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Make a Difference Days

At the recent Make a Difference Day in January, 17 volunteers from Bennelong Group, including two from Deloitte, joined 77 children from the Mirabel Foundation for a day at Luna Park.



Miranda Purchase, who is the Recreation Manager at the Mirabel Foundation, commented after the event:

"It is particularly pleasing for Mirabel to have one of our funders directly involved with our programmes, so that they may see the positive impact their support has on children firsthand. **The Luna Park day is now well established as the Bennelong day** and we are very pleased with Bennelong's ongoing support over the years. The enthusiasm of your staff goes a long way to making this day special. I have many favourite memories from yesterday; one of them involves me trying to find a Bennelong volunteer who is literally running from one ride to another, attempting futilely to keep up with a group of very eager children!"

Foundation lunch



Following the successful and enjoyable Harmony Day lunch last year, we again held a lunch on 23 March 2011 to celebrate Harmony Week.

Harmony Week celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. The continuing message is "Everyone Belongs". It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

To reflect Harmony Week, staff members invited seven guests from organisations they deal with in their business units. In total, 40 people attended the lunch and enjoyed dishes brought along by staff members, representing their different cultural



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backgrounds. There was an abundance of delicious dishes from Asian, Indian, Sri Lankan, Lebanese, Dutch, Belgian and Australian cuisines. Felicity Cunningham took out the prize for best savoury dish with a Tasmanian seafood tart, and Sofie Desmet won for best dessert with a decadent Belgian chocolate mousse!

Everyone was treated to a performance from the Anti Racism Action Band, including a belly dancer, rap artist, Arabic drummer and singer.

Youth Committee update

The Youth Committee comprises of:

Nick Chapman Sportsbrand Media Group, Chairman;

Kelly Chapman Bennelong Group Family Board;

Jay Doherty Bennelong Group;

Susan Frances Bennelong Foundation;

Madeline Ryan Crown Content; and

Darlene White Bennelong Funds Management.

The committee meet on the first Monday of the month and if any staff member would like the Foundation to look at an organisation they are interested in supporting, please contact the Youth Committee member in your business unit for follow up.

Get involved: FareShare



FareShare is one of the organisations that received a grant at the November 2010 board meeting. On 11 April 2011, directors and youth committee members volunteered for an afternoon by helping to prepare meals for homeless and disadvantaged people in our community.

It was a very rewarding afternoon for all concerned and we certainly discovered a few hidden skills, such as pastry cooks extraordinaire, and sausage roll and quiche chefs!



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Foundation grant applications

Please find below an overview of applications approved by the Trustees at the April 2011 Board meeting.

Please contact [Susan Frances](#) or any member of the Youth Committee if you have an organisation you'd like the Foundation to consider, or if you'd like any information on volunteering, either personally or at the Make a Difference Days.

Donations for Queensland's floods

Following the devastating floods in Queensland in January this year, Bennelong Foundation wanted to do something positive for the victims of the floods. We decided to **dollar match donations made by the staff** and are pleased to report that we received copies of receipts totalling \$3,618.

The Foundation wanted to ensure that the dollar matching went directly to a specific cause in Queensland. After much research and negotiation, we have decided to make a grant of \$4,440 to provide an Ultrablender to the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, through Variety Queensland and the Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

This piece of equipment allows for the delivery of oxygen in a precise and adjustable manner. It is critical in the treatment of sick children who require extra oxygen to help with their breathing. Thank you to all the staff who made donations to this very worthwhile appeal.

In-kind support

During June 2011, the Bennelong Foundation Youth Committee supported the [CREATE Foundation](#). CREATE represent and work with children and young people in foster care, with a view to improving the Australian care system, and the life outcomes of these young people.

Children are often quickly removed from an at-risk situation in their home, to be taken into foster care with no time to pack personal items. One of the many things CREATE does, is put together a **survival backpack, ensuring the children have something to call their own.**

Bennelong Foundation put the call out to all business units, with an overwhelming response. The picture above shows the donations from Bennelong Group, Sportsbrand Media Group, Crown Content and Bennelong Funds Management in Melbourne. Bennelong Funds Management in Sydney collected \$640 and Rebecca went shopping for more great items.



CREATE was extremely appreciative of the effort. As they had just run out of items for the care packs, they were in desperate need of goods.

Bennelong Foundation and the Youth Committee would like to congratulate and thank everyone for participating in this very successful drive.



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Help wanted!

Are there any budding photographers out there? We are looking for an official Foundation photographer who could attend functions and visits, and take photos for use in the newsletters, website etc. If you are interested, please contact Susan Frances to discuss.

By Susan Frances, General Manager of the Bennelong Foundation



Successful grant applications Bennelong Foundation, April 2011

Youth Committee application

Heartwell Foundation – Active & Healthy Programme \$20,000

Continued Funding applications

Concern Australia – Hand Brake Turn – YES Scholarships \$15,000

Family Life – YouthWorx Replication Chelsea – 2nd year of 3 year commitment in partnership with Dubai Duty Free Foundation \$25,000

Ponting Foundation – Exceptional Needs Assistance Programme – 2nd year of 3 year commitment in partnership with Dubai Duty Free Foundation \$25,000

New Applications

Cottage by the Sea – Aquatic Camp & Bennelong Celebrity Day for children affected by the floods in Victoria \$14,125

Mirabel Foundation – Youth Education Programme \$25,000

Mornington Peninsula Youth Enterprises – Education & Training Project \$26,000

Rotary Club of Richmond Inc. – Rotary Next Step Programme \$20,000

Sports Without Borders – Aussie Hoops Dreams \$ 7,500

Victoria University – VU Achievement Scholarships Programme (\$20,000 over 3 years - \$7,000 year 1 & 2, \$6,000 year 3) \$ 7,000