

COVID Recovery Event Grants Program Summary



Arts Festival Grant

**Dreamhouse Theatre Company (<http://www.dreamhousetc.com.au>) – Story People
- A Bit of a Stretch
\$5,000.00**

STORY PEOPLE will be an intergenerational event, inviting and embracing story offerings from an increasingly diverse range of peninsula people. The main program will take place over a weekend coinciding with the inaugural Mornington Peninsula Arts Festival.

On the Saturday morning, the familiar and well-loved morning tea story sharing event for up to 25 female-identifying participants will be held. In the preceding months, a series of micro story-gathering processes will be offered, inviting people to contribute their stories in a range of accessible ways. These will be designed to ensure that safe and respectful modes of sharing are offered for people of various ages, cultures and abilities.

A range of stories gathered from these processes will be interwoven with selected stories from the Saturday event and presented at a performed reading for the general public, at Southern Peninsula Arts Centre on the Sunday afternoon. Audience members will be invited to stay for a post-show forum with participants and the creative team, to share their responses, reflections, questions and other feedback. A booth will be set up for people to share further thoughts and stories in response to the event.

**Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce (https://www.facebook.com/mounteliza_village) –
Village Arts Trail - Mt Eliza
\$5,000.00**

The Arts Trail will include sculptural pieces of works from both professional and amateur artists, including works from students at local schools. These works will be pre planned with artists (via an expression of interest process), and then coordinated with shop owners, so that a display space for each piece of art will be found in appropriate shop windows.

A printed program will indicate where each piece is located and guide people around the shopping precinct. The program will outline details of the artist and their work plus indicate if the piece is for sale or not.

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Spark Productions Australia Inc. (<http://www.sparkproductions.org.au>) – Playground - Youth Performing Arts Event \$25,000.00

'Playground' is a special showcase evening performance premiering new works by youth artists in an outdoor, open-air stage under the stars; a dance and music improvisation jam night and 3x intensive 2-day workshops in ballet, theatre and orchestra for youth wanting to get involved in the showcase performance.

This inaugural festival event will bring together a large cross-section of diverse young people from across the Mornington Peninsula, celebrating the performing arts and creating a platform to elevate young voices and encourage the creation of new artistic works. It will encourage innovation and creative experimentation, foster new youth collaborations and social connections and provide an outlet for young people to express themselves after the devastation of the COVID pandemic on this age group.

Event Partnership Grant

Ninchfest (<http://www.ninchfest.com.au>) \$50,000.00

Four consecutive, successful years of Ninchfest has established the event as the premier music festival on the Mornington Peninsula. Taking place on Boon Wurrung/Bunurong land, Ninchfest prides itself as a rare avenue to showcase local up and coming bands to passionate Peninsula residents as well as tourists from greater Melbourne and beyond.

The 2022 edition will see the event expand to two days, facilitating an increase in patronage for an all-inclusive, family-friendly event that strives for equality with a line-up comprised of 50% female acts and a number of indigenous performers, with a traditional smoking ceremony the centrepiece of every edition.

Music on the Hill – Hinterland Music Festival (<http://www.musiconthehill.com.au>) \$50,000.00

In amongst the trees and utilising two outdoor stages at Red Hill Showgrounds, including a natural amphitheatre for the main stage, visitors will be treated to a full day (performances from 12 midday - 10 pm). The Peninsula Music Stage will showcase local, Indigenous and emerging talent.

Community groups and local artisan-made MP brewers, winemakers and stallholders will offer local food and wine in a separate outdoor activities area.

Break-out events will be held across the Hinterland region at various locations such as vineyards, pubs, galleries, halls and breweries

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Homegrown Events Grant

Footstep Events Ltd – Great Aussie Hike (<http://www.greataussiehike.com.au>) **\$5,000.00**

The Great Aussie Hike is based on a program that participants complete over a 3-6 month period that has been designed to improve mental health. Components include walking, stretching, strengthening exercises, hydration, mindfulness activities and talking topics. The training is completed in teams of 4-6 members, providing human connection.

Teams select from one of the challenge distances to complete together – 30km, 43km, 57km or 100km. The challenge is completed over a two day period, with the course divided into a number of sections and rest stops.

Mornington Chamber of Commerce – Homegrown Local & Youth Music Event (<http://www.morningtonmusicfestival.com.au>) **\$5,000.00**

As part of the venue and street long weekend music festival program, a Homegrown & Youth Music Event will be held at Peninsula Community Theatre tailored to our local musicians and youth. The program includes back-to-back local musicians and youth performers and will be co-hosted by MP Music Network who will provide equipment and programming support.

Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce – Gig on the Green (<https://www.mountelizavillage.com>) **\$5,000.00**

This is a family friendly music weekend, with different styles of music across 3 outdoor locations which are open and accessible to everyone and includes a focused family area with kids activities and acoustic music. Outdoor venues cease performances between 7pm and 9pm, with music continuing on in licensed venues till later in the evening. A second day of music continues with outdoor performances from 12 - 5pm.

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Red Hill Agricultural & Horticultural Society – Local Music Showcase **\$5,000.00** (<http://www.redhillshow.com.au>)

The Local Music Showcase embraces our local music scene at the 100th Birthday of the Red Hill Agricultural & Horticultural Society. The event is part of the traditional Red Hill Show and supported by the MP Music Network and its members. From 10.30am til 5.00pm, local musicians will be performing at various zones.

Rotary Club of Sorrento – Art Show (<http://www.rotaryclubofsorrento.com>) **\$2,000.00**

It is anticipated that more than 700 artworks will be displayed and for sale. The majority of the art is by local artists on the Mornington Peninsular. The show begins with an opening night of food and drinks . this is an opportunity to preview the artworks. Members and volunteers display and hang the work. We have a judge who chooses winners in different categories. We aim to have local councillors attend the event. Over the next few days the show is open to visitors to enjoy and buy the art.

Sorrento Community Centre – Health and Wellbeing Skate Park Tournament (<https://www.sorrentocommunitycentre.com.au>) **\$5,000.00**

Skateboard tournament for Grade 3 through to Year 12 who live in postcodes for Rye, Blairgowrie, Sorrento and Portsea. There will be guest speakers for year 9,10,11 and 12's discussing health and wellbeing and local sports people who have made it on the world map to inspire the local kids.

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Outdoor Dining Activation Grant

Kassandra & Him Live Music Performance **\$1,000.00**

Kassandra & Him are a contemporary music duo featuring voice, keyboard, guitar, saxophone and accompaniment. Performances will take place in Main Street, Mornington

Peter Pascoe – Live Music Performance – Village Vibes in Mt Eliza **\$1,000.00**

Professional musician and consummate performer with over 30 years of experience, who has performed at many outdoor festivals, corporate and private functions. Performances will take place in Mt Eliza Village.

Gin Gypsy - Dining Activation #1 **\$1,000.00**

Gin Gypsy is a professional duo of acoustic guitar and trained vocals. Performances will take place in Mt Eliza Village.

Gin Gypsy - Dining Activation #2 **\$950.00**

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Jackie Green – Artists Footpath Display **\$5,000.00**

Local artist will paint the footpath at 1-5 Blake Street, Mornington in a colourful design and create lanterns hanging above.