

Community

Melbourne Airport is committed to:

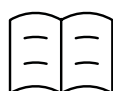
Building trusted, inclusive and transparent relationships with its communities.

Recognising its responsibility to manage impacts on communities by contributing to local social, environmental and economic wellbeing.

As an important gateway that supports travel, jobs and connection, Melbourne Airport aims to be a good neighbour by:



Listening



Learning



Investing in the communities around it

Through community engagement and investment, Melbourne Airport shares information, listens to feedback and works with communities to build lasting relationships to deliver real benefits over time.

Why it matters

As the airport grows and delivers multiple projects, Melbourne Airport is committed to:

Keeping communities informed

Making it easier for people to ask questions and provide feedback in ways that suit them.

Engagement is focused on:



Building trust



Understanding impacts



Working with communities to help manage impacts

By partnering with trusted local organisations, Melbourne Airport can tailor engagement and reach people who may face barriers to participation.

Beyond consultation, Melbourne Airport invests in impacted communities through education, employment, First Nations programs and local initiatives that support long-term resilience and opportunity.

How Melbourne Airport connects with communities

Melbourne Airport engages with communities in different ways depending on the issue and context. It aims to:



Share information

- Transparent, accessible communications



Listen and Learn

- Feedback
- Conversations
- Community input



Work with the community

- Collaboration
- Partnerships
- Community investment
- Delivering local benefits



Improve engagement

- Inclusive, continuous improvement

Engagement also focuses on “closing the loop” by sharing what was heard and how feedback has informed outcomes.

The aim is to make engagement activities accessible and inclusive so that everyone can take part, through:



How you can find information

Here's a snapshot of how you can connect with Melbourne Airport to find information on the topics that matter to you.

Channel	What it is	How it helps
Major Projects Hub	Online information	Find updates and project details, submit feedback and ask questions
Community Newsletter	Regular updates	Stay informed
Pop-ups and Drop-in sessions	Face-to-face activities in local communities	Ask questions and speak with the team
Community and stakeholder forums	Ongoing discussion groups	Share issues and feedback
Community partnership networks	Working with local organisations and community groups	Connect through trusted local networks and deliver programs that create real benefits and reduce barriers to participation.

How you can get involved

There's a range of ways for you to get involved and stay up to date with what's happening.



Western Chances



Since 2008 thousands of young people across Melbourne's western suburbs have received support to help overcome barriers to education, through Melbourne Airport's long-standing partnership with Western Chances. The airport currently contributes through donations to support the Western Chances scholarship program, the Dream Big Awards, Three Peaks Trek and internship program.

Keilor Sports Club



Melbourne Airport has partnered with the Keilor Sports Club since 2023. The airport has contributed to the clubhouse rebuild and an expansion of facilities, along with a new garden and murals celebrating the club's history. In 2027 Melbourne Airport will be supporting the club's annual Keilor Gift Carnival.

Banksia Gardens Community Services



Banksia Gardens is a Neighbourhood House organisation in Broadmeadows with programs aimed at supporting early childhood, education, training, gender equity, young people, environmental sustainability and community participation and advocacy. Since 2015 Melbourne Airport has helped deliver early education scholarships to students across northern Melbourne, along with an after-school program and the Aiming High VCE Support Program.

Victoria University



Melbourne Airport has joined forces with Victoria University to give students the chance to contribute to one of the biggest economic drivers in the state. This partnership supports research projects, education, jobs and internships for students along with STEM programs at the new Sunshine Tech School.

Western Bulldogs Community Foundation



Melbourne Airport works with the Western Bulldogs Foundation to support its work with people facing barriers to participation in Melbourne's west. The airport supports targeted programs for newly arrived migrants and young people through the Sons and Daughters of the West program, (delivered in Vietnamese), the two-day Youth Fest in the West and a Social and Study Club.

Juno Community Services



Juno is a charity that assists and advocates for women, gender diverse people and children fleeing family violence who become homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Melbourne Airport assistance includes donation drives, a life writing program and fundraising events, including the annual car park sleep out, which in 2025 raised more than \$100,000.

The Long Walk



Inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra in 2004, The Long Walk Foundation is dedicated to keeping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and futures on the national agenda. Melbourne Airport's support includes the Ganbu Gulin program, the Long Walk event during National Reconciliation Week and other cultural activities.

Helping Hands



Melbourne Airport supports Helping Hands Mission to offer its food relief program out of the Airport West and Sunshine food pantries. Since 2024 the airport has also enabled garden and facility refurbishments, the annual Christmas Cave, donations and a corporate volunteer program with airport employees encouraged to offer their time to help.

Horseshoe Bend Reserve Community Group



The Horseshoe Bend Reserve Community Group is a volunteer-led organisation with a vision to establish a thriving and inclusive Native and Sensory Garden in Keilor's Horseshoe Bend Park. Melbourne Airport's partnership includes employee volunteering through working bees within the reserve.

St Albans Tin Shed



Melbourne Airport supports the St Albans Tin Shed to deliver a range of practical programs that allow local residents to connect, engage and access support. This includes the Tin Shed Youth Crew, after school programs, health and wellbeing activities and food pantry services.

Mountain Festival



Melbourne Airport supports the bi-annual Mountain Festival within the Macedon Ranges. The festival celebrates the environment, storytelling and nature through writing, film, theatre, music and TV over a weekend of inspiration and wellbeing. It features author talks, nature workshops, theatre, nature journaling and Indigenous stargazing.

Community Grants



Melbourne Airport offers a Community Grants program to neighbourhood houses or community hubs within a 20km radius of Melbourne Airport. The Community Grants program began in 2018 and focuses on supporting improved education, employment and environment outcomes. Ten grants are offered of \$15,000 each to help these organisations deliver unique and targeted programs for their local communities.

Conservation Volunteers Australia



Melbourne Airport supports the work in helping to save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot from extinction. Once common across Victoria's volcanic plains and grasslands, the Eastern Barred Bandicoot is now one of Australia's most endangered species. The work has seen the development and maintenance of a predator-proof sanctuary and weed eradication for the bandicoots at Woodlands Historic Park, located on Melbourne Airport's fence line.

Melbourne Airport Scholarship Program



Each year 36 scholarships are awarded to Grade 6 students from Brimbank and Hume who are transitioning high school. Since 2015 the program has provided financial support to assist students with school fees, books, uniforms, transport costs and IT needs. It is delivered in partnership with Future Connect, Hume Whittlesea LLEN and Banksia Gardens.

Melbourne Airport Education and Careers Pathways Program

Melbourne Airport provides opportunities for students, schools and universities to learn about the airport and aviation. School incursions, student terminal tours, internships and careers and jobs expos allow young people to explore the vast array of jobs in aviation. Part of the program includes specific programs to help break down barriers to female participation in the aviation workforce.

Melbourne Airport Community Giving Fund



Funded through proceeds from the auction of lost property items left at Melbourne Airport, the Community Giving Fund provides grants of up to \$4,000 to organisations in the communities surrounding Melbourne Airport. The fund aims to help deliver initiatives that support inclusion, education, employment, the arts and improved wellbeing outcomes.



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