

Community-Led Projects Case Studies



Somerville Cricket Club kitchen upgrade from state funding

Our Community-Led Project Program supported the delivery of a new cool room and servery at Somerville Cricket Club, creating a more functional space for volunteers, players and the wider community.

The \$95,640 project was funded through the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Projects program.

With external funding secured, Shire officers from Sport and Recreation, Planning and Community Capital worked closely together to determine the best way to deliver the project and maximise the value of the available funding. Following this collaborative planning, our Community-Led Project Program was identified as the most effective way to progress the works.

The upgrade was then delivered by Somerville Cricket Club community members in partnership with a Shire Project Manager and Community Capital Liaison Officer. This provided the club with practical support to work through project requirements, coordinate the works and deliver a significant improvement to the facility safely and effectively.

The new cool room and servery provide a more practical environment for volunteers and improve the facility's capacity to support sporting activities, events and community gatherings.

The project demonstrates how collaboration across Shire teams, community organisations and other levels of government can help make the most of external funding opportunities. By identifying the right delivery pathway and providing project support, our Program helped turn government funding into a practical community outcome.

Quote from Adrian, Somerville Cricket Club:

"This project was an absolute game changer for the club, and the process of working with Jason and our Project Manager was so smooth and simple for us. They helped us every step of the way and were always available to answer any questions we had.

"Our members are loving the new facility. It has helped us create a fantastic environment for our sporting activities and community gatherings."

Project at a glance

Project: Cool room and servery upgrade

Total project cost: \$95,640

Funding: \$100,000 Victorian Government Community Sport and Recreation Projects grant

Shire role: Community Capital project support

Completed: March 2026

Ward: Beek Beek

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Community-Led Project program protecting the vehicles to keep community moving

Peninsula Transport Assist (PTA) improved protection for its three community minibuses with support from our Community-Led Projects Program.

A \$20,000 Shire subsidy funded the construction of a new three-bay bus port at PTA's Baxter base, providing shelter for the organisation's vehicles and protecting them from overhanging trees and the elements.

PTA provides transport assistance for people across the Mornington Peninsula who may have difficulty getting around independently, helping clients get to appointments, shopping and social activities.

The project began with a collaborative site meeting between the Community Capital Liaison Officer, Project Manager and builder helped clarify the project requirements, work through the issues and establish a clear pathway forward.

The completed bus port will help protect PTA's vehicles, reduce ongoing maintenance and support the longevity of an important service that helps keep people across the Mornington Peninsula connected.

"The new bus port has made a real difference for Peninsula Transport Assist and for our volunteer drivers. They really appreciate the improved functionality and the fact they're spending much less time cleaning and washing the buses.

Protecting our vehicles from the weather and overhanging trees also helps us look after an important community asset. These buses are on the road every day helping people across the Mornington Peninsula stay connected, attend appointments and get where they need to go.

We're very appreciative of the Shire's support through the Community-Led Projects Program. It's a practical improvement that helps us protect our vehicles and keep our community moving." **Don Reeves, Peninsula Transport Assist**

Project at a glance

Project: Peninsula Transport Assist bus port

Total project cost: \$20,000

Shire contribution: \$20,000 Community Capital subsidy

Location: Baxter

Completed: February 2026

Ward: Moorooduc

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Creating better community spaces: Mt Eliza Over 55s Club kitchen renovation

The Mt Eliza Over 55s Club has a fresh, functional new kitchen thanks to a \$50,000 Community Capital Grant and support from our Program.

The \$70,000 project delivered a complete kitchen upgrade, including new cupboards, benchtops, flooring, appliances, laminate finishes and painting. The upgraded kitchen provides a more functional and welcoming space for club members to come together, share meals and participate in activities.

As the project moved from the initial idea into detailed planning, the full scope and cost of the kitchen renovation became clearer. Once plans and quotes were developed, it was identified that additional funding would be needed beyond the \$50,000 Community Capital Grant.

The Mt Eliza Over 55s Club responded by raising an additional \$20,000 to complete the project. The club worked closely with the Community Capital Liaison Officer and Project Manager to work through the project requirements, including a site meeting and asbestos assessment, which confirmed the area was clear.

The project is a great example of how our Program can help community groups turn local ideas into practical improvements, with community contributions helping to deliver even more value from the investment.

"Our kitchen was quite dated and no longer reflected the club's vibrant and active membership. The new kitchen has completely transformed the space – it's fresh, bright, and a welcoming and functional place for our members. After classes they enjoy spending time together over tea, coffee and biscuits. We're thrilled with the result and very grateful for the support from Mornington Peninsula Shire in helping us bring the project to life." **Rhonda, Mt Eliza Over 55s Club**

Project at a glance

Project: Mt Eliza Over 55s Club kitchen renovation

Total project cost: \$70,000

Shire contribution: \$50,000 Community Capital Grant

Community contribution: \$20,000

Completed: May 2026

Ward: Kackeraboite

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Bringing a community vision to life: Flinders outdoor gym

We supported the development of a new all-abilities outdoor gym that is giving the Flinders community a free and accessible way to stay active, connect with others and enjoy the outdoors.

Led by the Flinders Community Association, the \$90,000 project delivered a professionally designed and installed outdoor gym at Flinders Recreation Reserve, with equipment designed to support people of different ages and abilities.

The project received \$42,750 through the Shire's Community Capital Infrastructure Program, with the Flinders community and other supporters contributing additional funding to bring the project to life. The outdoor gym provides a new community asset in the heart of Flinders, supporting physical activity, wellbeing and social connection for residents and visitors.

Like many community-led projects, bringing the outdoor gym from an idea through to delivery involved working through several requirements and challenges along the way.

Our Community Capital Liaison Officer worked closely with the Association, Shire officers and the Project Manager to coordinate advice and help navigate issues as they arose. This collaborative approach provided the community group with a clear pathway forward and helped keep the project progressing towards delivery.

The result is a lasting community asset that combines Council investment, community fundraising and local partnerships to support physical activity, wellbeing and social connection in Flinders.

Quote from Mary Iles from Flinders Community Association:

"The new facility has equipment for all fitness levels and there is something for all members of the community – it also provides a welcoming space for people to connect.

"One of our main priorities was that the equipment would be suitable for our senior demographic so lots of stretching equipment, balance equipment, and a bike that you can hop on. It is such a huge benefit to the health of the community which is fantastic."

Project at a glance

Project: Flinders Community Outdoor Gym

Total project cost: \$90,000

Shire contribution: \$42,750 Community Capital Grant

Community contribution: Self-funded

Location: Flinders Recreation Reserve, Flinders

Completed: April 2026

Ward: Coolart