

Trust ahead in race for funds

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BORDER Trust is past the half-way mark in its fund-raising bid to secure \$100,000 which will be converted to \$400,000 if it is successful.

Earlier in the year, the philanthropy group won \$100,000 through a Victorian government grant and was promised, that if it could match that amount, it would secure a further \$200,000 from the government.

The Challenge Grant tally yesterday sat at \$59,000 with the deadline of June 30, 2012 looming.

Border Trust deputy chairwoman Cr Anna Speedie said the group had a few plans on how to raise the money in 2012.

Among the planned fund-raising activities are the Albury Gold Cup breakfast, a movie night and charity tins in Hume Building Society branches.

"And we've got some other events we're finalising at the moment that will help us fund-raise," Cr Speedie said.

She said if the group managed to raise the \$100,000 and secure a total of \$300,000 in grants, the extra money would be put in a trust fund to earn interest, which would be given out where it is needed.

"There is some money that has already been committed to some



● Anna Speedie with funding recipients Lisa Speedie, Yes Girls on the Go Program co-facilitator, and Lake Hume Volunteer Coast Guard members Alan Soul, Keith Grigsby and Bob Abbott. Picture: BEN EYLES

potential recipients ... but the \$100,000 we have raised from our community we're going to be really flexible with because the community foundation is about flexing to the needs," Cr Speedie said.

She said the grants and inter-

est earned would enable the group to provide more funding to community organisations like Lake Hume Coast Guard.

Border Trust gave out a total of \$35,000 to local organisations in 2011.