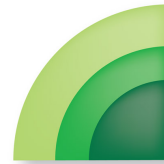




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Foundation assists local kids

Traditionally supporting the City of Ballarat, The Ballarat Foundation has, in the last twelve months, expanded its boundaries to cover the Shires of Pyrenees, Ararat, Hepburn, Moorabool, the western half of Golden Plains as well as the City of Ballarat.

Each year The Ballarat Foundation issues vouchers, through the Back to School Program, to selected local schools to help with the purchase of uniforms, books or other equipment needed to get students back to school.

Following on an initiative of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and generously supported by the Sidney Myer Fund, Pratt Foundation, Bennelong Foundation, DOXA Youth Foundation, the Estate of the late Edward Wilson and Target, The Ballarat Foundation seeks additional funds from the community and through grant programs to further support this

initiative.

"In this our fifth year distributing Back to School vouchers, we are delighted to be able to expand the program through the region. In this distribution The Ballarat Foundation is supporting sixty eight, mainly primary, schools with vouchers having a total value of \$41,800", said Noel Trengove, CEO of The Ballarat Foundation.

Schools in Pyrenees Shire receiving support from the foundation include Amphitheatre, Avoca,

Beaufort, Landsborough, Moonambel, Trawalla and Waubra Primary Schools.

"After the enormous cost of Christmas, many families find it difficult to make ends meet and struggle to ensure that their children start school with even the basic requirements. With everyone struggling with increased financial stress, this year is harder than most," Mr Trengove said.

Working in a discreet community partnership with schools identified as those with the greatest need, The

with the greatest need, The Ballarat Foundation is able to provide very necessary support.

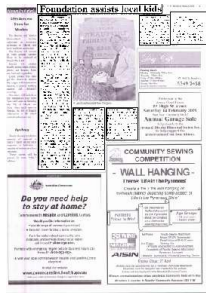
Looking forward, schools are invited to raise further funds themselves to further support their school families.

In recent years with the support of FRRR, The Ballarat Foundation has been able to double up any contribution made by individual schools.

"Knowing the benefits, the schools involved are only too ready to assist in raising funds and distributing the vouchers. They are most appreciative of the support. The program is unique, in that recipient families can choose what they actually need for their children." Mr

Trengove said.

The community can also assist local children by sending a tax deductible donation to The Ballarat Foundation, P.O. Box 1676, Ballarat Mail Centre, 3354 or by contacting The Foundation office on 5329 4613.



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