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## **Boroondara Blokes program receives \$10,000 boost!**

Our very popular Boroondara Blokes program is set to expand following a \$10,000 grant from Boroondara Council.

Boroondara Blokes has been running for five years, taking about 20 elderly men on fortnightly outings to pubs, sporting events and barbecues. The outings help connect men at risk of depression or illness due to social isolation.

BASS Care personal carer and bus driver Murray Watson said the men looked forward to the outings.

“Many of them have loving families and wives but they’re isolated from their peer groups because they’ve either died or moved into nursing homes and really don’t have that camaraderie,” Mr Watson said.

The \$10,000 boost, part of the council’s community development grants program, will help the program expand to operate from senior citizens clubs in Kew East, Hawthorn and Camberwell.

For more information see the Community Services section of our website, and click the “What’s On” section to download a calendar of activities for the month, including the Boroondara Blokes outings. Or contact our Social Support Manager on 03 9880 4709 or [socialsupport@basscare.org.au](mailto:socialsupport@basscare.org.au)