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ARTS & CULTURE APPLICATIONS: NILLUMBIK COMMUNITY FUND ANNUAL GRANTS 2017-18

Arts & Culture Category Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested	Project Total Value	Recommended for Funding (NCFAP)	Grant Recommended
The Boite Vic Inc	Eltham World Harmonies	A season of World Music concerts to be held in St.Margaret's iconic mud brick hexagonal hall in Eltham.	\$5000	\$18550	YES	\$5000

Panel Comments:

- Strong clear application.
- Eltham World Harmonies has a good track record and has not received Council funding apart from a small amount for equipment nearly a decade ago.
- Good community collaboration and partnerships demonstrated.
- Good opportunity to engage with the Welcome to Eltham group and the Eltham refugees.
- Exciting program and good opportunity for the Nillumbik Community to experience regularly programmed World Music.
- Funded program will run from July 2018 July 2019.
- Promotion will be a key issue but if funded by NSC grant, Council can help promote.
- Good budget contribution from applicant and partners.
- Unanimous recommendation to fund this application.

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Ceramics Collective auspiced by St. Andrews Men's Shed	Connections-the Ceramics Collective	A collaborative pilot with a local café to promote, educate and reduce paper coffee cup waste. In partnership with St Andrews Men's Shed and Living and Learning Nillumbik.	\$509	\$5584	YES	\$509

Panel Comments:

- Very strong application. Great package including mentorship.
- Meets criteria and plan goals. Pilot program should lead to larger project which NCFAP would welcome.
- Good collaboration and partnerships. Good opportunities for ongoing sustainability. Good wider community involvement and engagement.
- Collective nature of project interesting and inspiring connection between ethical values and art production.
- NCFAP would welcome an application for a variation of grant funds awarded if project needs to be expanded/reviewed by applicant. To discuss with applicant.
- Unanimous recommendation to fund this application.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS APPLICATIONS: NILLUMBIK COMMUNITY FUND ANNUAL GRANTS 2017-18

Community Projects Category Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested	Project Total Value	Recommended for Funding (NCFAP)	Grant Recommended
Greenhills Neighbourhood House Inc	The Greenroom Wellbeing Space	Transformation of an unused space into a supportive and welcoming community space for community members to connect and belong, especially focusing on wellbeing of carers.	\$5,000	\$11,500	Yes - full	\$5,000

Panel Comments:

- Strong application. Budget demonstrates range of community and volunteer support for this project. Quotes included.
- Demonstrated support via letter of support from Women's Health in the North
- Project demonstrates that they have researched other safe and welcoming spaces for women
- Project will provide a safe and nurturing space for women from Nillumbik and Banyule.
- Project demonstrates the partnerships they have formed with other community groups (eg Eltham Men's Shed, Hearts in Mind Project) and local businesses (Bendigo Bank, Bunnings)
- Consultation with volunteers and community members.
- Project includes working with horticulture group members to establish a sensory/wellness garden to complement the renewed community space.

The Panel agreed that the application meets grant criteria and recommends funding in full.

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Community Projects Category Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested	Project Total Value	Recommended for Funding (NCFAP)	Grant Recommended
Araluen Centre	Araluen Café Skills	Purchase of café point of sale equipment to support café training for people with disability and provide them with transferable hospitality skills to increase participation in community, challenge assumptions about people with disability and to support future employment opportunities	\$4,000	\$6,500	Yes - full	\$4,000

Panel Comments:

- Demonstrated benefit to participants and community
- Panel acknowledged the importance of supporting people with disability to participate fully and productively in community life, also to challenge stereotypes and break down stigma by encouraging positive interactions between people.
- Budget did not provide break down of costs of equipment or any quotes so these will need to be conditional in the grant offer to the Araluen Centre

The Panel agreed that the application meets grant criteria and recommends funding in full.

Summary

	Total project costs of successful	Total Annual Grants	Funding to be redirected to Quick
	applications	Recommended	Response Grants
Arts and Culture	\$24,134	\$5,509	\$4,491
Community Projects	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$1,000
Total	\$42,134	\$14,509	\$5,491