

Border Trust:
Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region

ANNUAL REVIEW

2016

BRIEF INTRODUCTION & ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Border Trust is the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region. It is a local, independent charitable organisation that was established in 2005 to create a strong, sustainable financial base that can be drawn on to meet the needs of our community today and in the future.

We raise funds through donations and community events, invest that money and use the income to fund important community initiatives. In this way, donations are preserved in perpetuity and our donors' gifts continue to benefit the community year after year. In addition, we work with granting partners to help them achieve their local philanthropic aims.

Donations to Border Trust stay 100% local to support the people and not-for-profit community organisations of the region.

Name: Community Foundation for Albury Wodonga Region Ltd t/as Border Trust

2016 Region: Albury, Alpine, Corowa, Greater Hume, Indigo, Towong, Tumbarumba and Wodonga LGA's

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	Mr Michael Houlihan	Deputy Chair
	Mr Ryan Muntz	Treasurer
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	Ms Grace Churches	Director
	Ms Kerryn Arnold	Director
	Ms Michelle Hudson	Director
	Ms Jacqui Hawkins	Director



Staff:	Ms Glenys Atkins	Executive Officer	21 hours pw
	Ms Alana Nesire	Executive Assistant	Volunteer/Casual

Foundation

Builders: Valued sponsors whose support underpins our administrative capacity



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2016 COMMUNITY BENEFITS: GRANT MAKING

Back to School Voucher Program

Border Trust provides the local mechanism for the national FRRR Back to School Program. This program, which provides \$50 Target vouchers to local students-in-need, is a cornerstone of our foundation. More information & testimonials: <http://bordertrust.org.au/give/back-to-school-program/>

2016 Distribution	476 x \$50 vouchers distributed to students across 55 regional schools	\$ 23,800
Total Back to School Voucher distribution 2005- 2016	5073 x \$50 vouchers	\$277,450
2017 Allocation Distribution currently underway	565 x \$50 vouchers	\$ 28,250

Annual Community Grant Round

Border Trust's annual Community Grant round went through a significant change in 2016 to bring it into line with our new initiative "May is Giving Month". From 2017, the new one-step application process will open on the 1st February for projects commencing June 1st.

With these changes going on behind the scenes, we continued to work with our existing granting partners, including the Scanlon Foundation, who approved Year 2 funding for two highly successful local projects run by the Volunteer Resource Bureau (Cultural Exchange Program) and Gateway Health (Work Ready Program). We were subsequently delighted to learn that the Work Ready Program won a Highly Commended Award through the Victorian Multicultural Awards in 2016.

We also took the opportunity to develop further partnerships which will be announced during the 2017 grant round.

As part of our annual granting process, we visited our 2015 recipients to see how they were getting on with their projects with some of the highlights shared in the images & stories that follow.



L-R Event Kit and Marketing Materials (Recipient: Albury Wodonga Regional Foodshare)
 Burrinja Arts Retail Outlet Open for Business (Recipient: Murray Arts)
 Albury Wodonga Cultural Exchange – Coffee and Cards (Recipient: Volunteer Resource Bureau)

2016 COMMUNITY BENEFITS: GRANT MAKING

We enjoyed a gorgeous morning tea in August with students and staff at **Belvoir Special School's "Café Bel54"**.



Border Trust and the Adroit Insurance Group were both pleased to have been able to contribute to a \$3,000 grant to fit-out the industrial kitchen with café style furniture to bring a true café feel to the space.

The 15-18 year old VCAL students at the school use this environment to learn hospitality skills, develop confidence in a realistic work environment and create bonds with member of the community.



We were so impressed by the teamwork and skills of the students who not only made all of the beautiful sweet treats, but also prepared the menu, took our orders, made the hot drinks and then cleaned up!

The students will soon move on to the marketing and promotion phase of the project by designing logos, uniforms and advertising materials.



We felt so motivated after spending the morning with Karin and Vijay from **Gateway Health** who lead the **"Work Ready" program**. The program was funded through Border Trust by the Scanlon Foundation and offered participants from multicultural backgrounds hands-on, practical information to help them prepare for work in Australia, and particularly Albury Wodonga. Over 4 weeks, they heard from services including Centrelink, employment agencies and TAFE's and learnt important skills such as preparing a resume with mock interviews the next step.

We were delighted to learn that the Work Ready Program won a Highly Commended Award at the 2016 Victorian Multicultural Awards – a fantastic achievement by an inspiring local team.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM: FACT FILE		
Border Trust Community Grant Program 2005-2016	119 grants	\$422,383
2016 City2City Run Walk	1 grant	\$110,000
Bobby Garratt Memorial Scholarship	7 recipients	\$7,000



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2016 COMMUNITY BENEFITS: CITY2CITY RUN WALK

We are immensely proud of our relationship with The City2City Run Walk which operates as a Sub-Committee within our governance and granting structure.

The partnership will ensure that this great event can continue to grow in size and scale as a local flagship community fundraising event, for a long time to come. <http://bordertrust.org.au/news-and-events/city2city/>



In 2016, **\$110,000** was distributed to 9 valuable Mental Health Programs administered by Albury Wodonga Health, being:

ALERT – SUICIDE PREVENTION
HEALTHY & WISE
YOUNG OFFENDERS RE-ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE (YORI)
DRAMATIC MINDS FESTIVAL
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH:
Love Bites Program
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
Capacity Building Albury Wodonga
GETTING AHEAD THERAPEUTIC GROUP
PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM
MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY:
Sensory Therapy Kit IPU (Nolan House) Albury

The 2017 event is gearing up to be even bigger with proceeds supporting the Albury Wodonga Maternity Unit Special Care Nursery.



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2016 COMMUNITY BENEFITS: FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

Community foundations are place-based, independent, community-owned philanthropic vehicles. They work with a range of donors to build endowment funds as long-term community assets; they make grants to local organisations and initiatives; and they bring people together to build social capital and strengthen their communities.

In a nutshell: local people giving time, skills and money for community benefit.

There are at least 36 community foundations in Australia, which have collectively given over \$97 million in grants to not-for-profits and charities in their communities

The following provides a taste of our 2016 highlights, as we work towards creating a better future for our local community. For these and other stories, go to our website www.bordertrust.org.au or Facebook page.

Introducing... Community Funds

The people of our region now have an opportunity to support the area they love, live and work in by contributing to their local Community Fund. Established under the solid governance structure of Border Trust, the Community Funds are as local as it gets with all funds raised within an area supporting not-for-profit groups and initiatives within that same area.



Under the Greater Hume Community Fund sits the **Headlie Taylor Header Museum Named Sub Fund**. It has been established to recognise the historical contribution to agriculture by Headlie Taylor, Australia's greatest inventor in the field of agricultural machinery and aims to raise funds for a bronze sculpture and scholarship.



Border Trust's **Workplace Giving Program** was launched in May. The program is an efficient and easy way for employees and employers to make tax deductible donations to support the local community through their payroll system.

In May, we launched our new initiative; **MAY IS GIVING MONTH** at an event hosted by our great friends at the Atura Albury. The aim of this annual activity is to celebrate our local giving culture and emphasise the grass roots benefits that come from 100% local giving.

Throughout May, we ran a social media, radio and print campaign, hearing directly from our donors and recipients about why they give, how it makes them feel to receive and why they would encourage others to do the same. Our Facebook page shares these stories.



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At the May is Giving Month launch, we announced the **2016 City2City Run Walk \$110,000** distribution to Albury Wodonga Health Mental Health Services and presented a cheque for **\$4,000 to Youth Albury Wodonga** for the NE Wilderness Program for Girls.



We happily welcomed the **Family Vet Centre** to our group of valued Foundation Builders. Justin and Tabitha Clancy shared with us their reasons for supporting the community in this way: "We feel fortunate to be able to be part of such a great community as Albury Wodonga. A positive, healthy community is important to us, our team at Family Vet Centre, and our young family. Border Trust helps enable the community, and as such, we are happy to support the great work that the Trust does".

Youth Engagement and Employment was the key focus at Business Breakfast hosted at the SS&A in May. The community will benefit from this important forum with the profit to be distributed within our 2017 grant round for projects focused on providing opportunities for our young people.



Exciting times ahead! Lots of passion and energy in the room at our November **Planning Session** as our volunteer Board came together to plan how best to deliver to local communities' needs, now and in the future.

Our relationship with the Albury Northside Chamber of Commerce continues to grow with the development of a **Future Leaders Scholarship**. Administered through Border Trust and the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, the scholarship once again shows the innovation and leadership that the Chamber has become renowned for.



Our inaugural **Donor lunch**, held in early December, was co-hosted by one of our grant recipients, the Volunteer Resource Bureau. It was a warm and personal affair which gave us the opportunity to thank a great many of our donors, and share with them just a little of the value of their contributions. This will definitely become an annual diary date.

You, our donors, make this happen.

THANK YOU

Adroit Insurance Group in Albury continued to contribute to their community through Border Trust by supporting the Back to School Program and hosting our annual Charity Golf Day. Their Named Sub Fund also provides a contribution to a community grant with a focus on disadvantaged youth and young people.



And getting creative in their support of the local community is **Zo'i Espresso**. The proceeds from the sale of their hessian coffee bags comes straight to Border Trust & we greatly appreciate it!

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS: 2017 FOCUS

Ensuring Local Relevance

Profile & Awareness Building

Targeted Fund Raising Campaigns

Local:

Border Trust is 100% local. We are engaged with and connected to our local community, with 100% of our funds staying local to support grass roots community groups. We are in touch with the needs of our local community, seeking out and responding to grant opportunities that drive positive community outcomes.

Trustworthy:

When you donate to or receive funds from Border Trust, you can be confident the funding and granting process is well managed and efficiently governed. We have over 10 years' experience in receiving and distributing community funds and a track record of high donor and recipient satisfaction. We're one of over 30 community foundations in Australia and a member of Australian Community Philanthropy Australia. Our perpetual funding model enables Border Trust to assist the needs of our communities both today and in the future.

Supportive:

Border Trust is the leader in local philanthropy, supporting the needs and aspirations of grass-roots community groups. We support recipients with grant funds generated by Border Trust and funding from other philanthropic organisations which are delivered through our services. We support donors and fundraising groups by providing advice and guidance on fundraising governance and can also provide a framework of support for community charities when they need it.