

Media Release

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DELIVERING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE WEST

Community groups and organisations across the inner-west will share in almost \$500,000 through the Andrews Labor Government's West Gate Neighbourhood Fund – bringing people together and improving neighbourhoods near where it is being built.

A broad range of 22 new projects will benefit through the second round of grants – ensuring the benefits of the project to the local community start now.

The grants of up to \$100,000 have been awarded for festivals, events, displays and upgrades to community, and recreational facilities run by not-for-profit community groups and organisations, to benefit the Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong City Council areas.

Recipients in the latest round of grants include Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek for a heritage bridge rejuvenation, Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre for a “Nurtured by Nature” mental health program and Altona Miniature Railway Inc for new passenger carriages.

Williamstown Community and Education Centre will use its funding to buy computers for a new community house, while the Rotary Club of Yarraville will bring the local community together for a Halloween party.

The grants follow on from earlier rounds of partnerships and grants that have now seen almost \$7.5 million distributed for 69 programs benefiting the community across the inner west.

When complete the West Gate Tunnel Project will transform travel in Melbourne's west – delivering a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, providing a much needed second river crossing, and removing more than 9000 trucks from residential streets.

Journeys will be safer and more reliable with travel times between Melbourne's west and the city slashed by up to 20 minutes.

There will also be 14 kilometers of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths, and close to 9 hectares of new parks and wetlands.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will be complete in 2025.

Quotes attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

“While the West Gate Tunnel Project will transform travel in Melbourne's west we want to see its benefits flow to all parts of the neighbourhood sooner rather than later.”

“We're proud to be helping the community bring more exciting and innovative ideas to life to reflect the vibrancy of the inner west.”