



2010 August GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 27 grants worth \$167,015 for the August 2010 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below. Since the establishment of the Foundation, almost 350 grants have been approved and around \$1.8M has been 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
Anchor Inc	\$8,605	To assist 10 people aged 17-19 to obtain their learner's permits, learn to drive with professional instructors, gain their 120 mandatory practice hours, and have a qualified instructor at their final driving test.
Australian NPC Disease Foundation	\$5,940	To purchase a Hi-Lo electric lift bed to assist families of adult children with NPC type C Disease, who require total 24hr care.
Cottage by The Sea Queenscliff	\$5,700	To train six CBTS staff and volunteers to drive CBTS's 24 seater bus which provides transport to hundreds of children to and from the centre each year. Bus drivers also ferry children to a large number of off site locations during their stays.
Diversitat	\$9,450	To run education sessions, provide driving lessons, and train volunteers to 'get the hours up' for Sudanese, Liberian and Karen Communities in the Barwon area.
Eventide Lutheran Homes	\$3,370	To purchase a range of mobility and exercise equipment to expand the Eventide Lutheran Home's mobility programming.
Headway Gippsland Inc	\$10,000	To undertake modifications to the new Headway vehicle to allow for wheelchair access.
KIDS Foundation	\$9,500	To purchase a program equipment and a trailer to allow the KIDS Foundation to undertake two education projects, the Teen Safe program – designed to reduce risk taking behaviour, and the TANGO Vic program – designed to inspire young Victorian burns survivors to re-evaluate their lives and develop new skills, methods of communication, and goal setting.
Sunshine Special Developmental School	\$6,864	To purchase specialist bikes and tricycles for the bike education program - an opportunity for students to learn how to ride a bike or tricycle and become familiar with road safety.

Wheelchair Sports Victoria	\$10,000	To purchase library equipment for the Rehabilitation to Recreation program, which is designed to introduce accessible sport and recreation activities to people with a recently acquired disability to help with what can be a difficult transition.
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EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	\$10,000	To expand the ASRC community kitchen, which provides a hot lunch to around 100 asylum seekers 5 days per week, through the provision of a commercial oven, range hood and splash back.
Carrajung Rural Fire Brigade	\$7,820	To purchase a quick fill pump at the Carrajung fire dam allowing for more rapid filling of the Carrajung tanker. The grant also includes relevant assembly equipment, motor, and hoses.
City Life Inc	\$1,700	To fund a defibrillator, allowing trained staff to respond quickly to emergencies amongst City Life clients, many of whom have complex medical needs.
Dunrobin/Nangeela Rural Fire Brigade	\$5,400	To construct a purpose built trailer fitted out with all the pumps, hoses and fittings which make it replicate the rear of a real fire tanker. Using this trailer as a training mechanism for the Juniors allows more rapid response to fires for the 'real' tanker.
Lilydale Fire Brigade	\$3,304	To fund chainsaws and safety equipment for this CFA's two separate stations, which are involved in a variety of suppression activities, ranging from scrub and wildfires, to house and factory fires. The recent Black Saturday fires highlighted the need for a chainsaw on each of their tankers for obstruction clearance activities. The grant also includes chapps, helmets, ear muffs, and related safety gear.
Metcalfe Group of fire Brigades	\$7,390	To purchase radio equipment for the group's forward command vehicle (FCV). The purpose of a FCV is to control dispatch of resources and control communications of operational personnel during turnouts.
Patchewollock Fire Brigade	\$2,798	To purchase a UHF base radio to assist with communications during turnouts - at present mobile phone coverage in the Mallee is poor, and the current system often drops out or becomes over congested during fire fights.
Paynesville Flotilla - Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	\$3,752	To fund a new 13.7m 'wind up/tilt over' radio tower for the flotilla's new headquarters. The tower will increase the flotilla's communications range around the Gippsland Lakes and offshore.
Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club	\$10,000	To fund an additional Rescue Water Craft to enhance patrolling operations in an area which receives many inexperienced visitors and is renowned for changeable conditions. In addition, funding has been provided for a backpack oxygen resuscitator to enhance lifesaving capacity.
Ruby Rural Fire Brigade	\$8,200	To enable this brigade to better undertake its evolving role in fighting complex fires, funding has been provided for appropriate breathing apparatus.

		House fires and structure fires form an increasing part of this brigade's activities, and relevant infrastructure to safely attend complex turnouts is needed as a result.
Sandford Rural Fire Brigade	\$1,504	To fund a chainsaw and related safety equipment to assist this CFA in undertaking its activities in a rural area with significant fire risk due to the prevalence of forestry plantations. The brigade is isolated, and roads in and out are poor.
Sarsfield Fire Brigade	\$1,799	To replace a chainsaw used by the brigade in undertaking its normal operations, and also in cutting firewood to raise funds for a local disabled residents ongoing medical care.
Seville Rural Fire Brigade	\$6,000	To enhance this CFA's capacity to respond to emergency through the addition of two sets of fire fighting-specific breathing apparatus. This is particularly useful at house fire, allowing the brigade to more safely search for people and or hot spots, but also has utility at car fires allowing fire fighters to get closer to the vehicle. It also can be used for any incident where hazardous materials are present.
Strathdownie Fire Brigade	\$1,200	To fund a quick fill pump at the Strathdownie water source, which allows for more rapid filling of the Strathdownie tanker.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Menzies Inc	\$6,050	To fund a water tank to be attached to the redeveloped Sages Cottage Training and Education facility in Baxter on the Mornington Peninsula.
Sirovilla Elderly Peoples' Home Inc	\$6,000	To purchase and install a water tank to support community garden activities at Sirovilla.
Strathewen Community Renewal Association Incorporated Bushfire Relief Fund	\$8,669	To re-establish the highly successful environmental sustainability program at Strathewen PS. All aspects of the program were wiped out in the Black Saturday fires. The program focuses on sustainability, water conservation and self sufficiency and previously boasted solar electricity, rainwater harvesting and reuse, food production, award winning indigenous gardens, waste recycling and reuse programs.
YMCA of Geelong	\$6,000	To establish the Nature's Pizza Oven program. Campers will be able to follow the journey food scraps take to becoming compost ultimately being used as fertilizer to grow further fruit and vegetables for the production of pizza toppings which the campers will cook showing how important proper treatment of waste is. The activity reduces waste, educates campers on the need to recycle. The program also uses waste paper and cardboard to produce paper bricks to start the pizza oven and campfires.

Total 27 grants	\$167,015
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