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is an independent perpetual philanthropic trust established by Helen Macpherson Schutt (*née Smith*) in 1951 for the benefit of Victorian charitable institutions.

We approve grants to a wide variety of eligible charities and a diverse range of projects that seek to benefit the people of Victoria.

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# Our Founder and her legacy

The capital of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust was valued at 30 June 2010 at \$83.8m.

Grants totalling \$5.1m were approved in the year bringing aggregate grants to \$85.3m since the Trust was established.

The life of Helen Schutt was not one that made headlines. She lived comfortably and quietly, first in Melbourne, then in Europe, secure in the financial and social legacy of her family.

Helen was particularly fortunate in her forebears: on both sides they were hard working and energetic Scottish immigrants. On the Macpherson side they were good judges of land and excellent farmers while the Smiths were entrepreneurs with a talent in business, particularly as timber merchants. Helen was born Helen Macpherson Smith in Scotland in 1874 to her Scottish father, Robert Smith, and her Australian mother of Scottish descent, Jane Priscilla Macpherson.

Helen attended school in Scotland, Europe and Australia.

In 1901, aged 27, Helen married William John Schutt. He was 33 years old, a barrister, raconteur, Essendon footballer and later to become a Justice of the Victorian Supreme Court. Of the 22 years of their married life in Melbourne, little is known. They had no children and Helen's name rarely appeared in the social pages of newspapers or magazines.

It is through the reporting of William's life, especially after his retirement from the bench, that we learn something of Helen's life in Europe, where she lived from early in 1924 until her death in 1951.

In Europe, Helen travelled widely, living mainly in both Switzerland and the south of France. She and William made extensive trips together in Europe, their activities widely reported in the press.

William Schutt died in 1933, aged 65, after an accident on board ship while returning to

Australia from one of his many visits abroad to travel with Helen.

In April 1951, while living at the Hotel Majestic in Cannes on the French Riviera, Helen contracted pneumonia and died.

Helen's story could have ended there but for the fact that on her death she left £275,000 (\$550,000), being the majority of her considerable wealth, to establish a philanthropic trust to benefit Victorian charities.

Despite this generous benefaction, Helen was buried in a pauper's grave in the Saint Pierre cemetery in Marseilles. Later, acting on instructions from solicitors, her body was exhumed and her remains cremated in accordance with her wishes. Helen's ashes were cast to the winds in the Marseilles cemetery. No tombstone or monument existed in honour of her lasting legacy to society, until the Trustees unveiled a monument beside her parents' graves in the Smith family plot in the Melbourne General Cemetery on St Andrew's Day 2001, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Trust.

The capital value of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust at 30 June 2010 was \$83.8m, and in the year to June 2010 the Trustees approved grants of \$5.1m to fund a range of Victorian charities across most sectors of community life. The grants made are detailed in this Report.

As a perpetual legacy, Helen's Trust will continue indefinitely. Her forebears — both Macphersons and Smiths — were strong, energetic and resourceful. Many family members contributed much to the advancement of Australian colonial life. It is fitting that the financial legacy of Helen and her family continues to leave a lasting mark on Australia and its people.

# Chairman's Report

The 2010 financial year has been another challenging one, yet stimulating in our pursuits and rewarding in our outcomes.

Despite the tighter economic conditions encountered across the philanthropic sectors, the Trust has pursued a commitment to advancing positive change for the people of Victoria through our grantmaking activities. We have sought to help to build better communities across the state through the many charities we support, whether for aged care, disability, community support, the arts, education, health, employment or the environment. Through careful management of our investment portfolio and its net return, we have achieved our grant-giving aims again this year, and also given thought to how the Trust's benefaction can continue to outgrow future inflationary pressures to keep pace with the ever-increasing social needs across society.

## GOVERNANCE

In recent years, the trustees recognised that in order for the Trust to be ready to face the governance and administrative challenges of the 21st century and beyond for the philanthropic sector, some changes were required to the constitution of the Trust. An application was made in November 2009 to the Supreme Court of Victoria for an Administrative Scheme to vary the constitution. The Order of the Court approved the application in its entirety, resulting in many modern governance provisions being enshrined for future enactment. For instance, under her 1936 will, our benefactor had restricted the maximum number of trustees to three, but the growth of the Trust over recent years had made that provision an onerous restraint. Similarly, the Trust was permitted to accumulate income only for the first 21 years of the Trust, and thereafter, the absence of such a power to combat inevitable periods of economic downturn became a serious limitation for almost four decades. The Order of the Supreme Court of Victoria now permits the power to accumulate part of the net income to corpus, and the maximum number of trustees has been increased to nine. Likewise, the provisions relating to trustee appointments have changed from being virtual life-time appointments to a term of three years extendable to a maximum of either nine or twelve years. These many significant changes in our governance herald a new era for the Trust's modus operandi.

With the Administrative Scheme approved, a search for three additional Melbourne-based trustees and a Macpherson descendant trustee commenced in the final months of the financial year, and on 31 August 2010 we were pleased to formally announce that The Hon. Rod Kemp, Ms. Winsome McCaughey and Dr. Philip Moors had been appointed as trustees.

Another of our governance projects was completed during the year, namely the finalisation of the Trust's official archives system, and we thank our consultant archivist, Shirley Goldsworthy, for her professional dedication to the project. The trustees believe that the preservation of the heritage of a benefactor is an essential part of their accountability. The archives now ensure that the documentary history of our benefactor Helen and the Macpherson, Smith and Schutt families is secure, preserved and accessible to family members and future researchers.

## CAPITAL AND INVESTMENTS

The 2010 financial year represented a turning point for our capital growth, as distinct from the decline in the market value of our corpus investments over each of the two previous years due to the global financial crisis.

Over the course of the financial year the official interest rates of the Reserve Bank were raised steadily from 3% in June 2009 to 4.5% in May 2010, with the cash rate increasing six times, largely because the prices of houses in Australia continued to surge. Despite this, the stock market rose almost 9% over the twelve month period, echoing the improvement in the economy provided by strong commodity prices.

The Trust enjoyed good capital returns for the financial year, with the value of the portfolio also rising by about 9% from \$76.6 million to \$83.8 million at year-end. The number of securities held by the Trust was reduced and at 30th June 2010 about 88% of the portfolio was invested in listed Australian equities with the balance of 12% invested in cash or term deposits. The Trust has the power to invest offshore, but since our grant-giving is restricted to Victoria, there has been a general intention to match our asset currency similar to that of our grant-giving commitments. The Trust held no investments denominated in foreign currencies, which was fortunate given the strength of the Australian dollar over the year and since balance date.

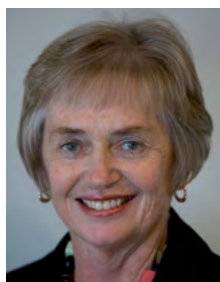
## Trustees



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*Chairman of Trustees*



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*Trustee*



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**Dr Philip J Moors**  
*Trustee*

## INCOME

Gross income was \$8.440 million as against a record \$9.692 million in 2008/9. These figures include realised capital gains, which were much higher this year than last. However, offsetting that positive trend was a lower total of dividends received from corporations. The global financial crisis once again impacted dividend payouts, particularly in the banking sector, although there are now clearer signs that dividends are on a rising trend again. There was a strong positive impact on interest received as the trust enjoyed the benefits of rising interest rates on its term deposits. During the year, the market for writing call options against our physical holdings was far more volatile than in recent years, resulting in premium income being more than \$2 million less than in the previous year. Total net income after expenses for the year available for distribution to beneficiaries fell to \$4 million compared to \$7.3 million, but unapplied income brought forward from the previous year permitted total grants approved for the year to be maintained above our \$5 million target. The overall income return on the Trust's investment assets was 6.2% as against 11.0% in 2008/9.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The abridged financial statements of the Trust for the 2010 financial year set out in this report show that total revenue for the year from all sources including net realised capital gain on sales of investments totalled \$8.440 million. Total operating costs incurred for the year amount to \$1.209 million, reflecting a ratio of 14% of total revenue, as against 12% last year.

## GRANTS

The shaping of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust as a vibrant living trust has not been confined solely to reviewing its governance provisions to ensure they are appropriate to best practice, but also to re-defining its granting policies. From February, a new grantmaking policy was adopted which channels the Trust's grants coverage into three defined streams, namely Small Grants, Strands and Partnerships. Details of these streams are set out in the Grants Overview of this Report and on our website. The streams concept is more definitive in providing firstly the Trust's continued support for small immediate needs, secondly for projects in specific strands of community need, and finally for working collaboratively with other stakeholders to deliver improved outcomes from major community projects and programs. This year the Trust received 392 grant applications seeking some \$27 million of requests. Of these, the trustees approved 131 grants totalling \$5.109 million from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and the HMS Bushfires Grants Fund. The Macpherson Smith Community Alliance, our collaborative partnership with the Victorian Government, awarded \$586,500 in grants to 22 organisations across regional Victoria. Details of these grants are listed further in this report.

## STAFF APPRECIATION

The trustees wish to thank the Trust's team of permanent and contract staff for their dedication to the Trust throughout another challenging year. The permanent staff members of Tony Baird, Darren McConnell, Chris Wootton, Sarah Bartak and Pamela Beech were joined during the year by Dianne Street, our new Accountant/Administrator. Dianne joined the Trust in December 2009 and reports to the Finance Executive. Gordon Moffat (investments), Shirley Goldsworthy (archives) and Elma Gradascovic (administration) continue to provide valued support to the Trust on a part-time basis. This year saw an important change in our team structure. We were joined by our first volunteers assisting in the Grants area, Anthea Robinson and Carol Nugent, and we most sincerely thank them for kindly donating their time and abilities.

## OUTLOOK

As the setbacks from the global financial crisis become clearer, we see that economic conditions in Australia continue to be not as dire as in some Western countries. However, the wellbeing of the Australian economy will continue to be heavily dependent upon the financial health of our major trading partners and strong commodity prices. A major hurdle in this scenario will be the continuing strength of the Australian dollar.

Despite these challenges, the Trust looks forward to cautious growth of both the capital base and income yields in order to maximise our significant grant-giving role in the State of Victoria.

**Darvell M. Hutchinson AM**  
*Chairman of Trustees*

## Staff



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*Grants Program Officer & Communications Officer*



**Pamela Beech**  
*Executive Assistant & Office Administrator*



**Dianne Street**  
*Accountant & Administrator*



# Grants Overview

- 14 ongoing grants totalling \$775,333
- 131 new grants totalling \$5.89m (including multiple year grants)
- \$30m total value of projects supported
- 26,044 volunteers involved
- 926 organisation partners (ie schools, business, government & other philanthropic organisations)
- 866 community organisation partners

In 2010, the Trust reviewed and significantly changed its Granting Policy and established three funding streams: Small Grants (Less than \$25,000); four Strands (Ageing, Belonging, Building Community Spirit and Improving Youth Health); and Partnership Grants. These are explained in detail towards the end of this Overview.

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

The Trust is committed to building, fostering and strengthening strategic relationships and collaborative partnerships with peer philanthropic trusts, charitable organisations and all levels of government:

- On-going joint funding support with the Office for Youth in relation to state-wide regional mentoring co-ordinators and capacity-building support for the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance (\$190,000 – matching Government funding)
- In conjunction with the Office for Communities, joint funding to continue the operation and development of the Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) Clearinghouse over the next three years (\$137,500 – matching Government funding)
- Support to Mackillop Family Services to establish a benchmarking program for thirteen community organisations in the areas of administration and support services (\$100,000 over two years)
- Active participation by the Trust as part of the Loddon Mallee Partnership which involves representatives from State and Federal Government and philanthropic organisations to work with Mildura Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) and Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative (MVAC)
- In conjunction with Myer Foundation, Melbourne Community Foundation, Reichstein Foundation and the Portland House Foundation the book *Time Will Tell* was produced showcasing eleven case studies demonstrating ‘good’ philanthropy

## CAPACITY-BUILDING

The Trust is also investing in building the capacity of community organisations so that they can deliver improved services and benefits to the communities which they serve:

- Support over two years to expand the services of Greatconnections, a skills-bank of retired volunteers to work in community organisations (\$45,000)
- Support over three years to Community Radio 3MBS to create a new and sustainable funding membership base (\$90,000)
- Support for the Yorta Yorta so that they can successfully become the first indigenous co-manager of the Barmah National Park (\$41,220)

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

With the alarming rising rates of childhood obesity, adult diabetes and other health-related implications of excessive weight, the Trust supported a range of innovative programs aimed at addressing this national crisis:

- To establish the position of a Healthy Lifestyles Program Director – A Helen Macpherson Smith Fellow at the Jean Hailes Foundation for the next three years to take a holistic approach to improving women’s health (\$300,000)
- A program at the University of Ballarat to explore ways to encourage increased physical activities for girls (\$31,680)
- A medical research program at Victoria University which examines the impact of obesity on protein handling by the kidney and potentially identify future therapeutics (\$46,206)
- An innovative program at Deakin University on ways to motivate children to consume more vegetables (\$34,556)

## REGIONAL & RURAL ACCESS

The Trust’s regional and rural program focus is best exhibited through our provision of support to ensure that people who live in rural and remote areas of the state are also able to access high quality programs which are readily available in metropolitan Melbourne:

- Support over three years for the Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts to tour their Indigenous Art program to regional Victoria (\$47,250)
- To provide the 1300 Number access service for Griefline Services to individuals who live in rural and remote areas (\$88,312)
- To support the establishment of a Clinical Skills Training Facility in Echuca to attract and retain doctors in rural areas (\$77,500)
- To support over three years the Melbourne Writer’s Festival Regional Schools Program across regional Victoria (\$83,000)

## DISABILITY SUPPORT

The Trust is also committed to supporting people with a disability so that they can actively participate and enjoy community life to their fullest potential:

- Supporting TADVIC to develop a one-armed fishing kit (\$7,500)
- Providing loan equipment via the Able Management Group for specific ski equipment so that people with a disability are able to participate safely and equally with other skiers (\$25,995)
- Funding research by Travellers Aid to develop new strategies to support people with a disability to access community transport across the state (\$50,000 over two years)

## OTHER GRANTS

On the following pages, we profile the second year of the HMS Bushfire Grants Fund, the ongoing work of the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance, seven selected case studies, as well as the full list of grants approved during the year.



### OUR APPROACH TO GRANTING

The Trust reviews its approach to granting every three years to ensure that it meets changing community needs and remains in accordance with the will of the late Helen M Schutt (née Smith). From February 2010, the Trust makes grants in three defined streams:

The Small Grants program of the Trust provides grants of up to \$25,000 across eight community sectors:

- Aged Persons Care and Support
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Community Support
- Disabled Care and Support
- Education
- Employment and Vocational Training
- Environment
- Health and Medical Research

For larger grants over \$25,000, the Trust is focussing on four Strands, namely:

- Ageing: to support programs/projects, including medical research, which will lead to improved health outcomes and quality of life for the elderly
- Belonging: to support programs/projects which aim to actively involve the most disadvantaged in the community, namely youth, disabled, indigenous and refugees, to increase their participation and feeling of belonging as part of the community through innovative opportunities in education, training and employment
- Building Community Spirit: to support innovative practical ideas and programs/projects which will strengthen social networks and community spirit in urban and rural communities
- Improving Youth Health: to improve innovative and practical programs/projects, including medical research, which will lead to improved health outcomes for youth so that they can achieve their full potential.

The Trust's Partnership program involves funding specific programs/projects related to the eight community sectors and/or strands to build the capacity of the not-for-profit sector and foster collaborations between community organisations, other peer trusts/foundations and government. Expressions of interest are sought for the Partnership program.

The Trust seeks applications from eligible Victorian-based charitable organisations by conducting three grant rounds per year (end September, January and April). The Trust also welcomes the opportunity to discuss potential applications prior to submission. All applications are acknowledged by email and all eligible applications are considered by the Grants Committee of the Trust. The outcomes arising from the deliberations of the Grants Committee include written advice to all applicants - both successful and unsuccessful; an eGrants Bulletin, which is distributed listing all approved grants from each round; and a list of successful grantees is posted on the Trust's website.

The Trustees place considerable emphasis on evaluation both in terms of the performance of the Trust itself and in terms of the community impact and sustainable outcomes of the projects that the Trustees support. As such, an acquittal report is also required when successful projects are completed.

### THANK YOU

The Trust would like to acknowledge the fantastic work being undertaken by community organisations and their efforts to improve the quality of life for all Victorians, especially for those in need. We would also like to congratulate all of our successful grantees and thank them for giving the Trust the opportunity to help them make a difference.

# Case Studies





**Royal Children's  
Hospital Foundation**

\$600,000 for Targeted  
Diagnostic Sequencing:  
A revolution in diagnosing  
childhood disease

The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm for the Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria's largest paediatric hospital. Funds raised have been allocated exclusively to foster excellence in medical research, education and acquire specialist medical equipment.

**ABOVE**  
Professor Andrew Sinclair.  
Photo: Robert Reitmaier,  
ERC, Royal Children's  
Hospital, Melbourne

As the first Partnership grant under our new Grants policy, a total of \$600,000 over three years has been gifted to the Royal Children's Hospital for groundbreaking research led by Professor Andrew Sinclair into the development of a diagnostic platform for children with Disorders of Sex Development (DSD). The ultimate aim is for this to lead to the development of a rapid, cost effective and flexible platform for diagnosing a range of genetic disorders. Up to 5% of children are born with a significant genetic disorder. These disorders have a significant lifelong impact on the affected individual and their families, and society.

Instead of trying to develop a diagnostic platform for a range of conditions, the researchers will focus on a detailed analysis of DSD in order to test the efficacy of this approach for broader application. DSDs are surprisingly common, ranging from sex reversal to genital anomalies (1 in 4,500) to

hypospadias (misplacement of the urethral opening) which affects an astonishing 1 in 135 boys, most of whom require surgery.

In many cases for doctors, even though they may know a particular disorder has a genetic origin, it is not possible to identify the specific causative gene. This means it is often difficult to diagnose the genetic disorder and pinpoint where the normal developmental process has gone wrong. As a consequence, the treating doctor is essentially 'flying blind' in terms of best clinical management – interventions, therapies, medication or counselling – for a patient with an undiagnosed genetic disorder. Clinical management would dramatically improve if such a diagnostic platform can be developed. The research is a collaborative project between the Royal Children's Hospital and Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.



**Life Saving Victoria**

\$60,000 for installation of an integrated  
communications network along the  
Victorian coastline

Life Saving Victoria is the peak body for water safety in Victoria, serving the community in the successful delivery of industry-leading programs in water safety, swimming and resuscitation.

Sustainable and capable communications equipment is integral to providing emergency search, rescue and medical services to the public on our beaches, however, Life Saving Victoria's previous infrastructure was severely inadequate with significant delays being experienced in the co-ordination of emergency search and rescue; 'black spots' in the communications network; delayed response for emergency medical assistance for patients on beaches and in the water; and surf lifesavers being placed at risk when working in remote areas outside radio contact.

A state-of-the-art Lifesaving Command Centre, situated in Port Melbourne, has now been developed which allows all surf lifesaving clubs and external search and rescue agencies, including Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Volunteer

Marine Rescue, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and Victoria State Emergency Service, to be in radio contact and coordinate their operations in the event of an emergency. For the Centre to be fully operational, it required the installation of four additional repeater towers for its Communications Network. The Trust's grant of \$60,000 provides for these additional zones to be brought onto the Network and will be ready in time for summer 2010/2011.

This ability to centrally coordinate both routine and emergency search and rescue operations along the coastline of Victoria, including inter-agency operations, will eliminate communication delays, confusion, and contribute to the swift location and rescue of victims.

**ABOVE**  
Photo courtesy Life  
Saving Victoria





KAGE Physical Theatre Association

\$20,000 for Stage 2 of *Sundowner*

KAGE is a performing arts company which creates innovative and challenging performance works for presentation. Their work is defined by the Company’s signature melding of dance, theatre and design, and appeals to a variety of demographic groups within the wider community, depending on the show created. KAGE works in partnership with communities to broaden engagement with their work and has explored links to the national curriculum, to isolated individuals in society and to special interest groups.

*Sundowner* is a major new performance work combining dance, drama and original composition to reflect the often hidden personal experiences and frustrations of young onset dementia.

The project’s title comes from the disorder Sundowner’s Syndrome, which is well known to those who provide care to the aged and/or infirm. Sometimes referred to as ‘sundowning’, it was once believed that the syndrome was caused as a result of missed day/night cues, hence the sudden onset at sundown. ‘Sundowners’ experience periods of extreme agitation, confusion and irritability, making them difficult to care for during this period – good all day, but with the quiet of evening comes frustration, malfunction, blind rage.

The production stars features highly acclaimed performers actor Helen Morse and musicians Paul Kelly and Megan Washington as well as KAGE’s co-founder Gerard Van Dyck , the Tivoli Lovelies and the Share and Care Tappers (a group of women dancers aged between 65-82 years).

In 2009 the Trust made a grant towards the initial development stage of the work, which KAGE has developed in close consultation with Alzheimers Australia (Vic) and Carers Victoria. The result was impressive and this year, a further grant of \$20,000 towards the final creative development of the project and presentation was awarded. The work will be premiered in 2011 and toured in 2012.

ABOVE  
Helen Morse  
in *Sundowner*.  
Photo: Jeff Busby



Echuca & District YMCA Youth Services

\$35,000 for One & All: Campaspe Inclusion Project

The Echuca & District YMCA Youth Services raises funds in the local community to support predominantly youth programs in the area including summer camps for disadvantaged youth, leadership programs for young people, emergency lunches for primary school children and free access for children from disadvantaged families to YMCA programs and services.

ABOVE  
Team mates in the  
changing room.  
Photo courtesy  
Echuca & District  
YMCA Youth Services.

The initiative for One & All was borne through the observation that most people are unable to confidently approach and interact with people with a disability. The project brings together the skills of a number of partner organisations to work towards a more inclusive Echuca via the platform of sport, with the aim of raising awareness of and improved acceptance and understanding of people with a disability across the rural community of Echuca.

Project co-ordinator Phillip Evans was inspired by watching a successful local Auskick game in 2009 that involved both able and disabled children. The event was so successful that he took the idea to reproduce it to various user groups in the region.

One & All works mainly with school aged children to provide opportunities where children of all abilities interact so they develop understanding and are comfortable in one another’s company. Using sport as a platform, the education and understanding can extend to other members of the children’s families, specifically through sporting clubs and sporting clinic involvement.

Key partners in the project include Campaspe Primary Care Partnership, Echuca Regional Health, Sports Focus, Echuca Specialist School and various local Echuca primary and secondary schools.





Youth Connect

\$64,500 for *Right Step: A Young Offenders Diversion Program*

Based in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Youth Connect works with the community to provide young people with the skills and knowledge to support them to manage a successful pathway through secondary education, further learning and employment. It works in partnership with a wide range of local organisations and individuals to deliver a number of programmes and services that assist young people, parents, employers and industry, schools and other education providers and the community.

Right Step is an innovative pilot program run by Youth Connect in conjunction with the Victoria Police and Moorabbin Justice Centre which is aimed at reducing youth recidivism amongst 10-18 year olds. It involves a program of life skills, capacity building, information and referral, mediation and mentoring and will involve 120 young offenders over a three year period. The Trust has made a grant of \$64,500 over three years towards the program which has been developed through extensive community consultation between the three participating organisations.

The program is unique and groundbreaking for Victoria. Police and magistrates are able to refer young offenders at risk of further youth or adult criminal behaviour to Right Step, potentially curtailing the need for further police involvement or progression into the justice system.

The program’s primary target group are those young people under police caution or being dealt with through the new Moorabbin Justice Centre. The launch of the Centre, which now sees young offenders from the area prosecuted by a court based in the local community, highlighted the need for a youth offender diversion program in the region. Consultation with various support agencies suggested a need for a program with case-managed, individualised support. All young people targeted for Right Step support are at high risk of recidivist behaviour and in need of individualised, early intervention support to prevent them becoming an ongoing risk to themselves and general community well-being and safety. The program is overseen by a steering group made up of partner community agencies in addition to Victoria Police and Moorabbin Justice Centre (Magistrate Court).

# 2010 Grants

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**The Abbeyfield Society (Mortlake) Inc**  
[www.abbeyfieldmortlake.com.au](http://www.abbeyfieldmortlake.com.au)  
Enhancing Dementia Care  
Aged Care  
\$25,000

**The Able Management Group Inc**  
[www.ablemanagement.com.au](http://www.ablemanagement.com.au)  
Loan Ski Equipment Upgrade  
Disability Care and Support  
\$25,995

**Aboriginal Literacy Foundation**  
[www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org](http://www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org)  
ALF Literacy Camps  
Education  
\$10,000

**Arts Project Australia Inc**  
[www.artspjroject.org.au](http://www.artspjroject.org.au)  
Studio Windows Replacement  
Disability Care and Support  
\$25,000

**Association for Children with a Disability**  
[www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)  
‘Growing Together – A Parent’s Guide to Supporting Siblings of Children with a Disability’  
Disability Care and Support  
\$20,000 paid over two years

**Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Inc**  
[www.asrc.org.au](http://www.asrc.org.au)  
Bridges to Participation Pilot Project  
Employment and Vocational Training  
\$25,000

**Austin Hospital Medical Research Foundation**  
[www.ahmrf.org.au](http://www.ahmrf.org.au)  
Do Stressful Experiences in Hospital Affect the Preterm Infant’s Brain Development?  
Health  
\$27,200

**Australian National Academy of Music Ltd**  
[www.anam.com.au](http://www.anam.com.au)  
ANAM Outreach and Community Training Program  
Arts, Culture and Heritage  
\$22,500

**Australian Nutrition Foundation Vic Division Inc**  
[www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org)  
Ageing with Dignity  
Health  
\$50,583

**Ballarat District Nursing and Healthcare Inc**  
[www.bdnh.com.au](http://www.bdnh.com.au)  
BDNH Redevelopment  
Health  
\$50,000

**BalletLab Association Inc**  
[www.balletlab.com](http://www.balletlab.com)  
Aviary: creative development and presentation  
Arts, Culture and Heritage  
\$35,000 paid over two years

**Bayley House**  
[www.bayleyhouse.org.au](http://www.bayleyhouse.org.au)  
A Bath with People in Mind  
Disability Care and Support  
\$25,000

**Bendigo Science and Technology Museum Inc**  
[www.discovery.asn.au](http://www.discovery.asn.au)  
A new dome for the Planetarium  
Education  
\$32,000

**The Bendigo Trust**  
[www.bendigotrust.com.au](http://www.bendigotrust.com.au)  
Bendigo Tramways Depot Development: Signage  
Arts, Culture and Heritage  
\$15,000

**Bereavement Assistance Limited**  
[www.bereavementassistance.org.au](http://www.bereavementassistance.org.au)  
Chapel and Mortuary Fitout  
Community Support  
\$15,000

**BREAZE**  
[www.breeze.org.au](http://www.breeze.org.au)  
Community Connections - Climate Change Presentation Program  
Environment  
\$30,000

**Brenda House Inc**  
Development of a Sustainable Family Violence Service Model - Pilot  
Community Support  
\$15,000

**Central Bayside Community Health Services**  
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~cbchs>  
CBCHS Clayton Centre  
Disability Care and Support  
\$15,000

**Child & Family Services Ballarat Inc**  
[www.cafs.org.au](http://www.cafs.org.au)  
Sanctuary: a theatre & multimedia project  
Arts, Culture and Heritage  
\$10,000

**Coeliac Research Fund Limited**  
[www.coeliacresearchfund.org](http://www.coeliacresearchfund.org)  
Coeliac Disease Matters  
Health  
\$22,750

**The Colac Community Hospice Project Inc**  
[www.anamcarahousecolac.org.au](http://www.anamcarahousecolac.org.au)  
Anam Cara House Hospice Laundry/Service Area Fit Out  
Aged Care  
\$16,071

**Community AXIS Governance Board**  
[www.communityaxis.com.au](http://www.communityaxis.com.au)  
Construction of a Disability Access Ramp  
Disability Care and Support  
\$20,000

**Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc**  
[www.cfv.org.au](http://www.cfv.org.au)  
Depression and the Importance of Family  
Health  
\$10,000

**Deakin University**  
[www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)  
Motivating Children to Consume Vegetables  
Health  
\$34,556



**Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Inc**  
*www.doncare.org.au*  
Hands On Parenting Support Program (HOPS)  
**Community Support**  
\$15,000

**Drummond Street Services**  
*www.dscc.org.au*  
Developing Distance Education On-line Family Practitioner Training  
**Community Support**  
\$25,000

**E W Tipping Foundation Inc**  
*www.tipping.org.au*  
‘Living My Life My Way’ Community Kitchen  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$10,000

**Echuca & District YMCA Youth Services**  
One & All: Campaspe Inclusion Project  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$35,000

**Echuca Regional Health Foundation Ltd**  
*www.erh.org.au*  
Echuca Tertiary Training Facility - Clinical Skills Training Area  
**Employment and Vocational Training**  
\$77,500

F

**Fight Cancer Foundation Limited**  
*www.fightcancer.org.au*  
Establishing the Frequency of Cord Blood Units Containing Common Chromosomal Abnormalities  
**Health**  
\$40,000

**Fitted for Work**  
*www.fittedforwork.org*  
Connecting Refugee Women with Work  
**Employment and Vocational Training**  
\$50,000 paid over two years

**Florey Neuroscience Institutes**  
*www.fni.edu.au*  
How Common are ‘Mini Strokes’?  
**Health**  
\$30,000

**Footscray Community Arts Centre Limited**  
*www.footscrayarts.com*  
FCAC - Community Garden  
**Community Support**  
\$5,000

**Footscray Community Legal Centre Inc.**  
*www.communitylaw.org.au/footscray*  
Gimme Shelter! – publication of the refugee housing & tenancy report  
**Community Support**  
\$21,000

**Friends of the Earth Melbourne**  
*www.foe.org.au*  
Yorta Yorta Co-Management Support  
**Environment**  
\$41,220

G

**Gateway Social Support Options Inc**  
*www.gatewaysupport.org.au*  
CALD Friendly Visitor Program  
**Aged Care**  
\$10,000

**Gellibrand Support Services Inc**  
*www.gellibrand.org.au*  
My Future My Choice  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$25,000

**Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc**  
*www.gsv.org.au*  
Purchase of ScanPro2000 UCC 150 Printer as part of GSVs Educational and Research Program  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$10,000

**Greatconnections Limited**  
*www.greatconnections.com.au*  
Capacity-Building for Sustainability  
**Community Support**  
\$45,000 paid over two years

**Griefline Services Inc**  
*www.griefline.org.au*  
Griefline - Introduction of 1300 Number for Rural Support  
**Community Support**  
\$88,312

**Gumeril Aboriginal Health Service Limited**  
The Belonging Place  
**Community Support**  
\$30,000

H, J, K

**Hamilton Art Gallery**  
*www.hamiltongallery.org*  
Hamilton Art Gallery 50th Anniversary Tapestry  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$10,000

**HeartKids Victoria**  
*www.heartkidsvic.org.au*  
Fly Baby Healing Suit  
**Health**  
\$6,600

**Ilbijerri Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-op Ltd**  
*www.ilbijerri.com.au*  
Jack Charles V The Crown  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$20,000

**The Jean Hailes Foundation**  
*www.jeanhailes.org.au*  
Healthy Lifestyles Program Director - A Helen Macpherson Smith Fellow  
**Health**  
\$300,000 paid over three years

**Jewish Museum of Australia**  
*www.jewishmuseum.com.au*  
Zelman Cowen Gallery of Australian Jewish History and the New JMA Online  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$50,000

**John Pierce Centre**  
*www.jpc.org.au*  
The Maintenance of Garden Areas for the Deaf  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$14,194

**Kage Physical Theatre Association Inc**  
*www.kage.com.au*  
Sundowner: a play about young on-set Alzheimer’s Disease  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$20,000

**Karden Disability Support Foundation**  
*www.karden.org.au*  
Supporting Emerging Community Leaders with a Disability  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$20,000 paid over three years

L, M

**La Trobe University**  
*www.latrobe.edu.au*  
Provision of Mechanical Ventilation to Pregnant Women with H1N1 Influenza  
**Health**  
\$21,637

**Life Saving Victoria Limited**  
*www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au*  
Installation of Integrated Radio Communications Network along the Victorian Coastline  
**Community Support**  
\$60,000

**Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts**  
*www.lindenarts.org*  
Touring Contemporary Indigenous Art to Regional Victoria  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$47,250 paid over three years

**MacKillop Family Services Ltd**  
*www.mackillop.org.au*  
Benchmarking Not For Profit Administration and Support Services  
**Community Support**  
\$100,000 paid over two years

**MECWA Community Care**  
*www.mecwa.com.au*  
6 Electric Hi-Lo Beds with pressure Relief Mattresses  
**Aged Care**  
\$15,000

**Melba Support Services Inc**  
*www.melbasupport.com.au*  
Introductory Life Skills  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$4,500

**Melbourne Citymission Inc**  
*www.mcm.org.au*  
Frontyard Youth Services - Expansion Feasibility Study  
**Community Support**  
\$25,000

**Melbourne Community Television Consortium Inc**  
*www.c31.org.au*  
Digitisation of the Community Digital Studio  
**Community Support**  
\$50,000

**Melbourne Fringe**  
*www.melbournefringe.com.au*  
Visible City  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$5,000

**Melbourne Writers Festival Inc**  
*www.muwf.com.au*  
MWF Schools’ Program Regional Tour 2010 - 2012  
**Education**  
\$83,000 paid over three years

**Monash University**  
*www.monash.edu.au*  
Extending the Functionality, Sustainability and Usefulness of the Breast Cancer Knowledge Online Portal (BCKOnline)  
**Health**  
\$30,000 paid over two years

**Monash University**  
*www.monash.edu.au*  
Burn Registry  
**Health**  
\$172,446 paid over two years

**MonashLink Community Health Service**  
*www.monashlink.org.au*  
Inner East Leadership for Social Inclusion Initiative - Stage 2  
**Community Support**  
\$35,000

**Monkami Centre Inc**  
*www.monkami.com*  
The Arts Hub  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$22,500

**Mount Alexander Sustainability Group Inc**  
*www.masg.org.au*  
Flying the Flag for Sustainability  
**Environment**  
\$6,000

**Mulleraterong Centre Inc**  
Mulleraterong Community Hub Operable Wall  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$20,000

**Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc**  
*www.mda.org.au*  
Enhancement of Information Service Provision to the Muscular Dystrophy (MD) Community Within Victoria  
**Health**  
\$7,000

**Museums Australia (Victoria)**  
*www.mavic.asn.au*  
Publication: Exhibition Design for Galleries and Museums  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$10,000

**Music Broadcasting Society of Victoria Limited**  
*www.3mbs.org.au*  
Building a Sustainable 3MBS  
**Education**  
\$90,000 paid over three years

N

**National Ageing Research Institute Inc**  
*www.nari.unimelb.edu.au*  
Electrophysiological Markers of Age-Related Changes in Emotional Health: Developing a Normative Database  
**Aged Care**  
\$70,497

**National Heart Foundation of Australia (Victorian Division)**  
*www.heartfoundation.com.au*  
Minutes Later - Promoting a Fast Response for Suspected Heart Attack in CALD Communities  
**Health**  
\$22,100

**National Trust of Australia (Victoria)**  
*www.natrust.com.au*  
Women’s Melbourne Walking Tour Guide Booklet  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$2,201

**Newman College**  
*www.newman.unimelb.edu.au*  
Publication of a book: Imagination, Books and Community in Medieval Europe  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$15,000

**Next Wave Festival**  
*www.nextwave.org.au*  
The Perry Sandhills Project  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$10,000

O

**Oakleigh Centre for Intellectually Disabled Citizens Inc**  
*www.oakleighcentre.org*  
Landscaping Front Garden of Tootgarook Holiday House  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$9,000

**The Old Van Ltd**  
*www.theoldvan.com*  
Mary Magdalene Workshop Series & Performance  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$14,200

**Orchestra Victoria**  
*www.orchestravictoria.com.au*  
Orchestra Victoria’s Regional Program 2010  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$25,000

**Ormond College**  
*www.ormond.unimelb.edu.au*  
Ormond College Academic Centre  
**Education**  
\$25,000

**Outlook (Vic) Inc**  
*www.outlookvic.org.au*  
Outlook Online Employment Service  
**Employment and Vocational Training**  
\$7,000

P, R

**Palliative Care Victoria**  
*www.pallcarevic.asn.au*  
Evaluation of the Palliative Care Volunteer Training Resource Kit  
**Aged Care**  
\$23,000

**Prahran Mission**  
*www.prahranmission.org.au*  
Voices Vic Carers and Community in Training Program  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$10,000

**Prince Henry’s Institute**  
*www.princehenrys.org*  
SRY in Parkinson’s Disease - Proof of Concept & Beyond  
**Health**  
\$20,000

**Project Platypus Association Inc**  
*www.platypus.org.au*  
Sustainable Farming for a Living Landscape  
**Environment**  
\$24,797

**Public Interest Law Clearing House Vic Inc**  
*www.pilch.org.au*  
Homeless Persons Legal Clinic Consumer Advisory Group  
**Community Support**  
\$34,684 paid over two years



**RMIT University**  
*www.rmit.edu.au*  
Patient Attitudes to Usage and Reduction of Opiod Medications for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain  
**Health**  
\$32,583

**RMIT University**  
*www.rmit.edu.au*  
Inflammation in the Brain During the Development of Heart Failure Induced by Myocardial Infarction  
**Health**  
\$29,500

**The Royal Children’s Hospital**  
*www.rchfoundation.org.au*  
Targeted Diagnostic Sequencing: A revolution in diagnosing childhood disease  
**Health**  
\$600,000 paid over three years

**Royal District Nursing Service**  
*www.rdns.com.au*  
Assessing Self-Medication Capacity of Older Clients with Dementia  
**Aged Care**  
\$39,650

S

**Saint John’s Anglican Church, Sorrento**  
*www.srac.org.au*  
St John’s Church Restoration Appeal - Restoration of the Prince Consort Window in the South Transept  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$1,000

**Saltbush Community Initiatives Inc**  
St Matthew’s Community & Sustainability Space  
**Environment**  
\$15,000

**Scope (Vic) Ltd**  
*www.scopevic.org.au*  
Outcomes Project - Stage 2 Completion  
**Community Support**  
\$15,000

**Sea Lake & District Health Service Inc**  
Establishing a Men’s Shed in Sea Lake  
**Community Support**  
\$10,000

**Southcare Community Care Inc**  
Sudanese Community Program  
**Community Support**  
\$15,000

**St Kilda Gatehouse Inc**  
*www.stkildagatehouse.org*  
Red Light/Dark Room  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$20,000

**St Martins Youth Arts Centre**  
*www.stmartinsyouth.com.au*  
Access Officer Project  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$23,920

**St Vincent de Paul Aged Care & Community Services**  
*www.vinnies.org.au*  
Red Cliffs Independent Living Units  
**Aged Care**  
\$25,000

**Statewide Autistic Services Inc**  
*www.sasi.org.au*  
Safety Soft Fall Rubber Surround for In-ground Trampoline  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$3,628

**Summer Foundation Ltd**  
*www.summerfoundation.org.au*  
Digital Story Telling - Giving a Voice to Young People in Nursing Homes  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$28,080

**Sunraysia DisAbility Group Inc**  
Data Base @ SDRC  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$10,000

**Swinburne University of Technology**  
*www.swin.edu.au*  
Using Infrared Laser Stimulation of the Retina to Improve Vision  
**Health**  
\$60,000

T

**TADVIC Co-operative Ltd**  
*www.tadvic.asn.au*  
Development of One-Armed Fishing Kit for People with Disabilities  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$7,500

**Tongala & District Memorial Aged Care Service Inc**  
Koraleigh Nursing Home Helen Macpherson Smith Dementia Wing Extension  
**Aged Care**  
\$25,000

**Travellers Aid Australia**  
*www.travellersaid.org.au*  
Non Drivers with Disabilities in Victoria and Community Transport Coordination  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$50,000 paid over two years

**Trinity College**  
*www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au*  
Support for Existing Helen Macpherson Smith Scholarships  
**Education**  
\$130,000 paid over three years

U

**UnitingCare Ballarat Parish Mission**  
*www.unitingcareballarat.com.au*  
Reid’s Kitchen  
**Community Support**  
\$17,300

**University of Ballarat**  
*www.ballarat.edu.au*  
Promoting Physical Activity and Wellbeing of Rural and Regional-Living Girls  
**Health**  
\$31,680 paid over three years

**University of Ballarat**  
*www.ballarat.edu.au*  
Facing the Fear: Simulated Social Environments for People who Stutter  
**Health**  
\$10,000

**University of Ballarat**  
*www.ballarat.edu.au*  
Gas Chromatographic-Mass Spectrometric Analysis of Volatile Organic Compounds in Exhaled Breath as a High Through-Put Screening Modality for Lung Cancer  
**Health**  
\$110,000 paid over two years

**University Of Melbourne**  
*www.unimelb.edu.au*  
Managing Residents with Dementia and Behaviours of Concern  
**Aged Care**  
\$50,000 paid over two years

**University Of Melbourne**  
*www.unimelb.edu.au*  
Community Indicators Victoria  
**Community Support**  
\$50,000

V, W, Y

**Victoria University**  
*www.vu.edu.au*  
Impact of Obesity on Protein Handling by the Kidney  
**Health**  
\$46,206

**Victoria University**  
*www.vu.edu.au*  
Deciphering Attitudes, Exploring Barriers and Facilitator Towards Eliminating Restraint and Seclusion in Inpatient Aged Psychiatry Units  
**Aged Care**  
\$53,573

**Victorian Arabic Social Services**  
*www.vass.org.au*  
Victorian Arabic Social Services Community Assistance  
**Community Support**  
\$24,995

**Victorian Arts Centre Trust**  
*www.theartscentre.com.au*  
Dig Deep: Youth Music Mentorship Program - Regional Pilot  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$10,000

**Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders**  
*www.vacro.org.au*  
The Bike Builders’ Workshop  
**Community Support**  
\$30,530

**Victorian Council of Social Services**  
*www.vcss.org.au*  
VCOSS Clearinghouse - Transition Joint Funding Proposal  
**Community Support**  
\$137,500 paid over two years

**Western Edge Youth Arts Inc**  
*www.westernedge.org.au*  
Old Stories New Learning: Tate Street PS Residency Literacy Project  
**Arts, Culture and Heritage**  
\$15,000

**Women’s Health Grampians**  
*www.whg.org.au*  
Cyber Safety in the Grampians  
**Health**  
\$10,000

**Woodbine**  
*www.woodbine.org.au*  
Commercial Industrial Washing Machine & Industrial Dryer  
**Disability Care and Support**  
\$21,150

**Young People’s Legal Rights Centre Inc.**  
*www.youthlaw.asn.au*  
Taking Young People’s Participation in Decision Making Seriously: An Active Peer Research Program  
**Community Support**  
\$50,000 paid over two years

**Youth Connect**  
*www.youthconnect.com.au*  
Right Step: program to reduce youth recidivism  
**Education**  
\$64,500 paid over three years

**Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS**  
*www.yeah.org.au*  
Red Aware Youth Led Campaign and Event Model  
**Health**  
\$33,882



**HMS Bushfires  
Grants Fund**

\$1,283,492

In the wake of the horrific bushfires which took place in February 2009 across Victoria, the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust resolved to make a significant direct contribution towards assisting the restoration of community life in the rural townships which were damaged or destroyed by the fires. A special \$2 million fund was established for this express purpose. The purpose of the Fund is to support the medium to long-term segments of the recovery efforts and to support capacity-rebuilding projects and programs which will help to restore community life, networks and spirit of the affected Victorian townships.

In 2010, the HMS Bushfires Grants Fund awarded grants totalling \$1,283,492 to ten organisations around the state. Amongst the grants was the Trust's third largest one-off gift ever of \$1m to Sustainable Gardening Australia, bringing the total Bushfires funding allocation so far to \$1,414,193.

**Anglicare Victoria**

[www.anglicarevic.org.au](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au)

Resilience Groups in Gippsland

\$30,192

**Berry Street Inc**

[www.berrystreet.org.au](http://www.berrystreet.org.au)

Festival for Healthy Living Program with schools in the Cathedral Ranges area

\$60,000 over two years

**Chaplaincy Australia**

[www.chaplaincyaustralia.com](http://www.chaplaincyaustralia.com)

Community Tool Library in Yarra Ranges area

\$30,000

**Education Centre Gippsland Ltd**

[www.ecg.asn.au](http://www.ecg.asn.au)

Bunyip Ridge Bushfire Recovery Support

\$20,000

**Evolve at Typo Station**

[www.evolve.org.au](http://www.evolve.org.au)

Bushfire Recovery Program in Yea & Alexandra Colleges

\$40,000

**K.I.D.S Foundation**

[www.kidsfoundation.org.au](http://www.kidsfoundation.org.au)

Creation of a Victorian Burn Survivors' Network

\$30,000

**Kinglake Ranges Mens Shed Inc**

[www.kinglakerangesmensshed.org.au](http://www.kinglakerangesmensshed.org.au)

Kinglake Ranges Mens Shed Repair & Fitout

\$24,950

**Murrindindi Toy Library**

[www.murrindinditoyslibrary.org.au](http://www.murrindinditoyslibrary.org.au)

To Establish the Toy Library

\$37,000

**Regional Arts Victoria**

[www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au)

1000 Hands – creation of a public artwork in Marysville

\$11,350

**Sustainable Gardening Australia Foundation**

[www.sgaonline.org.au](http://www.sgaonline.org.au)

Establishing Communal Gardens in Bushfire Affected Communities

\$1,000,000





Sustainable Gardening  
Australia Foundation

\$1,000,000 over three years to  
establish communal gardens in  
bushfire affected communities

Sustainable Gardening Australia (SGA) is a non-government, non-profit organisation founded in 2003 to raise awareness of the environmental consequences of conventional gardening practices and to provide realistic and sustainable alternatives. SGA's vision is that all Australians cultivate their gardens in sympathy with the environment by following the seasonal rhythms of the land, its ecology and its climate.

**ABOVE**  
An SGA staff  
member at work.  
Photo: Elaine Shallue,  
courtesy SGA.

This grant, to be spread over three years, seeks to contribute to the recovery process of bushfire-affected communities by bringing the community together to address the impact of the fires on their local environment, through gardening. The project contains a number of interrelated goals: integration of psychological, social and environmental outcomes for community members affected by bushfires; the development of local skills, competencies and knowledge; and an opportunity for community members to come together and contribute to a common community project and support each other as individual landowners.

Aware that many of the communities affected by Black Saturday and the other 2009 bushfires face a difficult journey to re-establish and re-focus themselves, SGA's project has three points of access to it that reflect the differing needs of individual communities and their ability, at this point in time, to engage in the project.

Firstly, the project seeks to establish Communal Demonstration Gardens in four different bushfire-affected communities. Communal Demonstration Gardens differ from community gardens in that, unlike community gardens where a limited number of people are provided with

plots, thereby excluding others from participation, the Communal Demonstration Garden model provides a garden that is open to all members of the community to use on an as-needs basis as a learning resource and a place to meet and connect with others.

The second element of the project is to offer another six different bushfire-affected communities the opportunity to form local POD (produce, organic and diverse) Gardening Groups. The groups aim to connect neighbours together and strengthen community. People gather to meet, talk, learn and grow food, to share seeds, tools and muscle in each other's gardens. The project is structured to create self-sustaining groups of neighbours who work together and support each other in growing produce sustainably in their backyards.

Thirdly, Sustainable Gardening Australia will produce a free 'how to' manual, based on the experience of trialling the Communal Demonstration Gardens which will document the processes and pitfalls of establishing these model gardens from scratch. This publication will be available to all communities across Victoria, not just those affected by bushfire.

Macpherson Smith  
Community Alliance

\$563,052

The Macpherson Smith Community Alliance (MSCA) is a four year \$2m collaborative partnership between the State Government, the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and from 2009, the Victorian Council of Social Service (vcoss). The MSCA provides grants for community-based projects to assist small rural and regional communities across Victoria to manage and adapt to change and create thriving communities. More than 100 small towns participate in the Government's Community Building Initiative (CBI). Each CBI brings residents, businesses, government, local council and community organisations together to set priorities for their community, and then work to make their projects a reality. The MSCA provides funds for these projects to assist local communities to leverage support from other potential funders. The Macpherson Smith Community Alliance concludes at the end of 2010.

This year, the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance awarded 22 grants totalling \$563,052 to a wide range of community-led projects, bringing the allocation so far to 65 grants for a total of \$1,420,179:

Redevelop Wandiligong Playground

\$20,000  
Alpine Shire Council

Dederang and District Touring Signs

\$5,000  
Alpine Shire Council

Corinella History Trail

\$10,000  
Bass Coast Shire Council

Charlton Men's Shed

\$20,350  
Buloke Shire Council

Watchem Lake Foreshore

\$52,355  
Buloke Shire Council

Indigenous Wildflower/Grassland Project

\$5,500  
City of Casey

Cannons Creek Corner Gazebo

\$8,000  
City of Casey

Landscaping and Walking Track - Fred Gration Reserve, Coronet Bay

\$42,862  
Coronet Bay Combined Community Group Inc

Kerang Town Entry Statements

\$8,109  
Gannawarra Shire Council

Golden Plains Movie Magic

\$21,902  
Golden Plains Shire Council

Jeparit Caravan Park Precinct Improvements

\$24,998  
Hindmarsh Shire Council

Main Street, Natimuk

\$47,280  
Horsham Rural City Council

Inglewood Bridgewater Men's Shed

\$12,500  
Inglewood & Districts Health Service

Kerang Community Garden

\$14,300  
Kerang District Health

Feasibility Study for an Indoor Heated Pool in Kinglake

\$50,000  
Murrindindi Shire Council

CJ Dennis Hall Kitchen Upgrade

\$25,000  
Murrindindi Shire Council

Upper Yarra Community Environment Park Sustainable Community Engagement Project

\$40,000  
Shire of Yarra Ranges

Terang Community Fitness Centre

\$70,000  
Terang Indoor Sports and Recreation Centre

Serviceton Clubrooms Upgrade & Maintenance – Stage 3 Development of Meeting/Recreation Room

\$11,696  
West Wimmera Shire Council

Dunmunkle Promotional Project

\$1,200  
Yarriambiack Shire Council

Lake Marma & Rabl Park Management and Development Plan

\$42,000  
Yarriambiack Shire Council

Hopetoun Skate Park Development

\$30,000  
Yarriambiack Shire Council





Murrindindi Shire Council

\$25,000 towards the renovation of the kitchen at the CJ Dennis Hall

The Murrindindi Shire is located north east of the city of Melbourne and includes the towns of Kinglake, Marysville, Eildon, Alexandra and Yea.

ABOVE  
Preparing to celebrate the opening of the CJ Dennis Hall. Photo courtesy Murrindindi Shire Council.

The CJ Dennis Hall provides one of only two such facilities in the Kinglake Ranges and is available for use by the residents of the Toolangi and Castella communities (approximately 870 people) and the broader population of the Kinglake Ranges (approximately 5500 people). Because of its historical connections to poet CJ Dennis, the hall also provides an attractive facility for use by people from the nearby areas of Healesville and Yarra Glen.

It is an important facility for the Toolangi and Castella communities where annual community events such as the Rhododendron Ball, Christmas Celebration, Tennis Club Presentation Night and Primary School Concert are held. These events play a significant role in the local community and the hall is seen as a gathering place by local residents.

The project was first identified following the bushfires of 2007 but realisation of the project was delayed by the Black Saturday Bushfires in 2009. The hall was used as a relief centre and community meeting place immediately after the devastating 2009 bushfires. The value of this facility to the Toolangi and Castella communities was recognised prior to, during and after the fires, and the project has been widely supported by the communities involved. Following the 2009 fires, the project provided community members with a focus for recovery, as they worked towards the improvement of this community asset.

The project has provided the CJ Dennis Hall with a new kitchen facility of commercial standards where local groups can cater for existing events as well as undertake new activities such as cooking classes. It was officially opened on 22 July 2010.

# Investments & Grants

## An historical perspective

On her death in 1951, the late Helen Macpherson Schutt (née Smith) left a bequest of £275,000 for the establishment of a charitable trust in perpetuity to benefit all Victorians.

The impact of this lasting legacy from Helen to the people of Victoria is exemplified in a summary of capital growth and grants over the now 59 years of the Trust's operations.

The value of the investment corpus is approximately \$83.8 million, as reflected in the following table:

### CORPUS INVESTMENT

YEAR ENDED JUNE	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE
1952	550	–
1965	1,049	–
1975	3,270	–
1985	8,748	–
1995	23,388	–
2000	41,046	49,700
2006	69,230	90,947
2007	76,828	108,645
2008	83,138	96,889
2009	82,033	76,640
2010	86,318	83,842

### GRANTS

Grants approved from the income earned on these investments have been:

FIVE YEARS ENDED	\$ 000's
1970	93
1975	379
1980	1,324
1985	3,382
1990	7,712
1995	11,676
2000	9,883
2005	20,484
2010	30,389

YEAR ENDED	\$ 000's
2006	4,649
2007	4,400
2008	5,725
2009	10,506
2010	5,109

TOTAL GRANTS	85,322
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# Financial Summary

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

		2010	2009	
		\$	\$	
REVENUE	Income from investments	8,440,007	9,692,454	
TOTAL EXPENSES	1	(4,823,572)	(8,449,096)	
OPERATING SURPLUS		3,616,435	1,243,358	
	Grants approved during year	5,108,790	10,505,964	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		(1,492,355)	(9,262,606)	
	Attributable to Capital account	2	(387,024)	(6,059,817)
	Attributable to Income account	(1,105,331)	(3,202,789)	
		(1,492,355)	(9,262,606)	

Note:

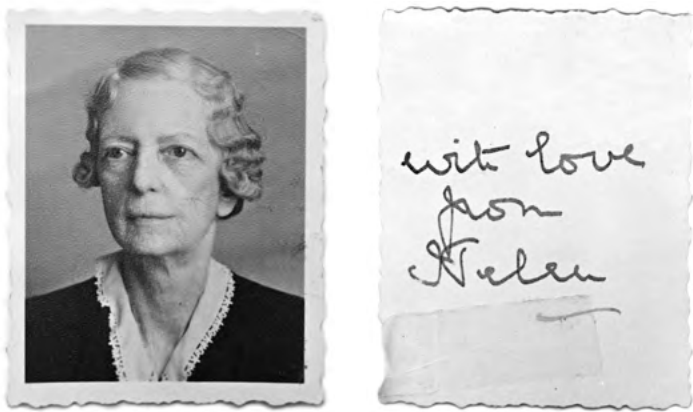
1. Total Expenses for the 2010 year include a provision for capital impairment losses on other financial assets of (\$3.5) million and do not relate to the administrative operations of the trust. (2009 impairment losses to other financial assets (\$7.1) million)

2. Deficit on capital account comprises net realisable gains on disposal of investments of \$3.2 million, less the capital impairment losses on other financial assets and \$83 thousand in capital expenses (2009 comprised \$1.1 million in realised capital gains)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

		2010	2009
		\$	\$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Retained surpluses – capital	77,526,005	79,018,359
	Available for sale financial assets reserve	11,126,688	3,883,182
		88,652,693	82,901,541
CURRENT ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents	14,985,291	15,460,154
	Trade and other receivables	2,621,084	2,649,276
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	17,606,375	18,109,430
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	Other financial assets	75,118,569	68,690,502
	Office furniture & equipment	23,695	29,024
	Leasehold improvements	1,926	2,587
	Computer equipment	14,255	4,745
	Artwork	7,260	7,260
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	75,165,705	68,734,118
TOTAL ASSETS		92,772,080	86,843,548
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Trade & other payables	4,119,387	3,942,007
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	Other payables	–	–
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,119,387	3,942,007
NET ASSETS	Held for:		
	Corpus – Investments	83,841,758	76,638,796
	Other	47,136	43,616
	Income	4,763,799	6,219,129
NET ASSETS		88,652,693	82,901,541





Helen’s handwritten note reflects the generous intention of her legacy to the many Victorian charities that have benefited from that generosity, and to those that will do so in the future.



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