

Tiny Towns Fund

Funded projects in Melbourne Interface areas

1.1. Tiny Towns Fund

Across outer metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, our tiny towns are great places to live and visit.

The Tiny Towns Fund seeks to increase liveability, opportunity and prosperity by delivering better public places and spaces in these communities, providing facilities for local families, building community capacity, and increasing visitation that benefits local businesses.

Towns with a population of up to 5,000 people in the 48 local government areas of regional Victoria, as well as Alpine Resorts and Melbourne's 10 interface outer metropolitan local government areas, were eligible to apply.

The fund has been delivered in 3 rounds; Round 1 in 2024, Round 2 in 2025 and Round 3 in 2026. For the 10 interface outer metropolitan local government areas, Round 1 provided \$812,577 in funding to 24 projects. Round 2 provided \$756,554 to 21 projects. Round 3 provided \$822,589 in funding to 25 projects.

A total of \$2,391,720 in funding was provided for 70 projects in our interface areas.

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Tiny Towns Fund – Round 3 Successful Interface Applicants

Delivery Partner	Project Name	Details	Location	Funding
Balnarring Community Hub Inc	Balnarring Integrated Community and wetlands Project	This project delivers small-scale capital and environmental improvement through targeted weed and pest control, revegetation, habitat infrastructure, wildlife monitoring, and upgraded signage and boardwalks, also improving patron safety and accessibility.	Balnarring	\$46,960
Casey City Council	Casey Urban Youth Canvas	This project will engage young people to co-design ways to activate the Tooradin Skate Park. This will include facilitated workshops and creative exploration, building skills, leadership and shared responsibility.	Tooradin	\$25,000



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Casey City Council	Pearcedale Street Beautification and Parks Upgrade	The project will increase the appeal and appearance of local streets alongside improvements to public open space by planting an additional 225 trees in the local area.	Pearcedale	\$50,000
Casey City Council	Witness Stand - Harkaway	The project will install Witness Stand, a place-based sound installation taking the physical form of an outdoor seating bank and immersive sound system.	Harkaway	\$15,000
Cardinia Shire	Avonsleigh Tree Planting and Kindergarten Pedestrian Links	The project will improve the road surface along key stretches of Avon Road to improve the access to the kindergarten and enable better pedestrian options in the township. It will include a tree planting program across Avonsleigh.	Avonsleigh	\$50,000
Cardinia Shire	Bunyip Shopping Precinct Beautification	The project will introduce street trees to the shopping precinct to upgrade the public amenity: reducing heat island impacts, improving air quality and providing a buffer from road noise.	Bunyip	\$5,915
Cardinia Shire	Gembrook Community Centre Streetscaping	This project will upgrade the street connection to improve pedestrian access to the centre, particularly for those with mobility constraints. Tree planting will also be incorporated.	Gembrook	\$19,100
Cardinia Shire	Maryknoll Heritage Public Artwork	The project will result in a permanent public artwork to celebrate the community and mark the 75 year milestone in the town's history.	Maryknoll	\$50,000
Cardinia Shire	Public Toilet Renewal – Yarrabubba Reserve, Nar Nar Goon Nth	The project will construct a new accessible public toilet facility at Yarrabubba Reserve, Nar Nar Goon Nth.	Nar Nar Goon Nth	\$40,000



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Cardinia Shire	Tynong Township Strategic Planning Policy	The project will develop a policy statement to establish the strategic directions to assist future land use and development decisions and what capital works are required to assist the towns activation. It will include a Gender Impact Statement and communi	Tynong	\$28,000
Cardinia Shire	Upper Beaconsfield Community Access Package	The project will combine a community-informed tree planting program with the renewal of McBride Road and the Beaconsfields Gold Club access road to improve the town's access to seven locally significant community facilities that are currently difficult for	Upper Beaconsfield	\$44,150
Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Recreation Reserve Safety & Facility Upgrade Project	The project will deliver priority safety and facility upgrades, including installing safety fencing, replacing the damaged pump shed and upgrading the canteen shelving and benches.	Cora Lynn	\$33,342
Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association Inc	Gembrook Stories Trails – Main Street History Trail	The project will install a visitor-focused walking trail experience designed to reveal local history supported by rich, QR-accessed digital storytelling.	Gembrook	\$29,953
Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association Inc	Stories in many forms art trail	The project will install a trail 6 pieces of commissioned art at different locations. Each artwork reflects a different way of seeing place: some literal, some symbolic, some emotional.	Cockatoo	\$27,248
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc	Yellingbo Indigenous Nursery: Refurbishment & Revitalisation	The project will refurbish the nursery's public-facing areas and integrate thoughtful landscaping and local artworks.	Yellingbo	\$45,375
Kooweerup Cricket Club	Koo Wee Rup Community Kitchen Upgrade	The project will install a new commercial oven, cooktop, refrigeration and dishwasher, supply and install new benchtops and cabinetry, and repair flooring and tiling.	Koo Wee Rup	\$50,000



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Nar Nar Goon Progress Association Inc	Nar Nar Goon Family History Project	The project will engage the community in the preparation of a history book containing family stories about living in Nar Nar Goon, collate these family stories into a published book and plan a community event for the launch.	Nar Nar Goon	\$12,670
Nillumbik Shire	Strathewen Reserve Playground Redevelopment	The project will upgrade and enhance the Strathewen Community playground. Works will deliver a new combination play unit that, the replacement of swings and a new spring rocker.	Strathewen	\$27,500
The Scout Association of Australia Victorian branch	Bringing Colour and Safety to the 1st Cockatoo Scout Hall	The project will install a professionally designed mural across the three publicly visible exterior walls. The project will also replace three damaged, non-functioning front window shutters with new operable shutters and install a decorative metal screen	Cockatoo	\$20,606
Tooradin Public Hall (community) Hall Committee Inc.	Tooradin Public Hall Kitchen Upgrade.	The project will upgrade and improve the Tooradin Public Hall with new cupboards, drawers & benchtops, new oven, upgrading the current plumbing, relocation of current appliances, upgrading to a larger sink and mixer, tiling of new splashback, new floorin	Tooradin	\$24,500
Wandong History Group Inc	Moments That Matter	The project will produce a 2 part series documentary of 20-25 minutes each on the history of the Wandong township and one of its early pioneer families of German descent.	Wandong	\$48,000
Werribee Park Heritage Orchard	Werribee Park Heritage Orchard Access Infrastructure Upgrade	The project will improve internal and external wayfinding signage and relocate the nursery and upgrade infrastructure (including purpose built greenhouse and irrigation system plus a 15000L water tank).	Werribee South	\$32,500
Wyndham Park Community Centre Inc	Community Outdoor Gathering & Native Habitat Enhancement	This project will create a native garden and insect habitat as well as a plaque in recognition of Diggers Road 100 years since construction.	Werribee South	\$7,050



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Yarra Ranges Shire	Coldstream Station Activation Stage 2	The project will upgrade the Coldstream Station Pump Track and will deliver a trackside shelter, a public BBQ, and new furniture.	Coldstream	\$39,720
Yarra Valley Ecosystem Inc	ECOSS Sewer Connections	The project will connect 5 buildings at ECOSS to the new Sewer treatment plant that Yarra Ranges Council is installing onsite. This will include 2 new toilet installations (1 accessible).	Wesburn	\$50,000

Tiny Towns Fund – Round 2 Successful Interface Applicants

Delivery Partner	Project Name	Details	Location	Funding
Allwood Neighbourhood House Inc	Allwood Performance Space Upgrade	This project will involve upgrades to internal and external spaces used for community performances and events through accessible signage and pathways, fit for purpose performance space, and audio visual equipment upgrades.	Hurstbridge	\$50,000
Arthurs Creek Community Centre	Kitchen Upgrade	The project will involve the removal and disposal of existing infrastructure, replacement of foundation stumps as required, checking plumbing and electrics, refurbishment, installation of new appliances and cabinetry.	Arthurs Creek	\$40,000
Bunyip showgrounds & Reserve Committee of Management Inc	Playground enhancement	The project will involve an upgrade to existing playground including installation of a carousel for people of all abilities. The project will improve the quality and accessibility of the playground to meet the needs of the increasing number of families and children in the area.	Bunyip	\$50,000



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Casey City Council	Blind Bight Street and open space beautification	The project will increase the appeal and appearance of local streets along side improvements to public open space. This will involve extensive tree planting to increase the tree canopy and improvements to the streetscape. The works will include tree planting, site preparation works, planting to contract specification, installation of water wells and stakes.	Blind Bight	\$43,422
Casey City Council	Greening Devon Meadows - Street and open space beautification	The project will increase the appeal and appearance of local streets along side improvements to public open space. This will involve extensive tree planting to increase the tree canopy and improvements to the streetscape. The funding will be utilised for the supply of tree stock, site preparation works, planting to contract specification, installation of water wells and stakes.	Devon Meadows	\$44,784
Casey City Council	Irene Parade Playground Renewal Cannons Creek	The project will involve the the design and installation of a new playground in Cannons Creek. The new design will provide the Cannons Creek community and visitors the opportunity to enjoy a modern, enhanced play space located within a natural picturesque setting surrounded by native vegetation. The installation will provide all abilities access, all abilities play equipment, including sensory items and nature play opportunities. Additionally, this project will upgrade aged park infrastructure including picnic tables and seating, which reflect the natural coastal setting.	Cannons Creek	\$50,000



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Diamond Valley Archers Inc	Target Range Disability Access Upgrade.	The project will involve upgrades to the Archery range to enable people of all abilities to participate in all aspects of the sport through the construction of accessible laneways on the archery range. This new surface will significantly enhance the experience for para-archers, removing barriers and ensuring equal opportunity to participate in this rewarding sport. The project will promote inclusivity and grow participation in archery, particularly among para-archers.	Yarrambat	\$17,886
Little River Mechanics Institute	Supply and Installation of stage lighting	The project will involve the installation of theatre/stage lighting for performing arts and other users. The project will help attract live performances which will increase utilisation of the hall and financial capacity of the committee to maintain the heritage listed facility.	Little River	\$17,048
Mitchell Shire Council	We are Beveridge Community Art Project	The "We Are Beveridge" project will engage the communities through artist-led workshops exploring local stories and characters. The contribution of 20 community champions will be honoured by artworks the artist will then paint on a vibrant garden of 'art poles' outside the Greater Beveridge Community Centre. The permanent artwork will enhance the Centre's appeal while fostering social connections, promoting participation in community life, and addressing social isolation.	Beveridge	\$9,695
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Merricks to Red Hill Rail Trail Wayfinding Signage	This project will deliver wayfinding and informative signage along the rail trail and at its entrances. The project will help guide trail-users to find key facilities along the track.	Merricks	\$46,100
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Tyabb Tennis Lighting	The project will involve the Installation of lighting at Tyabb Tennis Club to allow for longer periods of use and increased capacity for residents and visitors to engage in active social recreation through tennis.	Tyabb	\$50,000



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Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House	Community gardens upgrade and art space	The project will involve upgrades to the Garfield Community Gardens to create an art space, seating, decking, covered BBQ area, drinking fountain and artworks for the community. The project connects directly to the Moy-Yan Neighbourhood House and will create a space of respite, connection, beauty and shelter for the community.	Garfield	\$40,000
St Andrews Community Centre	St Andrews Tile Revival project	The project will involve the creation of a vibrant community seating area including an arbour and garden that honours the residents of St Andrews and their connection to the Community Centre. The community will play an active role in the entire process contributing to the design, construction, and creation of new tiles to be incorporated into the structure, fostering a strong sense of ownership and collaboration.	St Andrews	\$17,275
The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - 1st Red Hill Scout Group	Cook, Share, Connect: The Scout Hall Kitchen Project	This project will involve works to upgrade the outdated kitchen in the 1st Red Hill Scout hall. Works will include demolishing the existing kitchen and installing new cabinetry, appliances, plumbing, and electrical work, all in compliance with local health and safety standards.	Red Hill	\$50,000
The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, 1st Selby Scout Group	Warming Our Selby Scouts	This project involves the installation of heaters to the Scouts Hall for their growing 1st Selby Scouts Group. Works will involve the installation of two reverse cycle split systems to improve the facility and comfort of the participants.	Selby	\$7,920



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The Toorak Angling and South Eastern Anglers Clubs	Facility Upgrades	The project will involve upgrades to the community hall to expand its use as a multi-purpose community space. Works includes improvement to the roof, connection to the clubhouse, electrical, structure, framing, plastering and air conditioning. The project will also involve the installation of computer projection facilities and internet access to enable the provision of training programs for the local communities.	Warneet	\$50,000
Turningpoint Church (Cranbourne Christian Fellowship Centre)	Pathway to Care: Improving accessibility	The project will involve the creation a safe, accessible, and welcoming space for residents to access emergency food hampers and material aid. The upgrades will involve a new carpark, installing outdoor lighting and signage, and carrying out essential interior renovations.	Koo Wee Rup	\$50,000
Villages of Mt Dandenong	Artistic Plant & Seating Installations - Sassafras & Olinda	The project will involve improvements to the streetscapes of Sassafras and Olinda. Works will include installation of seating, plantings, artwork and lighting. These works will be undertaken along the under-utilised land between the curb and the village green on the North side of Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, and selected locations in Olinda.	Olinda	\$39,950
Wattle Glen Tennis Club Inc	LED Light Upgrade	The project will involve the replacement of twelve halogen court lights with energy efficient LED lights to increase participation and utilisation of the facility and to ensure the financial viability of the Tennis Club.	Wattle Glen	\$23,374



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Western Port Tourism	Tourism Information Boards installation and upgrades	The project involves the updating and installation of five tourism information boards at key locations across the region, designed to enhance visitor experience and accessibility. The project includes: refreshing the current boards in Arthurs Seat and Red Hill to ensure accurate and up-to-date information; and install new boards: in Flinders, Merricks and Balnarring, each featuring essential information about local businesses, attractions, and activities. These boards will serve as mini visitor information hubs, particularly useful for visitors who may not have mobile reception or prefer printed materials.	Flinders	\$9,100
Yarra Junction Community Group Incorporated	Yarra Junction Public Art	The project will involve workshops to engage local communities in documenting the history of Yarra Junction. An outcome of our workshops will be a roadmap to our future vision of placemaking for Yarra Junction and further beatification and public art plans. Works will include murals, sculptures, streetscaping, lighting features and more. Murals will be produced on the public library and Yarra Burn community centre building, improving the look of the town. The project is expected to attract more visitors to the area and beautify the town with public art.	Yarra Junction	\$50,000

Tiny Towns Fund – Round 1 Successful Interface Applicants

Delivery Partner	Project Name	Details	Location	Funding
A E Cracknell Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.	Audio, Video and Lighting System for the Hall Stage	The project will include the installation of audio, video and lighting system at the Panton Hill Hall. The upgrades will increase use of a space where community members gather, socialise and celebrate.	Panton Hill	\$47,633



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Badger Creek Hall Committee of Mgmt	Hall & Carpark Safety & Security Lighting	The project will refurbish and upgrade existing facility in Badger Creek by upgrading internal lighting and fans, and install carpark lighting to provide safety and security. This project will enhance greater community cohesion and build greater community connection.	Badger Creek	\$16,300
Blind Bight Community Cntr Management Committee Inc	Refurbishment and upgrade to hall and office	The project will install new block out and sheer blinds to the Blind Bight Community Centre hall, replacing the old curtains. The old curtains are falling down, stained and ripped making the hall look very worn and shabby. The hall is used as a multi-purpose space for the local community including childcare, playgroup, dance classes, exercise classes, fundraising and social events, recreational senior's and children's activities.	Blind Bight	\$5,491
Bunyip Connect Inc	Adventure Playground	The project will deliver a playground for the wider community and younger families in Bunyip and surrounds.	Bunyip	\$38,086
Cardinia Shire Council	Greenland Court Reserve Playspace Upgrade	The project will replace the 26 year-old worn and faded playground at Greenland Court Reserve in Garfield with modern play equipment and seating that offers play experiences for children of all ages, and their caregivers.	Garfield	\$50,000
Cardinia Shire Council	Lang Lang Public Artwork	The project will develop, design, construct and install a signature public art work in Lang Lang. The public artwork will be inspired by Lang Lang's rich culture and diverse people with the intention of significantly increasing visitation to the town and stimulating economic growth. The project will culminate with a community co-designed celebration event bringing local residents together to enjoy their collective achievement.	Lang Lang	\$50,000



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Casey City Council	Greening Tooradin - Street beautification and Parks upgrade	The project will beautify the amenity of local streets and improve public open spaces including parks in the town of Tooradin through the planting of 225 trees in 6 reserves, 1 community centre and 8 streets. The funding will be utilised for supply of tree stock, site preparation, planting, installation of stakes and water wells, mulching and establishment maintenance of trees for 2 years.	Narre Warren	\$45,429
Casey City Council	Warneet Recreation Reserve Playground Renewal	The project will provide an enhanced play space including all abilities access, all abilities play equipment including sensory items and nature play space/equipment. The playground will benefit the local community of Warneet and promote visitation.	Warneet	\$50,000
Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Dam restoration	The project will restore the leak in the existing dam to ensure a reliable water source for irrigation purposes for the football oval as well as a clean and reliable source of drinking water for the neighbouring horse club.	Cora Lynn	\$8,250
Hilltop Recreation Association Inc	Olinda Reserve Asphaltting	The project will deliver asphaltting works surrounding the Olinda Reserve Social Rooms. The area is currently uneven, rutted and dangerous.	Olinda	\$45,500
Hillview Bunyip Aged Care Inc	Eileen Dawes Activity Centre - Kitchen Fit out	The project will upgrade the fit out of the existing kitchen in a space currently used as a community meeting place for the Bunyip community. This project will provide the local community another facility catered by all user groups.	Bunyip	\$5,000
Kallista Mechanics Institute Hall	Hall Rejuvenation	The project will deliver essential maintenance and refurbishments to the historic Kallista Mechanics Hall to facilitate ongoing use by the local community. Refurbishments will include kitchen and bathroom upgrades, painting, and safety and accessibility improvements.	Kallista	\$50,000



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Koo Wee Rup Township Committee Inc	Koo Wee Rup Train Mural	The project will deliver a mural in the Koo Wee Rup town centre opposite the restored and no longer used railway station. The mural will feature a train, a representation of the old station and reproduce classic photos of trucks lined up to deliver potatoes. The mural will boost community pride and visitor numbers.	Koo Wee Rup	\$28,800
Millgrove Residents Action Group	Millgrove River Reserve Revitalisation	The project will revitalise the Yarra River Reserve in Millgrove by developing a land management master plan to incorporate weed control and conservation training program for targeted Millgrove residents. The project will also install interpretive signage and conduct community wide working bees, embracing community cohesion and enhancing community public spaces.	Millgrove	\$46,800
Mornington Peninsula Shire	Bittern Community Hall Amenity	The project will deliver a modern and upgraded amenity block with all-abilities access to service the Bittern community and its visitors.	Bittern	\$50,000
Nillumbik Shire Council	Hurstbridge Community Hub Shade Sail	The project will install a permanent shade over the outdoor courtyard of the Hurstbridge Community Hub, making it more functional, accessible and inclusive space for all members of the public to utilise all year round.	Hurstbridge	\$30,000
Point Nepean Mens Shed Association	Stringer Reserve Facility Extension	This project will provide additional workshop space to include equipment to support new activities at the Mens Shed, avoiding unnecessary and potentially unsafe overcrowding in the existing facility.	Blairgowrie	\$22,000
Research Tennis Club Inc	Replacement of tennis court surfaces	The project will remove worn out and unsafe tennis court surfaces in Research and replace them with new surfaces. The new court surfaces will encourage and welcome everyone to use the facilities to play sport, socialise and enjoy the country feel.	Research	\$39,766



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Strathewen Public Hall Inc	Strathewen Hall - Acoustic panels	The project will include the purchase and installation of acoustic panels in the main hall area to provide a more comfortable space for community members to gather and hear what people are saying. This will encourage more residents to take part in events and enjoy being part of the Strathewen community.	Strathewen	\$14,968
Tonimbuk East Hall Committee of Management	Tonimbuk Hall Outdoor Development Project	The project will revitalise and rejuvenate an outdoor area by installing a steel gazebo that will provide shelter and conduct landscape works with native planting to improve the aesthetics of the community space in Tonimbuk.	Tonimbuk	\$48,800
Warburton Bowls Club Inc	Spectator Inclusion Project	The project would deliver infrastructure improvements and building upgrades to increase spectator inclusion of all abilities and familial statuses at the Warburton Bowls Club.	Warburton	\$40,000
Western Port Biosphere Reserve	French Island Signage Project	The project will create informative, visually striking signage to reveal the island's treasures. Together with the French Island community, Landcare, and Parks Victoria, the signage will highlight the Island's ecology, history, and landmarks. This will foster community pride and engagement, whilst promoting and encouraging responsible tourism practices.	French Island	\$8,000
WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management	Blairgowrie recreational infrastructure upgrades	The project will deliver and install two new drinking fountains and two bicycle repair stands to supplement existing bike racks and picnic areas in two main public areas in Blairgowrie. The old, non-serviceable picnic tables will be replaced with new all-accessible picnic tables for local community members and visitors to enjoy.	Blairgowrie	\$21,754



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Wyndham City Council	Possy Newland Youth Shed	The project will deliver a Youth Shed (container with an awning) including power connection, internal fit out, furniture and equipment as well as a mural, plantings and outdoor seating. The Youth Shed will be located near the basketball court and skatepark at Possy Newland Reserve in Little River. It will be a space that the Youth Services team and other stakeholders will be able to utilise to engage young people through sport and recreation in the region.	Little River	\$50,000