

2023/24 AT A GLANCE

ACHIEVEMENTS



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS



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Recognition and celebration of volunteers during National Volunteering week 2024 and International Day of Volunteering 2023.



COMMUNITY LEADER GATHERING

The Community Leadership Gathering provided opportunities for leaders to reconnect with each other and with Council, as well as to hear their thoughts on what's next for community leadership in Maribyrnong.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



Council has delivered the following sustainability initiatives:

- Climate Emergency Conference
- School Climate Leadership Summit
- Implementation of The Adaptation Game (TAG)

VOLUNTEERING



1,700*
COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

*In some instances, volunteers may support multiple programs.



5,500*
VOLUNTEER HOURS



35
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Programs include:

- Positive steps walking group
- Maidstone reading club
- L2P mentor driver
- Spanish speaking playgroup
- West Footscray (WEFO) Community Choir
- Vietnamese playgroup
- Family Inclusive Language and Learning Support (FILLS) Program
- Line dancing
- Maidstone community playgroup
- Martial arts
- Climate action for Maribyrnong
- Craft
- Sewing
- Trans/rainbow social/group
- Local support group
- Home library delivery
- Concierge
- Environment activities.

THE AMBITION

The Maribyrnong People and Participation Strategy 2021-2026 has an ambitious and bold vision to reframe how Council supports, develops, and empowers the community to build its social capital through a culture of active participation in community life.

OUR PRINCIPLES

The MPPS is underpinned by a community development and social justice framework that respects diversity, equity, people, place, and planet, and is guided by the following principles:



Collaborative



Adaptable



Empowering



Championing



Inclusive

The community has been impacted by the COVID pandemic and the volunteering and community sectors in particular are reporting both demand but reduced resourcing. Initiatives such as the MPPS are important in making these issues visible and the call for advocacy and resourcing is strong.

PARTNERSHIPS



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Partnership agreement between Maribyrnong City Council and Volunteer West. The partnership implements initiatives to support capacity in volunteering.



4
NETWORK MEETINGS/
WORKSHOPS



11
OUTREACH EVENTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMS



2
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS



2
GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS



45
ATTENDEES

Community Grants have been identified in the MPPS as part of the infrastructure to facilitate opportunities for encouraging local participation and building capacity. The Community Grants Program continues to be a significant lever to enable local community to initiate projects. In the 2023-24 grant round Council received:



61
ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



24
PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING



22
PROJECTS INVOLVED VOLUNTEERS



\$255,000
TOTAL FUNDING