



# Case Studies

## Eaton Mall, Oakleigh

**Organisation:** City of Monash

**Project:** Eaton Mall  
Redevelopment

**Location:** Eaton Mall,  
Oakleigh

**Project completion:** March  
2013

**Grant category:** Major Capital  
Infrastructure Grants

**Grant amount:** \$1 million



Photographer: John Makaay

The City of Monash is a culturally and linguistically diverse municipality with 44.7 per cent of the population born overseas and 39 per cent born in countries where English is not the national language.

The City of Monash received a \$1 million grant to revitalise Eaton Mall in Oakleigh. The Eaton Mall enhancement project was completed in March 2013 and included the installation of Mediterranean themed streetscape works including, an Agora, street furniture, public art, landscaping and lighting improvements.

This project was a \$2.3 million partnership between the Victorian Government, the City of Monash and Melbourne Water.

Prior to receiving the grant, Eaton Mall had not received an upgrade in thirty years. An evaluation of the project found that the grant contributed to increasing the usage and access to the Mall. The installation of an Agora (public square) has also enabled community events at the Mall such as the 2013 Glendi Festival.



## African Australian Community Centre, Footscray

**Organisation:** Brotherhood of St Laurence

**Project:** African Australian Community Centre

**Location:** Picket Street, Footscray

**Project completion:** October 2012

**Grant category:** Major Capital Infrastructure Grants

**Grant amount:** \$167,000



Photographer: John Palermo

The Brotherhood of St Laurence received a \$167,000 grant for the development of the African Australian Community Centre to support the growing Sudanese community in the inner western suburbs of Melbourne.

This project was made possible through a partnership between the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Diocese and the Anglican Parish of Footscray, the City of Maribyrnong and the Victorian Government.

The Centre was established in an existing building known as 'Red Brick Hall', which was enhanced with an upgraded community kitchen, community hall and training room. New outdoor equipment for a children's playground, and a community garden was also installed.

Additional funding was provided by the City of Maribyrnong and the Victorian Government for the renovation of the adjacent disused church ('Bluestone Hall') to provide a larger community hall and office space.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence reports that, as a result of these improvements, more community support services and activities have been offered, and the number of people attending activities has significantly increased.



## Golden Dragon Museum, Bendigo

**Organisation:** Golden Dragon Museum

**Project:** Installation of a chrysanthemum sculpture providing a disabled ramp and access to the Museum

**Location:** Dai Gum San Chinese precinct, Bendigo

**Project completion:** November 2011

**Grant category:** Small Capital Infrastructure Grants

**Grant amount:** \$50,000



The Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo houses an extensive collection of historical and cultural items of significance to the Chinese community, including the oldest imperial dragon in the world and artefacts relevant to the goldfields region of Victoria.

The Museum received funding to install a chrysanthemum sculpture in the Dai Gum San Chinese precinct, within the Museum's forecourt. This sculpture complements two existing flower sculptures in the precinct, the lotus and garlic flowers. The chrysanthemum, lotus and garlic flowers are important symbols in Chinese culture, representing the three main religions, Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism.

The chrysanthemum sculpture provides seating and is the anchor to a disabled ramp to improve access to the Museum. The Dai Gum San precinct is a space used for performances, and community festival and events, and is the place of choice for the Bendigo Easter Festival.



## Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam, The Basin

**Organisation:** Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam

**Project:** Construction of a community hall

**Location:** Mountain Highway, The Basin

**Project completion:** April 2013

**Grant category:** Small Capital Infrastructure Grants

**Grant amount:** \$100,000



The Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam was established in 1989 and has approximately 200 members. The organisation manages the Sri Vkrathunda Vinayagar Temple (the Temple), located in The Basin, and organises community events and activities.

The Temple, constructed in 1992, was one of the first traditionally-built Hindu temples in Victoria, and remains the only Ganesha temple in the State.

The Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam was awarded a \$100,000 grant for the construction of a cultural hall. The hall provides additional space for the many local community festivals and events, such as the annual Chariot Festival.