

# North Richmond Precinct Grants 2026 - Approved

NthRichPrec006: **Rally4Ever**

*RALLY4EVER Community Tennis & Pickleball Program for Richmond*

**Project Description:** Our project will deliver a free, weekly tennis & pickleball program at a local courts engaging residents across ages, abilities and backgrounds. The program will advance physical activity, mental wellbeing, and stronger connections and aligns with the priorities of the North Richmond Precinct Community Grants Program: health, wellbeing & participation.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with the outcome of improving health and wellbeing.

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NthRichPrec007: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*Get Connected*

**Project Description:** We aim to upgrade our outdated computer systems to boost digital literacy programs, improve user experience in the drop-in space, and relaunch the computer rooms as a welcoming space. Faster, reliable equipment will ensure positive learning experiences, attract more community members, and help participants build essential digital skills with confidence.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application demonstrates community needs and collaboration with other local agencies. The application is also supported by other grants that can expand the reach of this funding.

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NthRichPrec008: **SalamFest Incorporated**

*رنگ و ربط: Sip, Print and Connect*

**Project Description:** رنگ و ربط: Sip, Print and Connect is a women-only creative workshop in North Richmond where participants enjoy chai while learning block printing. Each woman brings a fabric item from home to decorate with hand carved blocks and vibrant dyes. Guided by a local artist, the session fosters creativity, wellbeing, connection, and cultural celebration in a welcoming, inclusive space.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application is aligned with one of the key priority areas (health, wellbeing and community participation). The activities will have a positive impact on the community.

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NthRichPrec009: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*North Richmond Wellness Club*

**Project Description:** North Richmond Wellness Club will bring together older people for gentle movement and exercise and will be welcome to all. The weekly activities will be led by a trained yoga instructor, and classes will be responsive to the needs of the group. Cultural celebrations will be practiced for a Vietnamese fan dance at a public event.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application demonstrates a need in the community through engagement with visitors of the local neighbourhood house - and participation of community members in the delivery of the project. The project aligns with one of the priority areas for the precinct.

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**NthRichPrec011: Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.**

*Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Cultural Exchange Event*

**Project Description:** This project will deliver a Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Cultural Exchange Event on 7 March 2026 at the Richmond Public Housing Community Centre. The event will showcase calligraphy and painting artworks and provide interactive workshops for residents, fostering cultural exchange, reducing isolation, and strengthening community cohesion while promoting wellbeing across the North Richmond community.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with the key priority areas.

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**NthRichPrec012: MELBOURNE YARRA YUE OPERA TROUPE INCORPORATED**

*Chinese Opera Performance for Lunar New Year and Community Connection*

**Project Description:** This project will deliver a Chinese Opera Performance on 14 February 2026 at the Richmond Public Housing Community Centre. The event will celebrate the Lunar New Year, promote traditional Chinese culture, and provide seniors and local residents with a joyful cultural experience. It will strengthen social connections, reduce isolation, and foster community harmony.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application meets one of the key priority areas.

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**NthRichPrec013: NORTH RICHMOND ELDERLY CHINESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION MELBOURNE INC**

*Lunar New Year Seniors Celebration with Mahjong and Community Gathering*

**Project Description:** North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association will host a Lunar New Year Celebration on 26 February 2026 at the Richmond Public Housing Community Centre in North Richmond. The Association has long supported local seniors with regular cultural gatherings, recreational games, and festive activities in the Richmond public housing precinct. Mahjong and Lunar New Year celebrations are especially popular among elderly residents, many of whom have requested more opportunities to celebrate together. Community members have expressed strong enthusiasm for this event, noting its value in reducing isolation and promoting wellbeing. In addition, local organisations and leaders have shown their support for this initiative, confirming that it will strengthen social ties and benefit the wider North Richmond community.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application addresses one of the key priority areas (Health, wellbeing and community participation). The project will support elderly residents of the precinct - this cohort is supportive of the project. The project will be delivered in the precinct community hub, which should already have mahjong tables.

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NthRichPrec017: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*Her Well-being Program*

**Project Description:** The Her Well-being Program aims to create a supportive environment for five to eight migrant women aged 25 to 50. Through a series of four DIY workshops and women's circles, participants will build meaningful connections by combining hands-on creative activities with peer sharing sessions.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application addresses one of the key priority areas (Health, wellbeing and community participation). It demonstrates community need through engagement at the local neighbourhood house. Good project for newly arrived female immigrants to be part of the community around the precinct.

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NthRichPrec019: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*Nourishing North Richmond: Community Kitchenette Renewal*

**Project Description:** This project idea came from community members who use the house. They love the newly upgraded catering / commercial kitchen and have asked for improvements to the kitchenette. The community cooks have also asked that the kitchenette be upgraded so that community members can use this to prepare tea/ coffee/ lunch, rather than accessing the catering kitchen facilities.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application meets two key priority areas, and the project has been proposed by community members.

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NthRichPrec026: **North Richmond Community Health**

*Community Hub Recycling*

**Project Description:** Setting up a recycling station at the NRCH Community Hub for residents to place materials that can be recycled. As residents start to look at relocating from the towers education on recycling and not throwing all materials to hard rubbish is essential. Whilst we meet and work with the broader recycling across the north Richmond housing estate, we would like to set up some basics at the Hub. We will purchase recycling bins to set up at the Community Hub for the community to place in x-rays, vapes/e-cigarettes, e-waste, plastic shopping bags, coffee capsules/grind, light globes, coffee cups, egg cartons, glasses, wine corks, bottles/cans etc. We would purchase as many closed recycling bins as possible to see what the community recycle and engage in the most

**Amount Requested:** \$990

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with one priority area. It also aligns with one of the actions in the NRP Community Action plan 25-26 (re: cleanliness of the estate).

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NthRichPrec027: **Miss San Tran**

*SHERO: Fertility Education Seminar*

**Project Description:** This seminar aims to empower women from multicultural and low socioeconomic backgrounds with knowledge about fertility and reproductive health. Many women in these communities lack access to accurate, culturally sensitive information about their bodies and fertility planning. Through an interactive workshop, participants will learn about the menstrual cycle, ovulation, common fertility challenges, and when to seek medical support.

Women will have a better understanding of their reproductive health and feel more confident making informed decisions about family planning. The goal is to break down myths, encourage early healthcare engagement, and promote conversations that lead to better long-term health outcomes.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with one key priority area and adds value to the North Richmond community by providing targeted education to women. The project has been piloted with a different cohort in the past and had good feedback. The partnerships are already in place. Good project to support women from multicultural and disadvantage socioeconomic backgrounds. It also promotes health and wellbeing of women and helps them in family planning. This will help with community health and health services in the long term.

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**NthRichPrec032: Brewers End**

*Instagram Influencer Video*

**Project Description:** In order to revitalise the economy of Victoria Street, The Brewers End has the long-term goal of raising public awareness of the amenities available in the street.

With this grant, and with the assistance of Head On Agency of North Richmond, we will produce a short video that brings interest and attention to our traders and neighbourhood by revealing the exciting and diverse array of venues that make Victoria Street a fun place to be. The video will target the Instagram audience who are outside the neighbourhood and curious to experience what the street offers in the way that the Lower Johnston Street initiative brought life to that street.

While the Brewers End (TBE) Instagram account has existed for well over a year, a substantive video, enabled by this grant, will galvanise area traders to support the TBE initiative by showing that the initiative is thriving and of high quality. This video will be a calling card to enlist area traders to join and support the initiative.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** Great initiative to promote businesses as well as Victoria Street.

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**NthRichPrec033: The Resilient Journeys**

*Resilient Businesses, Stronger Communities*

**Project Description:** Resilient Businesses, Stronger Communities is a 2.5-hour interactive workshop designed to empower local business owners and sole traders in the North Richmond Precinct to build resilient, inclusive, and sustainable workplaces that attract and retain local talent.

**Amount Requested:** \$980

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with two priorities around economic revitalisation and jobs.

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**NthRichPrec034: MELBOURNE WEINER ELECTROACOUSTIC ORCHESTRA INCORPORATED**

*Celebrate Chinese New Year*

**Project Description:** This event is to celebrate the orchestra's first anniversary and welcome the New Lunar Year, the leader will speak on behalf of the board of directors and extend greetings wishing everyone good health and peace in the new year, thanking community members for continued support and companionship and volunteers for their dedication. There will be performances by the orchestra and dishes of local delicacies specifically to celebrate CNY. Through this event, the elderly living within the community and on the estate will feel at home celebrating with family. They will not feel lonely and become engaged within the community itself.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The project aligns with one of the key priority areas (Health, wellbeing and community participation).

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NthRichPrec035: **Miss San Tran**

*SHERO : Perimenopause and Menopause Education Seminar*

**Project Description:** The SHERO Health Series delivers interactive, culturally sensitive seminars on fertility, perimenopause/menopause, STIs and consent, and women's cancer screening. Designed for women from multicultural and low socioeconomic backgrounds, the project aims to improve women's reproductive health literacy, break stigma, and empower women to make informed decisions and take proactive steps toward their wellbeing.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with program key priority as it supports NRP community health and wellbeing. While the applicant has submitted four other applications under the same banner (SHERO), the topics of the seminars are all different and will provide well-rounded education to multicultural women in the precinct. Older population of women, particularly with CALD and disadvantage socioeconomic community, have limited understanding about women's health. Health education can play an important part on community health and reduce the pressure on health services.

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NthRichPrec037: **Ms Pin Li (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts Projects)**

*China Dragon Boat Festival Peking Opera Lecture*

**Project Description:** We propose to hold a session titled "China Dragon Boat Festival: Peking Opera Lecture", featuring a Beijing Opera instructor who will provide members with an introduction to the history and cultural background of Peking Opera, as well as professional guidance to further refine their vocal techniques and stage performance skills.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** This activity promotes traditional Chinese Opera.

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NthRichPrec042: **Ms Karen Hovenga**

*North Richmond Bike bus*

**Project Description:** The project will provide advertising and support to develop a bicycle bus for kids and parents to ride to school at Yarra Primary School and Trinity Primary School. It aims to encourage families to use bicycles for transport to school instead of driving. The Bike Bus provides a safe route and support to get started, as well as a fun community atmosphere. The project will run during Terms 1 and 2 2026 with the aim that the Bus can become self-sustaining with parent involvement after that.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application has merit and aligns with two key priority areas.

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NthRichPrec043: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*Local women ready to work*

**Project Description:** Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House will deliver a four-week program supporting local women (particularly those who have never been employed before and newly arrived migrant women who have not worked in Australia) to gain the basic administrative tools needed to enter the workforce. This project will bring together a small group of women over four weeks, providing hands-on support to complete these foundational employment requirements. Sessions will be delivered in a supportive and culturally safe environment at Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House, with bilingual staff and interpreters as needed.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application supports both community participation, economic inclusion and local jobs for local people. Good initiative to prepare women for work and support the local economy.

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NthRichPrec044: **Mr Khanh Lam**

*Dancing Around the World- Connecting Cultures Through Movement*

**Project Description:** Dancing Around the World is a weekly community dance program for residents living in North Richmond Precinct. The project aims to bring people together through the joy of learning dances from different cultures while supporting both physical and mental wellbeing. Participants will explore a new style of dance like line dancing, cha- cha, Zumba, twist and fan dance. Led by dance instructor and community volunteers. Sessions will be designed to be fun, inclusive and suitable for all ages, genders and abilities. Through shared music and movement, residents can build friendships, appreciate each other's cultures and strengthen community connection around North Richmond.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** This application addresses one of the key priority areas (health, wellbeing and community participation) Good project to connect community and promote social activities.

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NthRichPrec045: **Ms Linh Nguyen**

*Gentle Moves for Better Health*

**Project Description:** Gentle Moves for Better Health is a community led program designed by local residents from North Richmond public housing. The project offers weekly gentle exercise sessions, such as yoga, tai chi, and stretching chosen by participants and supported by a qualified instructor. It aims to improve residents' physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connection in a friendly, supportive environment.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The project is aligned with one key priority area and is delivered by and for members of the NRP community. Good initiative to promote social activities and connection within community.

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NthRichPrec046: **Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House**

*Hello Spring 2026- Lunar New Year Celebration*

**Project Description:** Hello Spring 2026 – Lunar New Year Celebration is a community event held at the North Richmond Housing Estate, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Led by local Vietnamese residents and volunteers, the festival features music, dance, food, and cultural sharing to promote connection, inclusion, and multicultural understanding.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with one of the key priority areas for the program, delivered for and by the local community through the neighbourhood house. Good annual celebration for Lunar New Year which will attract community members from the area.

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NthRichPrec048: **Miss San Tran**

*SHERO: STIs and Consent Education Seminar*

**Project Description:** This seminar aims to promote safer sexual health practices and strengthen understanding of consent among women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Often, these topics are not openly discussed, leading to misinformation, stigma, and preventable health issues. The session will cover common STIs, symptoms, prevention, and the importance of regular testing. It will also focus on consent; what it means, how to communicate boundaries, and how to access help or support if needed. Delivered in a culturally respectful and confidential environment, the seminar will use real-life scenarios and visual tools to make the content engaging and relatable.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with program key priority as it supports NRP community health and wellbeing. This seminar will be especially important for younger multicultural women in the precinct. Good program for health and wellbeing promotion within the disadvantage socioeconomic community. This will reduce the pressure on the health services in the long run.

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NthRichPrec049: **Miss San Tran**

*SHERO: Cervical Cancer Screening Awareness Seminar*

**Project Description:** This seminar will educate women about the importance of cervical cancer screening and empower them to prioritise preventive healthcare. The workshop will explain what the cervical screening test is, why it's important, and how the new self-collection option works. It will also address common myths and cultural sensitivities in a respectful and supportive environment. By providing accessible information and open conversation, this seminar hopes to increase screening participation, encourage early detection, and ultimately save lives. Participants will leave feeling informed, reassured, and motivated to take proactive steps for their health.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with program key priority as it supports NRP community health and wellbeing.

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NthRichPrec050: **Miss San Tran**

*SHERO: Ovarian Cancer Awareness and Screening Seminar*

**Project Description:** This educational seminar will raise awareness about ovarian cancer, known for its vague symptoms and lack of early screening tests. The seminar will cover warning signs, risk factors, family history awareness, and the importance of seeking medical attention for persistent symptoms. Participants will also learn about available support services and how to advocate for themselves during healthcare appointments. By empowering women with accurate information, this seminar aims to promote early recognition and timely medical follow-up, improving the chances of better outcomes. Ultimately, it seeks to break the silence around ovarian cancer and encourage women to trust and understand their bodies.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns with program key priority as it supports NRP community health and wellbeing.

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**NthRichPrec052: Two Square Pegs**

*Inspiring Micro-Enterprise Panel Talk*

**Project Description:** The Inspiring Micro-Enterprise Panel Talk will engage residents of North Richmond, Abbotsford and Collingwood, particularly those from public housing. Through stories from three diverse local entrepreneurs and by sharing lived experiences and practical lessons, the event promotes enterprise development as a pathway to employment, aligning with local economic strategies to foster innovation, inclusion, skills development and community connection.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application closely aligns with two key priority areas and actions in the NRPC Community Action Plan 25-26 (economic revitalisations and inclusion + local jobs for local people). Good program to encourage and promote entrepreneurship.

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**NthRichPrec053: Mai YOUTH Club Ltd**

*Kickstart Connections: Youth Wellbeing and Belonging in Richmond*

**Project Description:** Kickstart Connections, is a small-scale pilot project designed to strengthen mental wellbeing, belonging, and social participation among young people in the City of Yarra. This project will run over three months (March-May 2026) and will consist of three key components: a launch event, a series of creative wellbeing workshops, and a community celebration and showcase. Participation will be free, and the program will prioritise accessibility for young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, low-income families, and those experiencing disadvantage or isolation.

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Recommendation:** \$1,000

**Panel Comments:** The application aligns to one of the key priority areas, with particular focus on young people. Good program to connection young people and connect wider community with families.

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