

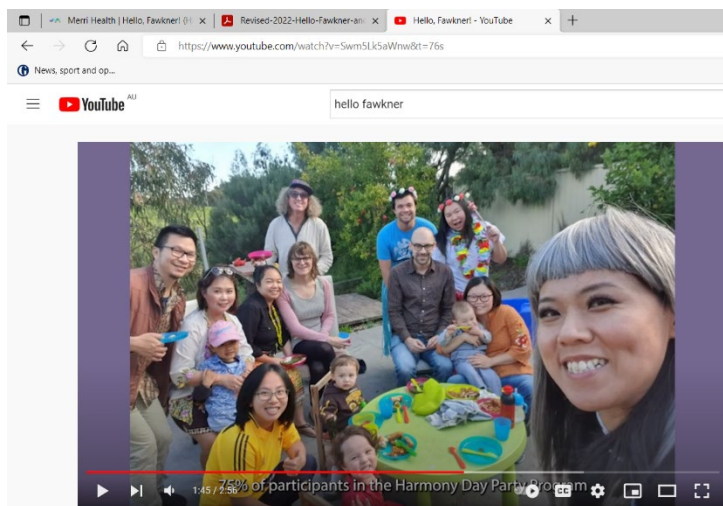


Hello, Fawkner!

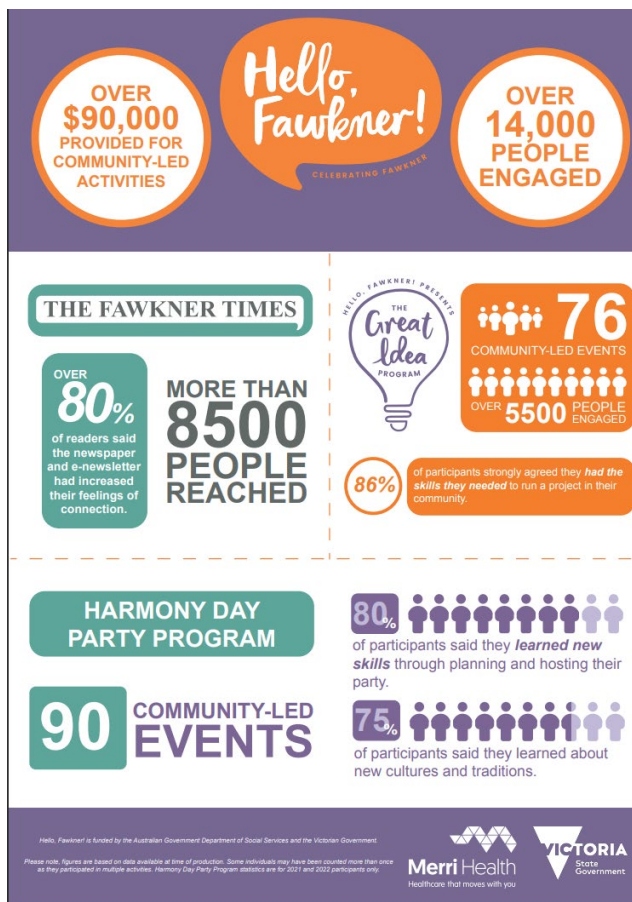
Hello Fawkner! was a project of Merri Health that ran from 2018-2022. The project strengthened community cohesion, connection and respect for diversity in Fawkner. Funded by the Australian Department of Social Services and the Victorian Government (with additional funding from Merri-bek Council), Hello, Fawkner! built the capacity of residents to develop, implement and share initiatives that strengthen their communities.

Hello, Fawkner! comprised of four key initiatives including a leadership program (The Great Idea Program), grants for community-led celebrations (The Harmony Day Party Program) and online and print community news (The Fawkner Times).

View an animation about Hello, Fawkner!, some of the community participants and key achievements [here](#).



You can also see an infographic [here](#) or view a detailed report [here](#).



Participants of Hello, Fawkner! said:

“I learned that having a friend from different country and different culture gave you a chance to learn new things in your life” – Fawkner resident

“As an immigrant in Australia, I’ve gained confidence and improved my writing skills in English a lot. I always loved to write and dreamed to write to a newspaper and The Fawkner Times was a wonderful opportunity for me! I also gained a strong sense of community through the e-newsletter, I’ve connected with my neighbours who read my articles and I’m now much more involved in my community” – Fawkner resident