

Grants At Work

Our 2010 Pathways to Employment grant round will open on 6th April, with around \$100,000 available to local projects. This year is special for our Foundation as we will reach the \$250,000 mark in our grant-making and have achieved this in under 3 years.

Our 2009 grant recipients met recently to share their insights from their projects. All had used our grants to add new aspects to their programs, making for interesting discussion. The 7 projects engaged around 55 people in employment-related projects, 24 people benefited from paid work placements through their projects which adds to their confidence and their CV.

Many issues were discussed at the grant meeting, for example (i) giving people opportunities to see and try jobs for themselves and to meet people in the workplace is crucial to people being able to move into employment. People who do not have family support or who lack workplace contacts are least likely to have these opportunities. (ii) Language and literacy difficulties are persistent and prevalent to a much larger extent than the community understands or recognises.

A summary of insights will be published on our website in April to share learnings across the sector. Congratulations to our grant recipients of 2009, it is a privilege to be able to work with you.



BUSKING Their Guts! A big thank you to the 40 local people who performed in 8 busking groups on 20th March, raising \$450 towards our grant-making. This will become almost \$2,000 when the 3:1 State Govt co-funding is secured!

MICMACS Movie Night - Thurs 15 April

Treat yourself to a good laugh at our film night and help to get more projects funded locally. **MICMACS** is the latest movie from the creator of the beloved *Amelie*, and promises to keep you entertained as you follow the adventures of a group of misfits who plan to bring down two large arms manufacturers.

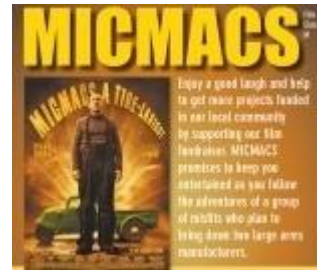
Date: 15th April

Venue: Westgarth Cinema

Tickets: \$25 (includes beer/wine/soft drink)

Bookings close 13th April.

[Book and print your tickets online](#)



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One-third to go...then our grant program will grow!

We're well on track to being able to expand our grant funding for our community. We've raised \$65,500 in new donations since August last year. In the past 2 weeks our efforts to grow our grant-making programs received a major boost thanks to generous donations by the Portland House Foundation and the Preston Rotary Club. Both were motivated by the 3:1 matched funding incentive offered by the Victorian Government.

We've got 4 more months to raise the remaining \$34,500 – your donation could help us to get there so that we secure the government co-funding for our community.



No such thing as too many friends...become a friend of the Foundation for just \$25, meet our 2010 grant recipients and connect with like-minded people who are passionate about their community. [Email us today](#)