

From the Minister for Community Development

BRUMBY GOVERNMENT GIVES MORE VICTORIANS INTERNET ACCESS

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Residents in some of Victoria's most disadvantaged communities will soon have more opportunities to get online, thanks to \$952,500 in Brumby Government grants announced today.

Community Development Minister Peter Batchelor said the [Public Internet Access Program \(PIAP\)](#) gave grants of up to \$7500 to community organisations and local government authorities to provide between 10 and 20 hours of free internet access to the public every week for the next two years.

"The Brumby Government is taking action to ensure all Victorians have access to technology and these grants will help 140 organisations across the state, including in Kerang, Moe, Shepparton and Portarlington, provide access to the internet for disadvantaged Victorians," Mr Batchelor said.

"Information and communication technologies are powerful tools in strengthening communities, redressing disadvantage and giving everyone a fair go.

"People use the internet for homework, work or pleasure, banking and paying bills, looking for jobs and study opportunities, and keeping up with world events.

"And many people primarily use the internet to stay in touch with friends and family, and to connect with other people.

"By providing these grants we are helping more people to get online and develop their internet knowledge and skills. In essence, these grants will help develop strong communities – real as well as virtual."

The PIAP grants are part of the Brumby Government's \$9 million [Connecting Communities: The Second Wave strategy](#) , a four-year commitment to helping more people access the internet.

"Connecting Communities: The Second Wave focuses on three key areas – access, content and skills – and this program addresses both access and skills," Mr Batchelor said.

"The PIAP grants help ensure no Victorian experiences disadvantage because of who they are or where they live, by targeting recently arrived migrants, senior Victorians, unemployed Victorians and those outside the education system and workforce and

people with a disability.”

[Vicnet](#) , a department of the [State Library of Victoria](#) , provides support and assistance to organisations funded through the PIAP.

Since 2005, about \$2 million in PIAP grants have been given to over 300 community organisations.

For more information on PIAP grants visit www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au

Project location	Organisation name	Funding provided
Alexandra	Alexandra District Hospital	\$5000
Ararat	Ararat Rural City, HOW Centre Inc (House Open Willaura)	\$5000
Ashwood	Power Neighbourhood House Inc	\$7500
Bacchus Marsh	Bacchus Marsh Community College Inc	\$5000
Bairnsdale	Community College East Gippsland	\$7500
Ballarat	Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC) Inc	\$7500
Ballarat	Child and Family Services, Ballarat (Delacombe Community House)	\$5000
Bass	Bass Valley Community Group Inc	\$7500
Bayswater North	Glen Park Community Centre	\$7500
Beaconsfield	Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre	\$7500
Beaufort	Beaufort Community Resource Centre	\$7500
Beechworth	Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre	\$5000
Belgrave	Belgrave South Community House	\$7500
Bemm River	Bemm River Community Recreation Centre Inc	\$7500
Bendigo	Bendigo Family and Financial Services Inc	\$7500
Bendoc	Bendoc Progress Association (Resource Centre/Neighbourhood House)	\$5000
Benjeroop	Benjeroop Public Hall Inc	\$5000
Beulah	Beulah Historical, Learning and Progress Association	\$7500
Bonnie Doon	Bonnie Doon Community Group	\$5000
Boolarra	Boolarra Primary School	\$7500
Braybrook	Braybrook and Maidstone Neighbourhood Association	\$7500
Braybrook	Maribyrnong City Council (Braybrook Community	\$7500

	Centre)	
Bright	Bright Adult Education Inc	\$7500
Broadmeadows	Infoxchange (Broadmeadows)	\$7500
Brunswick	Melbourne City Mission	\$5000
Buchan	Buchan and District Outreach (Buchan Neighbourhood House)	\$7500
Burwood East	ME/CFS Australia (Victoria)	\$5000
Camperdown	Camperdown Community House (Sunnyside Hostel)	\$5000
Castlemaine	Castlemaine Community House	\$5000
Castlemaine	Mt Alexander Hospital	\$7500
Coburg	Moreland City Council (Coburg Library)	\$7500
Cohuna	Cohuna Neighbourhood House (Kerang District Health)	\$7500
Colac	Colac Adult and Community Education Inc. (trading as Otway Community College	\$7500
Corryong	Upper Murray Health and Community Services	\$7500
Cowes	Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)	\$5000
Cranbourne	Infoxchange (Cranbourne)	\$7500
Creswick	Creswick Adult Learning Centre and Neighbourhood House	\$5000
Culgoa	Culgoa Community Store	\$5000
Dallas	Banksia Gardens Community Centre	\$7500
Dandenong	Women's Health in the South East (WHISE)	\$7500
Dandenong North	Sudanese Community Association of Australia Inc	\$5000
Dimboola	Hindmarsh Shire-Dim E-Shop	\$7500
Doncaster	Kevin Heinze Garden Centre Inc	\$5000
Dunolly	Dunolly Rural Transaction Centre	\$7500
Eaglehawk	Bendigo Access Employment	\$7500
Eaglehawk	Future Employment Opportunities	\$7500
Echuca	Echuca Neighbourhood House Inc	\$7500
Echuca	Shire of Campaspe (Crossenvale Community House)	\$5000
Edenhope	West Wimmera Shire Council	\$7500
Endeavour Hills	Endeavour Hills Uniting Care Neighbourhood Centre	\$7500
Epping	Whittlesea Community Connections Inc	\$7500
Euroa	Euroa Community Education Centre	\$7500

Fawkner	Fawkner Community House	\$7500
Flemington	Flemington Community Centre	\$7500
Footscray	Angliss Neighbourhood House Inc	\$5000
Frankston	City Life	\$5000
Frankston	Frankston Community Support and Information Centre	\$7500
Frankston North	Frankston City Council (Frankston North Community Renewal Project)	\$7500
Frankston North	Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre Inc	\$7500
Geelong West	Diversitat	\$7500
Greensborough	Greensborough RSL Sub-Branch	\$7500
Hallam	Hallam Community Centre Inc	\$7500
Harrow	Harrow Bush Nursing Centre	\$7500
Hastings / Rosebud	Mornington Peninsula Shire (Rosebud Library and Hastings Library)	\$7500
Heyfield	Heyfield Community Resource Centre Inc	\$5000
Hopetoun	Gateway BEET	\$7500
Horsham	Grampians Community Health Centre (Nexus Youth Centre)	\$7500
Horsham	Horsham Community Action Centre Inc	\$7500
Inglewood	Inglewood Community Resource Centre Inc	\$7500
Jeparit	Jeparit Community Education Group Inc	\$7500
Kaniva	Kaniva and District Progress Association	\$5000
Kerang	Kerang Learning Centre	\$7500
Kilsyth	Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association Inc	\$7500
Kooweerup	Kooweerup Regional Health (Kooweerup Mens Shed)	\$7500
Kyneton	Kyneton Community and Learning Centre	\$5000
Laverton	Laverton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House	\$7500
Leongatha / Korumburra	Leongatha Community House and Milpara Community House	\$5000
Lexton	Pyrenees Store Co-op (Lexton Community Centre)	\$5000
Maidstone	Maribyrnong City Council (Maidstone Community Centre)	\$7500
Meadow Heights	Meadow Heights Learning Shop Inc	\$7500
Melbourne	Able Australia	\$7500
Melbourne	Travellers Aid Society of Victoria (TASV)	\$7500
Melbourne	WIRE	\$7500

Melbourne	Youth Projects Inc	\$7500
Melton	Melton Shire Council (LaunchPad Café)	\$7500
Meredith	Meredith Community House Inc	\$7500
Moe	Moe Neighbourhood House Inc	\$7500
Morwell	International Women's Group Inc	\$7500
Mount Evelyn	Mount Evelyn Community Link	\$5000
Mulgrave	Mulgrave Neighbourhood House	\$7500
Murrayville	Mallee Track Health and Community Service(Murrayville Neighbourhood House)	\$5000
Murtoa	Murtoa and District Neighbourhood House (SLAAM Inc)	\$7500
Nathalia	Nathalia and District Community Association	\$7500
Niddrie	Moonee Valley City Council (Niddrie Youth Internet Hub)	\$7500
Norlane	Geelong Regional Library Corporation	\$7500
Portarlington	Portarlington Neighbourhood House Inc	\$7500
Prahran	New Hope Migrant and Refugee Centre Inc	\$7500
Preston	City of Darebin (Northland Youth Centre)	\$7500
Preston	Koorie Information and Technologies Inc	\$5000
Puckapunyal	Puckapunyal and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc	\$7500
Quambatook	Quambatook Community Resource Centre	\$5000
Queenscliff	Queenscliffe and District Neighbourhood House	\$5000
Reservoir	Doors Café (Reservoir Civic Centre Sliding Doors Café)	\$7500
Romsey	Romsey Community House Inc	\$7500
Rupanyup	R.E.A.C.H (Rupanyup Educational Activities Community House)	\$7500
Rye	YMCA -Rye Youth Centre	\$5000
Seville	Seville Community House	\$5000
Seymour	Seymour Senior Citizens Inc	\$7500
Shepparton	Goulburn Valley U3A Inc	\$7500
Simpson	Simpson and District Community Centre Inc.	\$5000
South Melbourne	Kombiz Youth Network	\$7500
South Morang	City of Whittlesea	\$7500
Springvale	Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau	\$7500
St Albans	St Albans Heights Primary School	\$7500
St Kilda	Homeground Services	\$7500
Stanhope	Stanhope and District Committee Inc. (Managers of	\$7500

	the Stanhope Business Centre)	
Stawell	LenZone Youth Resource Centre (Central Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network, Stawell)	\$7500
Swan Hill	Swan Hill Community House Inc	\$7500
Thornbury	City of Darebin (Agg Street)	\$7500
Toora	Toora and District Progress Association	\$5000
Tottenham	Australia Light Foundation	\$7500
Tullamarine	Tullamarine Community House Inc	\$5000
Upper Beaconsfield	Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc	\$7500
Upwey	Yarra Ranges (Upwey Community Link)	\$5000
Warburton	Warburton On-line	\$7500
Warracknabeal	Warracknabeal (Rural NorthWest Health)	\$7500
Warracknabeal	Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House Learning Centre	\$7500
Warragul	Education Centre Gippsland	\$7500
Warragul	Warragul Community House	\$5000
Wendouree West	Wendouree West Community House and Learning Centre	\$7500
Whittington	City of Greater Geelong (Whittington Community Renewal Project)	\$7500
Whittlesea	Kaleidoscope Neighbourhood House	\$7500
Williamstown	Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc	\$5000
Wodonga	Trudewind Road Neighbourhood House	\$5000
Wonthaggi	Bass Coast Adult Education Centre Inc	\$7500
Woori Yallock	Woori House Inc	\$7500
Wycheproof	Wycheproof Community Resource Centre	\$7500
Wyndham Vale	Iramoo Community Centre Inc	\$7500
Yarra Junction	Upper Yarra Community House Incorporated	\$7500
Yinnar	Yinnar and District Community Association	\$7500