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FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Bennelong Foundation's newsletter for July 2009.

Some highlights so far this year –

1. Following the devastating bush fires in February, the directors decided to match donations made by staff of Bennelong Group and we initially contributed \$8,015.00 to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Robert Tickner, is attached to this newsletter for your information.

After further donations of \$3,075.95 made by staff, we matched this donation together with another \$3,000.00 to Cottage by the Sea for a camp for children affected by the bushfires.

2. A visit day was held on Wednesday, 11 February 2009 and Alison Watkins, Chris Cunningham, Carena Shankar, Kristy Rodwell, Nick Chapman, Helen Christon, Scott Davies and I attended for the whole day with Kelly Chapman of the youth committee joining for Whitelion. The visits involved the following organisations that we are supporting:

(a) Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation's project at Elwood Primary School. SAKGF is at the forefront of a food education revolution in Australia, engaging young children in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh food at primary school. They seek to provide children with positive, hands-on experiences and the essential life skills of learning how to plant, nurture and then cook fresh, delicious seasonal food. They believe that offering these positive experiences and skills at an early age form the basis for good, life-long eating habits and create the food lovers of the future.

SAKGF have submitted an application for our November round of funding to assist a disadvantaged school in Victoria to take part in the programme.

(b) Wintringham – a youth committee initiative where \$20,000 p.a. has been granted for 3 years to purchase a wheelchair accessible bus. Wintringham was established to provide quality aged care and housing for elderly men and women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Wintringham's elderly clients are invariably without family and friends and often lived a lonely and isolated life with the constant fear of harassment and violence. Wintringham is able to provide a safe home to many of the aged poor and ensure that they receive the best medical and nutritional services possible. These people are in need of activities that take them out of their normal environment and the bus that our funds have provided give them the ability to access community based functions such as shopping, movies or trips to the country or beach. Some photos from the lunch we shared with the residents –



- (c) Whitelion – Bennelong Foundation has contributed grants of \$50,000 in April 2006, \$50,000 in April 2007 and \$60,000 in April 2008 for the ROAR Programme. Whitelion works to inspire and empower disconnected young people by providing positive relationships and life-changing opportunities while supporting their progress toward life goals. Whitelion was founded in 1999 by Mark Watt (CEO) and former AFL footballer, Glenn Manton (President) in recognition that some young people lack access to the opportunities that abound in our society.

Whitelion benefits young people in (or leaving) State Care and in (or at risk of entering) the Juvenile Justice System usually between the ages of 8 and 22 years. These young people are geographically located throughout some of the most socially disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Melbourne suburbs. Whitelion has a preventative programme, ROAR, that works with schools in these communities and this is the programme we have assisted. Whitelion conducted a drumming workshop for our visit –



The team photo from the day is shown below – from left to right:
(back) – Carena Shankar, Helen Christon, Chris Cunningham, Ella Tassi, Kristy Rodwell, Alison Watkins
(front) Nick Chapman, Scott Davies



3. A lunch was held on Tuesday, 19th May at Sportsbrand in North Melbourne where we had approximately 45 staff attend to hear Bernadette McMenamin from Child Wise and Jo Cavanagh and Judy Latta from Family Life.

Child Wise is Australia's leading child protection organisation dedicated to protecting children everywhere and we have provided a grant of \$35,000 p.a. for 3 years commencing November 2008 for the Speak Up Project.

Bennelong Foundation has provided grants to Family Life of \$48,000 p.a. for 3 years from November 2006 for the YouthWorx – Growth for Sustainability Project. The objective of this project has been to achieve a financially successful social business – The Bargain Store – to fund and provide structured workplace learning programmes for at risk 16 – 19 year olds.

4. Kelly Chapman's (youth committee) partner, Dean Fiore, is a V8 Supercar driver and at a race meeting in Tasmania, Dean offered a charity we support to have their logo on his car. This was offered to Cottage by the Sea who were very grateful for the exposure. The bonnet of the car had the logo (photo below) and Dean has donated the bonnet to Cottage by the Sea to either auction off or have as a display at the cottage in Queenscliff. A big thank you to Dean for thinking of the Foundation and the organisations we support.



5. With thanks to Scott Davies of BPFM and Peter Wraith of Sportsbrand, we were able to offer two placements for work experience for participants of Mission Australia's Getting to Work Project for African migrants. Fiona Nelson worked with BPFM for a week and a half and Gatluak Douch with Sportsbrand for two weeks. Both Fiona and Gatluak proved to be enthusiastic and willing workers who wanted to make the most of the opportunity.
6. A visit day was organised for the leadership group of four young people involved in the Ganbina programme in Shepparton, who are currently in Year 10 at secondary school. Three girls and one boy plus their chaperones were collected at their accommodation in a bus organised by the Foundation and participated in the following:
 - Tour of Swinburne University and TAFE
 - Tour of Sportsbrand Media Group and lunch in the board room
 - Tour of the Magistrates Court, which also involved sitting in on a couple of cases, plus a visit to the County Court and Supreme Court Library

Thanks to Phil Honeywood, Peter Wraith and Kelly Chapman in the organisation of the day. Some photos from the day follow:



L-R: Leanne Sullivan (new member of Youth Committee), Nick Chapman, Khiara Harrison, Emma Iorlano, Caitlyn Anselmi, Spencer Wilson, Chanoa Cooper, Peter Wraith, Hayden Newton-King



Outside the Supreme Court: L-R: Kelly Chapman, Khiara Harrison, Caitlyn Anselmi, Lisa from Ganbina, Leanne Sullivan, Chanoa Cooper, Hayden Newton-King

After a review of the amounts we had granted for financial year 2008/09, no new grants were possible for our April round however the following organisations received continued funding :

- Family Life – YouthWorx – Growth for Sustainability Project - \$48,000
- Ganbina Koori Economic Employment and Training Agency – Jobs4U2 Project - \$35,000
- Lord Somers Camp and Power House – SailAway - \$8,250
- Mission Australia – Getting to Work Project - \$50,000
- Wintringham – Wheel Chair Accessible Bus - \$20,000
- Western Chances – Scholarship Fund - \$50,000

Our next staff lunch will be held on Monday, 28th September 2009 at Bennelong House, Level 2, 9 Queen Street, Melbourne. The guest speakers will be:

Adrian Appo, CEO of Ganbina Koori Economic Employment and Training Agency who will speak about the work they do with indigenous youth in Shepparton and the project we fund, Jobs4U2.

Tony Featherston, CEO of Cottage by the Sea will speak about their work in Queenscliff and the opportunity for Bennelong Group staff to participate in the Bennelong Celebrity Surf Day to be held on Thursday, 17th December 2009. A flyer regarding the day is attached.

Please let me know if you would like any further information on any of the items in this newsletter. Also contact me if you have an organisation you would like the Foundation or Youth Committee to consider or you want information on volunteering.

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29 April 2009

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 Chairman
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Dear Mr Chapman

A sincere thank you from Red Cross

On behalf of Red Cross and those affected by the recent devastating Victorian bushfires, thank you sincerely for your generous donation in support of the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal was established on 8 February 2009 as a partnership between Red Cross and the Victorian and Australian Governments. In an unprecedented display of the power of humanity, the Appeal raised more than \$300 million - the largest fundraising appeal of its kind in Australian history - and was officially closed on 17 April 2009.

Red Cross has not deducted any funds to cover Appeal or administration costs and every cent received for the Appeal has been transferred on a daily basis to a Trust Account set up by the Victorian Government. Appeal funds are being distributed by the Victorian Government's Department of Human Services under the supervision of an independent advisory panel chaired by former Victorian Governor, The Hon. John Landy AC, MBE.

Red Cross Emergency Services teams are continuing to provide personal support to people directly affected by the bushfires who face a range of significant recovery challenges. In association with partner agencies, Red Cross volunteers are visiting homes in bushfire-affected areas to check on people's wellbeing and ensure that they have access to relevant services, information and assistance. We are also working with local communities to assess which Red Cross services may be of benefit to them in the longer term.

Please accept my sincere thanks once again for your support and leadership in response to this tragedy. Your donation is helping families to farewell loved ones with dignity and survivors to find temporary shelter and comfort and begin the process of rebuilding their homes, communities and lives.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT TICKNER
 Chief Executive Officer

Please note a receipt for your donation will be sent separately by our Finance Department in accordance with the remittance details provided.



Cottage by the Sea
 Queenscliff ...helping children and families in need



CELEBRITY SURF DAY 2009



**THURSDAY 17th
 DECEMBER 2009**
 Point Lonsdale Beach



**Celebrities include
 Catherine Freeman
 AFL Football Players
 and many more.....**



On the Day
 10am - 12pm Learn to Surf Lesson for Kids
 12pm - 2pm Celebrities arrive
 12pm - 2pm BBQ with Children
 2pm - 4pm Surf Competition
 4pm Prize Giving Ceremony



For more information on the Cottage and how you can support this event please visit our website www.cottagebythesea.com.au