

Media Release

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FUNDING TO DELIVER A STRONGER NORTH RICHMOND

The Andrews Labor Government is partnering with North Richmond residents and community groups to deliver community projects that will enhance North Richmond and make it an even more vibrant place to live and visit.

Minister for Housing Colin Brooks today announced the recipients of the North Richmond Community Grants which will deliver almost \$900,000 to 26 projects.

The 26 community-led projects include twilight markets, a music and community festival, a women's sport festival, Chinese opera training classes, African drum, dance and song workshops, and free haircuts and massages for vulnerable and disadvantaged North Richmond residents.

North Richmond Community Health, Belgium Ave Neighbourhood House, Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club, Victoria Street Business Association, Mzuri Dance, Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange, African Family Services, and Richmond Joy Choir were among the community groups to receive grants.

An advisory panel made up of community representatives from the North Richmond Precinct Community Committee assessed the eligible applications, ensuring the people who live and work in North Richmond are directly involved in enriching their neighbourhood.

The North Richmond Community Grants deliver community-led initiatives that aim to improve access to services, employment or social connection.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$200 million in improving housing and infrastructure in the North Richmond precinct to improve safety and amenity for all residents.

The local community has played an important role in these revitalisation works, which include four new playgrounds, a new futsal pitch, kitchen gardens, a pedestrian pathway to better connect residents, upgraded community rooms and foyers, and improved green spaces.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Colin Brooks

"I'm so proud to be supporting the latest round of North Richmond Community Grants which will help to make North Richmond an even better place to work, live and visit."

"We've listened to the local community, who know their area best, and are delivering projects to build a better and more welcoming area."