

**Charity from Another Point of View - Di Cooper**

In a recent weekly Orbit of 6th November, Staff Story by Di Cooper (Payroll – Admin) may have given you some insight into the Foundation from a different perspective and its impact on staff, family and friends. For those who may have missed the article, its here for your reading pleasure. Di is seen here with the winner of the 2009 Community Award for service to St Vincent de Paul Society, Eric Parnis. As you can see a very happy winner!

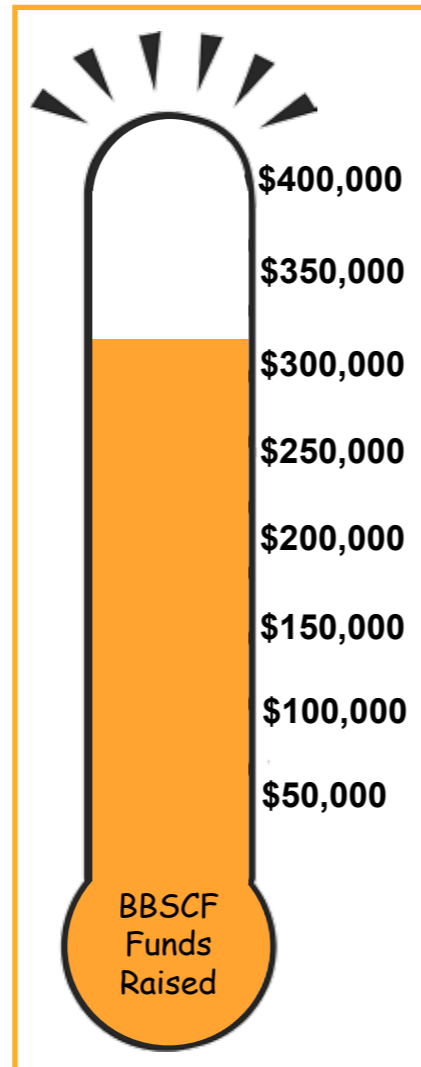


Di Cooper with BBSCF Community Award Winner Eric Parnis

My involvement in the Staff Charitable Fund as a member from its inception often brings home the point of the importance of giving to others and in particular when I attend the presentations to the charities we support. I have attended almost all of the presentation evenings and am constantly amazed at all the charities out there who need and receive help from our foundation. A large percentage of them being little known, and consequently because of that often missing out on the "Feel Good" Dollar so often given by most of us. In the first years, the Foundation donated some equipment to the MS Society to assist its clients; from my own personal point of view, having a family member who has been a long term sufferer of MS the support of the Foundation, it makes me very proud to tell my friends and relatives where I work and what the Booze Brothers

Staff Charitable Fund is doing to assist fellow South Australians. In my role at Admin, in particular Payroll Department, I get a real buzz each time I start up a new employee and see that they are contributing to the Foundation without much knowledge of what it is or what it does. It was a real achievement at the last presentation when Adrian announced that in six years we had donated over \$300,000. The generosity of all those staff who are members deserves congratulation, so keep up the good work.

The Chairman and Committee of the Foundation would like to wish all of our members, friends and sponsors all the best for the festive season and the coming New Year and thank you all for helping us to support South Australian Charities.



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**Staff Charitable Fund Update**



**You can make a difference!**

**CONCEPT**

To develop & maintain a staff charitable fund to assist various charitable & community organisations with their fundraising and support efforts of those less fortunate than us.

**AIM**

To donate equipment, cash or fund a specific project to nominated societies.

Examples may be for the purchase of a wheel chair, a brail computer, grant a child a wish through Make A Wish Foundation, or sponsorship of Camp Quality.

**BENEFITS**

Be a part of a Foundation that significantly assists the community through donations.

A guarantee that 100% of your donation \$'s go to the nominated charities.

Your donation will be matched \$ for \$ by Adrian & Leon Saturno (to a max \$20,000 p.a.).

Donations are fully tax deductible and included on your Group Certificate for easy tax claims. No need to hold onto receipts.

A chance to have your say about where and what your donation \$'s are being used for.

Feel good about making a difference with a team that can raise substantial funds!

**MORE INFORMATION**

Phone Cathy Maxwell on 8331 2342 at Head office or speak to your manager.

The Staff Foundation Committee has worked hard this year to increase membership and contributions overall with the help of the hotel Managers and the staff who contribute. We set out to achieve a milestone for donations made to charities by the end of this year and we are very pleased to advise that just over \$300,000-00 has been gifted to over 80 Charitable Groups since the foundation's inception. The announcement was made at our last presentation for the year, at the Oxford in October. The function also incorporated the announcement of the Booze Brothers Group Footy Tipping Competition winner. The competition is run by Tom Grant from Decant Wines who has been involved with the group for the last 5 years. This year, Tom wanted to incorporate his involvement with the Foundation so he generously decided to give smaller prizes to the winning teams and give a donation to a charity which was to be announced at the presentation by the winning team.

This donation was matched by the Foundation allowing us to make an additional donation of \$1,200. We thank Tom for his support of the Foundation and are pleased to hear that he will continue this award each year.

The highlight of our October presentation was the announcement of the Community Award, given to a volunteer who exhibited outstanding service to their community. The St Vincent de Paul Society was the charity chosen for this year and nominated by Tess Heslop from Mick O'Shea's, whose mother has been involved with Vinnies for many years.

The evening commenced with a welcome from Craig Williams and our resident MC, Michael Mills. Drinks were provided by Fosters and Decant Wines and the sponsorship of the Community Award came from Fosters and Hardys. The evening took on a "Football Flavour" with the fabulous "Footy" style food supplied by Lisa Callisto from the Oxford.

The first presentation was to Hutt Street Centre's "Angel for a Day" program. A smaller donation of \$900 which will provide meals for three days at the centre. The Foundation has been a supporter of Hutt Street for a number of years and also supported the "Walk a mile in my boots" earlier this year with many staff making the walk from East Terrace to the Centre at the corner of Hutt Street and South Terrace.

\$1,200 was given to the Service to Youth Council which will provide 3 x \$400 sporting scholarships for young clients. Scott Whitmore attended the evening and provided the group with an insight to the importance of this donation. \$400 can provide a young person with the opportunity to be involved with a sporting club for 12 months. The objective is to steer these children onto the right path in life through sporting involvement and the percentage who achieve this is very high.



Scott Whitmore from Service to youth Council

**Authority for Payroll Deduction to Booze Brothers Staff Charity Fund**

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Staff Charitable Fund

Name:..... Venue:.....

I would like to contribute \$2 per week  
Or, other amount \$ per week / per fortnight.

Signed:.....Dated:.....

# Staff Charitable Fund Update

## The year that was...

The Admin Team #1 won the Tipping Competition and thought that the scholarships would be a good fit for their donation and so another \$1,200 was given to Service to Youth Council at the end of the presentation. Scott was very appreciative of this extra funding and now 6 children will be able to participate in their chosen sporting activities next year.

For the last 3 years we have donated funds to the Brother Michael Christmas Hamper Appeal and have decided to make this an annual donation. \$2,000 was given to the appeal this year. Trish Wilson attended to receive the cheque and was able to give an insight into how the appeal works. It is supported solely by donations and support from the Parish at the Monastery in Glen Osmond, so any extra they receive means they can pack a little more into each of the hampers. The hampers contain gifts and food for the whole family, are packed and delivered by volunteers and go out to over 160 families.

Bob and Maree Pamment and Guide Dog, Hero came along to collect the cheque for Guide Dogs SA/NT. As well as being a client, Bob has been an ambassador for Guide Dogs for a number of years and Maree has been a puppy raiser for the same length of time. Bob has recently retired his previous dog and, as you can imagine, the connection over the last 9 or so years wasn't easy to end, however, Bob's new dog "Hero" was a puppy that Maree had raised which made for an instant connection.



Bob Pamment and Guide Dog, Hero

They are both very happy. Our ongoing commitment to Guide Dogs has seen a total of \$24,500 being granted to date. Our aim is to continue with this through our involvement with the "Puppy Love Program."

Another highlight of the night was the attendance of Nathan Bassett who, along with Sandra Kilmore, represented the Diabetes Association. The Foundation donated \$3,500 to sponsor a camp for children who have diabetes. Sandra, who works at Diabetes SA, gave us the details on how important the camp was for the children and their families. The normality of an everyday event such as a "Kids Camp" was very important. The funds would support activities, food, accommodation and support staff for the children. Nathan chatted with Michael about living with diabetes, the impact on his life and his family and how he managed his life as an elite athlete in the AFL. He also discussed his involvement with the production and promotion of "Heart of the Vine" wine which raises funds for the Diabetes Association and the Heart Foundation. Phil and Trish Hallett also joined us. They have both been friends of the Foundation for some time and Phil is also involved with the "Heart of the Vine" project. We are also pleased to say that Booze Brothers is behind "Heart of the Vine" by stocking it in our Bottleshops. His appearance was appreciated and gave the group a true insight into the charity we support.



Sandra Kilmore from Diabetes SA

## Community Award Winner



Dominic Lagana, Eric Parnis and Annie O'Neil from St Vincent de Paul Society

To the main event!

After much deliberation, and with the assistance of Annie O'Neil from Vinnies, the committee awarded this year's Community Award to Eric Parnis. With the assistance of Vinnies, and in particular Annie, we were given nominations from a group of their volunteers, all working in different areas of the society. Eric stood out for various reasons and his nomination was strongly supported by the society. His attitude to volunteering and his fellow volunteers is refreshing and something we can all take on board.

He has been involved with Vinnies for nearly 20 years in various roles. He first took up a volunteer roll with "Fred's Van" whilst still a young man. A challenging roll for someone who had not done any

volunteer work before and, although quite a confronting experience, he continued to volunteer every week. The Van provides an evening meal for Adelaide's homeless community. Most of the shelters don't provide an evening meal and Vinnies saw this need and addressed it. The Van goes out in all weather conditions, as do its clients. Eric continued in this role for some time before taking on a leadership role with his group. This was the first time he had taken on such a roll. As well as his involvement with the Van, he is also currently a member of the Centres Advisory Committee, providing advice about issues regarding Family Centres. The depth of activities the centres are involved in and their contribution to their local communities can never be underestimated; they are the public face of Vinnies. The \$5000 award will go towards the fit out of a new van. Eric credits his involvement to the team of volunteers he has supporting him, who he says inspire him and make it possible for the vans to go out each week. The one thing that came across with all the volunteers was their gratitude expressed at being able to give back to their community, with the expectation of no reward.

A quote from Eric that made him an easy choice for the 2009 Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund Community Award:

*"I am extremely grateful to the life experiences that being a volunteer of the Society has provided me, I still find the experience humbling and grounding and I am extremely grateful to have met and worked with people of integrity and dedication"*

The Committee who have worked for the foundation this year represent most venues and are there to assist with your enquiry. Your current committee members are: Ros Schumacher, Avenues; Jenny Barbary & Daina Scott, Duck Inn; Tess Heslop, Mick's; Ned Faccini, Mile End; Russell Pinnington, Oxford; Scott Bean, Unley; Lachie Storen, SRA & Booze Brothers On Line; Sarah Randall, Roxanne Hooper, Craig Williams & Cathy Maxwell from head office.

If any members wish to offer some stories or requests for funding please contact your rep: We are always interested in stories you may have about charities or organisations in need. If you are not a member and would like to be, you can fill in the form on the back of the newsletter and send it into Admin or pass onto your Manager/representative.



If you've only just joined us, or simply haven't had the time to organise the details, now's your chance!

To join the staff charitable fund, simply fill in the application on the back and send to Payroll @ Head Office.