



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Williams Landing Neighbourhood Grants Now Open!**

Community groups in Melbourne's west are encouraged to apply for the Cedar Woods Neighbourhood Grants Program – an initiative of the Williams Landing development located on the former RAAF Williams Airfield.

The Neighbourhood Grants Program will allocate a total of up to \$20,000 to community groups in grants of \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,000.

The grants are open to community groups that are not-for-profit organisations operating for more than 12 months and located within or servicing Hoppers Crossing, Point Cook, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, Truganina, Tarneit, Laverton, Werribee or Williams Landing.

Nathan Blackburne, State Manager of Woods Properties said the grants applications were now open.

"Community groups are integral to creating the new neighbourhood at Williams Landing, so we are keen to support them," said Mr Blackburne.

"Many groups work tirelessly to raise the funds they need. This is a way of rewarding them for their efforts and giving them a much needed boost.

"In a time of financial uncertainty for all Australians, it is important to appreciate and reward the work of community organisations that largely rely on the assistance of volunteers."

A committee of community leaders has been drawn together to assist in reviewing applications and allocating funding. The committee will announce successful applicants in August 2009.

"It is essential that people assessing and allocating these grants know the local community," said Mr Blackburne.

"Cedar Woods has carefully selected each committee member based on their contribution and standing in the local community."

Williams Landing will incorporate a town centre, a recently announced train station and four residential neighbourhoods, each designed around a central park at the former RAAF Williams Airfield. The project has 15 hectares of landscaped public open space, with walking paths and bike trails that link to the adjacent 24 kilometre Federation Bike Trail.

***Submissions from community groups to Cedar Woods' Williams Landing Neighbourhood Grants program are now open and close 5pm, Monday 6 July 2009.***

Information about the Neighbourhood Grants Program is available at [www.williamslanding.com.au](http://www.williamslanding.com.au) and will be advertised in the local papers.

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