

Summary of Supported Projects

Applicant	Project Title	Project Overview
ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency	ADRA Project Upgrade for Community Support	To purchase additional storage options and WHS equipment for food distribution due to increasing clients. Items to be purchased are freezers, storage shed, shelving and trolleys. This will support food safety storage and capacity to distribute more rescued food items to Knox residents, domestic violence and women’s refuge support.
Anchor	The LIFT Program - Critical Support for Carers and Children in Care	To continue operating the previously piloted L.I.F.T. Program, which has been proven to increase the social connection between Foster and Kinship Carers, children in Foster and Kinship care, and their peers and the wider community.
Bayswater Park Cricket Club	Cinema Under the Stars	To hold Cinema Under the Stars - an engaging and inclusive outdoor movie experience for the Knox community, including outdoor movie screenings providing a family-friendly atmosphere where residents of all ages can come together to enjoy culturally diverse and entertaining films, including pre-show entertainment, post-show activities, and food vendors will be on offer to enhance the overall experience.
Bayswater Park Cricket Club	Equipment update for improved scoring in games	The project aims to upgrade the scoring system at the cricket club by acquiring iPads with cellular capability and conform to scoring standards which now require digital solutions. These iPads are essential for real-time scoring updates and communication between volunteers across multiple grounds, which makes scoring a lot easier for volunteers.
Community Support Knox, Yarra Ranges and Surrounds	Ben's Place Community Pantry	To employ a Community Pantry Coordinator on a part-time basis for 12 hours per week, for a 12-month period to facilitate the significant increase in demand for the Pantry.

Coonara Community House Inc	Nourishing a Greener Life Project!	To remove one large inactive round water tank and replace it with 2 slimline 3500L BlueScope Steel water tanks in the rear gardens of the house and install 3 x Drip Irrigation Systems & Irrigation Controller Box that services our working vegetable and Indigenous Bush Tucker gardens and any other outdoor needs and purchase 2 new BlueScope steel vegetable gardens to increase production of vegetables and edible Indigenous plants.
EACH	CARES Connection - Carers Activities Recreation Exercise Social Connection	CARES Connection will provide Knox carers with the opportunity to try a range of free physical activity classes (yoga, tai chi and dance) to connect socially with other carers. The project will run over 3 school terms at Boronia Progress Hall. Yoga will run for 6 weeks during term 1, tai chi in term 2 and dance in term 3.
Fab Nobs Theatre Inc	Lighting Equipment	To purchase and install modern, energy-efficient, low-maintenance, versatile and feature-rich lights. These new lights will also lead to improved safety - i.e. less need to climb up and down ladders lifting lights for rigging and derigging.
Feed One Feed All Inc	Reducing Food Insecurity for Families in Knox, Yarra Ranges and Maroondah	FOFA will provide approximately 8,000 meals to the most needy families in the Knox so that they can at start their days on an even keel with more affluent families. With increases in the cost of living, demand for food relief has jumped dramatically.
Ferntree Gully Fire Brigade	PPE Drying Cabinet	To purchase a PPE Drying Cabinet to assist in quicker drying times of PPE equipment after emergency events where existing PPE becomes wet due to weather, wet operational environments or due to decontamination processes after an event. A drying cabinet will reduce drying times to approximately 45 minutes. Firefighter clothing (PPE) and equipment like Breathing Apparatus harnesses, gloves and helmets can be dried this way as well.
Foothills Community Care Inc.	Foothills Community Casseroles	To provide nutritious, home-cooked meals and care packages delivered to locals in need of community support in the Knox area, via our team of friendly, supportive volunteer drivers. This project is especially targeting local Knox residents facing food insecurity, in need of an extra hand up, dealing with the high cost of living and especially those accessing support for the first time.

FVREE	Level Up - Gender Equality Capacity Building for Community Workers	To deliver an innovative capacity building project for library staff and other community workers working with young children and their families, to embed gender equality practices in their work. Project activities consist of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehensive professional development education for community workers 2. Delivery of play-based workshops to children and their families that enhance connections within families as well as connections between families and their local community, and 3. Development of a gender equality resource to be promoted and distributed to families attending community spaces, in consultation with community workers and families.
Glen Park Community Centre Inc	Supporting social enterprise and food relief	This project will contribute to the purchase of equipment to support the safe and efficient storage of food for emergency relief meals and the social enterprise café at Glen Park, which currently has very limited space to store sufficient food to prepare enough meals for food relief or to stock the social enterprise café. Glen Park prepares meals for individuals struggling to afford healthy nutritious food for themselves and their families through our fortnightly pantry, 26% of those pantry members are Knox residents (12 adults + 9 dependant adults + 26 Dependants under 16).
Golden Cobra Martial Arts	Golden Cobra website build	This project seeks to engage a professional company to create a new website with increased functionality to replace existing website that was built by volunteers. Golden Cobra is unique as the only not-for-profit karate dojo in Australia, allowing membership fees to remain low so more people can access martial arts. In 2024, Golden Cobra celebrate forty years of operation and ten years as a not-for-profit.
Heany Park Scout Group	HPSG-10 Scouts Multi Patrol Equipment Trailer	To purchase a Multi Patrol Equipment Trailer to transport scouting equipment during Scout Camps and events that can span up to 2 weeks. This will ensure that our Heany Park Scouts have access to the appropriate equipment to meet the Scouts Association of Victoria's camping standards.
Knox Environment Society	Have a Seat	To purchase 50 new strong and durable chairs that are easy to store and move around KES. KES is a community activity hub and often hosts events, information sessions, educational talks and lectures, community groups, nursery collective meetings and many other events. These can be run by the KES, other community groups or by Knox City

Council and often attract more than 50 people. These new chairs will replace the mish-mash of old, uncomfortable, and often poor quality chairs that are difficult to store and move around.

Knox Infolink	Local case work support for the Knox community	The project will fund additional case worker hours to meet the increased demand and increased level of complexity of support required by Knox community members from Knox Infolink.
Knox- Nocturnals Youth Program- Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully	Knox Nocturnals Youth Program	To continue the delivery of Knox Nocturnals - a social inclusion program for young people aged 12 – 18 in Knox, targeted to youth of all abilities and particularly those that are vulnerable, isolated or at-risk in Knox, with a strong focus on connecting young people, volunteers, parents and carers, in a safe inclusive environment.
Knox Repair Cafe	Scaling Up Knox Repair Cafe	Knox Repair Cafe seeks to build on its recent growth and increasing community demand for services from Knox residents who are passionate about reusing household items rather than sending them into landfill. This application seeks to grow the effectiveness of the cafe when integrated into a online matching platform.
Knox United Soccer Club	Carrington Park Marquees	To purchase two 3 x 6 marquees for use by spectators/supporters to watch our games and avoid the sun or rain, and to assist in the club meeting their SunSmart objectives.
Knox Wind Symphony	Purchase new instrument (bassoon)	To purchase a professional-quality bassoon to provide members with an instrument that reflects the playing level and quality of the ensemble, and ensure the ensemble becomes self-managing by having an inventory of professional level instruments for use within the group, and to attract and maintain musicians.
Left Write Hook Ltd	Reclaim & Rewrite	To provide an 8-week pilot program to assist in the recovery of abuse and trauma survivors through creative writing and trauma informed non-contact boxing. The grant will help to acquire a portable equipment pack to support the development of participants. Key components include boxing gloves, pads and creative journals. Two EACH peer support workers will also be trained to help sustain and expand program delivery. Left Write Hook's vision is to plant the program within Knox, leveraging this pilot as a cornerstone for an enduring partnership with EACH.
Life Activities Club Knox Inc.	Audio Visual Equipment for Wattle Hall	To purchase new audio-visual equipment to replace outdated and heavy equipment at Wattle Hall. The new equipment will be used by the club as well as other tenants (Upper

Gully Christadelphian Church, Ferntree Gully TOWN Club and Gully TOWN Club) in addition to potential hirers and prospective tenants. It will facilitate educational programs such as Driver Education for Seniors, Dementia Awareness and First Aid instruction, which leads to the reduction of loneliness and isolation, and improve mental health in the Knox community. It will also provide entertainment and be used for club activities.

Life Saving Victoria Limited	Connecting Diverse Groups Through Aquatics	To connect 600 community members with disabilities, from CALD backgrounds and Seniors (over 55s). The program facilitates ongoing physical activity and connections to local community whilst 'bridging the gap' between traditional Australians and the CALD community. Participants gain vital skills and knowledge to better allow them to access local KCC aquatic centres, other facilities and their nearest beaches/foreshores.
Lions Club of Rowville	Club's Trailer repair and repaint	Maintenance and repair of the club's trailer.
Lysterfield Junior Football Club	Equipment	To purchase a vacuum cleaner, pressure cleaner, and trestle tables to support our volunteers and all our families that use the club rooms.
Mountain District Learning Centre	MDLC Makers Market	To fund entertainment and promotion of The MDLC Makers Market, including The Lizard Wizard, Live Music and general promotion. The MDLC Makers Market was created in 2021 in response to the Pandemic lock downs at the time, where people had been constrained indoors, but had developed many new art and craft skills. Since then, the MDLC Makers Market has grown stronger every year, ranging from handmade crochet blankets to handwoven baskets, through to plants and worm composting, the MDLC Makers Market provides something for everyone of all ages.
Murrindal Playgroup Inc.	Cubby Playhouse	Murrindal Playgroup would like to replace the existing cubby house with a new, engaging cubby and playground combination. The current cubby house is ageing significantly and the floor is beginning to show signs of rot. The replacement cubby house will be Australian made and play equipment attached. This high-quality replacement will last long into the future and serve many years of Knox residents, just as the existing cubby house has done for many years.

RDA Knox - Riding for the Disabled Knox Branch	2025 Gymkhana	The 2025 Gymkhana is a motivating event for participants and youth volunteers to plan and work towards. The 2025 Gymkhana brings together our weekly participants, volunteers and coaches for a day of competition, celebration and recognition. The Gymkhana showcases the skills of participants and volunteers (support side-walkers and horse leaders). It will be the culmination of 16 weeks of training and practice by our participants and volunteers as they learn the skills to perform in a Gymkhana.
Rotary Club of Bayswater Inc.	51st Annual Knox Art Show	The project is to hold the 51st Annual Knox Art Show. The Show aims to provide local artists and photographers with the opportunity to display and sell their original artwork at an established art show in the City of Knox.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Christmas Hampers for families	Purchasing items for Christmas Hampers for vulnerable Knox residents including non-perishable food items, "GROCERY ONLY" Woolworths vouchers, which will see the delivery of 80-90 hampers.
The Basin Music Festival Association Incorporated	The Basin Music Festival	The Basin Music Festival (TBMF) aims to promote, organise and manage annual community-based music programs in The Basin, the main event is a three-day music festival that promotes the talents of the local musicians. The goal of TBMF is to provide a musical experience that embraces cultural diversity and social wellbeing for both the performing artist and the audience that encourages health, life balance and unites the local community.
The Links at Waterford Residents Association Inc - Workshop Sub-committee	Equipment to increase productivity, improve quality and safer OH&S conditions	To purchase equipment to increase productivity and continue making furniture and aids for cerebral palsy children, including a combo sander, additional air filter, right angle drill, large scale clamps, a multi tool and a sharp and concise chisel set.
Upper Ferntree Gully Volunteer CFA Fire Brigade	Station Safety Equipment & Workwear	To procure high-quality safety gear and workwear for the fire brigade volunteers. This includes station wear, clothing and other essential equipment necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of firefighting operations. These purchases aim to prioritise the safety and well-being of the firefighters while ensuring their readiness to respond effectively to emergencies.
Uttar Pradesh Association of Australia	India's Multi-Cultural Festival Celebration-Knox	To celebrate "India's multicultural festival " in Knox council on 17th August, 2025, work with Indian families as well as the Australians living in and around Knox council area to reflect and to promote the cultural diversity in Australia and India. This festival

celebration of emerging and vibrant India is vital for Australia-India long terms relationships as well.

Victoria State Emergency Service Knox Unit	SES Knox Unit Member IT & Headtorch Renewal	To upgrade and increase IT capacity within the unit to give the volunteer members access to the IT equipment they need to undertake further training within the digital space, and purchase upgraded LED head torches for night operations which don't form part of standard issue PPC&E.
Your Library Limited	Chat and Connect	Chat & Connect is a storytelling/conversation program aimed at Knox Seniors in aged care and or other established senior's groups. The sessions will have a different theme/topic each month and there will be a kit developed that contains some conversational prompts i.e. a short story, poem, song, photo etc. The sessions will run monthly for 45-60 minutes. Group members are encouraged to share their own experiences, memories and thoughts, giving them a chance to get to know more about each other and connect in a meaningful way.