

Community Development Grants

Applications open on June 16 for the 2008/2009 round of Council's Community Development Grants Program.

Each year Council allocates about \$80,000 to make local ideas a reality.

The grants are open to a broad range of groups including community agencies, sporting clubs, self help, environmental, cultural and recreational interest groups provided they are not-for-profit and directly benefit residents of Banyule.

Individuals can also apply to develop programs targeting the Arts.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available with most grants averaging between \$300 and \$1500. The grant round opens on Monday June 16 and closes at 5pm on Friday July 25.

An information session and grant writing workshop for

this funding round will be held at 7pm on Wednesday June 11 at the Withers Room, The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. This session will run for about about 1.5 hours and will give potential applicants a chance to discuss project ideas with the grant managers who will provide tips and techniques on effective grant writing.

Contact Carole Maher on 9490 4222 if you would like to attend. Please advise in advance if you need translation and/or other communication support for this session.

Application kits are available through Council's Service Centres, Council's website www.banyule.vic.gov.au or by phoning Carole.

For more information about the grants contact Karen Molinaro on 9490 4222 Monday to Wednesday.

Successful applicants will be awarded their grants at a presentation evening to be held in October. Details will be provided closer to the date.

Watsonia RSL gives \$80,000

The Banyule Watsonia RSL Trust provides funds to help community groups and individuals address community needs and to encourage and strengthen participation in local communities.

Funds are provided from Watsonia RSL to local, not-for-profit organisations, community groups and individuals for charitable projects and services, or those designed to benefit the local community.

The annual grant pool has increased from \$50,000 to \$80,000, with maximum grants of \$10,000.

More than 60 applications were received this year and 31 were successful.

On May 13 they received their grants at an official presentation ceremony.

Among the successful projects were a mid-year bivouac for an Army Cadet unit, a community photo display at Apollo Parkways kinder and a patient diversional therapy program at Austin Health.

Banyule Support and Information Centre received a grant to buy food vouchers, food, Met tickets etc. for those in need.

A "Breakfast Club" to provide food and fruit to disadvantaged kinder children, refurbishing the school library at Greensborough Primary School, support for 8

Diamond Valley Prostate Cancer Group and a therapeutic garden and outdoor mobility path for Bundoora Extended Care were also funded.

Sporting equipment for St Martins Playgroup, emergency supplies for St Vincent De Paul, tennis coaching aids for children and the disabled at Bundoora Tennis Club and a learning centre for Banksia Palliative Care also received funding.

