

2009 Community Award Winner



Our Community Award this year targeted CFS Volunteers. CFS Volunteers not only support their local community with support during bushfire season but are on hand 24/7 to attend road accidents, search and rescue, SES activities, house fires and hazardous material incidents...just to name a few! The search for the volunteer of the year came from most units of the South Australian CFS and, similar to previous years, any of the nominees would have been worthy of the award but there's always something that sets one apart from the others. To quote his Senior Fire Fighter "He doesn't look for or want any accolades, he just wants to get on with the job"; it is our pleasure to announce **Peter Wicks of the Oakbank/Balhannah Country Fire Service as the Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund 2009 Community Award Winner. Here is a brief synopsis of Peter's story;**

Peter has been a CFS Volunteer since 1969 (that's 40 years)! During this time he has served as a Fire Fighter, Brigade Officer, Brigade Captain from 1988 to 1996 and is currently Group Officer for the Onkaparinga CFS Group. He also served as a Brigade

Management Committee Finance Officer from 1976 to 1978 and is currently the Vice President of the Onkaparinga SES Unit and an active participant in all SES activities.

We all recognise the bush fires this Summer, but the other areas of response are sometimes forgotten by the public but CFS volunteers have to attend motor vehicle accidents, fires or other such incidents and then resume their normal lives and jobs until the next emergency call. It takes a particularly special person to be able to shoulder that sort of responsibility for nearly 40 years and to be able to inspire others while doing so. Peter is such a person. Peter's current role as CFS Group Officer requires a 24/7 "on call" availability. He is often the first responder to arrive at the scene and the last to leave. His role holds the ultimate responsibility of all the volunteers at the scene.

He is an experienced member of the state-wide "AIMS" incident management team and during times of major disaster in the state he can be found leading task forces or strike teams of CFS Fire Fighters. These jobs require him to guide CFS teams interstate and, more recently, to Kangaroo Island.

He has undergone many training courses which are usually conducted in the evening and require time away from family. It must be recognised that CFS Volunteers also have full time jobs and families to balance this full-on commitment with. This Charleston Nurseryman and his tolerant wife, Debbie, together with three daughters still somehow find time to support other local community organisations such as the netball club, the Parks Committee and the sporting facilities at Balhannah in the Adelaide Hills. In summary, Peter is an inspirational volunteer who gives greatly to the CFS and the community and who his peers consider to be a very worthy recipient of the Award.

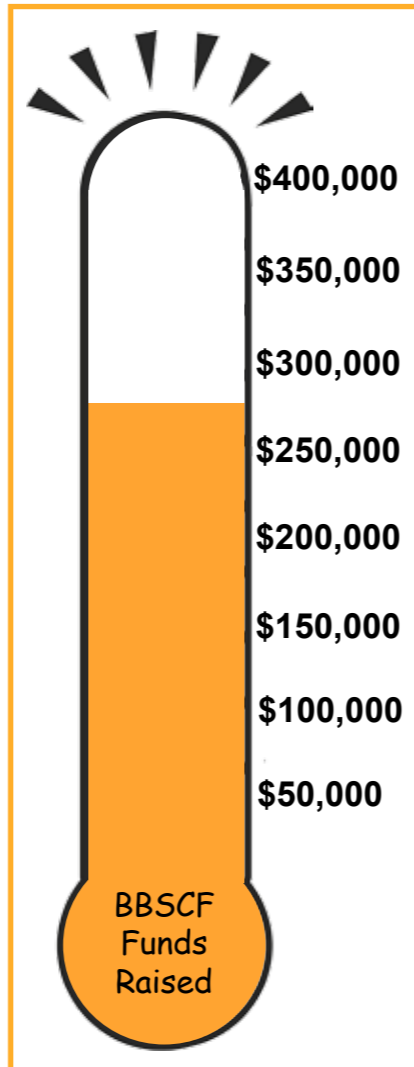
He was recently acknowledged in his local Community "Adelaide Hills News" after winning this award. In a quote from that story Pete commented "What goes around comes around. I work on the theory that if you help someone, they'll come back and help you one day" Thursday November 20, 2008. Congratulations Peter!

As you read this you can see what a wonderful job your donations and your Committee is doing for these South Australian charities so encourage your workmates to get involved too! We want to acknowledge the first venue to have full participation - it could be you!

Positions on the Committee currently exist for any staff members who would like to become more involved with the Foundation. If you are interested you should contact Sarah Randall, Craig Williams or Cathy Maxwell at head office - or speak to your manager to be put in touch with a Committee member who may be at your venue.

Late Special Mention

Everyone is aware of the recent Victorian Bushfire Tragedy and the appeal that has been launched by the Victorian Red Cross to help the people and communities that have been affected. As a start to 2009, your Foundation has donated \$1000 to the Bushfire appeal in an effort to help those who have suffered.



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 pa.).

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.

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Staff Charitable Fund Update

You can make a difference!

The Foundation has once again been very active in the Community with the sponsorship of groups that have been a part of our program since we began and new charities which have recently benefited from our support. Our total funding to date has reached over \$251,000 - **that's a quarter of a million dollars** - and we now look forward to 2009 as we enter our eighth year of supporting South Australian Charities.

An important area to address first is the continued support of staff and friends of the Foundation. Despite the numbers of staff being almost halved over the last 18 months, remaining staff involvement has continued to assist the Foundation on a weekly basis. Our aim is for 100% participation and the Committee will take on realizing that task in the coming year. Any assistance current members can offer to achieve this goal would be appreciated. Staff participation is integral to the smooth running of the Foundation and to achieving the best outcome for all the charities we support.

Once again the support of Rinaldo D'Aloi of Clelands Solicitors, Jason Schell and the Fosters Group, Tom Grant (pictured right) from Decant Wines and John Jones (JJ) from Constellation Wines has been invaluable this year. Sadly JJ has left Constellation and won't be supporting the Foundation in the same way he has previously but he will always be a friend of the Foundation and welcome at future functions. **Thank you JJ!**



The ongoing success of the Foundation was recently highlighted in the AHA Community Projects Newsletter, Hotel Care, Spring 2008 and detailed some of the projects that we have been involved in. Other recent recognitions have come from the Prison Fellowship Magazine, www.pinkroadhouse.com.au, Mt Barker Courier and at a Guide Dogs SA/NT puppy graduation.

2008 commenced with a Committee meeting at head office, Orange Lane, where we welcomed some new faces as well as current serving members. We had some interesting and challenging requests from various charities but, as always, endeavoured to help as many as funds allowed. The choices made by the Committee were well received and approved for funding over the next twelve months. All of the charities received our support with thanks through letters of appreciation and/or their attendance at our presentations - the impact such appearances made on members was overwhelming. So congratulations to the Committee for their diverse approach to funding.

We would also like to note the achievements of some of our individual members;



Nellie Lapanowski (Head Office), as a member of SA Rovers - a branch of **Scouts and Guides SA** - devoted a week of her annual leave in January to assist other volunteers in providing a five day camp in the Adelaide Hills for intellectually and physically disabled boys. Jack Roberts Camp for Disabled Boys gives the children a great experience while also giving their families some much needed respite from the daily tasks of looking after these very special people. The volunteers

provide everything from cooking and serving three meals a day to assistance with care, activities and the general well being of those who attend camp. Nellie has participated in the camp several times before which is held at the same time every year and this year took on the role as a leader, helping to co-ordinate and run the camp as part of a team. To quote Nellie "all roles involved in making this camp a success are both challenging and rewarding." She really loves the experience as do the others and mentioned that by the end of the week everyone is exhausted but nearly all return the next year. So, to all of those who give so freely of their time to make the life of a child they don't know better, we applaud your effort.

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 / \$2 per fortnight
Or, other amount \$ per week / per fortnight.

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

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And to one of our long term members and supporter of the Foundation; Michael Mills (pictured right). Those of you who work with him would recognise him as the fun guy, and some members would recognise him as our resident MC at BBSCF presentations but what you may not know is that he was on the founding Committee, puts in many hours at several Saturno venues, does the occasional childrens play, some TV and live children's shows and still finds the time to do other volunteer work on a regular basis with **Novita Children's Services and Camp Quality**. We'd love to tell you more but Michael tends to spend more time doing the job than telling us about it! Great job Michael, keep up the good work!



This years funding was varied once again, with an emphasis on projects that will have an ongoing benefit to the specific charity. Funding was given to an area of the Women's and Children's Hospital in a show of support for a friend to the Foundation and our interest at Christmas time was to show support to the disadvantaged and homeless through monetary donations to the Hutt St Centre and food and gift donations to the St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Hamper Drive - big thanks to the Avenues Tavern for their large box of goodies!

We began with a donation of **\$1500** followed by another **\$3500** to **Prison Fellowship** which funds the Children of Parents in Prison with three programs; birthday gifts, Christmas gifts and Children's camps. The gifts are valued around \$30 each (always new items) and the camps are totally free of charge to the children who are also supplied with all the necessary items required to spend time away from home. The idea is that the children should be able to expect some normality in their lives that would be taken for granted by children under "normal" circumstances. Guests from the Foundation attended our presentations twice to give our members an insight into their little known association, its importance to the children it assists and the success they are experiencing.



The Smith Family has now received funding from our Foundation for the past four years which assists with the supported education of 10 primary school students for a year. There is an emphasis on communication between the children and their sponsors and it is not unusual for us to receive letters of thank you and drawings of their school breaks and holidays (pictured left). It is all strictly anonymous but they are aware that a group has supported them and their appreciation is conveyed to us through their group leaders. The funding of this sponsorship package is **\$3240**.

Disability Services SA made an approach for a small amount to fund their "Free-Lending Equipment" area. The urgent need was for some wighted blankets and quilts.

Unusual? We thought so but Julie O'Leary and her group of helpers attended our presentation with some samples and explained how they were used as a calming solution to an agitated child with a disability. We were able to supply these to several children through their service for a small outlay of **\$1500** and were once again pleased to have been able to support them and also the local who handmade the blankets and quilts in Woodside.

A little known organisation, **Muscular Dystrophy**, was in need of generally "anything" for their free equipment area. What could we do to help and what was the most urgent need? Childrens wheelchairs. Because of the cost of these special chairs, they were currently using adult chairs for the children which is not a good situation. After some quotes were obtained, including lifting and support apparatus for the chairs we were able to fund 3 chairs at a total cost of **\$6864**. Although unable to attend the presentation, the organisation was very appreciative of the donation and the change it would make to lots of children.

When approached by "**Sids and Kids**" for assistance in upgrading to their building the Committee discussed the options and passed funding for the proposal. The request was for upgrades to the Bereavement Support Centre and, at a cost of **\$4296** to complete the whole project, we were fortunately in a position to fund the total amount required. Feedback from Linda, our contact at Sids, has been very positive. Once again our Foundation chooses to supply an association with goods and services that will have an ongoing effect for their clients.



The Epilepsy Centre sent in a request for assistance with an upcoming raffle to raise funds for their lending library - imagine their surprise when the call was made to let them know that we were able to assist the centre in a much broader way by donating **\$1000!** The library lends books, DVDs, CDs etc to its members.

The Committee also agreed to a request from members to assist with funding an indigenous project in South Australia. After approaching some organisations which cover the whole of Australia it was decided to sponsor some boys at **Rostrevor College**. Through the **College Foundation** and under the guidance of ex Essendon and Power player Che "Cockatoo" Collins, the Indigenous Sports Scholarship program has been in place for a couple of years. The

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program provides local lads and some from outback SA with funding for education and sporting activities and last year sent a group to Melbourne for the Indigenous round of AFL football where they paraded on the oval in front of a massive crowd. The Rostrevor Foundation is providing ongoing support of the program through fundrasing and donations. So, at the time of our donation, funding was needed for personal items, sports uniforms etc and we provided **\$1500** towards such items.

We all know the Women's and Children's Hospital - it's been around forever - and although it gets some much published funding for some areas, it is sadly lacking in others and the WCH Foundation has to raise its own funds and upgrade areas as money becomes available instead of when it is actually needed. A member of our support groups had cause to take his infant daughter to the hospital for a serious lung infection and he was shocked at the age of the furniture and fittings in the "Serious Infant Illness Ward". So, with that in mind, Theresa Whitehorn from the **WCH Foundation** was contacted and asked what was urgently needed in that area. A few different options were submitted to the Committee and it was agreed that we would fund **3 x \$1000** nursing chairs. At our presentation Theresa explained the importance of these chairs and just what a difference they would make to the children and their parents and that they would serve the hospital for years to come.

These twelve months have seen the support of **Guide Dogs**, once again, with two new sponsored puppies and the graduation of a previously sponsored pup. Lyn Putland (IT) was present at the graduation of Yasmine at Guide Dogs SA/NT Headquarters (pictured below) on Morphett St, Adelaide and Roxanne and Cathy (admin) attended birthday and moving celebrations in December. They are temporarily moving from Morphett St to Devon Park while they rebuild over the next twelve months. Our continued support of this wonderful charity has been, and will continue to be, a priority.



For those of you who may not be aware, Guide Dogs SA/NT also supply Companion Dogs which assist clients to achieve a normal life. The dogs come from unsuccessful trained Guide Dogs and rather than pass on a very well trained dog as a pet they have found another outlet for these clever pups. No matter how high the success rate as a Guide Dog, the success rate as a companion is 100%! This year we funded **\$5000** through the Puppy Love Program towards two new pups; Joel (pictured above) and Hudson. Joel has only just recently been allocated to us but Hudson has been with us for most of 2008 and has just recently passed through his training and will soon be with his new family. Our chocolate male pup from 2007, Oakley, unfortunately didn't complete his training as he was found to have hip problems but he is now in a family environment as a Companion. Our total contribution to Guide Dogs over the last seven years now stands at **\$19300** and thanks to our support there are at least four dogs currently in service as Guide Dogs, one retired and three serving as Companion Dogs or still in training.



At Christmas, understandably, our thoughts are generally with our loved ones, friends and family but spare a thought for those homeless or doing it tough. At that time of year it must be particularly hard, especially for the children who are surrounded by advertising and other children with the expectance of something special. So, after some deliberation we decided to, once again, support the **Brother Michael Hamper Appeal** through St Vincent De Paul and the Monastery at Glen Osmond with **\$3000** and **Hutt St Centre**, Adelaide, with **\$2500**. The Brother Michael Appeal has, for some years, been producing Christmas Hampers which include food and gifts for the whole family and are delivered throughout metro Adelaide and some outer suburbs by Volunteers from the Parish. All funds for the Hampers are raised by the Parish and from donations such as ours. The Hutt St Centre provides meals and shelter throughout the year and always puts on a Christmas Lunch. They decided, this year, to provide a full lunch for all their clients in the parklands and our sponsorship supported the additional costs associated with the event.



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.