

# Media Release

**The Hon Harriet Shing MP**  
Minister for Housing  
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## More Funding To Support South-East Community Projects

More than 20 community groups in Melbourne's south-east have been awarded funding to promote water security, share knowledge, protect the local environment, assist vulnerable people, and encourage the wider community to connect and get active.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing and Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards today joined South East Water to announce that 22 community groups have shared in \$140,000 as part of the 2024 Community Grants program.

The Community Grants program provides up to \$10,000 for a broad range of projects that help make communities better places to live, including essential food relief, accessible programs for people living with a disability, and health and wellbeing support for refugee communities.

The Rotary Club of Cranbourne is one of the 22 recipients of the program this year, with grant funding supporting its volunteers to deliver their 'Water Wise Wallies' project, in partnership with Cranbourne West Primary School.

The grant will help the club continue its legacy of support for the school's vegetable garden, providing rainwater tanks and irrigation to save precious drinking water and keep the garden green all year round.

Now in its fifth year, South East Water's annual Community Grants program has provided more than \$475,000 in funding to 88 community groups across Melbourne's south-east.

For more information on this year's recipients, visit [southeastwater.com.au/grants](https://southeastwater.com.au/grants).

### Quote attributable to Minister for Water Harriet Shing

*"From sustainable gardens to better safety in recreational water activities, South East Water's Community Grants program continues to support a range of local groups to achieve inclusive, sustainable and liveable outcomes."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

*"Congratulations to The Rotary Club of Cranbourne for their continued support and collaborative partnerships with our school communities to deliver great learning outcomes for local students and their families."*

### Quote attributable to South East Water Managing Director Lara Olsen

*"We're proud to support the work of the many volunteers behind these important community projects. We look forward to seeing the broad range of benefits they'll deliver for our customers, community and environment."*