

2022-2023 AT A GLANCE

ACHIEVEMENTS

VOLUNTEERING



1,514*
COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

*In some instances, volunteers may support multiple programs.



3,795
VOLUNTEER HOURS



14
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Programs include: L2P Program / Knitting Club / Home Library Service / Walking Groups / Reading Clubs / Community Playgroups / Trans/Rainbow Social Group / Newsletter drops / Cooking Classes / Sewing Classes / Monthly Movies / Community Planting Days / Wetland Bike Ride / Clean up Australia Days

PARTNERSHIPS



1
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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



3
NETWORK MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS



3
OUTREACH EVENTS

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS



2
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS

Recognition and celebration of volunteers during National Volunteering week 2023 and International Day of Volunteering 2022.

COMMUNITY GRANTS



1
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



8
TRAINING SESSIONS



38
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 2022-23 grant round Council received:



58
ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

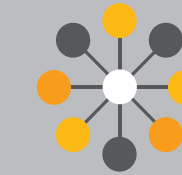


33
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING



\$276,205
TOTAL FUNDING

COLLABORATIONS



1
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT:
RECONNECT, RESPOND AND REBUILD

Delivery of the collaborative project – ‘Reconnect, Respond and Rebuild – Volunteering in Maribyrnong’ project. The project responds to the gaps in volunteering due to the slow return of volunteers to volunteering following the COVID pandemic.



2
CO-DESIGNED WORKSHOPS WITH
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The purpose of the workshops were to ‘Reconnect’ with organisations, analyse data from the workshops to ‘Respond’ and then identify needs and together with the community help; ‘Rebuild’ volunteering in Maribyrnong.



2
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
Held and facilitated by Volunteer West



25
PARTICIPANTS

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

We build partnerships and networks that foster strong connections and supporting structures to enable knowledge and skills sharing. We provide the infrastructure backbone that supports ecosystems of participation to flourish.



Adaptable

We are responsive, adapting to the needs of the community, recognising that they are seeking more meaningful roles with greater flexibility and that participation happens across a spectrum and takes many forms.



Empowering

We support place-based, community-led, and co-designed programs that cultivate a sense of reciprocity where community members influence decisions and pursue opportunities that align with their aspirations, ideas, capacity, and capabilities.
We support opportunities for participation that are built around people not institutions.



Championing

We champion and celebrate the skills, expertise, and wisdom of our community, their strengths, aspirations, and the value of their contributions. We communicate, promote, and celebrate all forms of participation, raising awareness and acknowledging that voluntary actions take many forms.



Inclusive

We work with everyone and put intercultural and intergenerational perspectives at the heart of what we do. We work to remove barriers to participation, to ensure opportunities are accessible and available to all in our diverse community. We support and encourage practices and opportunities that are inclusive, accessible, culturally aware, and safe.

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.