



2009 OCTOBER GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 18 grants worth \$138,957 for the October 2009 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below. Since the establishment of the Foundation, over 320 grants have been approved and more than \$1.6M distributed to community-based groups in Victoria. The grants were allocated within three key areas of support: Mobility & Safety, Emergency Services and Environmental Sustainability.

MOBILITY & SAFETY		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Cobram Special School	\$10,000	To build a multi-sensory room used for people with a wide range of disabilities. These rooms are designed to deliver stimuli to various senses using light effects, sound, music, colour scent.
Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc	\$10,000	To train members of the refugee community to drive mini buses to enhance the mobility of the otherwise isolated women and children of the Sudanese and Karen refugee communities.
Moira Inc (Southern Directions Youth Services)	\$9,780	To provide funding for 28 disadvantaged young people to get their learners book, apply for their learners permit, provide four lessons with a professional instructor, apply for their probationary licence with a professional instructor.
Sea Lake Neighbourhood House	\$7,779	To train and test five local residents to get their bus licences, enabling them to drive community members to events and activities. Also to educate youth about to take licence tests.
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Association of Australia	\$6,500	To purchase a specialised pram called a 'moon buggy', to be added to the equipment lending library. This pram provides additional support to SMA sufferers allowing a safe sitting position, enabling normal environmental interactions and socialisation for children and parents.
Uniting Care Cutting Edge	\$10,000	To help newly arrived communities obtain their probationary driving licence. There are three modules proposed: attaining L's permit; car familiarisation, and ten professional driving lessons for each participant.

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Anglesea SLSC	\$10,000	To purchase an additional IRB as the Club expands its patrolling capacity beyond the main Anglesea beach.
Bunyip fire brigade	\$10,000	To design and build a water harvesting and reuse system, providing a facility for training for fire fighting operations and competitions.
Jan Juc SLSC	\$3,185	To purchase one defibrillator to enhance this SLSCs capacity to deliver its training and life saving services.
Murtoa Fire Brigade	\$1,400	To purchase head mounted lights and associated equipment, enhancing hands-free fighting fires in low visibility.
Nar Nar Goon fire brigade	\$4,800	To purchase a new tool (called Stabfast) to significantly reduces the time taken to stabilise vehicles after traffic accidents; ensuring paramedics can access casualties far more quickly and safely than is currently possible.
Torquay Life Saving Club	\$10,000	To purchase an IRB to allow the Club to effectively patrol its home beach and beyond as part of a First Response Unit for the region.
Warragul fire brigade	\$7,700	To purchase two additional gas suits and two splash suits to bring the HAZMAT Unit and the brigade up to required standards.
Warrnambool Volunteer Coast Guard	\$6,090	To purchase first aid equipment for the recently acquired search and rescue vessel, to allow the vessel to be fully operational.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Basalt to Bay Landcare Network	\$9,999	To restore habitat on the Port Fairy-Warrnambool Rail Trail - a Federally funded walking and cycling track project. Community groups, school children etc. will undertake the planting.
Lighthouse Foundation	\$7,180	To install three water tanks in three of its seven homes (in East Malvern, Springvale, and Boronia).
Tweddle Child and Family Health Service	\$10,000	To purchase a grey-water system to protect Tweddle's 'home/haven' environment, including the children's play area and the parent's retreat.
Yooralla gardening project	\$4,544	To create a new wheelchair-accessible greenhouse allowing all season use of the garden built by Yooralla clients, allowing them to participate in a supportive, inclusive and creative community activity.

Total 18 grants	\$138,957
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