Myer Family Philanthropy Mission Statement

Our mission is to build a fair, just, creative, sustainable and caring society through initiatives that promote positive change in Australia, and in relation to Australia’s regional setting.
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This year the Sidney Myer Fund celebrated 75 years of giving to the community. In recognition of Sidney Myer’s own philanthropic interests during his lifetime, grants were made to assist the disadvantaged, to enhance education opportunities, to support the lives of people living in rural and remote Australia and to make the performing arts accessible to all. As the custodians of Sidney Myer’s legacy, our responsibility is to support not-for-profit organisations working in the fields he himself defined in his will, as he had in his life, as of special interest.

Through the 2009 Commemorative Grants Program, the Fund made grants to be used by a wide range of organisations exclusively for their own capacity building. These grants were seen by the organisations as a very loud statement of faith and trust in their ability to serve the community. Aptly titled “Celebrating our Partners”, this commitment of $100,000 each to 36 organisations did indeed celebrate the fact that we are partners in our community and that we have a shared vision.

As these grants were rolled out over the year, we learned of the many ways in which the organisations were using them: for activities such as professional development, strategy planning and board development, and for practical things such as organisational infrastructure and systems.

The Fund also continued Sidney Myer’s support for communities less well served by established facilities, services and social programs. Through the Fund’s ongoing commitment to the development of community facilities at the Western Bulldogs’ grounds for example, the Trustees recognised that people in western metropolitan Melbourne need facilities to bring them together to socialise, learn, exercise and share good times, and to gather as community members with a common cause. In the words of Sidney Myer’s grandson Rupert Myer, “This is not ‘names-on-the-wall’ philanthropy, this is heartland philanthropy.”

We also continued our support for communities with special needs. Following the Victorian bushfires, the Trustees’ commitment of $500,000 was distributed to groups of people in the affected areas for special projects of particular importance to them but which fell outside the remit of available government funding programs. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal was exactly the right organisation to help us locate the ideas and projects that local people wanted. Our partnership with FRRR also reflected our belief in an organisation that does its job extremely well.

During the year, our funding in indigenous affairs was recognised by winning an international philanthropy award. Given by the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples, it was awarded to the Sidney Myer Fund and The Myer Foundation in recognition of the significant works that they have supported in indigenous affairs. We were honoured to receive this precious award. To us it highlighted the value of the relationships that we have with organisations, as much as it recognised our capacity to support good ideas.

Philanthropy can do much to express its faith in, and public trust of, the charitable sector. By stepping back and respecting the not-for-profit organisations’ right to decide what they do and how best to do it, and by providing focussed support at the right time, philanthropy can send a clear message about the unique partnership that it has with the sector. This partnership should be celebrated, as should the work of all those who toil in it so selflessly for the betterment of our community.

Carrillo Gantner AO
In Australia we were fortunate that the financial downturn did not have a significant impact on our financial and social security. Our philanthropic sector was relatively unscathed and stayed stronger than expected. The Foundation’s grantmaking budget was reduced but we committed to continue supporting those organisations that we had agreed to fund over several years. This ensured a high level of certainty for these organisations, and they were able to continue with their work as planned.

The Foundation saw some exciting results this year, coming from our multi-year involvement with organisations. Our funding to the Lowy Institute for International Policy established the Melanesia Program three years ago, and it was evaluated this year. It shows that the program successfully generated international conferences, analytical papers, research visits, and policy advice in complex areas such as extreme poverty, the impact of the global financial crisis, and declining political and economic stability in some parts of the region.

Our philanthropic investments also saw Guilfoyle’s Volcano in the Royal Botanic Gardens finally come to a new glorious life. This iconic feature of early nineteenth century design has been beautifully restored and it now enhances the public’s access to this previously closed-off part of the garden. It will also combine with contemporary water catchment techniques to reduce the garden’s long-term need for potable water.

The establishment of ClimateWorks Australia, in partnership with Monash University, has been one of our most significant and timely commitments. This year, the organisation launched Australia’s first “Low Carbon Growth Plan”. Its economic and policy analysis highlights how organisations and households can take steps to reduce carbon emissions through existing technologies. This roadmap for change has pinpointed the most cost effective ways to achieve maximum results and its visionary work was rewarded with an Australian Museum 2010 Eureka Prize for Science.

We believe that our funding can leverage great support and great collaborations: through targeted and strategic giving, we can encourage others to get behind good work. Without doubt though, the best grantmaking is closely tied to the quality of the people in the organisations that we support.

On behalf of the Directors and Members of The Myer Foundation, firstly I would like to thank all members of The Myer Foundation staff for their effort this past year and thank you to all those people who continue to inspire us with their knowledge and unlimited determination to make things better.
From Christine Edwards

Chief Executive Officer

This last year saw many of our large grant projects enter or nearly complete their third year and we have been excited to see their achievements. We sought to maximise their potential to leverage further support, and to get engagement that will extend their progress beyond our funding.

We put resources into analysing our grants by funding some formal evaluations and doing internal reviews of what had worked and not worked. We learned that good philanthropy will never be as simple as making a burger in a fast food chain, that no franchise can be bought to ensure consistency, and that good creations take time and the right conditions, and they can flop, much like a cake does, if the oven is opened too soon.

We learned a lot about two things in particular: balancing; and risks.

We balanced being engaged in the project with being distracted; supporting organisations to do their job with not controlling how they do it; reviewing progress but not meddling in things that are not our business; responding to people’s ideas as well as initiating our own projects; and supporting projects that demand faith as well as those that inspire confidence at the outset.

These balances were put to the test. We learned that relationships are different across projects and that faith in individuals can lead us to brush over warning signs of things going off course. In other projects, our faith was the very thing that got some difficult projects over the line.

We also learned to balance our wish for progress with how long it takes to get new projects started. It was a refreshing reminder that it takes time to gather resources and that patience combined with communication produces great results. Our commitment to create ClimateWorks Australia for example required confidence in the idea, in the organisation, and the process to get the right staff. We were thrilled when ClimateWorks Australia was rewarded by winning an Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Science.

Our understanding of risk in philanthropy, deepened. As philanthropy experiences increased emphasis on measurable outcomes, we supported some organisations for their work and their objectives rather than their projects. Funding the Koorie Resource Information Centre in Shepparton to establish a whole new organisation, where the end-product is uncertain, is a good example of a calculated leap.

We also took risks to support a good idea that, if successful, could have national significance. Our funding to Children’s Protection Society is an example of this, and will hopefully demonstrate philanthropy’s value in taking risks to pursue unanswered questions. We believe that measured risk is what philanthropy should embrace.

The need for balance will be a pressing need in philanthropy as people create private foundations, as calls for measurement take hold, and as individuals engage in creating change. The need to take risks will become an imperative to ensure that philanthropy does not shy away from difficult opportunities and unknown outcomes.

Far from providing a franchise for success, philanthropy showed itself to be unpredictable and responsive to what was happening. Much like good home-baked bread, elbow grease and patience were essential to nurture the potential for success.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who helped us this year who work in organisations that we have supported, and who are always sources of inspiration. Society has benefited from your good hearts, minds and dedicated work.

Christine Edwards
Myer Family Philanthropy has its origins in the life of Sidney Myer who founded the Myer retailing business. On his death in 1934 he left one tenth of his estate for the benefit of the community in which he made his fortune. To this day, the Sidney Myer Fund continues the legacy of his civic generosity for which he became renowned in his lifetime.
The Arts and Humanities Committee supports the development of artists and art forms through its Small and Large Grants Programs. The projects supported contribute to a vibrant and productive arts sector, which in turn enhance our civic life.

The Small Grants Program supports projects with grants of up to $30,000. In 2009-2010 the Committee supported 52 grants through the Small Grants Program. The Program responds to requests from a range of artists and organisations around Australia whose priorities align with those of the funding program. The projects supported include the development and presentation of innovative and exciting new work, particularly by Indigenous artists; in experimental and emerging art forms; and new works in regional areas or by regionally based artists. Other projects support the development of professional artists through mentoring programs, tailored courses and training programs.

We encouraged a broader public engagement in, and understanding of, the Humanities through support for a number of initiatives, such as tours of homes designed by Australian architects; research and writing about the performing arts; and the development of curriculum materials to educate school students about video art.

In the Large Grants Program we have encouraged the presentation of new works in regional areas through the Regional Arts Initiative. The initiative contributes to the development of the capacity of regional arts centres, and also of the artists they present. Support for artist development has also occurred through the Curator Development Initiative, which saw its inaugural year in 2009-10. Four curators were selected by a panel of experts, and the selected curators, together with their elected partners, will undertake a six-month professional development program.

We thank our Program Manager, Debra Morgan, and our two external Committee members, Sue Nattrass and Vanessa Pigrum, who have given us the benefit of their extensive knowledge of the arts sector.

Kate Shelmerdine, Convenor
Grants made 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

SMALL GRANTS

Albury Art Gallery
Monash University
$4,992 NSW
*Water in a Dry Land*
Support for public talks and workshops to take place during the ‘Water in a Dry Land’ exhibition at Albury Art Gallery.

Australian National Academy of Music Inc.
$28,000 VIC
*Bach (Dance) Suites – Development*
Support for the development of the Bach Cello Suites using dance, lighting design and musicians.

Bullock, Veronica
Collections Council of Australia
$10,000 SA
*Fellowship: International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property*
Support for the study of preservation and restoration of cultural heritage and property.

Dickens, Barry
Auspicious Arts Projects
$10,000 VIC
*Easey Street Murders by Barry Dickens*
Development of a new theatre work about the 1977 Easey Street murders in Collingwood.

Anglesea and District Community House Inc.
$2,000 VIC
*Anglesea Art Walk*
Creation of an art walk, comprising six mosaics, in the township of Anglesea.

Art Gallery of South Australia
$10,000 SA
*Martumili Artists, Adelaide Biennial*
Support for 12 Martu women from the remote Indigenous community of Punmu in the Eastern Pilbara to participate in the 2010 Adelaide Biennial.

Arts Law Centre of Australia
$30,000 NSW
*Musicians In The Black*
Support for the development of business skills and legal knowledge of Indigenous musicians.

Australian Centre for Contemporary Art Inc.
$28,000 VIC
*Mentoring Program For Contemporary Visual Arts Workers In Regional Areas*
Provision of professional development opportunities for visual arts workers in regional Victoria.

Back to Back Theatre Inc.
$30,000 VIC
*Ganesh Vs The Third Reich*
Development and presentation of a new work exploring cultural appropriation.

Bell Shakespeare Company, The
$20,000 NSW
*Young Artists Programme*
Support for a graduate student to work alongside the Artistic Director and Associate Artistic Director.

Big West Festival
$10,000 VIC
*The Big Knit*
Creation of a site-specific, large-scale knitting installation on the Stock Bridge crossing the Maribyrnong River.

Brink Productions
*When the Rain Stops Falling*
Photo Jeff Busby © 2009

A site-specific sculptural work of the Kwoorabup Art Walk, a project led by Denmark Arts Council
Black Hole Theatre Moriarty’s Project Inc. $10,000 VIC
Mortg
Development and showing of a new work developed in collaboration with students from Jamieson and Merrijig Primary schools.

Brink Productions Ltd. $10,000 SA
When the Rain Stops Falling in Alice Springs
Support for the presentation of ‘When the Rain Stops Falling’ in Alice Springs in November 2010.

Catalysts Club University of Melbourne $8,000 VIC
Centenary History of ‘The Catalysts’
Research for the centenary history of The Catalysts Club, a group of women who meet to discuss cultural and intellectual issues at The Lyceum Club, Melbourne.

Cheetham, Deborah Koorie Heritage Trust $30,000 VIC
Pecan Summer
Support for the development and presentation of the first Indigenous opera, Pecan Summer.

City of Hamilton Art Gallery $25,000 VIC
Hamilton Art Gallery 50th Anniversary Tapestry
Support for the commission of a new tapestry to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hamilton Art Gallery.

Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia $30,000 SA
The New New: Survey of South
Support for a survey of contemporary South Australian art featuring up to 40 artists practitioners.

Currency House Inc. $15,000 NSW
Platform Papers 23-34
Three years support for writers’ fees for a quarterly series of essays written by an arts practitioner, covering issues of concern or interest in the arts.

Darwin Festival Association Inc. $30,000 NT
Wulamanayuw and the Seven Pamanusas
Support for development of a six-week residency for artists from the Tiwi Islands community.

Denmark Arts Council Brave New Works #17 $5,910 WA
Kwoorabup Art Walk
Creation of ephemeral, site specific sculpture works in Denmark, Western Australia.

Desart Inc. $30,000 NT
Desart Aboriginal Artworker Program
Provision of training and development for Indigenous arts workers in arts centres in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Edwards, Kutch Multicultural Arts Victoria $30,000 VIC
Yuyukatha
Support for the second stage development of a new work about the Stolen Generations of Indigenous Australians.

Finucane, Moira Auspicious Arts Projects $30,000 VIC
Carnival of Mysteries - Premiere Season 2010
Presentation of a new work over four weeks at fortyfivedownstairs, engaging over 40 artists from a range of art forms.

Kaldor Public Art Projects $20,000 NSW
MOVE Video Art in Schools
Development of video art works and curriculum materials to explain and interpret works for secondary school students.

“Before I worked here [Arlpwe Art Centre] I didn’t know what I was going to do with my life. Since I’ve started working here it helped me a lot and now I want to do more stuff with myself, do more stuff with my life, instead of just hanging around, staying in one place.”

Tisha Corbett, Artworker, Arlpwe Art & Culture, Desart Aboriginal Artworker Program, Desart

Lorraine King, participant in the Desart Aboriginal ArtWorker Program, cataloguing paintings
Leti, Bruno
State Library of Victoria
$15,000 VIC
The Matrix (Art Book)
Support for the publication of a book about the role of the printmaker’s matrix, an object that is used to make an impression on paper.

Long Walk Trust, The
$28,500 VIC
The Big Blak Weave: From South to North and Back
Support for Northern Territory and Victorian Indigenous artists to develop their practice through cultural exchange.

Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc.
$10,000 VIC
Lorne Sculpture Exhibition
Support for new work for the Lorne Sculpture Exhibition.

Melbourne Fringe Ltd.
$30,000 VIC
Visible City
Support for a series of public live art interventions as part of the 2010 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

Multicultural Arts Victoria Inc.
$25,000 VIC
Multicultural Arts Victoria: A Short History Of Its Place In The Arts In Victoria
Support for research of the 35 year history of Multicultural Arts Victoria.

NEWflames Inc.
$30,000 QLD
Newflames Template at Canopy on Grafton, Cairns
Support for residencies for Indigenous artists at Canopy Arts on Grafton in Cairns.

Next Wave Festival Inc.
$30,000 VIC
Structural Integrity
Development and presentation of a large-scale exhibition bringing together local and international artist run initiatives.

Performance Space Limited, The
$25,000 NSW
Indigelab 2010-2011
A two-week residency at Bundanon in New South Wales for Indigenous artists working across art forms led by experienced arts facilitators.

Pro Musica Inc.
$28,000 ACT
Living Composers Program
Presentation of new works by living Australian and International composers.

Purvis, Bronwyn
Arts Access Australia
$30,000 TAS
Hamituk
Development of a new work for Ten Days on the Island Festival involving five emerging artists from East Timor and five emerging artists from Tasmania.

Queensland Folk Federation Inc.
$30,000 QLD
Outtrue Love
Support for four Indigenous playwrights to write a twenty-minute piece based on love in a regional area.

Queer Screen Ltd.
$6,000 NSW
The Mardi Gras Film Festival
Support for development programs for queer screen writers.

Satellite Art Projects Inc.
$6,400 VIC
Could You Be More Specific?
Development of an online, international critical art and culture journal and research repository.

Tandanya - National Aboriginal Cultural Institute Inc.
$3,000 SA
General Grant
Organisational support for Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

Tasdance
$30,000 TAS
Heart Matters
Creation and presentation of a new work by Tasdance and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra involving Australian composers and choreographers.

Tasmanian Regional Arts
$10,000 TAS
The Zero Project
Presentation of collaborative work between Indonesian artist Eko Prawoto and Tasmanian artists.

Tasmanian Wood Design Collection Ltd.
$11,000 TAS
rala manta manta
Support for workshops which form part of an exhibition of Tasmanian Aboriginal craft and design makers, shown as part of the 2010 Regional Arts Australia conference.

Ten Days on the Island
$30,000 TAS
Ten Days on the Island - Artist in Residence
Support for three professional artists to be in residence in three remote communities in Tasmania during the 2011 Ten Days on the Island Festival.

ThinIce
$25,000 WA
A New Experimental Interpretation of Schubert’s Winterreise
Support to reinvent Schubert’s Winterreise for singer, dancer and actor.

“Visible City is such an exciting project, and so unique for a Festival to produce. We’ll be creating new art every day of the Festival; intervening, interrupting and inspiring your experience and understanding of Melbourne.”

Emily Sexton, Creative Producer, Visible City, Melbourne Fringe Festival
“The project was an invaluable experience for Mungart Boodja artists as they gained confidence in working with new mediums, exploring new techniques and concepts based on personal story telling.”

Patricia House, Mungart Boodja Art Centre, Kwoorabup Art Walk, Denmark Arts Council

Tony Yap Company
Multicultural Arts Victoria Inc. $11,000 VIC
Eulogy for the Living
Development and presentation of a new multimedia dance work with moving image, visual and sound installation and music.

Trinity College $10,000 VIC
Trinity College Choir Tour
Support for the Trinity College choir tour.

University of Queensland School of English, Media Studies and Art History $5,270 QLD
Archiving Australian Feminism: The Merle Thornton Papers
Support to preserve and catalogue the papers of Australian feminist activist and writer, Merle Thornton.

Version 1.0 $10,000 NSW
Seven Kilometres Northeast
Presentation of a new performance exploring ideas of place, tourism and atrocity.

VIM Inc. $4,000 NSW
Inscription Masterclass 1/2010
Development masterclasses for playwrights with Brooklyn based playwright Will Eno.

Wilson, Peter
Auspicious Arts Projects $6,000 VIC
The Waterhole
Support for the creative development of a new puppetry work based on Graeme Base’s ‘The Waterhole’.

Australian Chamber Orchestra $30,000 NSW
Emerging Artists Program Regional Touring 2009-11
Support for the provision of mentoring and development opportunities for young musicians.

Malthouse Theatre $30,000 VIC
Company-In-Residence Program
Support for a company-in-residence program, providing an opportunity for an independent or fringe theatre company to be in residence at the Malthouse for a period of three months.

Robin Boyd Foundation $30,000 VIC
Robin Boyd Open House Program
Support for public open days homes designed by Australian architects.

Total $1,000,072

**LARGE GRANTS**

**REGIONAL ARTS INITIATIVE**

The Regional Arts Initiative aims to encourage the presentation of a diverse range of performing arts programs in regional centres around Victoria. Specifically, the initiative maximises artistic opportunities available to regional audiences through presentation at regional performing arts centres, and provides opportunities for individual artists and small to medium companies to tour to regional arts centres.

City of Greater Bendigo $50,000 VIC
The Engine Room Presents
Support communities and the performing arts industry through the development of a sustainable touring network and develop new programming to target new and younger audiences.

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust $50,000 VIC
GPAC Regional Arts Initiative
To introduce Geelong audiences to innovative new work that will grow existing programming and increase the centre’s relevance to the increasingly diverse population in the region.

City of Greater Dandenong $50,000 VIC
New, Exciting and Diverse!
Broaden the annual programming at the Drum Theatre to include a wider range of new, culturally and artistically diverse contemporary drama and theatre.

Riverlinks $35,000 VIC
The Shepparton Black Box Season
Broaden the range of live performances presented in Shepparton and increase the diversity of audiences using a unique Mystery Flight model.

**OTHER LARGE GRANTS**

National Association for the Visual Arts $67,000 NSW
Curator Development Initiative
Opportunities for transition from unpaid, self-initiated projects at Artist Run Initiatives to positions at larger, professional institutions are infrequent. In addition, professional development opportunities for emerging and mid-career curators in Australia are rare. Equally, curators engaged at professional institutions have limited opportunities for supported professional development. In the first year of this three year program, four curators and their mentoring partner will be awarded a grant of $15,000 to undertake a professional development opportunity. Development opportunities might include mentoring or research at a gallery, other art institution or university.

Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas, The $38,000 VIC
Wheeler Centre Roadshow
The Wheeler Centre has established itself as a hub for books, writing and ideas in Melbourne. Through a program of free public events, the Centre has already reached a diverse and extensive audience. Through this three year program, the Wheeler Centre will run a series of ten events annually, two each year in five Victorian regional centres. Each event will consist of a panel discussion, led by a moderator, and will include three writers and thinkers. The discussions will consider a range of topics covering a broad humanities base, including philosophy, current affairs and literary and other cultural analysis.

City of Melbourne $50,000 VIC
Artplay and Signal
Widely recognised as a unique and successful arts program for young people, ArtPlay’s program for children and families aims to be challenging, creative, educational and meaningful. Located in Birrarung Marr Park on the Yarra River, Melbourne, the centre runs more than 300 workshops, events and performances every year. Children work with professional artists and educators, and through this can explore their own creativity and share unique artistic experiences. Signal is Melbourne’s first arts studio dedicated to people aged 13 to 20 interested in a wide range of art forms. Signal provides opportunities to work with professional artists across all art forms. This project supports extended programming initiatives at both ArtPlay and Signal.

Total $400,000
The Education Committee supports projects that leverage the best educational outcomes for young people aged 0-25. A new strategic direction adopted during this year aims to channel the Committee’s focus towards Indigenous education and positive early childhood development.

In the Large Grants Program, we have continued to support large scale initiatives that work towards achieving better educational outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students alike. Evaluations of two major projects in the area of Indigenous education confirmed that both projects made excellent progress towards achieving their objectives and allowed the Committee to extend funding to these projects for a further two years. These extensions will ensure support for some initiatives for five years which is a significant investment of time and money.

In recognising the importance of the early years in a child’s developmental process the Committee committed three years’ funding to a new Children’s Protection Society (CPS) project that will establish a world-class model of early childhood education and development for children at risk of abuse and neglect.

In 2009-2010 the Committee supported 57 grants through the Small Grants Program. Each grant is up to $10,000 in value. These projects provided schools and local community organisations with an opportunity to deliver a range of programs including: establishment of science programs; purchase of sport, music and IT equipment; library redevelopments; and implementation of engagement strategies for disadvantaged students.

We thank Committee members for their thoughtful contributions and acknowledge the commitment and passion of our Program Manager, Elena Mogilevski.

Maree Shelmerdine, Convenor
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<td>Raising the Bar: Helping Boys Achieve Higher Educational Outcomes. Support for a literacy program targeting male high school students.</td>
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<td>Bald Hills State School</td>
<td>QLD</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
<td>Young Boys Loving Literacy. Purchase of literacy resources targeting boys for a primary school in Queensland.</td>
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<td>Beenleigh State High School</td>
<td>QLD</td>
<td>$6,500</td>
<td>Beenleigh High School Show Team Support for the Show Team at a school in rural Queensland.</td>
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<td>Bendigo Science and Technology Museum Inc.</td>
<td>VIC</td>
<td>$4,700</td>
<td>Curious Kids. Support for a science discovery program for 3-5 year old children in Bendigo.</td>
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<td>Blackalls Park Public School</td>
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<td>$9,737</td>
<td>Interactive Literacy in the 21st Century. Purchase of interactive literacy resources for a primary school in New South Wales.</td>
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<td>Bowraville Central School</td>
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<td>School &amp; Community Partnership Artwork. Purchase of tools and equipment for an Indigenous glass mural artwork.</td>
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<td>Brauer College</td>
<td>VIC</td>
<td>$7,000</td>
<td>Implementation of XLR8. Development of a gardening program that aims to improve students’ engagement in their studies.</td>
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<td>Brentwood Kindergarten</td>
<td>VIC</td>
<td>$4,851</td>
<td>Integration Support for Children with Additional Needs. Support for an additional staff member to provide assistance to children with additional needs at a community kindergarten.</td>
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<td>Burra Community School</td>
<td>SA</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Civics and Citizenship Program at Burra Community School. Support for a trip to Canberra for students from a rural school in South Australia as part of their civics and citizenship program.</td>
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<td>Bwgcolman Community School</td>
<td>QLD</td>
<td>$7,438</td>
<td>Art Not Crime. An aerosol art project to engage 24 Indigenous students living on Palm Island in production of two murals. The project will provide students who struggle to learn in a classroom environment with an opportunity to benefit from a more flexible learning space.</td>
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<td>Collingwood Alternative School</td>
<td>VIC</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>Family and Student Music Therapy. Establishment of a music therapy program in an alternative school in Melbourne.</td>
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<td>Coolah Central School</td>
<td>NSW</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>Coolah Farm Upgrade. Purchase of equipment for a school based farm learning centre.</td>
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"Attending Curious Kids with my three year old grand daughter has been lots of fun both for Abbie and for me. She loves the stories, and talks about them for days after the event. The lab workshops are just great, especially when she has the chance to take her ‘work’ home with her. Wearing a lab coat several sizes too big for her is also a special treat for her and a source of enjoyment for me since I am, by inclination and occupation, an experimental scientist. There is no doubt that our visits to Curious Kids have brought Abbie and me closer together — it is a special time just for us.”

Grandparent, Bendigo Science and Technology Museum Inc., Curious Kids
Deer Park North Primary School  
$10,000 VIC  
Classroom Libraries  
Purchase of books for classroom libraries.

Denmark High School  
$7,000 WA  
Denmark High School Theatre Company  
Purchase of equipment for a school based theatre company.

Donald High School  
$8,000 VIC  
Energy Breakthrough Challenge?  
Purchase of a recumbent bike to allow rural school students to participate in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge.

Eagles Raps Inc.  
$5,000 NSW  
Eagles Raps Inc.  
Purchase of computers for an alternative education program which works to re-engage disengaged learners into the education system.

East Kalgoorlie Primary School  
$10,000 WA  
Support Early Childhood Learning  
Support to employ a teacher to implement an early childhood learning program.

Galston High School  
$5,000 NSW  
Galston High School Entrance Improvement Program  
Redevelopment of a school entrance which will be used to engage students in project based learning.

Gateway Community Health  
$10,000 VIC  
Homework Club  
Support to continue running a homework club in regional Victoria.

Gladysdale Primary School  
$3,380 VIC  
Venturing Out  
Support for four small projects that aim to improve student engagement with their learning and encourage parents to connect with the school.

Goolma Public School  
$5,000 NSW  
Hill Ends Creative Arts Camp  
Support for a three day camp focusing on development of arts skills in children attending a number of very small rural schools in New South Wales.

Greenslopes State School Parents and Citizens Association  
$2,600 QLD  
Greenslopes State School Strings Program  
Purchase of musical instruments for a state school in Queensland.

James Cook University  
School of Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Health & Molecular Sciences  
$6,000 QLD  
Anatomy Model to Improve the Torres Strait Islander Nursing Science Student Learning Experience  
Purchase of anatomy models for use of Indigenous nursing students residing on Thursday Island.

Kingaroy State High School  
$2,650 QLD  
Ecoman Program  
Support for a business simulation program in a high school in Queensland.

Kurri Kurri High School  
$9,677 NSW  
Real Learning For Real Life  
Purchase of a range of materials that aim to engage boys in the learning of English.

Lalor North Secondary College  
$10,000 VIC  
Explore  
Support for a program that engages Year 9 students in project based learning in a disadvantaged school in Melbourne.

Learning for Life Education Services  
$9,846 SA  
Establishing a Library for Disengaged Learners  
Purchase of equipment, books and subscriptions required for the establishment of a library.

Lenah Valley Primary School  
$4,280 TAS  
Reading Resources For All  
Purchase of graphic novels which will be used to improve students’ engagement with reading.

Lightning Ridge Preschool Bus Service  
$9,900 NSW  
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Support for a bus service for a remote community pre-school.

“I love the way the drumming makes me feel it just makes me smile.”  
Liam Bathgate aged 10, Islington Public School

“It is a very good thing to do because we learnt how to pull apart a bike then put it back together. I enjoyed donating the bike that I had completed to someone who didn’t have a bike.”  
Robert, participant in Grovedale College Spokes 4 Blokes program
School in South Australia. Behavioural problems at a primary student’s concentration and reduce Establishment of a mindfulness

**Mindfulness Education**

Melaleuca Park K-7 Schools

**Purchased of bilingual books in Arabic, Vietnamese and Indonesian for a school library.**

**The Bilingual Book Club**

**Purchase of materials required for implementation of a literacy program in a primary school.**

**West Wallsend Public School**

$9,704

**Empowerment Through Literacy**

**Purchase of software and resources required for implementation of a literacy program in a primary school.**

**Westmail Secondary College**

$6,522

**Community VCAL - Outward Bound Experience**

**Contribution towards a camp for a group of young people attending a VCAL community program in Melbourne.**

**Western Edge Youth Arts Inc.**

$10,000

**Once Upon a Circus**

**Evaluation of the ‘Once Upon a Circus’ program which engages newly arrived refugees and migrants in early literacy, numeracy and physical activity programs.**

**William Campbell College**

$10,000

**Literacy For Life - Empowering Disadvantaged Children Through Literacy**

**Purchase of software and literacy resources required to implement a remedial reading program in a college that caters for children in out of home care.**

**Youth for Christ Ltd. - Melbourne**

$5,844

**No Limits**

**Support for a leadership development program for a group of disadvantaged young men attending an alternative community school in Melbourne.**

**Total**

$400,176
EDUCATION - LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Children’s Protection Society Inc.
$45,000 VIC
Early Years Education & Family Support Research Project
This three year pilot project will: develop a model of care and education that works for children at risk of abuse and neglect; seek to roll out the model within the universal system for Commonwealth funded long day care; and influence policy, funding and staffing models for Commonwealth funded long day care and State funded kindergartens. This will provide the opportunity for children at risk of abuse and neglect to be included successfully in any early years care and education service in Australia.

Clontarf Foundation Inc., The
$300,000 WA
Establishing a Football Academy in Alice Springs
Clontarf Foundation’s Football Academy in Alice Springs operates across four schools including Yirara College, Anzac Hill High School, Alice Springs High School and Centralian Secondary College. It is providing a pathway to success for vulnerable and at-risk Indigenous boys and young men, achieving excellent results in increased enrolments of Indigenous boys, as well as impressive attendance rates and retention from year to year. As boys graduate from school they are assisted to successfully transition to further training or employment, and maintain strong links with “the Clontarf family”.

Queensland University of Technology
Indigenous Education Leadership Institute
$400,000 QLD
Stronger, Smarter Realities Project
Support for the ongoing establishment of a training program for principals, teachers and community leaders of schools across Australia where there are high numbers of Indigenous students. The project is jointly funded by the Telstra Foundation, Queensland University of Technology and Education Queensland. The Stronger, Smarter Realities Project is about creating systematic and transferable change by arming educators with the belief, skill and capacity to make profound changes to the learning outcomes of Indigenous children. Ultimately this project will create stronger smarter educational realities for indigenous children by creating a sense that a high expectation of indigenous learners is normal.

Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation Limited
$100,000 VIC
The Peek a Boo Club
The Peek a Boo Club is an initiative of the Royal Children’s Hospital Mental Health Service. It is a therapeutic program for infants from birth to 36 months, where the infant and mother, or in some instances another significant attachment figure such as a grandparent or aunt, have been exposed to family violence. This project will extend the Peek a Boo Club model to provide specialist outreach, professional development, training and consultation. The program aims to address the consequences of family violence and provide early intervention to positively alter infants developmental trajectory and disrupt the intergenerational cycles of violence.

Total $1,000,000

Typo Station
Youth Development Program
$155,000 VIC
Youth Development Program
The project seeks to combine a long established wilderness/pioneer experience program for at risk young men, with leadership and extension programs at a range of partner schools and alternative learning settings. This project supports the establishment and evaluation of a program combining outdoor and challenge education with innovative programming in schools and alternative learning settings for girls and boys aged 14-16 years. The project will take place in partnership with 6-8 schools and alternative learning settings in Victoria and aims to achieve leadership, self confidence and education outcomes for 200 students directly, and many more indirectly, and to provide evidence for the value of integrated outdoor and leadership programs.

Opening of the Children’s Protection Society Childcare Centre
The Sidney Myer Fund’s Health program is currently committed to supporting the Sidney Myer Health Scholarships. These provide full or top-up scholarships to scholars undertaking full time PhD research in the area of community or population based health, over three years. Two full scholarships are provided in partnership with the Australian Rechabite Foundation (formerly IOR Group Limited). Full scholarships are worth $42,500 including a travel allowance. Top up scholarships for those also receiving a scholarship from the National Health and Medical Research Council are worth $16,683 including a travel allowance.

The topics of research being undertaken by the twelve scholars range from the health and social inclusion of refugee youth, through scabies and strongyloides in Aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land, to the implications for alcohol related harm of liberalising liquor licensing, and a study on how young people label mental disorders.

Scholars are currently in the second year of the PhD. Many have been successful in having papers published and in presenting elements of their research at national and international conferences.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Burnet Institute**

Alisa Pedrana
$16,683 VIC

On the Scene: The Epidemiology of HIV among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Victoria.

**Curtin University of Technology**

Carrington Shepherd
$42,500 WA

Socioeconomic gradients in Western Australian Indigenous child health.

Carlie Jones
$11,286 WA

Development and implementation of a physical activity and nutrition program for mothers with young children.

**Menzies School of Health Research**

Therese Kearns
$16,683 NT

Beating scabies and strongyloides in Galiwin’ku.

**University of Melbourne**

Caroline Lodge
$16,683 VIC

A longitudinal study of wheeze, asthma and lung function from birth to 10 years in a high-risk cohort.

Gemma Carey
$16,683 VIC

Grassroots to government: Investigating social inclusion, health promotion & the not-for-profit sector.

Annemarie Wright
$16,683 VIC

Labels used by young people to describe mental disorders: their determinants and impact on stigma and help-seeking.

Karen Block
$16,683 VIC

Refugee youth, social inclusion and health.

University of Melbourne

In partnership with Australian Rechabite Foundation

Michael Livingston
$42,500 VIC

Liberalising liquor licensing – implications for alcohol related harm.

Susan Jacups
$16,683 NT

The evaluation of mosquito control efforts in northern Australia and the region for the prevention of mosquito-borne diseases.

**University of Melbourne**

In partnership with Australian Rechabite Foundation

Anne-Marie Laslett
$42,500 VIC

Alcohol and child maltreatment through the windows of the child protection system and a national survey.

Total $260,965
Our strategy seeks to address the needs of people, and indeed communities, experiencing poverty and disadvantage as a result of isolation, poor health, low income, unemployment or the challenges of settling into a new country. There has been particular focus on the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, Indigenous Australians, children and families.

After careful evaluation, this year the large grants program lengthened its support for three Indigenous programs where we have already seen excellent progress. For example, the work of the Clontarf Foundation in Alice Springs has lifted the school attendance rate among Indigenous boys from 47% to 84%, a remarkable achievement. Across the whole program, about 75% of Year 12 graduates have jobs 12 months on from finishing school. Clontarf now extends from Perth to Darwin, and also operates in Victoria.

The budget for the Small Grants Program was maintained, resulting in a total of 51 grants of up to $10,000.

Organisations around Australia received financial support for a diverse range of activities and initiatives including community gardening projects, living skills programs for people entering emergency accommodation, financial literacy courses, and sporting programs for young Indigenous people.

Central to the work of our Committee has been the enormous contribution and wise counsel of our external members, Dr Hass Dellal OAM, the Right Rev’d Dr Peter Hollingworth AC OBE, the Hon. Brian Howe AO and Professor Dorothy Scott OAM. We thank them most sincerely, together with the other members of the Committee, for their unstinting efforts. Finally, we would not be able to do our work without the expertise, total commitment and good humour of Christine Edwards, Kirsty Allen, and the staff of the Foundation and the Fund.

Sandy Clark, Convenor

The students of the Clontarf Foundation’s Alice Springs Football Academy
Photo courtesy of the Clontarf Foundation
Small Grants Program

Abbotsfield Primary School
$7,400  TAS
Out and About
Development of a program linking low income and socially isolated parents of preschool children with activities and services in their local area.

Albion Park Youth & Community Care Inc.
$2,500  NSW
Helping Ourselves
Purchase of a refrigerator and freezer for a community and youth development centre, to support the establishment of breakfast, community kitchen and community garden programs.

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Asylum Seekers Centre Inc.
$10,000  NSW
Enhancement of Client and Volunteer Databases
Development of an enhanced client casework database to enable a centre for asylum seekers to respond more effectively to the needs of asylum seekers in Sydney.

Bendigo Family and Financial Services Inc.
$5,000  VIC
Credit Breakfree
Support for a one to one program of financial literacy training for high needs, low income people in regional Victoria.

Brown Nurses
$7,000  NSW
Ongoing Work Among the Poor and Homeless
Provision of outreach nursing care to homeless people in inner city Sydney.

Centacare Catholic Family Services
$10,000  VIC
Let’s Start Again
A program for women from refugee backgrounds in Melbourne’s west, to build English language skills and confidence for employment and training.

Children’s Protection Society Inc.
$6,000  VIC
Toy Box Supported Playgroup
Purchase of new toys, equipment and literacy resources for a supported playgroup program involving vulnerable children and families.

CityLife Inc.
$10,000  VIC
Community Cafe for Homeless and Disadvantaged People
Purchase of commercial grade kitchen equipment for a community cafe providing training and nutritional support to disadvantaged people in the local Frankston area.

Collingwood Cottage Inc., The
$5,000  VIC
A Nutritious Supplement to the Diet of the Poor
A contribution to the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables for a food bank serving low income people in inner Melbourne.

Craig Family Centre Inc.
$10,000  VIC
Home Harvest Project
A range of food gardening and nutrition activities targeting low income and vulnerable people in the Ashburton and Alamein Neighbourhood Renewal areas of Melbourne.

Cranbourne West Primary School
$4,800  VIC
Breakfast and Brunch Club
Support for a meals program for children from low income families in a school in outer Melbourne.

Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc.
$10,000  VIC
CF Related Food, Fuel and Financial Aid
Support for a material aid program assisting needy families and individuals affected by Cystic Fibrosis, to meet CF-related expenses.

Darwin Community Arts
$10,000  NT
My Sister’s Kitchen
Support for a weekly cooking and meals program bringing together women and their families from refugee backgrounds living in Darwin, to build skills, confidence and social connections.

Grants made 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

“IT’s exciting (selling clothes), it makes you happy. It makes me happy. It’s like YAY they’re buying my stuff.”

Participant in The Social Studio’s Remixed Education project
Dingley Village Community Advice Bureau Inc.  
**$10,000 VIC**  
**Breakfast First**  
Support for a breakfast pack program, providing breakfast foods to low income families with school aged children in Melbourne’s outer east/rural fringe.

Essendon Football Club  
**$10,000 VIC**  
**Italian Embassy**  
Support for a community-based project with young men from Horn of Africa countries living in inner Melbourne, developing, scripting and making a film based on their experiences as refugees in Australia.

Gateway Community Health  
**$10,000 VIC**  
**Burraja Cultural Centre Feasibility Study**  
A feasibility study to investigate options for the re-establishment of the Burraja Cultural Centre in Albury Wodonga.

Glennon House Inc.  
**$2,000 QLD**  
**Volunteers’ Equipment**  
Purchase of gardening and home maintenance equipment for use at a low cost, not for profit motel providing accommodation for out of town patients at a hospital in Toowoomba, Queensland.

Heaps Decent  
**$10,000 NSW**  
**Heaps Decent @ Key College**  
Support for an electronic music program in a school providing pathways back to education for disengaged, homeless and at risk young people in Sydney.

Inner West Neighbour Aid Inc.  
**$10,000 NSW**  
**Unlicensed Boarding House Project**  
Support for a program providing outreach support and connection to vulnerable and isolated people living in unlicensed boarding houses in the inner west of Sydney.

Interchange Inner East  
**$10,000 VIC**  
**Interchange Active Participation Resource Kit**  
Purchase of games and equipment for use in respite and recreational programs for children and young people with disabilities in the east of Melbourne.

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia Inc.  
**$10,000 NSW**  
**Ashfield Accommodation House**  
A contribution to supportive and safe housing for asylum seekers in Sydney, while their claims are being assessed.

Joondalup Youth Support Services  
**$9,400 WA**  
**The Nest**  
A supported accommodation program for young mothers aged up to 21 years at risk of homelessness, in metropolitan Perth.

Kapinnie Recreation and Hall Association  
**$10,000 SA**  
**Kapinnie Facility Upgrade**  
Support for the upgrading of community hall facilities in an isolated rural community in the Lower Eyre Peninsula, South Australia.

Lane Cove Occasional Child Care Incorporated  
**$5,000 NSW**  
**Subsidised care for homeless children**  
Provision of subsidised access to occasional childcare for children living in crisis accommodation.

Mental Health Research Institute  
**$1,000 VIC**  
**Improving Mental Health Outcomes of Asylum Seekers**  
Support to engage interpreters to enable non-English speaking interviewees to be included in a research project.

Mulan Aboriginal Corporation  
**$10,000 WA**  
**Mulan Community Caring School Students**  
Support for a meals program to encourage attendance at school by children in an Aboriginal community in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc.  
**$2,100 SA**  
**Support for Carers of Severely Disabled Children and Adults**  
Support for a retreat for carers of children and adults with muscular dystrophy in South Australia.

Mums and children enjoying Playgroup Association of Queensland’s Sing & Grow Program  
Photo Courtesy of Playgroup Association of Queensland

“[I am amazed at the strength in our community to work together to create movies and share skills, this is a great opportunity to learn, create & network and in our remote and isolated community.”](https://www.sydney.myerfund.com.au)

Jodie Dickinson, Rocky Hall Digital Film Making group

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Musicians Making a Difference  
**$9,000 NSW**  
**MMDA Mentoring**  
Support for a work experience and mentoring program for young people experiencing chronic homelessness in Sydney.

National Children’s and Youth Law Centre  
**$10,000 NSW**  
**Indigenous Child Rights Monitoring**  
Support for the development and implementation of a model for monitoring the rights of Indigenous children in Australia.

Parramatta Mission Kooppartoo Miller Campus  
**$5,000 NSW**  
**Money Matters**  
Purchase of computers for a youth foyer housing program, for the development of financial literacy skills.

Parry School  
**$2,900 NSW**  
**Healthy Eating/Healthy Living**  
A healthy eating program in a school in rural New South Wales.

Playgroup Association of Queensland  
**$9,000 QLD**  
**Sing & Grow Project - Oakley**  
Delivery of a literacy and attachment support program for Indigenous parents and preschool children in rural Queensland.
Power Neighbourhood House Inc. $7,600 VIC
Food For Thought Community Meals & Gardens
Support for community gardening and nutrition programs across three community organisations working with people experiencing disadvantage in Melbourne.

Refugee Health Network Australia (ReHeNA)
Mater UQ Centre for Primary Health Care Innovation, Mater Health Services $9,600 QLD
Building Capacity of the Refugee Health Network Australia
Coordination of a national network of providers of health services to refugees, to improve service delivery and access to those services.

Rocky Hall Preschool Association $5,000 NSW
Digital Film Making Group
Support for a community digital film making group in rural New South Wales, aiming to build on newly acquired skills and reduce social isolation.

Saint Joseph’s Parish School Murgon $7,200 QLD
Saint Joseph’s Breakfast Programme
Support for a breakfast program in a small Catholic primary school in Queensland.

St. Vincent de Paul Society State Council of NSW $7,000 NSW
Micah House
The Food Program
Purchase of food and groceries for a service providing care, food and support to disadvantaged and marginalised people in rural New South Wales.

St. Vincent de Paul Society State Council of NSW
Stepping Out Housing Program Inc. $9,500 NSW
Living Skills Program
Support for a series of living skills workshops for young women clients of a supportive housing program in Sydney.

Sunny Kids Inc. $10,000 QLD
Supporting Children in Primary Schools
Expansion of a program linking disadvantaged and vulnerable children in primary schools in south eastern Queensland with supportive networks of agencies and programs.

Swinburne University of Technology Centre for Engagement in Vocational Learning $10,000 VIC
Young Mums Program - Equipment Purchase of toys, books and other resources to enhance a vocational education program for young mothers.

TADVIC Co-Operative Ltd. $10,000 VIC
Laptop Computers for Regional Project Coordinators
Purchase of laptop computers for TADVIC’s regional coordinators, to enhance service to clients and communications within TADVIC.

The Association of Hazaras in Victoria Inc. $10,000 VIC
Afghan Refugee Women Embroidery Group
Support for recently arrived Afghan women promoting their participation in the Australian community, through arts and handicrafts.

The Social Studio $10,000 VIC
Remixed Education
A retail and design skills development program, under the tutelage of professional design mentors, for young people from refugee backgrounds.

Travellers Aid Australia $10,000 VIC
Pathways to Education
Provision of travel passes to allow young people experiencing disadvantage to access education, training and work.

Ulladulla & Districts Community Resources Centre $2,900 NSW
Supported Accommodation Program
Support to set up a supportive housing service for young people at risk of homelessness in regional New South Wales.

UnitingCare Casino Transport Team $9,500 NSW
Volunteers Giving a Helping Hand
Support for fuel reimbursement and other costs to volunteers running a community transport program assisting low income people to access medical treatment and other services in northern New South Wales.

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency $10,000 VIC
After School Cultural Group
An arts and culture program for Aboriginal children living in out of home care, designed to build a strong sense of cultural identity.

Wildcats’ Koorie Basketball Team $8,500 NSW
Coomealla High School
Wildcats Koorie (Coomealla Lakers) Basketball Project
Support for a community based Indigenous basketball club in rural New South Wales, to purchase equipment and uniforms and contribute to registration fees and travel costs.

Women’s Information & Referral Exchange Inc. (WIRE) $2,800 VIC
Update of WIRE - Women’s Information Fact Sheets: Women and Debt
Updating and reprinting of information sheets for women about debt and financial literacy.

Yarrahappini Community House Inc. $2,000 NSW
Storage Shed
Installation of a small shed at a local community house to enable the storage and sale at low cost, or gift, of donated furniture to those in need in the local area.

Total $400,300
LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Australian National University, The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
$340,000
Indigenous Poverty Alleviation Through Community Based Natural Resource Management in North Australia (People on Country)
Action research involving Indigenous ranger groups and communities in northern Australia aiming to achieve improved Indigenous well-being and enhanced environmental management of the Indigenous estate.

Australian National University, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
$16,500
Evaluation of Indigenous Poverty and Natural Resource Management in North Australia
Evaluation of an action research project exploring the alleviation of indigenous poverty through enhanced environmental management of Indigenous lands in northern Australia, including some of the most biodiverse areas in Australia.

Koori Resources & Information Centre Inc.
$25,000
KRIC Organisational Development
Support for the development of a detailed proposal for the merger of KRIC with another organisation.

Koori Resources & Information Centre Inc.
$200,000
Establishment of the Kaiela Institute
Support for the creation of a new organisation from the merger of two like organisations in the Goulburn Valley with the aim of achieving outcomes for Indigenous people in the areas of education, employment and cultural advancement.

VICSEG New Futures
$185,000
Establishment of a Refugee Family Resource and Mentoring Program
Support for a program assisting vulnerable families from among recently settled refugee communities to understand and access the Australian early childhood service system, so that both parents and children derive the benefits that are available.

Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture
$235,894
Refugee Health & Social Wellbeing Research Program
A research program which aims to build the capacity of the VFST to provide services based on sound action research and other evidence-based methods and to put in place an evaluation framework for the on-going development of effective services to refugees. The program has a primary focus on the needs of children, young people and their families.

Total $1,002,394

“I was worried about whether my wife had shoes or not, what my daughter will be? What has happened to my family? Have they got something to eat? Are they alive? Will they survive? I don’t feel very clear for the future. Go to work, coming home just I don’t want to sleep….Before my wife was coming the life was very miserable, I’ve got very, very bad life. Like a dog sleep on a very bad mat. Life is very bad.”

From the Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture’s research on refugee family separation and reunion.

“A student of the Alice Springs Football Academy at the museum
Photo courtesy of the Clontarf Foundation
Sidney Myer Fund General Grants

**SMF TRUSTEES**

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem  
$10,000  
VIC  
*Raising the Bar on Huntington’s Disease*  
Contribution to the development of an improved model of care for patients with Huntington’s Disease through the appointment of a diversional therapist to coordinate a project team of clinicians, nursing staff, therapists, social workers and psychologists.

Cunningham Dax Collection  
$150,000  
VIC  
The Cunningham Dax Collection relocation to the Parkville Neuroscience Facility  
A contribution to the fit out of new premises for the Cunningham Dax Collection, at the new Florey Neuroscience Intitutes in Parkville.

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal  
$375,000  
VIC  
*Bushfire Recovery Projects - Administered by FRRR*

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal  
$100,000  
VIC  
*Small Grants for Small Rural Communities*  
Support for this program of grants that are given to small communities across Australia, to help with community development and support.

Glenorchy Art & Sculpture Park  
Glenorchy City Council  
$23,200  
TAS  
*Glenorchy Art & Sculpture Park Sustainability Plan*  
Support to develop a funding and sustainability plan for GASP! Which will create an arts and cultural precinct along the banks of the river at Glenorchy.

Kids’ Own (Australia) Inc.  
$10,300  
VIC  
*wePUBLISH!*  
Organisational support for an arts organisation which delivers creative projects with children and communities from diverse backgrounds.

Koorie Heritage Trust Inc.  
$32,000  
VIC  
*ATSI Community and Philanthropy Partnership Project - Woor Dungin*  
Development of stronger relationships and understanding between small to medium sized Indigenous community organisations and philanthropy.

Napranum Preschool PaL Group Ltd.  
$10,000  
QLD  
*Parents and Learning (PaL) Mapoon Aboriginal Community*  
Support for two indigenous tutors to work with Indigenous families to promote positive engagement in formal schooling.

South West Arts Inc.  
$10,000  
NSW  
*Hats Off to Farming Women ‘Millinery Workshops’ in the South West of NSW*  
Support to provide millinery training workshops for women in regional New South Wales.

Yugul Mangi Land and Sea Management Corporation  
Australian National University  
$9,200  
NT  
*Improving Mangi Land and Sea Management Capacity*  
Purchase of a desktop computer and handheld computers for the use of CyberTracker, for an Indigenous ranger group in south east Arnhem Land participating in the People on Country Project, to improve the group’s capacity for monitoring and accountability in land and sea management.

A team of volunteers from the Meander Valley Centre planted 150 deciduous trees at the Deloraine Showgrounds supported through FRRR’s Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program.

Yugul Mangi Rangers using CyberTracker to monitor ground features.

“This project aims to improve the quality of life for people with Huntington’s Disease (HD). It will identify the specific care needs of people with HD: a beginning step in developing the most appropriate support services.”

Ronald Dann, Philanthropic Liaison, Corporate and Community Development, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem
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**SMF - BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROGRAM**

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**Fahy, Moira**

| National Museum of Australia                      | $60,000      | SA       |
| Steels Creek Educational DVD Project              |              |          |
| A DVD which will trace the experiences, coping and recovery of a small number of families in Steels Creek, following the Victorian bushfires in February 2009. |

**Marysville & District Historical Society Inc.**

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Marysville & District Historical Society's new collection of historical memorabilia
2009 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards

Julie Forsyth
2009 Individual Award Winner

The Black Arm Band
2009 Group Award Winner

Footscray Community Arts Centre
Joint 2009 Facilitator’s Prize Winner

Mandawuy Yunupingu
Joint 2009 Facilitator’s Prize Winner

The 2009 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards were presented at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide on Friday 5 March 2010.

Many performing artists, organisations and arts managers were in town for the Adelaide Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival and Womadelaide, and also attended the Awards event. The Master of Ceremonies, Carrillo Gantner, was joined on stage by Artistic Director and CEO of the Sydney Festival Lindy Hume, who presented the awards.

The 2009 judging panel awarded a joint Facilitator’s Prize, a Group Award and an Individual Award. The judging panel was made up of esteemed arts industry representatives from around Australia. Members were Kate Cherry (Black Swan State Theatre Company in Perth), Lindy Hume (Sydney Festival), Genevieve Lacey (Four Winds Festival in Bermagui, based in Melbourne), Gideon Obarzanek (Chunky Move in Melbourne), Scott Rankin (Big hART, Tasmania), Will Shelmerdine (representing the Arts and Humanities Committee of the Sidney Myer Fund) and Carrillo Gantner (representing the Trustees of the Sidney Myer Fund).

The joint Facilitator’s Prize winners of the 2009 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards are Mandawuy Yunupingu and Footscray Community Arts Centre.

Mandawuy Yunupingu is best known as the founding member and lead singer of Yothu Yindi. Behind the scenes, Mandawuy has worked tirelessly in his community in Arnhem Land to promote education and the arts, and with the Yothu Yindi Foundation, hosts the annual Garma Festival of Traditional Culture at Gulkula in north east Arnhem Land.

Of the other Facilitator’s Prize winner, the judging panel said “the Footscray Community Arts Centre has been a pioneer in supporting community arts and community cultural development in Melbourne. The centre exists to build a community in which artists and communities collaborate to produce outstanding art; where the arts can belong to everyone; and where artists and communities can thrive.”

Group Award Winner The Black Arm Band’s first work murundak premiered in 2006 at the Melbourne International Arts Festival, and since that time, has become sought after nationally and internationally. Members of
The Black Arm Band include Archie Roach and the late Ruby Hunter (2008 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards Individual Award winners), Bart Willoughby, Rachael Maza Long, Shane Howard and Lou Bennett. The judging panel said “these artists, black and white, share a cultural space through music, reconciling difference and exploring what connects us, rather than divides us, across cultural and historical boundaries.”

The Individual Award Winner of the Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards is Julie Forsyth. The judging panel said “clearly, Julie is a stand out in the Australian theatre. She consistently gives stand out performances that redefine the classics, or that contribute brilliantly, and often joyfully, to the Australian cannon, and how we view ourselves.”

The Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards again achieved its goal of raising the profile of and celebrating not only the winners, but performing artists around Australia. For more information, go to www.sidneymyерperformingartswards.org.au.
2009 marked 75 years since the death of Sidney Myer, and the subsequent establishment, through his will, of the Sidney Myer Fund. It also marked the 50th Anniversary of the founding of The Myer Foundation by Sidney Myer’s two sons, Baillieu and the late Kenneth Myer. The 2009 Commemorative Grants Program commemorates both these milestones in Myer family philanthropy.
In the past year much has been achieved by the organisations receiving major grants as part of the 2009 Commemorative Grants Program. During the financial year grants totalling $3,365,000 were paid. Some projects have been completed, including Mercator for the Makers at Abbotsford Convent.

This project has seen a derelict laundry building transformed into ten studios and workshops now tenanted by artists, artisans and practitioners of the “hard arts” including ceramicists, glass artists, jewellers, lighting designers and printmakers.

A grant of $2 million to the Country Fire Authority has enabled almost 500 country fire stations in rural Victoria to have water tanks installed for the collection of rain water. In an exciting and gratifying outcome the Victorian State Government has committed to matching this grant to enable even more stations to have rain water tanks installed.

ClimateWorks Australia, one of the most ambitious initiatives supported through the program, released a Low Carbon Growth Plan for Australia during the year. In a major acknowledgement of the importance of this work, the Low Carbon Growth Plan was awarded an Australian Museum Eureka Prize for 2010.

During the financial year Flinders University named Professor John Halsey as the Sidney Myer Chair in Rural Education and Communities. Work began on the redevelopment of the Drill Hall, Melbourne Affordable Housing’s project to provide housing for low income earners in Melbourne’s CBD. Queensland University of Technology released an interim report as part of its research on the Celebrating our Partners program. And the first exciting performances as part of the Arts Centre’s Kenneth Myer Asian Theatre Series were staged to great acclaim.

Other initiatives making up the 2009 Commemorative Grants Program are making great strides, and we look forward to reporting on progress and outcomes in future Annual Reports.

Sidney Myer, Convenor
2009 Commemorative Grants Program

CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERS: PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT FOR STRONG COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

This program is supporting 36 community organisations around Australia to invest in capacity development and organisational strengthening initiatives, making grants of up to $100,000 to each for this purpose. Some grants have been complemented by gifts from Myer family members. Organisations are also taking part in and benefitting from a research project being undertaken by the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies at Queensland University of Technology.

SIDNEY MYER FUND

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“IT’S refreshing that Myer recognised the need for investment in sustainable infrastructure to help make delivery of services better. The ‘Celebrating our Partners’ program has helped us to upgrade processes and facilities and link us better to our supporters, while freeing up other funds for our primary purpose of poverty alleviation and community building.”

Bruce Everett, Chair, Urban Seed Board
THE MYER FOUNDATION

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
2009-2010 $50,000
VIC
Total Commitment $95,000

Federation of Ethnic Communities’ Councils of Australia
2009-2010 $50,000
ACT
Total Commitment $100,000

Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women
2009-2010 $50,000
VIC
Total Commitment $100,000

Springvale Indo-Chinese Mutual Assistance Association
2009-2010 $50,000
VIC
Total Commitment $100,000

The Southern Highlands Foundation
(formerly Wingecarribee Community Foundation)
2009-2010 $50,000
NSW
Total Commitment $100,000

Total in 2009-2010 $250,000
Total Commitment $495,000
2009 COMMEMORATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

SIDNEY MYER FUND

Abbotsford Convent Foundation
2009-2010 $0
Total Commitment $1,000,000 VIC
Mercator for the Makers
Renovation of the Mercator building as workshops and studios for artisans and the “hard arts”.

Bush Heritage Australia
2009-2010 $1,000,000
Total Commitment $2,000,000 VIC
Tasmanian Midlands project
A collaborative project working with key land owners, community organisations and government agencies and neighbours, to protect the biodiversity of the Tasmanian Midlands, focusing on the Northern Midlands bioregion.

Country Fire Authority
2009-2010 $500,000
Total Commitment $2,000,000 VIC
Sustainable Water Supplies at CFA Fire Stations
 Provision of rain water storage tanks to up to 500 CFA stations around Victoria.

Flinders University of South Australia
2009-2010 $172,000
Total Commitment $1,000,000 SA
Sidney Myer Chair in Rural Education and Communities
Establishment of a Chair dedicated to providing leadership and research to achieve better outcomes for children, students and communities in rural Australia.

Melbourne Affordable Housing
2009-2010 $1,000,000
Total Commitment $2,000,000 VIC
Drill Hall Apartments and Multicultural Community Hub
Contribution towards a major redevelopment of a significant building in Melbourne’s CBD to provide affordable housing, a community hub and a multicultural centre.

Orchestra Victoria
2009-2010 $300,000
Total Commitment $1,000,000 VIC
One Concert Two Places
A series of major outdoor orchestral performances in rural and regional Victoria, simultaneously broadcast to a second regional audience.

Celebrating our Partners Australia wide
2009-2010 $1,515,000
Total Commitment $2,910,000

Total 2009-2010 $4,487,000
Total Commitment $11,910,000

THE MYER FOUNDATION

Asialink Centre, The University of Melbourne
2009-2010 $300,000
Total Commitment $1,500,000 VIC
Asialink Conversations
A series of five bilateral Conversations bringing together emerging leaders in government, academia, community and business sectors from Australia and each Asian host country, with the aim of significantly strengthening Australia’s capacity to build relationships with next generation leaders in Asia.

Butterfly Foundation, The
2009-2010 $430,000
Total Commitment $1,300,000 VIC
Butterfly Research Institute
Establishment of an “institute without walls” to coordinate and support research in Australia into eating disorders.

Florey Neuroscience Institutes
2009-2010 $0
Total Commitment $2,500,000 VIC
New Neuroscience Institutes
Establishment of a new world class centre for neurosciences in Melbourne.

Monash University ClimateWorks Australia
2009-2010 $1,000,000
Total Commitment $4,600,000 VIC
Establishment of ClimateWorks Organisation
Support for the establishment and operations over five years of a new organisation aiming to contribute to substantial emission reduction through enabling collaborative action within Australia and the wider international context.

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
2009-2010 $500,000
Total Commitment $1,000,000 VIC
Working Wetlands: Integrated Water Management
A project to harvest rainwater from urban stormwater flows, and to filter it through wetlands in the Royal Botanic Gardens, to reduce the Gardens’ reliance on potable water.

Victorian Arts Centre Trust
2009-2010 $0
Total Commitment $2,000,000 VIC
Kenneth Myer Asian Theatre Series
Creation of an endowment fund to support the development and staging of a major biennial performing arts series bringing outstanding Asian performances, teachers and practitioners to Victoria.

Celebrating our Partners Australia wide
2009-2010 $250,000
Total commitment $495,000

Total 2009-2010 $2,480,000
Total Commitment $13,395,000

“New programming initiatives are the life-blood of any successful performing arts centre. They help excite existing audiences and at the same time have the ability to attract others to the theatre for the first time. The Kenneth Myer Asian Theatre Series is a biennial program which aims to do just that.”

Judith Isherwood, Chief Executive, the Arts Centre
The Myer Foundation was established in 1959 by Sidney Myer’s sons, Baillieu Myer and the late Kenneth Myer. It is now supported by three generations of Myer family members, and represents their continuing commitment to philanthropy.
In the last financial year, the Beyond Australia Committee continued to support projects that work towards increasing Australians’ knowledge of, and competencies in, working with people of the Asia-Pacific Region and aim to make a positive contribution to engagement with and promotion of civil society in the region.

In 2009-2010 the Committee’s capacity to support new ideas was limited by a reduced budget for the Large Grants Program. Over the year, we have continued funding our multi-year projects with grants totalling $818,218 in the Committee’s two priority areas.

The Committee maintained a strong focus on various initiatives that facilitate exchanges between Australia and Indonesia and that target journalists, students and teachers. We believe that such programs build Australians’ competency and knowledge about Muslims and Islam.

An exciting new initiative supported this year will work towards improvement of health of 50,000 people in western Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia through establishment of small village based sanitation enterprises. We hope that this project will benefit the livelihood and well-being of women in Lombok and West New Britain Province.

We sincerely thank all members of the Committee and in particular Kathe Kirby and David Inglis for their invaluable contributions over the last year.

Sidney Myer, Convenor
La Trobe University Centre for Dialogue
$5,000 VIC
Centre for Dialogue’s Fourth Annual Lecture
Support the staging of the Centre for Dialogue Fourth Annual lecture.

La Trobe University
$30,000 VIC
Developing Regional Networks of Emerging Young Muslim Leaders
Development of a sustainable regional network of emerging young Muslim leaders drawn from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Live & Learn Environmental Education Inc.
$114,218 VIC
Testing and Modelling Sanitation Marketing in East Indonesia and PNG
This project aims to improve the health of 50,000 people in west Papua New Guinea and east Indonesia through the establishment of small village based sanitation enterprises addressing the sanitation needs and providing direct benefits to the livelihood and wellbeing of at least 20,000 women in Lombok and West New Britain Province. This initiative will establish eight women-owned sanitation enterprises, provide continuous community education on hygiene, monitor and evaluate community behaviour change and work with local government authorities and aid agencies to scale up this model.

Lowy Institute for International Policy
$30,000 NSW
Evaluation of Melanesia Program
Support to enable independent evaluation of The Myer Foundation Melanesia Program.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Indonesia Institute Australia
$250,000 ACT
School BRIDGE Project
This three-year project involves an alliance between The Asia Education Foundation and the Australia Indonesia Institute. The project is open to Indonesian state schools, Islamic madrasah schools and Australian government and non-government schools. Core outcomes of the project in Australia will be the expansion of Australian students’ and teachers’ understandings of Islam and Indonesian traditional and contemporary culture, society and history plus support of Bahasa Indonesia language programs. For Indonesia, outcomes will include increased understanding of contemporary Australian culture, society and history, and will dispel myths and stereotypes in Indonesia about Australia. It will also strengthen participants’ professional capacities to support the new curriculum in Indonesian schools, especially the development of English language skills, new pedagogical practices and internet-based collaborative learning.

“I have had so many fabulous experiences through BRIDGE and so have all our students. Basically our whole community has been positively impacted through the BRIDGE. Thanks to BRIDGE we (a small public school on NSW north coast) are the only bilingual Indonesian school in NSW.”

Angie Evans, Scotts Head Public School, New South Wales
University of Melbourne  
National Centre for Islamic Studies  
$139,000  
VIC  
Education on Islam  
A three-year initiative involving primary and secondary school teachers in Victoria and New South Wales to develop and enhance their knowledge-base and skills when dealing with Muslim pupils. This is achieved through a series of two-day seminar programs, followed by small group meetings with Muslim community leaders. This initiative will address misperceptions of Islam and the role of Muslims as active citizens in Australia. The program is designed and delivered by the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies in partnership with the Australian Curriculum Studies Association. It is expected that this initiative will be launched on a national level after the initial three years.

Asia South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education  
$250,000  
ACT  
Building Capacity for Community Engagement on Education Policy in Papua New Guinea  
A three-year project which aims to broaden and deepen the capacity of civil society in Papua New Guinea to research and analyse educational needs and to work with governments, donors and local communities to meet these needs. An Educational Experience Survey will be conducted in a number of provinces. Results of the survey will be used to support civil society engagement in education planning and policy debates, at the local, provincial and national levels. The project will be implemented by the Asia South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education (ASPBAE) in partnership with the PNG Education Advocacy Network and selected civil society organisations.

Total  $818,218

Photo courtesy of Live & Learn
The G4 Committee provides opportunities for the fourth generation of the Myer Family to increase their knowledge and experience of philanthropy and to support projects that are youth focused across a range of areas.

In 2009–2010 the Committee supported 30 grants through the Small Grants Program, each up to $5,000 in value. These projects provided the opportunity for local community organisations to deliver a variety of environmental education projects that targeted and involved young people aged 12-25. Other projects focused on issues of nutrition, engagement in sports, sexuality and mental health. The Committee also supported youth led events and initiatives that focused on capacity building of youth organisations.

In the Large Grants Program, the Committee retained its focus on youth mental health and continued to support an existing initiative that aims to address mental health needs of deaf young people. Funding was provided for one new multi-year project in the area of youth leadership development with a sustainability focus.

We sincerely thank Professor Alison Yung and Dr Arlene Buchan for their invaluable contributions over the last year.

Edwina Myer, Co-Convenor
Helena Myer, Co-Convenor
### G4 - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

**Australian Student Environment Network**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {NSW}
  - **Education for Environmental Justice**
  - **Support for for five two-day workshops for environmental educators.**

**Autism Association of South Australia Inc.**

- **Grants**
  - **$3,813** {SA}
  - **Aerosol Art Project**
  - **An eight week aerosol art training program for young people with autism spectrum disorder.**

**Bunya Community Environmental Association Inc.**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {QLD}
  - **Kumbartcho Sanctuary Environmental Fund**
  - **Purchase of canoes for an environmental group in Queensland. Canoes will be used to engage 12-25 year olds in learning about the local wetland environment.**

**Chifley College Bidwill Campus**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {NSW}
  - **Step It Up**
  - **Purchase of sporting equipment and expansion of an existing fitness and healthy lifestyles program by a government school with high numbers of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students.**

**Colac Area Health**

- **Grants**
  - **$3,564** {VIC}
  - **CHOIS (Challenging Homophobia Openly In Society)**
  - **Running of a range of activities aimed at supporting same-sex attracted young people in the Colac area.**

**Daystar Foundation**

- **Grants**
  - **$4,970** {NSW}
  - **Daystar Foundation Garden Club**
  - **Establishment of an organic garden in a high school in New South Wales.**

**Express Media**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Electioneering: Express Media’s Election Coverage 2010**
  - **Support to provide five young writers with training and engage them in posting of articles, interviews and opinions on the Express Media blog during the 2010 federal election campaign.**

**Great Lakes Community Resources**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {NSW}
  - **Midnight Basketball**
  - **Support for the Midnight Basketball Program in the Foster-Tuncurry region of New South Wales.**

**Latitude: Directions for Young People Inc.**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Rise: Beginning to Soar**
  - **Engagement of ten disengaged young women in a ten week program on life skills, self esteem and healthy relationships.**

**Longhorns Basketball Club Inc.**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Longhorns Basketball Project**
  - **A program to engage recently arrived African migrants in basketball training, coaching and administration at a local club.**

**Mayumarri Eva House**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {NSW}
  - **No-Dig Veg Garden**
  - **Construction of a non-dig veggie garden in a healing centre. Young women participants who have experienced child abuse and trauma will utilise the garden to learn about the environment and improve their health.**

**Migrant Information Centre**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Support for an eight week program on nutrition and cross-cultural awareness for Australian born and recently arrived refugee students.**

**Mind Australia**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Challenge By Choice**
  - **A program of outdoor activities to young people living in three residential mental health rehabilitation centres in rural Victoria.**

**Orygen Research Centre**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **A Peer Support Program for Young People Being Discharged From a Specialist First- Episode Psychosis Treatment Centre**
  - **Extension of a peer support program that assists young people discharged from a mental health service.**

**Otesha Project Australia, the Sustainable living Foundation**

- **Grants**
  - **$5,000** {VIC}
  - **Melbourne Sustainability Workshops Program**
  - **Support for workshops on consumption in a number of Melbourne based schools.**

**Police and Community Youth Clubs NSW Ltd. Bateau Bay**

- **Grants**
  - **$3,300** {NSW}
  - **Fri Zone - Hip Hop Dance Crime Reduction Strategy**
  - **Support for a series of Friday night Hip Hop dance class at a PCYC. The class will target young people and reduce underage drinking, improve fitness and reduce antisocial behaviour.**

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“I spend time at PCYC because it is fun and keeps me out of trouble.”

Youth participant, Police and Community Youth Clubs NSW, Bateau Bay, Fri Zone

“...on the prospect of an activity. I am so proud to be a part of this project to witness the growth in acceptance and willingness to try something new.”

Youth Worker, Autism Association of South Australia
Police and Community Youth Clubs
NSW Ltd.
Taree
$5,000 NSW
Healthy Mind Healthy Body Program 2010
An holistic program that focuses on health, re-engagement with education and reduction of criminal behaviour of young people in Taree.

Police and Community Youth Clubs
NSW Ltd.
St George
$5,000 NSW
Revolution
Provision of fitness training and counselling to a group of ‘at-risk’ young people.

Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association
Redcliffe Branch
$3,839 QLD
Sports Learning Program
Provision of training for young people to become accredited coaches and referees.

Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club Inc.
$5,000 NSW
Dance Groups for Young People With Disabilities (RSAC Dance Time)
Support to employ two dance instructors to work with two groups of young people with a disability. The objective of the project is to improve physical fitness, improve balance and coordination and socialisation of participants.

Reef Check Foundation Ltd.
$4,766 QLD
Reef IQ Coral Reef Surveying
A reef survey program with Indigenous students from a school on Palm Island.

Southern Gulf Catchment
$5,000 QLD
Sustainable Schools Program
Support for environmental education programs in five regional schools in Queensland.

Stewart House
$5,000 NSW
Safe Swimming Program at Stewart House
Purchase of equipment for a swimming program for a group of disadvantaged young people.

Swan Hill Rural City Council
Performing Arts Program
Swan Hill Regional Library
$5,000 VIC
Fairfax Festival
Support for an arts festival that targets young people in rural Victoria.

Switch on Sustainability Incorporated
$5,000 VIC
Sustainability Activity Programs 2009 - Environmental Empowerment
Contribution to a sustainability awareness program in four Melbourne schools.

Teen Challenge Centralla
$3,639 NT
Sing-A-Long Including Health Message With BBQ in Aboriginal Town Camps of Alice Springs
Support for musical events in Alice Springs with Indigenous young people focusing on anti-alcohol messages.

The Southern Highlands Foundation
$5,000 NSW
Gr8 2 Give
Piloting a program for Year 10 students that gets them involved in developing a fundraising idea for a local charity.

The Trustee for Friends of Autism
$5,000 WA
Autism Out and About
Development of a program for ten young people with Autism that aims to improve their social skills.

Vibewire Youth Services Inc.
$5,000 NSW
Youthscape Sydney Voices
Engagement of ten young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in a skills development program focusing on media creation.

Wagga Wagga Community Drug Action Team
$4,800 NSW
Stay Safe, Protect a Mate
Support for the development of a flash mob event with anti drinking messages that will be spread via, Youtube and viral messaging to young people.

Total $143,852

“My days at Stewart House were the happiest, most carefree days of my childhood. All care and responsibility were lifted from my 11 year old shoulders. For the first time in my life I had no one to be wary of; no one I had to fight to survive. I didn’t have to be self-conscious of my clothes because we all wore clothes other than those we had brought.”

Former participant, now an adult, reflecting on their time at Stewart House

G4 - LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Centre for Sustainability Leadership
$50,000 VIC
Online Future Sustainability Leaders Program
Online Future Sustainability Leaders Program will empower thousands of young Australian aged 15-25 to make measurable impact in their schools, universities, workplaces and communities to make them more sustainable places. It is envisaged that within a two year period the program will have 20,000 graduates, each of whom will create sustainability projects in their respective communities. The program will act as a launching pad for innovative and high-impact sustainability projects. The ultimate aim of the project is to benefit all Australians, as more and more people are trained to lead their communities towards a prosperous and sustainable future.

Deaf Children Australia
$50,000 VIC
Youth On Line
A multi-year project that seeks to address an unmet need of mental health service provision to deaf children in Victoria. Deaf Children Australia identified that deaf or hard of hearing young people are four times more likely to develop mental health problems such as anxiety and depression than their hearing peers. Deaf people cannot access mainstream counselling and crisis services over the phone due to their disability. To address this issue Deaf Children Australia will establish Youth On Line, a service which will provide young deaf people with access to counselling services, direct peer support and helpful information on mental health issues through the web.

Total $100,000
The Sustainability and Environment Program continues its commitment to supporting projects that work towards an environmentally sustainable Australia. In 2009-2010, the Committee supported four projects, making commitments of $1,200,000 over the Committee’s three focus areas.

As one of the most important and complex regions in Australia, in terms of its cultural and environmental values, northern Australia has continued to be a focus of the Committee. The Committee has sought to address some of the complex social, political and environmental issues in the region through the support of economically and environmentally sustainable initiatives.

The importance of recycled and sustainable water use was recognised through the support of a large redevelopment project at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. The redeveloped Guilfoyle’s ‘Volcano’ site will provide recycled irrigation water for the Gardens, water education for communities and school groups, and will also demonstrate the types of plants which can be used in a water-wise garden.

Two of Australia’s leading conservation organisations were supported to develop their organisational capacity and species preservation. The capacity development will allow the two organisations to continue their extensive work in landscape management and restoration across their own properties, and partner properties.

We thank the members of the Committee, our Program Manager Debra Morgan, and particularly our external Committee members Max Bourke, Philip Moors, Jim Peacock and Hugh Possingham, for their informed contributions throughout the year.

David Shelmerdine, Convenor
Australian Conservation Foundation  
**$400,000 VIC**  
**Northern Australia Program**  
Established in 2003, the Northern Australia Program works to protect the natural and cultural heritage of northern Australia. Stretching across approximately 1.9 million square kilometres, from Cairns in the east to Broome in the west, northern Australia is one of the most intact tropical savannah regions on the planet. The Australian Conservation Foundation works with policy setters, land holders, community members and the general public to ensure strong social and environmental outcomes in the region. The organisation works with these partner organisations and people to achieve sustainable development. This project supports the core capacity of the program, including salaries and project costs.

Bush Heritage Australia  
**$200,000 VIC**  
**Support for Bush Heritage Australia’s Core Capacity**  
Bush Heritage Australia works to protect biodiversity on its reserves and in identified ‘anchor regions’. The organisation owns and manages 32 reserves covering more than 940,000 hectares. The reserves safeguard over 240 vegetation types and at least 700 bird and animal species, including 197 that are known to be threatened. Bush Heritage has identified key factors that will underpin the organisation’s sustainability and growth. Through this project, the organisation has been supported to undertake some of the identified priorities, including the development of new IT systems, planning and staff development.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy  
**$200,000 WA**  
**The Wildlife Extinction Crisis**  
Australian Wildlife Conservancy establishes conservation areas and actively manages them, and surrounding areas, to work towards the effective conservation of all Australian animal species and their habitats. The organisation’s sanctuaries protect over 300 ecosystems, 100 threatened ecosystems and 170 threatened animal species. Through active on-ground management, supported by dedicated scientific research, Australian Wildlife Conservancy manages its 21 sanctuaries, which cover more than 2.5 million hectares. This project supports the development of the organisation’s capacity, including staff and system development, which will support the organisation to continue its conservation work.

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne  
**$400,000 VIC**  
**The Volcano Project**  
In 1876 a spectacular bluestone reservoir was built at the highest point of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. The reservoir was built to provide gravity fed irrigation to the lower garden beds. The volcano structure was the main water supply for the gardens for about 60 years until it fell into disrepair. The Royal Botanic Gardens has, over the last three years, redeveloped the Volcano site. In March 2010 the site was reopened to the public. The Volcano enhances the historic landscape of the gardens and provides opportunities for water education to over one million visitors each year.

Total  
$1,200,000

“Critically for the Gardens, the volcano will once again become as important a part of water management as it was when it was created over 130 years ago. The volcano will be re-established as a functioning reservoir that will be used to water the surrounding garden collections. As part of a more extensive stormwater harvesting project, water will be pumped up from the Ornamental Lake to supply the reservoir. Additional water will be circulated back through a series of natural wetland filters to the lake.”

Andrew Laidlaw, Landscape Designer, The Volcano Project, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.
## The Myer Foundation General Grants

**TMF DIRECTORS**

**Australian Collaboration, The Trust for Young Australians**  
$15,000  VIC  
**Public Accountability Education Project**  
A program of research, analysis and writing on key aspects of democracy in Australia.

**Human Rights Council of Australia Inc.**  
$2,500  NSW  
**General Purpose**  
To support the operations of the organisation.

**Menzies School of Health Research**  
$20,000  NT  
**Swimming Study for Severe Otitis Media**  
A randomised control trial to test the efficacy of swimming on chronic supplicative otitis media and skin sores among Aboriginal children in Australia. The results of the trial will provide best evidence for clinical guidelines.

**Philanthropy Australia**  
$25,000  VIC  
**Leading Membership of Philanthropy Australia**

**Sailability Victoria Inc.**  
$25,000  VIC  
**Inclusive Pathways for Achievement**  
Over the next 5 years Sailability Victoria’s target is to increase the number of recreational sailing opportunities for people with a disability to 20,000 per annum, the number of sailors involved in development programs to 200 (currently less than ten) and the number of high performance disabled sailors involved in national squads to 8 (only one Victorian was involved in the 2008 Australian Paralympic Sailing Team).

**The AsiaLink Centre**  
$500,000  VIC  
**Continued Core Support and Projects**  
Programs that support the development of knowledge, understanding and relationships between people in Australia and countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

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| Victorian National Parks Association Inc. Victoria Naturally Alliance | $5,000 | VIC | **Habitat 141 Community Forum March 2010**  
A collaboration of community organisations working to conserve and restore eco-systems and habitats straddling SA, NSW and Victorian state borders. |
| Victorian Women’s Housing Association Ltd. | $20,000 | VIC | **Growing and Maintaining Organisational Capacity Assistance**  
To help the organisation grow its internal capacity to meet its objective of providing supported housing for women. |
| Young People in Nursing Homes National Alliance | $12,500 | VIC | **Freedom Connections**  
The supply of laptops, equipment, internet connections and specialist support for young people in nursing homes. |

**Total**  
$625,000

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*Before I.... was lucky enough to live in the property, I really had so many problems for so many years, especially with finding a safe home to live in that I could afford. Ever since I have been in the property my life has changed completely and only gotten better and given me the strength to keep going*.  
Victorian Women’s Housing Association Ltd.
## Family Grants Program

**TMF - FAMILY GRANTS SPECIAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

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Karen Eastwood

Intern
David Hardie (January to June 2010)
Sidney Myer Fund and
The Myer Foundation
Grants by Focus Area 2009–2010

Sidney Myer Fund
Funding Program Committees
The Arts and Humanities 400,000
The Arts and Humanities - Small Grants Program 1,000,072
Education 1,000,000
Education - Small Grants Program 400,176
Poverty & Disadvantage 1,002,394
Poverty & Disadvantage - Small Grants Program 400,300
Health 260,965
Sub total 4,463,907

Other
General Grants 1,452,400
Merlyn Myer Fund Grants 50,000
Sidney Myer Fund Back to School Program 250,000
Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards 125,000
2009 Commemorative Grants Program 4,487,000
Sub total 6,364,400

Total Sidney Myer Fund Grants 10,828,307

The Myer Foundation
Funding Program Committees
Beyond Australia 818,218
Sustainability & the Environment 1,200,000
G4 Fund 243,852

Other
2009 Commemorative Grants Program 2,480,000
General Grants 125,000
Family Grants Program 430,683
Asialink 500,000
Total The Myer Foundation 5,797,753

Total Foundation and Fund Grants 16,626,060

Administration Costs / Program Development 1,171,534

Administration Costs as a % of Grants
Three Year Rolling Averages*
2009/10 8.9%
2008/09 10.2%
2007/08 13.6%

*This figure is shown as a three year rolling average due to the material impact “special project” grants have on the calculation.

Sidney Myer Fund and The Myer Foundation
Cumulative Grants Summary

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*Not adjusted to current day values.

Value of Grants by Funding Program

Value of Grants by Geographical Reach
(Excluding 2009 Commemorative Grants Program)

Value of Grants by Theme

International Relations and Development 13%
Philanthropy 1%
Housing and Homelessness 6%
Education 24%
Environment 18%
Community Development 12%
Arts Culture and Humanities 13%
Poverty & Disadvantage 6%