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Summary of Supported Projects

Applicant	Project Title	Project Overview
Mahjong Connections C/O Coonara Community House Inc.	Coonara Mahjong Connections	Purchase of Mahjong equipment and learning resources to expand inclusive social play sessions that reduce social isolation, support mental wellbeing, encourage lifelong learning, and strengthen community connections among older adults and diverse community members.
CASS CARE LIMITED	Music and Chair Yoga for Healthy Ageing Program	Provision of culturally appropriate music and chair yoga sessions for older Chinese speaking residents to reduce social isolation, support wellbeing, encourage physical activity, and strengthen social connections within the Knox community.
Coonara Community House Inc.	Coonara 50th Anniversary Community Festival	Celebration of Coonara Community House's 50th Anniversary through a community festival featuring live entertainment, multicultural activities, and family-friendly events that strengthen community connection, inclusion, participation, and local pride.
The Basin Music Festival Association	The Basin Music Festival	The Basin Music Festival is a three-day live music event showcasing local artists and bringing together the community to enjoy music, celebrate local culture and strengthen community connections.
Knox Wind Symphony Inc.	10 Year Anniversary Compositions	Knox Wind Symphony Inc. will partner with a local composer to create two original pieces of music celebrating the organisation's 10th anniversary in 2027. The project will involve musicians in developing and workshopping the compositions, culminating in their premiere at a special anniversary concert.
The Orchard Church of Christ Inc.	Christmas Together at Orchard	Christmas Together at Orchard will provide free Christmas performances and a community meal, bringing local people together to celebrate, connect and reduce social isolation
Greater Eastern Malayalees Melbourne Inc.	GEM Onam 2027 – Sharing Heritage, Building Community	The Onam Celebration in Scoresby is an annual multicultural event celebrating the heritage and traditions of Kerala, South India. The event will bring community members together through traditional music, dance, food and activities, promoting cultural connection, inclusion and community participation.
We Are One Club	Magic in the Moonlight – Celebrating Culture, Ability & Community	Production of a multicultural community musical celebrating Greek and Indian cultures through storytelling, music and performance, fostering social

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connection, cultural understanding, community participation, and multicultural inclusion across Knox.

Knox Environment Society Inc.	Pest Proof Space	The project will install additional benches throughout the KES nursery to improve the safe handling and movement of plants. The benches will reduce manual lifting and bending, supporting the health and safety of volunteers as the nursery continues to grow.
Knox Community Gardens Society Inc.	Refurbish and Replace Edges of Veggie Plots	The project will replace and repair deteriorated plot edges at Knox Community Gardens, improving safety and accessibility for members.
Knox Gardens Tennis Club	'Vaptr Pro Rollr' water remover to provide efficient drying of our hard tennis courts.	The project will purchase a Vaptr Pro Rollr to efficiently dry the club's seven hard tennis courts after rain. The equipment will reduce court closures and cancellations, improving access for junior and senior teams, coaching, social tennis and community bookings.
Victoria State Emergency Service - Knox Unit	Defibrillator Project	The project will purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for VICSES Knox Unit emergency response vehicles.
2nd/3rd Bayswater Scout Group	Sun-Powered Scouting - Lighting up in the evenings.	The project will purchase and install solar panels, rechargeable batteries and durable lighting to provide a safe, reliable and sustainable power source for Scouting activities.
Knox Boronia Churches Cricket Club	Miller Park Community Shade Grant	The project will purchase portable shade marquees to provide sun protection for players, officials, spectators and families at Miller Park.
The Basin Community House Inc.	Safe Homes, Safe Community, Tag It. Test It. Trust It	The project will establish Safer Homes Knox, a community-based Test and Tag service providing electrical safety checks in residents' homes.
Rowville Lions Club	To purchase Defibrillator and First Aids Kit	The project will purchase first aid and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) emergency response equipment for Rowville Lions Club activities and community events.
We Are One Club	Seniors' Wellbeing & Digital Inclusion Equipment Project	The project will purchase computers, table tennis tables and mahjong sets to support a weekly multicultural seniors' wellbeing program. The activities will promote digital literacy, gentle exercise, cognitive stimulation and social connection for seniors aged 60+ from diverse cultural backgrounds.
Knox Wind Symphony Inc.	Purchase musical instrument	The project will purchase a tuba for the Knox Concert Band, enabling musicians who do not have access to their own instrument to participate.

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CHIME Choir (Choral Institute of Melbourne Inc. (CHIME))	Taking Music to the Community.	The project will purchase portable performance equipment, including microphones and a keyboard, enabling CHIME to deliver accessible, high-quality musical performances at community events.
St Johns Tecoma Cricket Club	2026/27 Technology and Member Safety Upgrades	The project will support St Johns Tecoma Cricket Club to transition to fully digital live scoring and purchase match-day marquees.
Lowicz Polish Vocal-Dance Ensemble	Preserving Cultural Heritage Through Improved Costume Storage	The project will upgrade and expand storage within the ensemble's existing costume container to protect its collection of traditional Polish costumes. Improved storage will preserve these valuable cultural assets and support ongoing performances and cultural activities that promote community connection and diversity.
Outer Eastern Honorary Justices Inc.	JP Stamp Supply	The project will purchase self-inking stamps containing required legislative wording for key documents.
EACH	Food Pathways - Cook, Learn, Certify!	Food Pathways – Cook, Learn, certify! is a practical food skills program for young people aged 15–19.
trk care	Mental Health Care Packs for Headspace Clients – Building Wellbeing, Resilience and Growth Mindset for Life's Challenges	The project will provide mental health care packs to young people aged 12–25 accessing Headspace Knox. The packs will include practical well-being resources and strategies to support resilience, positive thinking, coping skills and long-term mental health.
The Basin Community House Inc.	40 Years of Community Connection: The Basin Community House Story	The project will document and celebrate The Basin Community House's 40-year history through community stories, interviews, photographs and historical records.
Feed One Feed All Inc	Food Recovery Partnership Project	The project is a partnership between Feed One Feed All and Outer East Foodshare to build relationships with Knox food businesses and producers and increase donations of surplus food.
Knox Infolink Inc.	Knox Community Christmas Support - building a sustainable, Knox-wide approach to 'Share the Joy'!	The Knox Community Christmas Support Project provides festive food hampers, fresh food and gifts to approximately 1,000 individuals and families experiencing financial and social hardship.
Orana Neighbourhood House	Learn It, Fix It, Save It - Building Financial Resilience in Knox	Learn It, Fix It, Save It is a free community program helping Knox residents build practical skills, reduce household costs and strengthen connections.
EACH	L2P Volunteer Mentors to complete youth mental health first aid training	The project will provide Youth Mental Health First Aid training for L2P volunteers who mentor young people.
Foothills Community Care Inc.	Foothills Inclusive Volunteering Pilot Project	The Foothills Inclusive Volunteering Pilot Project will support people facing barriers to volunteering through tailored training, one-on-one mentoring and dedicated coordination.

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Anchor Community Care Ltd.	Keeping Them Connected	Keeping Them Connected is a community participation program providing recreational activities and family events for children and young people in foster and kinship care and their carers, to strengthen relationships, social connection and wellbeing
Share Space Inc	The Study Space	The Study Space is a free weekly homework and study support program for Knox school students, delivered by trained community volunteers.
Knox Repair Cafe Inc.	Knox Repair Cafe Community Capacity & Sustainability Expansion Project	The project will expand KRC's volunteer-led repair and sustainability program, delivering 35 free repair sessions across four mobile locations in Knox.
Mountain District Learning Centre	CHL Community Gardening	The CHL Community Gardening project will revitalise raised garden beds, providing residents with opportunities to grow seasonal vegetables and flowers together.
Outer East Foodshare Inc.	More sustainable local food for locals	The project will activate unused garden beds and install additional wicking beds to grow fresh vegetables and herbs for local food relief.
The Onemda Association Inc.	Inclusive Learning Pathways at The Basin Neighbourhood House	Provision of supported community learning opportunities for people with intellectual disability, building skills, confidence, social inclusion, and community connection through participation in accessible community-based classes and programs.
Aquaholics Club Inc.	Ocean Stewards Knox	Training and support for Knox residents to participate in environmental volunteering, citizen science, and stewardship activities that build environmental knowledge, community connections, volunteer skills, and local environmental outcomes.
Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club Inc.	Digital Collection Catalogue	Development of a digital collection management system to preserve and showcase machinery heritage through cataloguing, QR-enabled exhibit information, photo galleries, multilingual access, and improved visitor engagement.
Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged	TTHA Weihnachtsmarkt (German Christmas Market) - Connecting Residents, Carers & Community	TTHA Weihnachtsmarkt is an expanded cultural festival bringing the Knox community together through German Christmas traditions, creative activities and intergenerational experiences.
Rotary Club of Bayswater Inc.	53rd Knox Art Show	Delivery of the 53rd Annual Knox Art Show, showcasing artworks and photography from emerging and established artists, providing cultural experiences, artist development opportunities, community engagement, and support for local Rotary initiatives.
Casey Tamil Manram	The Tamil Festival Australia 2027	Delivery of a multicultural community festival celebrating Tamil culture through music, dance, food and traditional

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activities, fostering cultural inclusion, community participation, social connection, and multicultural understanding within Knox.

Aura Social Foundation

Aura Chai & Chat: Community-Led Social Connection and Wellbeing Sessions for Seniors (8 Weeks)

Provision of culturally safe bilingual social connection and wellbeing sessions for older Hindi and Punjabi-speaking residents, reducing social isolation, supporting mental wellbeing, and strengthening community participation and belonging.
