver safety. In particular, the grant seeks to increase the level of skill of mentors involved in delivering the program through one to one support, social service guidance, mentoring up skilling, and guidance around the complex needs of young people. |
| Disability Sport and Recreation | \$9,000 | CyclePower By providing participants with access to 'lending library' hand cycles and related safety equipment, CyclePower aims to improve the physical, social and mental health of Victorians with a disability. |
| Eva Tilley Memorial Home | \$10,000 | Wheelchair lifter for bus To purchase a wheelchair lift for one of Eva Tilley's two resident's buses. The buses ferry residents to various outings including shopping trips, picnics, theatre outings, medical appointments. |

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| Golden Memories Karaoke | \$6,096 | Making a Difference To purchase audio and visual equipment to support the program as it endeavours to engage elderly people living in residential care in active singing programs. |
| Harrow Bush Nursing Centre | \$2,000 | Obtaining Licenses to drive the Harrow Community Bus To train Harrow Bush Nursing Centre staff to obtain medium rigid licences to drive the centre's new 14 seater bus. The bus is the community's only available resource to deliver isolated community members to medical appointments, shopping, and social gatherings. |
| Jackson Special School | \$10,000 | Courtyard Games Zone To construct a play zone for students to use during recreation times and physical education lessons. The zone will work to enhance existing play zones and will have utility on cold and wet days when student are usually kept inside. |
| Kid's Own Publishing | \$10,000 | In My Kingdom To develop a 'portable publishing kit' that will support the delivery of a community bookmaking project. Families will use the process of creating and publishing books to explore social values and structures as families establish new lives in Australia. |
| Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria | \$9,315 | Staying Mobile Decreasing Isolation To purchase nine standard wheelchairs to reduce waiting periods for these items. This will benefit clients to retain independence longer, allowing them to continue in the workforce, participate in family/community activities, and reduce social isolation. |
| Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group | \$2,080 | Busy Bees Garden To construct the garden accompanying the respite care home currently under construction. The garden encourages disabled clients and their families to 'get moving' outdoors and doing something worthwhile that they can admire and take pride in while creating their own space. |
| Muscular Dystrophy Association | \$9,800 | CampMDA To help sufferers of MD to attend the CampMDA respite camp in September 2013. The camp promotes self-esteem for the children attending through a wide range of art, craft, sporting, outdoor, cultural and educational activities. |
| NESAY | \$8,735 | Keystart Program To fund a comprehensive four day pre-learner driver education program, specifically designed for those who have low literacy skills, or who come from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants will be accompanied to VicRoads on the fifth day of the program to sit their learner's exam. |
| Open House Christian Involvement Centres | \$5,000 | Backyard Sports To purchase a purpose-built trailer to transport Open House's tools and equipment including bikes and bike stands that are |

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| | | used as part of broader cycling safety and maintenance workshops and excursions. |
| Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education (PRACE) | \$7,460 | CALD Communities Connect To provide participants with a 20 hour 'Get your Learner Permit' course following which participants will have access to ten driving lessons. The grant will also pay for learner's permit and probationary licence testing costs. All participants are presently English as a Second Language Students at PRACE. |
| Riding Develops Abilities (Peninsula) | \$2,500 | Replacement Helmets and Riding Boots To provide additional safety equipment and replace old safety equipment at the Riding Develops Abilities Mornington Peninsula centre, where programming benefits children and adults living with a disability. |
| Regional Information and Advocacy Council | \$10,000 | ReconCYCLEation Bike Ed To relaunch the Shepparton bike education program, which has not run for eight years. Recently, an influx of migrant communities has led to an emergence of youth racism. Bike education, where school students work together to complete the program, will help to create a safer, more socially cohesive environment; encourage healthy lifestyles and help change attitudes of distrust. |
| RISE: Refugees, Survivors and Ex-Detainees | \$10,000 | RISE Driving Project To provide free and subsidised lessons for refugee communities to gain their learners and probationary licences. The project will assist participants to develop their understanding of local road rules and to promote safe driving. The program will also strengthen the skills of RISE volunteers of refugee backgrounds by developing their leadership skills. |
| Rural Northwest Health | \$8,000 | Yarriambiak Community Transport Project To purchase the 'lifter' for a new community bus to support community members with a disability to visit health providers and access community programs. |
| St Kilda Community Housing (SCH) | \$7,680 | Driving Work Options To provide driving lessons to SCH rooming house residents to improve their capacity to find work. |
| St Kilda Youth Service | \$9,984 | Jumpstart To run an eight week engagement program for young people who are not involved in any education, employment or training, and who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program has four components: 1) mobility – in helping participants gain their learner's permits and training them to better use public transport, 2) life skills – through stress management conflict resolution and goal setting sessions, 3) work skills – through resume building, job search and interview skills, career advice, and 4) sustainability education – through building a community garden. |
| Sunbury and | \$4,570 | Rural Bike Education Program |

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| Macedon Ranges Specialist School | | To establish a bike education program for children at the new senior campus. Improving skills and safety knowledge by riding bikes will increase community participation. |
| The Bridge of Hope Foundation (BoH) | \$10,000 | Youth Justice Learner Driver To operate a L2P program with residents of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre. Residents will be professionally assessed for road readiness, and then BoH volunteers will train the residents. If residents are released part way through the training, BoH and Rotary volunteers will continue with the training in a community setting, and finally pay for the probationary licence test. |
| The Push | \$10,000 | Backing Tracks To coordinate three regional hip hop workshops and four performances across rural and regional Victoria, culminating in a larger event at Southern Cross Station. By enabling workshops to be undertaken outside the metropolitan area, The Push will improve the connectivity of regional, socially isolated, disadvantaged, CALD and indigenous communities, celebrating and recognising their cultural and creative contributions and increasing activity and mobility across regional Victoria. |
| Time for Youth | \$9,495 | Streetwise Driving To provide a number of young homeless people in the Geelong and Surfcoast area to gain their licences. The program readies participants for their learners permit, and funds training materials and professional lessons. Participants then practice through the City of Greater Geelong's L2P program, after which the grant will pay for costs associated with participants attaining their probationary licence. |
| Uniting Care Harrison | \$10,000 | L2P Youth Driving Program To establish and run an L2P program in the Knox area to ensure financially disadvantaged youth are mentored and supervised by trained volunteers to 'get their 120 hours up' in preparation for sitting for their probationary licence. |
| Upper Yarra Valley Historical Society | \$7,000 | Improved Disability Access To restore and rebuild the access ramp into the Museum which assists disabled people and those with prams. |
| Urban Communities | \$6,000 | Make a Move To subsidise language and driving training to prepare 15 African men (who were truck and heavy vehicle drivers in their own countries) for medium rigid driving licences. |
| Victorian Deaf Society | \$9,320 | Ignition - Deaf Drivers Program To send 16 deaf people to the 'ignition' program. The four day course aims to prepare participants for and sit their learner's exam, with a view to improving participation and employment opportunities. |

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| Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition | \$10,000 | <p>Casey Super Driver Support</p> <p>To provide driving training to 15 migrant women. The program includes specialised lessons for members of beneficiary families who already have their licences so that they can act as 'trainers', or 'superdrivers' who gain knowledge in driving technique to ensure unsafe behaviours are not passed on.</p> |
| Whitelion | \$7,500 | <p>Young Lions National Camp</p> <p>To support the Young Lions National Camp. The camp is part of a 12 month leadership program for vulnerable 15-24 year olds, who through social disadvantage, have often not been seen as 'leadership material'. Participants choose the camp themes, and activities, and help deliver the programs.</p> |

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