



Into Our Hands Community Foundation



*years*  
**OF GIVING**

Celebrating 10 years of giving to  
community projects across North East Victoria

# Acknowledgement of Country

Into Our Hands Community Foundation acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants and traditional custodians of the lands on which we live and work. We pay our respects to all Elders past, present and emerging.

Into Our Hands Community Foundation would like to acknowledge all current and previous board members and directors who have helped build the Foundation's legacy.

## CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ruth Kneebone (C)
- Fiona Nicholls (VC)
- John Bailey (Secretary)
- Bart Crawley (Treasurer)
- Loretta Carroll, AM, Founding Chair
- Jodie Wells
- Megan Buntine
- Roberta Baker
- Sarah Thompson, Executive Officer (outgoing)
- Peter McCabe, Executive Officer

## PAST PATRON

- Alan Brown AM

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Bart Crawley
- Fiona Nicholls
- Ruth Kneebone
- John Bailey

## PARTNERSHIPS & SUPPORTERS:

Into Our Hands would like to acknowledge the following funders and supporters who have helped us grow our capacity and community role since 2012.



The Honourable Alan Brown AM

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# Foreword

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It's a privilege to present this report showcasing the first ten years of giving by Into Our Hands Community Foundation. Into Our Hands was established through the vision and hard work of a local committee, representing a community badly impacted by the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. We are now building on that early commitment to develop a sustainable community foundation that will respond to the needs of North East Victoria. I commend the insights of that first committee and the legacy that now lives on.

The total of our grants made to 133 small community groups over the past decade amounts to \$1.25M. This is an amazing contribution to our region made possible by local donors and funders alike. Please refer to our grant impact page for the geographic spread and focus areas of grants given.

We have experienced significant fund growth in recent years thanks to very generous people understanding the importance of local giving and



how the lives of local residents can be improved through homegrown compassion. However, there is much more to do.

I see the purpose of Into Our Hands as facilitating and providing good governance to assist donors to pool their resources to achieve common goals. With your help, we will continue to give and invest in our community for decades to come.

“It is so rewarding to know that we are making a difference in the community where we live. Everyone has something to give, and together we are much more effective.”

RUTH KNEEBONE

DECEMBER 2022

# *Celebrating 10 years*

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Into Our Hands Community Foundation (IOHCF) is a charitable foundation that believes in the future of North East Victoria. Our volunteers, staff, donors and community leaders are inspiring people focused on supporting our local communities across the Alpine, Indigo, Mansfield Shires and the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Through their leadership, community philanthropy continues to grow and become important to more people in our region. In addition to the IOH Community Fund, we now have 6 sub-funds which gives donors the opportunity to contribute to issues and community projects that are important to them such as bushfire and natural disaster relief, homelessness, literacy, community engagement, health and wellbeing, young people and families, historic building preservation and leadership.

Unlike some avenues of giving, our donors can take comfort that in times of need their donation will be distributed locally and reach those in need in a timely manner.

This is how the Into Our Hands Community Foundation has grown in 10 years to become a substantial contributor in community philanthropy in North East Victoria.



A FOUNDATION FOR THE COMMUNITY

# Loretta Carroll AM

INAUGURAL CHAIR & DONOR

Following the disastrous 2009 bushfires, Loretta Carroll headed up a community advisory committee of local townspeople affected by the fires. A forum was held in Myrtleford and a comprehensive report for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF) covering the challenges being faced, losses experienced and what projects were needed for recovery was created. The main request from the community was for a foundation that would be around long term.

“We felt the 2009 bushfire was a disaster we probably didn’t handle as well as we could, but if we’d had the expertise or a community organisation to help, we could do better next time,” Loretta said.

Loretta was the inaugural chair of Into Our Hands Community Foundation and after consultation with communities, the Foundation has ensured that grants were available to support community needs.



“We often don’t realise the value of a local foundation like Into Our Hands until we have an immediate need for support or access to unrestricted grants for projects. It’s something we can all contribute to for the betterment of our communities.”

“Donations can come in many forms – not all of it monetary. I donated a couple of head of cattle to the sale benefiting the GROW Myrtleford+ sub fund, however I also donate annually. Others may choose to give a large donation, leave a bequest, support a particular sub fund or give a number of small amounts when they can.”

LORETTA CARROLL

## HISTORY OF OUR FOUNDATION

# Our Origins

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Into Our Hands Community Foundation was created in 2012 to continue the community recovery process after one of Australia's worst natural disasters, the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires.

Into Our Hands was allocated \$1M from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Funds to assist medium and long term recovery needs of fire affected communities over a 10 year period.

Since 2012, the Foundation has provided grants and support to over 130 community and non-profit organisations in the North East via an annual grant program that supports community recovery, strength and resilience. In 2019 a local campaign commenced to grow giving and philanthropy across North East Victoria to sustain community grant making through a corpus of community funds held in perpetuity.

Thank you to our previous committee and board of trustees who have been part of our journey since 2012.

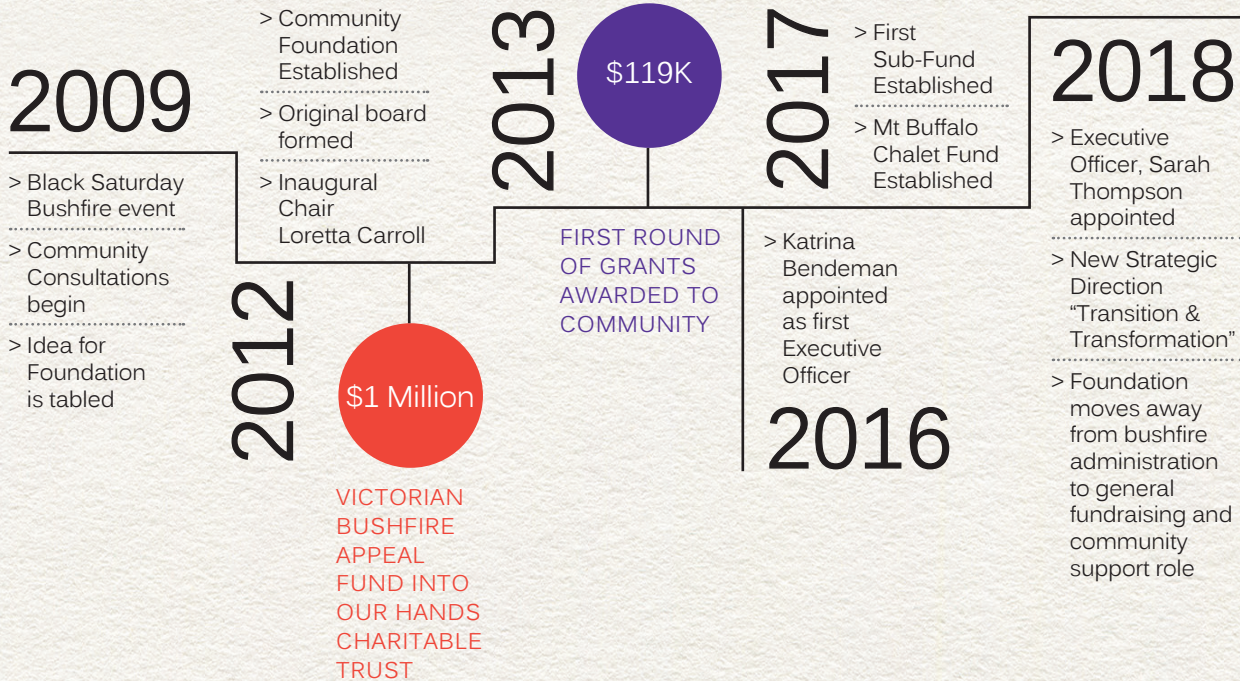


## PREVIOUS BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Doug Connors
- Jan Mock
- Cathy Sonnermann
- Paula Pipan
- Stephen Routledge
- Brian Lane
- David Koren
- Anita Smith
- Ali Pockley
- Catherine Upchter
- Jim Delany
- Peter Ahne
- Peter Sacco
- Paul Ryan
- Tammy Atkins
- Rebecca Healy



# 10 years OF GIVING





# "community capacity, for good, for ever."

- > Growing Giving Education events across the region

- > GROW Myrtleford+ Sub-Fund Established

- > Garry Nash & Co. Community Sub-Fund Established

- > Alex Race Stelling Sub-Fund Established

2ND GIVE WANGARATTA PITCH UP EVENT

\$100K

2022

- > New Website launched
- > New investment strategy implemented
- > Bright Fund community consultations commenced
- > Celebrating 10 years of giving

\$300K

2020

CAPACITY FUNDING FROM HELEN MCPHERSON SMITH TRUST.

- > New Strategic Plan
- > 3 Pillars
  - Grow the Fund
  - Invest in the Community
  - Trusted and Well Governed
- > Renewed focus on place-based funds
- > New Donor and Fund Management System installed
- > Operational Capacity Grants secured
- > New Communications Plan and Resourcing

2021

- > New Chair, Ruth Kneebone appointed

- > Launch of "Our Prosperity Realised" report

- > GIVE Wangaratta Sub-Fund Established

- > Inaugural Pitch Up fundraising event held

\$66K raised

INAUGURAL PITCH UP EVENT

2019



# Strategic initiatives

## OUR REPORT CARD

In 2020 Into Our Hands adopted a new strategic plan to take the Foundation in a new direction to grow giving and the impact of the Foundation for the long term benefit of the region.

### GROW



In 2019, IOHCF commissioned a research paper “Our Prosperity Realised” which modelled levels of personal wealth across NE Vic. This Australian first paper evidenced the regions potential to support philanthropic giving and its capacity to build a long-term community fund for future generations.

Encouraged by the data contained in this report the Foundation embarked on a region-wide campaign to promote local opportunities for giving. This campaign has resulted in two new place-based funds in Wangaratta and Myrtleford, with community engagement work started on a third fund in Bright.

In addition, this work has assisted in cultivation many new high net worth donors in our region, to donate to our placed-based funds or set up sub-funds to support their area of philanthropic interest and to give back to the communities they love.

### INVEST



Into Our Hands has continued to seek partnerships to leverage funds and investment for our region. Since 2020 the Foundation has had a significant and beneficial relationship with Global Giving Foundation which has allowed us to continue to provide disaster and community recovery support after the 2020 fires.

Further, IOHCF has established corporate relationships with the Nelson Alexander Foundation, Amer Sports, JJ's Waste & Recycling and Garry Nash & Co Real Estate. Each generously contributing to our Funds enabling in excess of \$101,000 being reinvested in local community projects.

Through partnerships with philanthropic providers Madge Brown Charitable Trust, Brockhoff Foundation, June Canavan Foundation and FRRR, we have delivered unique and practical programs and events from grant writing, project management and the innovative Grow Volunteering initiative.

Stage 1. of the exciting GROW Volunteering program was launched in Wangaratta in the first half of 2022 with planning for an expanded Stage 2 across Wangaratta, Indigo, Alpine and Mansfield LGA's well underway.

All of this demonstrate our continued commitment to using our skills and resources to deliver benefits to our region and to be a connector of funds and resources when and where our community needs it.

# TRUST



IOHCF has an unwavering commitment to building trusted and respectful relationships with our communities, corporate partners, funders and government agencies. We have achieved this through respectful engagement, active listening and being responsive in times of community need.

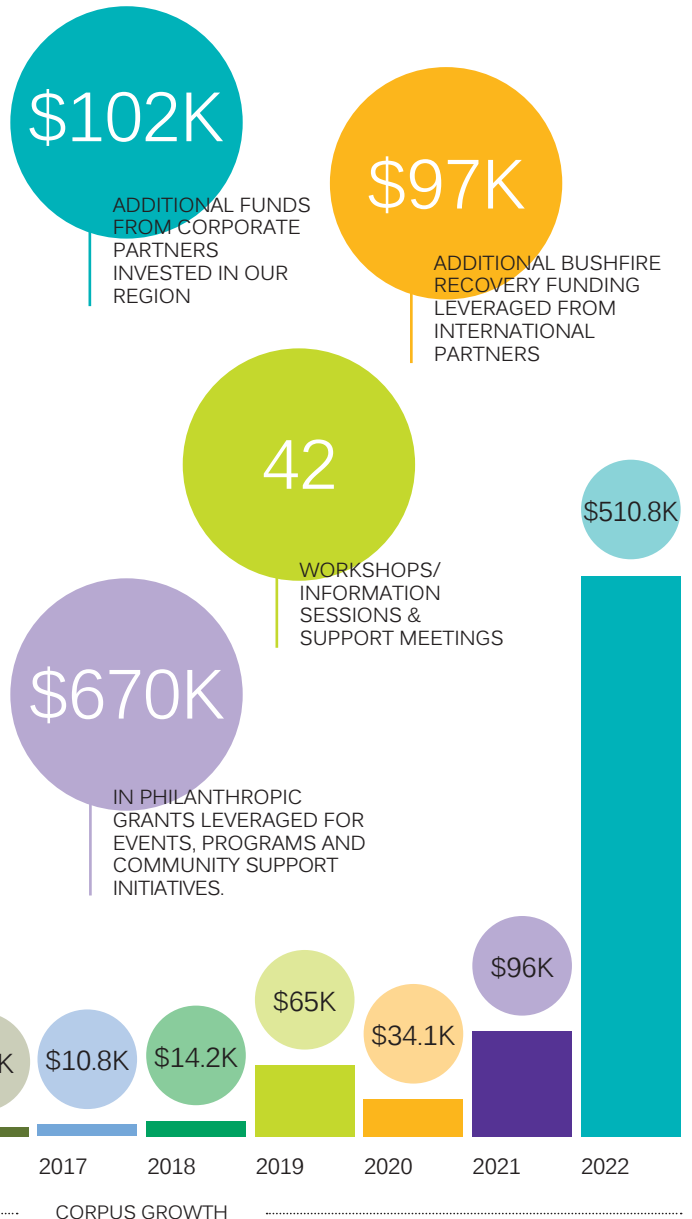
Our mission is to empower our communities and build resilience through active community leadership and decision-making. We stand with them and advocate on their behalf with courage and conviction and aspire to provide clear, timely and transparent communication at all times.

We actively engage with all stakeholders and have adopted sound corporate governance principles that adheres to government legislation and ACNC guidelines.

We acknowledge capacity building support from FRRR, June Canavan Foundation Helen McPherson Smith Trust and Global Giving

We have a strong and energised Board who is committed to our vision of community capacity, for good, for ever.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THIS THREE PILLAR APPROACH HAS HELPED US GROW:



# Our grant impact

GRANTS  
distributed  
by area

Beechworth  
\$107K

Wangaratta  
\$209K

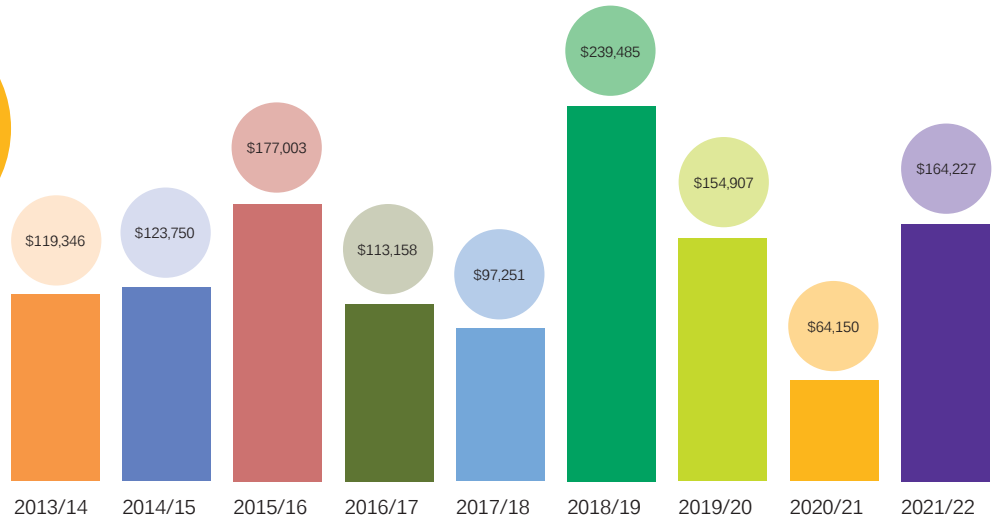
Bright  
\$29K

Myrtleford  
\$132K

## Back To School Vouchers

Year	number of vouchers	Total \$ Value of Vouchers
2018	74	\$3,700
2019	70	\$3,350
2020	326	\$16,300
2021	533	\$26,650
2022	559	\$27,950
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>\$77,950</b>

● This program has supported over 1500 students across more than 70 schools & businesses to date



GRANT HISTORY

GRANTS BY CATEGORY



\$1,253,279  
granted



133  
organisations supported



171  
grants



- Rural City Of Wangaratta 15%
- Indigo Shire Council 17%
- Alpine Shire Council 60%
- All Catchment Areas 8%

\$48,922 biggest grant    \$7,300 average grant    \$490 smallest grant

## GRANTEE PROFILE

# *Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship* (ACRE)

### MASTER PLAN AND RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD BEECHWORTH GAOL

In November 2016, the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE) led the \$2.7 million community buy back of the Old Beechworth Gaol. Into Our Hands Foundation supported ACRE via a strategic grant of \$48,220 to commence planning for the development of the Old Beechworth Gaol.

The focus of the project was to develop important local infrastructure that would enable world class entrepreneurship, learning opportunities and career pathways for young people in the region through the emerging cycle tourism industry, and to develop the site for community use, access and to help emerging businesses and start-ups, linking to broader economic development goals for the Indigo shire.

This strategic grant is an excellent example of how impact investment can act as a catalyst for community renewal in rural Australia. The funding provided by Into our Hands supported ACRE with the organisational capacity and planning resources crucial for the re-imagining and re-purposing of the Old Beechworth Gaol including a site brief, a master plan, engineering and heritage plans, business case and funding prospectuses.

Into Our Hands' early stage investment in this locally-led approach, enabled ACRE to leverage



other philanthropic organisations to attract further funds, achieving greater outcomes for the overall project.

The project delivered outstanding results for the Beechworth community and the wider region. Not only was the Gaol repurposed into a vibrant hub of activity for community, it also secured partnership arrangements with tenants, developed revenue models for the building and its maintenance needs and delivered a number of events that activated the space and invited community into the Gaol to see what it offered in terms of space, business, education and tourism opportunities for the local region.

## GRANTEE PROFILE

# *Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre*

### EMERGENCY RELIEF SPACE (BUILDING WALLS PROJECT)

In 2021, after extensive work with their Keep Calm Committee, the Neighbourhood Centre in Mount Beauty applied for funds from Into Our Hands to further enhance their centre for emergency management and disaster situations. The Building Walls project allowed the Centre to construct two separate office spaces in an emergency control meeting room where critical one-to-one support and welfare and counselling appointments could take place with victims of disaster.

This area now provides a separate, private and safe place for people to go when they are accessing agency and welfare supports after a disaster and allows the Neighbourhood centre to offer these services ongoing. When not required for disaster events, the meeting rooms are used for general outreach support such as mental health and counselling appointments for local community members.



“The process for applying for funds is very good compared to many other grants we go for. The funding raised for Into Our Hands is so vital and it is great to know the money is distributed for local issues and causes.” TRISH DIXON, HEAD OF CENTRE

## GRANTEE PROFILE

# Wangaratta Art Gallery redevelopment

### FEASIBILITY STUDY AND BUSINESS CASE

In March 2019 following several strategic discussions with the Rural City of Wangaratta and the Art Gallery leadership, it became clear that Wangaratta Art Gallery was at capacity when it came to housing current collections and that it was limited in its ability to attract new and inspiring exhibitions because of the size and function of its current building.

To overcome these issues, the Art Gallery had a visionary project in mind to explore how the current site could be developed as an art precinct for Wangaratta. Along with other philanthropic agencies, Into Our Hands Community Foundation invested \$25,000 to support a feasibility study and business case for development and outline the opportunities to help the gallery grow its reach to the local community and attract new visitors to the region.

“Into Our Hands provided supportive and professional advice right from the start of our relationship and our project’s vision,” Wangaratta Art Gallery director Simone Nolan said.

“If you want to see the North East community and region develop, thrive and provide wellbeing outcomes for everyone, if you want to see big ideas come to reality, Into Our Hands Foundation is one of the most powerful ways to enable this change. Individuals may not be able to make these changes in isolation, but the power of collective strength in funding is what the Foundation provides.”

SIMONE NOLAN, DIRECTOR OF WANGARATTA ART GALLERY, GRANT RECIPIENT 2018/19

March  
2019

\$25K

“We could see the future value in an updated and fit for purpose art gallery both for local community art appreciation and for jobs, visitor attraction and general economic development. We want to make our towns places of opportunity and aspiration and working collaboratively to invest in the arts and arts institutions is part of that,” Into Our Hands Executive Officer Sarah Thompson said.

The Feasibility Study indicated the possibilities and potential of the current site and its success has secured investment from Wangaratta Council which has led to concept designs for the space and further development of the Wangaratta Creative Precinct Business Case. The project is about to be released to community for consultation to move forward formally at local government level. The grant approach illustrates how small amounts of money can influence and achieve larger project outcomes for our community.



GROWING GIVING

# GIVE Wangaratta



GIVE Wangaratta is a community-wide initiative established in 2019 to grow a charitable endowment fund for the long term needs of Wangaratta, its people, community groups and local non-profits. The initial goal of GIVE Wangaratta was to raise enough funds to create an endowed fund that can support grant-making annually and in perpetuity. Three years since inception, the fund is well on its way to meeting this goal, announcing its first annual grant round in the 2022/23 financial year. The fund has also secured new fund raising partnerships and critical grant partnerships with the Madge Brown Charitable Trust, allowing it to increase grant making for the future.

Grant making from GIVE Wangaratta supports a range of charitable causes and organisations that are priorities for local people, with particular focus on mental health and target populations including vulnerable people, young people and families. The fund has established its reputation and brand with the inaugural Pitch UP event in 2019 raising over \$66,000 and followed this success with a second Pitch UP in 2022, raising a whopping \$101,000 for

local charities and projects from a crowd over 100+ donors and supporters. To date, GIVE Wangaratta has granted over \$167,000 back to the Wangaratta community to 6 non-profit organisations and projects providing additional and critical support to local people in need.

Grants from GIVE Wangaratta:

- Pangerang Community House, parents engagement and women's wellness programs;
- Alpine Valley Community Leadership, LGBTIQ+ Leadership program with LINE Wangaratta;
- Upper Murray Family Care, Trust In Kids initiative for kids in care;
- NESAY, Healthy Masculinities Project for young men and healthy relationships;
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wangaratta mentoring program for young people; and
- North East TRACKS, Local Learning and Employment Network and their Hands on Careers Day.

“For the first time I get to see my donation go to a charity that has been set up specifically to benefit the citizens of my community who are in need of assistance. This makes me proud to support GIVE Wangaratta.”

COUNCILLOR KEN CLARK OAM JP

GROWING GIVING

# GROW Myrtleford+



GROW Myrtleford+ is a community-run charitable fund to support community causes, projects and ideas that will benefit Myrtleford and the surrounding communities. After establishing in late 2021, GROW Myrtleford+ quickly met its goal to raise enough funds locally to begin grant making. The Fund has shown a creative and motivated spirit in the way it has secured local fundraising partnerships and has successfully partnered with local industry groups such as Nutrien Ivone Agencies and local winemakers to enhance donations to their fund.

Within its first year the fund has raised a small endowment and will begin investing funds back in their local community in November 2022.

GROW Myrtleford+ will support meaningful and positive projects across Myrtleford and surrounding neighbourhoods and work with existing groups and organisations to continue to grow a vibrant and exciting Myrtleford. GROW Myrtleford+ seeks to enhance liveability, sustainability, and community connections in the town, grow resilience and community capacity as well as local economies. The grants and investments will support a vibrant and prosperous Myrtleford now and for future generations.



“Coming under the Into Our Hands umbrella is great and makes it really easy for us to focus on what matters to the community because we don’t need to spend our time on the administration side of things.”

LISA SHUTE - GROW MYRTLEFORD+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

# 10 YEARS OF GIVING

## *Our donor impact*

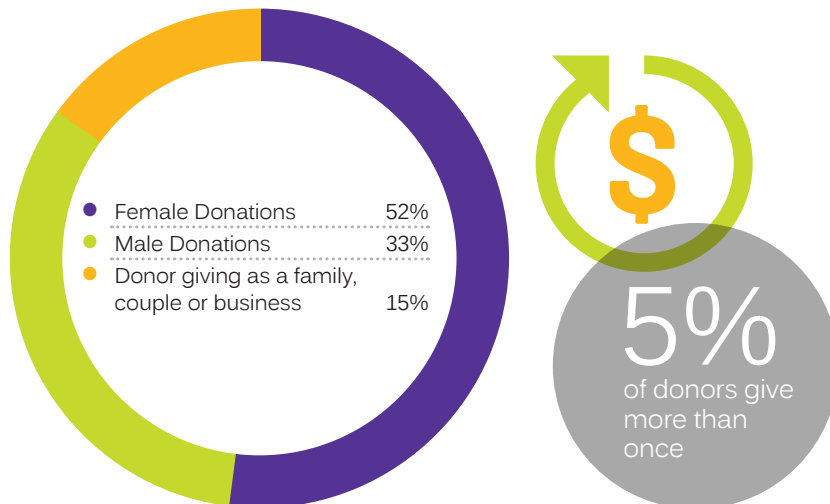
### Donor History Overview

Sub Fund Donations	417
Total Number of Donations	480
Average Donation	\$1,113
Largest Donation	\$100K
Value of Donations	\$534,399

### Event Donations

Value of Event Donations	\$157K
Largest Event Donation	\$10K
Number of Event Donations	264
Total Number of Donations	744
Total Value of all Donations (inc events)	\$691,989

### Donations By Demographic



# Our Sub Funds

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Charitable causes and organisations for vulnerable and young people and families in Wangaratta.



GROW Myrtleford+ seeks to enhance liveability, sustainability, and community connections in the town, grow resilience and community capacity as well as local economies.



Support for Housing and Homelessness, Natural Disaster Relief, Health and Wellbeing and Education.



Action to ensure that Australia's largest timber building is preserved for future generations.



Nurture and support reading, writing and the humanities and leadership among young people.



Contribute to local grants for affected people, communities and organisations quickly and without delay.

## SUB FUND PROFILE

# Garry Nash & Co.

Established in June 2021 to mark 40 years in business, the Garry Nash & Co. Community Fund started with generous donations from the company directors, together with contributions from across the staff team through workplace giving.

The fund is a charitable fund with tax deductibility and makes grants in support of:

- Housing and Homelessness;
- Natural Disaster Relief (local and beyond);
- Health and Wellbeing; and
- Education.

In its first year, the fund supported 15 organisations and invested more than \$15,000 back into Wangaratta and surrounding communities. Having received generous support from across the district, the fund is growing quickly and will consider larger community grants and projects in the future.

“After years of donating to local charities, the sub-fund was an opportunity to create something more



permanent which would last in perpetuity. It was also another way to express our gratitude to the community which has supported us since 1981,” Garry Nash said.

For a full list of grantees/grants, see appendices on pages 29-34.

“We are grateful and fortunate to now be in a position where we can help others in hard and difficult times on a bigger scale than has previously been possible. If we can, as one organisation, continue to achieve that and be seen as a responsible caring ‘corporate’ citizen, that is benefit enough.”

GARRY & MARION NASH

## SUB FUND PROFILE

# Alex Race Stelling



Digby Race and Fleur Stelling established the Alex Race Stelling sub-fund to establish a positive legacy in memory of their son, Alex that would reflect his interest and passion for reading and writing.

Alex loved nothing more than being absorbed in a great book and was inspired and supported by wonderful teachers at Cathedral College Wangaratta. Establishing a legacy to support teachers across the region was a way Digby and Fleur could make a positive contribution to the education of the next generation of young writers.

The Alex Race Stelling sub-fund seeks to support a range of initiatives in North East schools to support literature and build on what teachers and schools already offer through practical and rewarding experiences for young writers.

It is hoped that Alex's fund will grow to offer financial support for those initiatives and one day it might be

able to support projects that would not otherwise be able to be run through schools or other organisations if it was not for this fund.

Digby and Fleur chose to create the sub-fund through Into Our Hands as it is a well-established local foundation with a team of experienced and professional staff who focus on supporting the North East region.

"We haven't the time at the moment for being actively involved in Alex's fund, so having the professional team at IOHCF take care of it has allowed our idea to become a reality," they said.

"Having a foundation like IOHCF locally makes philanthropy of any scale meaningful and relatable for local communities. Local donors giving to support local initiatives makes our region stronger and IOHCF ensures that our funds are carefully managed for the best outcomes."

"IOHCF is well-organised with professional systems in place, ensuring accountability and transparency. They make philanthropy easy and rewarding, ensuring that giving leads to stronger local communities in our region."

DIGBY RACE & FLEUR STELLING

# A snapshot of our donors

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"I love the idea of a community foundation where my donation can make a difference to my local community. It is rewarding to be able to support and contribute to a variety of worthy local projects and I am proud to be a part of such a caring community. I have chosen to donate via a monthly direct debit, it is simple to set up and I receive a yearly tax statement." **Lisa Shute**

"The impact of providing support through grants to the community should not be underestimated. By directly assisting our own communities (by volunteering or financially) it sends a message that they are valued and play a vital role in providing a safe, healthy and happy, connected environment."

**Marion and Garry Nash**



"There is no better feeling than knowing that you can contribute in some way to the township and local area that you love. Our families are lifetime residents of Myrtleford with generations going back more than 5 fold and we wanted to support our wonderful community. Into Our Hands and GROW Myrtleford+ is the perfect foundation for our family to support as a local organisation that will give back to our community." **Karen and Robert Gasperotti**

"For me, supporting the foundation and donating is just the right thing to do as a business leader to a community that serves us with its custom and provides personnel for employment. The strength and resilience of a community is gauged by the way it cares, nurtures and provides for its people. I hope our community will continue to become stronger and stronger." **Clyde Hawkins**

# A snapshot of our donors

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“A strong community needs, more than ever, a foundation to support its people, especially the young and vulnerable. I chose to leave a bequest to the GIVE Wangaratta Fund specifically because I believe that we can create a really strong trust for Wangaratta. It gives me great pride to do so because I want to put back and support the community which has supported me during my working life.” **John Bailey**



“We are aware of the organisations who received grants at the Pitch Up events and have watched with interest and celebrated what they’ve been able to achieve. It’s rewarding to see what community groups can do when they receive much needed financial help and we hope our donations strengthen, grow and develop our community now and in the future. The concept of Into Our Hands is excellent and we want to see this organisation go from strength to strength.” **John & Christine Haddrick**

“By giving locally, I know I’m supporting some of the groups and community members doing the hard work on the ground. I hope that my donations will help to build community resilience and support local initiatives with a hand-up so they can continue delivering their services and supports to the people who need them, when they need them, right here in Wangaratta.” **Jack Herry**







“Our established business is fortunate to be in a position where it is able to offer assistance to support financially our commitment to our value of community. We are proud our team members are also invested in this value with many donating on a monthly basis to the Garry Nash & Co Community Fund.” **Mike Noble**



“Giving to local causes and supporting local community is important to me. I can't have an impact or give out a big grant on my own, but pooled with other donations, my donation can have an impact. It can achieve something and, importantly, that project is local and will make a difference in my community. By donating to the Foundation, I feel like I'm part of something bigger, that we are building a prosperous future. That's quite an exciting idea and movement to be a part of.” **Sarah Thompson**



“My family and I are proud to support the work delivered by incredible local community organisations. It's really important to us that we teach our children about the joy of giving and the impact that our contribution can have on our community. Our contribution alone won't make a difference but combined with other generous local people, we can make a big impact in the Wangaratta community.” **Katie Gibson**

“Into Our Hands Community Foundation is an amazing local organisation run by genuine, committed people bringing together the needs of our communities and the resources to make our wonderfully liveable towns even better. The IOH model is a fantastic way to give where you live and directly help our neighbours and neighbourhoods in a collective, focus, well managed way and maybe have some fun as well. Giving makes the giver feel happy and brings benefit to those around us. Congratulations to Into Our Hands on 10 years of outstanding service.” **Anonymous Donor**

# What you can do?

Our message to local people is simple; what could you do?

Are you curious about giving back or interested in doing something to make a lasting impact?

Could you be part of something bigger and contribute to the many funders and donors that support our vision for a vibrant and thriving North East Victoria?

Just Imagine  
If 1% of the regions  
estate wealth  
was bequeathed it would  
build a community Fund  
of  
\$25m  
in just 10 years

What could you do?

Maybe make a regular contribution to one of our existing funds or a general donation to our public fund?

"Giving to a fund like GIVE Wangaratta is benefiting me, my friends, my family and the broader community. When you think of it like that, it's not hard to fit in giving to a fund which can make a real difference in real terms in our community."

- JACK HERRY, QUARTERLY DONOR

Could you establish your own business or family fund to continue your involvement and contribution to a community you love now and in the future?

"What better way to celebrate and acknowledge everything that Garry and Marion and the Garry Nash & Co. business has done for the community over the last 40 years, than to create something that's going to last indefinitely and benefit those who come after us?"

- MIKE NOBLE, GARRY NASH & CO. COMMUNITY FUND

# *Giving from the community, for the community*

As locals, if we don't give to our community charities, then who will? If you are curious about the joys of giving, if you have considered philanthropy or structured giving but haven't acted before, get in touch with our friendly and discreet team for a conversation about what you could do to support your local community.

Could you leave a portion of your estate as a bequest to be invested ensuring those communities and issues dearest to you are supported after you've gone?

"I believe we're here to live, to love and to leave a legacy and this is a way for me to know that it will run infinitum and help in the future. I've left 10% of my estate to Into Our Hands and it was an absolute no brainer for me because I have seen what bequeaths can achieve and how important they are."  
- JOHN BAILEY, BEQUEST DONOR

If 10% of households in North East Victoria donated 5% of their assets to a foundation like Into Our Hands, its community chest would grow to

- \$1.5m in 2 years
- \$5m in 5 years
- \$10m in 8 years

All of this is possible through a donation partnership with Into Our Hands Community Foundation. Your gift will be pooled with others for long term community impact and inspire others to act and give in the same way.

"Our region is blessed with the most incredible physical environment, if we overlay that with a culture of looking after each other and providing for future generations then I think our region will be significantly richer for that."

- JANELLE MARSDEN, MT BULLER CHALET FUND

# Our Future

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Philanthropic potential for North East Victoria. Whether we live on a farm, in town or one of our thriving rural cities, North East Victorians know and appreciate the value of working together to create strong, connected and resilient communities. Into Our Hands Community Foundation has worked with the communities of North East Victoria for a decade to support diverse community building ideas and embrace opportunities to generate positive change. We plan to continue in that tradition and build on the grant making legacy we started in 2012.

Our future is bright and full of potential. Over the past 3 years our donor base has grown and so too have our granting programs and partnerships. This will help us to continue to invest in our local region, helping communities, non-profits, services and volunteer groups to thrive.

Into Our Hands will continue to foster a stronger culture of giving in North East Victoria, so our communities will always have the resources and capacity to determine and realise their own priorities. Our report on wealth sharing in our region documents the potential and opportunity we have now as a community to grow local

giving and explore what it could mean if people choose to give some of that wealth back to their community to create a legacy for current and future generations.

These initiatives of Into Our Hands Community Foundation represent a powerful catalysts for positive change within our communities. Informed by an evidence based approach, we know that residents of Wangaratta, Indigo, Alpine and Mansfield Local Government Areas (LGAs) could expect to raise \$6.3M in charitable assets over 10 years if just 1 in 20 people left 5% of their estate to local charitable endowments or community foundations. Imagine the opportunities we could create in our region by growing community assets for shared benefit.

Our dream is to create a better, more prosperous and resilient North East Victoria, together. Let's build a strong culture of local giving in our region to create a brighter future and shape a North East Victoria where everyone can feel a sense of belonging and opportunity.

Let's have the courage to dream big.

“Other grants can be restrictive in their use, but grants from IOHCF can be used for almost anything the community needs. To have a local foundation who understands what locals need and want, is essential.”

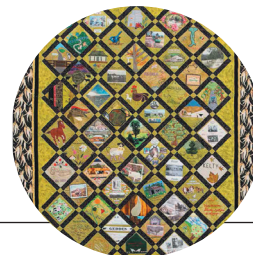
– JANET TWEEDIE, PRESIDENT AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF WINTERWORDS

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> <b>ACRE</b> – Regional social enterprise education pilot	2014/2015
> <b>Acres &amp; Acres Co-operative</b> – Establishment of community gardens (1&2)	2019/2020
> <b>Albury Wodonga FoodShare</b> – Delivery of food hampers to people in need	2019/2020
> <b>Alpine Children's Services</b> – Improve indoor space for vulnerable children in Myrtleford	2017/2018
> <b>Alpine Community Plantation</b>	
– Friends of the Forest	2015/2016
– Mystic Park Emergency Response Signage Project	2018/2019
– Trail maintenance equipment, materials & training	2019/2020
> <b>Alpine Health</b>	
– Communities That Care Alpine	2016/2017
– Communities That Care Alpine (The Resilience Project)	2017/2018
> <b>Alpine Valley Playgroup</b> – Children's play area	2014/2015
> <b>Alpine Shire Council Community Resilience Committee</b>	
– Teen Mental Health First Aid course for young people	2015/2016
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> <b>Alpine Valley Community Leadership Program (AVCLP)</b>	
– Social media workshops	2014/2015
– Scholarship program	2016/2017
– 3 year scholarship	2018/2019
– LGBTIQ+ Leadership program	2019/2020
– Bushfire Response Workshop – Beechworth	2019/2020
– Scholarship leadership program	2020/2021
> <b>Anglicare</b> – Support to community members impacted by bushfires & COVID-19	2020/2021
> <b>Appin Park PS</b> – Purchase of stove, washing machine to support disadvantaged children	2019/2020
> <b>Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship</b> – Feasibility & Master planning of Rural Entrepreneurship Education Centre	2018/2019
> <b>Beechworth Food co-op</b>	
– Keeping Our Food & Farmers close	2017/2018
– Cool room purchase	2018/2019
> <b>Beechworth Men's Shed</b> – Welder, metalcraft tools and accessories	2014/2015
> <b>Beechworth Secondary College</b> – Beechy sounds	2020/2021
> <b>Beechworth Urban Landcare and sustainability group</b> – Dig your Garden workshops	2016/2017
> <b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b> – Bringing the Program back to Wangaratta#	2021/2022
> <b>Bogong &amp; Ovens Fire Brigades</b> – Volunteer recruitment & training	2013/2014
> <b>Borinya</b> – Coffee Cart initiative^	2021/2022

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> <b>Bowmans Murrumgee Community</b> – Preservation & display of Murrumgee memorial quilt	2015/2016
> <b>Bright &amp; District Historical Society</b> – Cemeteries & burial grounds in the Buckland Valley	2015/2016
> <b>Bright Church of Christ</b> – Carter & Carter Bright Community Resilience Weekend	2015/2016
> <b>Bright Community Garden</b> – Water infrastructure	2015/2016
> <b>Bright Croquet</b> – Purchase of maintenance equipment	2019/2020
> <b>Bright United Men's Shed</b> – Lighting and landscaping	2014/2015
> <b>Bruarong Community Centre</b> – Dangerous tree removal	2013/2014
> <b>Bruarong Hall</b> – Sprinkler system	2014/2015
> <b>Buffalo River CFA</b> – Kitchen improvements (Stages 1 & 2)	2019/2020
> <b>Buffalo River Link</b> – Stove	2013/2014
> <b>Burgoiee Creek Landcare</b> – Mitigating erosion	2014/2015
> <b>Champagne Club Gather Festival</b> – Addressing trauma through arts	2019/2020
> <b>Change One Project</b> – Wheelchairs	2016/2017
> <b>Charlie Vincent</b> – Community Wildlife Kits for injured animals on roads	2020/2021
> <b>Community Accessibility Inc</b> – Ovens Valley specialist medical transport service	2015/2016
> <b>Community Wildfire Kits</b>	2020/2021
> <b>Cundy Park</b> – Cundy Park Shelter	2015/2016
> <b>CWA Oxley &amp; Milawa</b> – Certified safe food handling training	2019/2020
> <b>D. Townsend-O'Neil</b> - Humidicrib – Wildlife refuge	2019/2020
> <b>Dederang Bowls Club</b> – Club house earthworks	2013/2014
> <b>Dederang Cricket Club</b> – Resurfacing	2014/2015
> <b>Dederang Fire Brigade</b> – Community safer place lighting	2013/2014
> <b>Dederang Mt Beauty Football Netball Club</b> – Football safety nets	2014/2015
> <b>Dederang Picnic Races</b> – Event operation support	2020/2021
> <b>Dederang Primary School</b> – Retention of student wellbeing officer	2013/2014
> <b>Dederang Recreation Reserve</b>	
– Lawnmower	2017/2018
– Relighting our community LED lighting	2018/2019
> <b>Dinner Plain Environmental Workshop</b> – Raising awareness of Dinner Plain flora & fauna	2020/2021
> <b>Everton Fire Brigade</b> – New equipment*	2021/2022
> <b>Everton Playgroup</b> – Outdoor Sensory Space/Everton Local Friendship Garden	2017/2018
> <b>Everton PS Community Dinner</b> – Community dinner with focus on wellbeing	2019/2020
> <b>First Fall Films</b> – Documentary assistance to market Mt Hotham & Falls Creek	2020/2021

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> <b>Foundation for Rural and Regional Development</b>	
– Back to School Vouchers	2017/2018
– Back to School Vouchers (x2)	2018/2019
– Back to School Vouchers	2019/2020
– Back to School Vouchers	2020/2021
– Back to School Vouchers	2021/2022
> <b>Gapsted Community Hall</b>	
– Hall upgrade	2013/2014
– Stage 2 Hall upgrade	2016/2017
> <b>Gundowring RFB – Kitchen fitout</b>	2014/2015
> <b>Happy Valley Hall Committee of Management</b>	
– Work shed to support the Happy Valley Tree Garden Project	2015/2016
– Hall works	2016/2017
– Permanent BBQ	2018/2019
> <b>Happy Valley Tree Garden – Water cart</b>	2013/2014
> <b>Harrietville Community Forum – Harrietville Community's Tracks &amp; Trails</b>	2018/2019
> <b>Harrietville Historical Society – Sideshow Alley – Community Celebration</b>	2019/2020
> <b>Indigo Power Ltd – Community off-grid power supply</b>	2018/2019
> <b>Inner wheel Wangaratta service club – Care packs for Kerferd centre clients*</b>	2021/2022
> <b>Kerferd oration committee – George Briscoe Kerferd Oration</b>	2016/2017
> <b>Kiewa Catchment Landcare – Recording environmental history</b>	2014/2015
> <b>Kiewa Valley Historical Society – The cattlemen &amp; women of the Kiewa Valley &amp; their High Plains Huts</b>	2016/2017
> <b>LGBTQIA+ in North East – Purchase &amp; distribution of care packages</b>	2019/2020
> <b>Mountain Safety Collective – Avalanche Beacon training at Mt Hotham</b>	2020/2021
> <b>Mt Beauty &amp; District Men's Shed – Landscaping &amp; paving</b>	2015/2016
> <b>Mt Beauty Bowls Club – Timber replacement</b>	2013/2014
> <b>Mt Beauty Cricket Club – Mount Beauty New Year's Eve Community Event</b>	2017/2018
> <b>Mt Beauty Golf Club – Landscaping project</b>	2020/2021
> <b>Mt Beauty Men's shed – IT upgrade</b>	2020/2021
> <b>Mt Beauty Music Festival – Outdoor stage &amp; lighting</b>	2019/2020
> <b>Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre</b>	
– Kitchen upgrade	2017/2018
– Emergency Relief Space Project	2020/2021

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> <b>Mudgegonga &amp; District Landcare</b>	
– Waterwatch equipment	2013/2014
– Whole of Landscape project	2014/2015
– Stage 3 Whole of Landscape project	2015/2016
> <b>Mudgegonga CFA – Extension</b>	2013/2014
> <b>Mudgegonga Hall Reserve committee</b> – Hall power upgrade of heating & cooling	2015/2016
> <b>Mudgegonga Hall</b> – Outdoor shelter & catering area	2017/2018
> <b>Mudgegonga Hall on behalf of Mudgegonga Quilters</b> – Display cabinet	2016/2017
> <b>Myrtleford &amp; District Historical Society</b> – Framing the Tiff Rayner Collection	2015/2016
> <b>Myrtleford Agricultural and Pastoral Society</b> – Replacement refrigerator	2015/2016
> <b>Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce</b>	
– School of Tarantella	2016/2017
– Provision of a registered food premises in hall	2018/2019
– Mosaic project	2019/2020
– Home delivery service to support businesses during COVID-19	2019/2020
> <b>Myrtleford community garden</b> – Community Garden	2016/2017
> <b>Myrtleford Golf Club</b>	
– Shed	2015/2016
– Kitchen update	2016/2017
> <b>Myrtleford Indoor Sports Complex</b> – Lighting	2013/2014
> <b>Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club</b> – Replacement of clubhouse roof	2015/2016
> <b>Myrtleford Pony Club</b> – Horse yards	2015/2016
> <b>Myrtleford Recreation Reserve</b>	
– Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Strategic Plan	2017/2018
– Black Saturday Memorial Gateway	2018/2019
> <b>Myrtleford Scouts</b> – Development of plans	2014/2015
> <b>Myrtleford Theatre Troupe Inc</b> – Commedia D'ell Arte Performance	2015/2016
> <b>Myrtleford Toy Library</b>	
– Storage shed	2015/2016
– Toy Library software	2016/2017
> <b>North East Multicultural Association (NEMA)</b> – Driving lessons for CALD women*	2021/2022
> <b>NESAY</b>	
– Healthy Masculinities Project#	2021/2022
– Workplace safety training^	2021/2022



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> <b>NE TRACKS LLEN</b>	
– Hands on Careers Expo#	2021/2022
– Boot & clothing library upgrade^	2021/2022
> <b>Old Murrumgee Hall Committee</b> – Restoration	2013/2014
> <b>Open Door Neighbourhood House</b> – Food Pantry program*	2021/2022
> <b>Our Move Helping Hands</b> – Website online notice board support	2020/2021
> <b>Pangerang Community House Inc.</b> – Early intervention programs to support disadvantaged families	2019/2020
> <b>Porepunkah CFA</b> – Volunteer recognition dinner event support	2020/2021
> <b>Porepunkah Public Hall</b> – Improvements to the Porepunkah Public Hall	2017/2018
> <b>Porepunkah Recreation Reserve</b> – Improve Porepunkah Public Recreation Reserve	2017/2018
> <b>Quercus Beechworth</b> – Connecting Beechworth	2016/2017
> <b>RC McNamara Reserve</b> – Kitchen upgrade	2014/2015
> <b>Riding for the Disabled Myrtleford</b> – Horse shelter	2014/2015
> <b>Rosewhite and District CWA</b>	
– Sponsorship of delegate	2013/2014
– Craft and community display	2015/2016
> <b>Sheree Webster</b> – Fire affected dangerous tree removal	2015/2016
> <b>Sing Australia, Wangaratta</b> – Volunteer membership drive*	2021/2022
> <b>St Albans Hall Management Association</b>	
– Portable food equipment	2013/2014
– Solar panelling	2015/2016
> <b>Stanley Fire Brigade</b> – CFA radios	2014/2015
> <b>Stanley Rec Reserve Committee</b>	
– Door	2013/2014
– Kitchen appliances	2014/2015
> <b>Stanley Spring Ditch &amp; Wetlands Management Committee</b> – Development of upper Spring Ditch Reserve	2016/2017
> <b>Stanley Wetlands Committee of Management</b> – Walking Stanley's Environmental History	2018/2019
> <b>TAFCO</b>	
– Weather Station	2015/2016
– Myrtleford Farmers' Market marketing & promotion	2016/2017
> <b>Tawonga Rural Fire Brigade</b> – Hose Reel	2016/2017
> <b>Team Mount Beauty</b> – Upgrade website	2019/2020
> <b>The Myrtleford Festival Incorporated</b> – Myrtleford District Community Electrical Assets	2015/2016

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> <b>Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY)</b>	
– Business case for community off grid power project	2018/2019
– The Sunrise Project	2018/2019
> <b>Traverse Hotham</b> – Free XC ski lessons project	2020/2021
> <b>Upper Kiewa Valley Community Assoc. Incorporated</b> – Interpretive signage for Sullivan's Lookout	2015/2016
> <b>Upper Kiewa Valley Regional Arts</b> – Purchase of IT equipment	2019/2020
> <b>Upper Murray Family Care</b> – Trust in Kids Program	2019/2020
> <b>Victoria Aboriginal Childcare Authority (VACCA)</b> – Cultural school holiday program for Indigenous children*	2021/2022
> <b>Vic Back Country</b> – Subsidised rate for locals to access festival	2020/2021
> <b>Wahgunyah Men's Shed</b> – Veranda to provide additional space	2019/2020
> <b>Wangaratta Area Suicide Prevention (WASP)</b> – We Believe project*	2021/2022
> <b>Wangaratta Art Gallery</b> – Redevelopment Feasibility Study	2018/2019
> <b>Wangaratta CareVan</b> – Purchase of food & new equipment*	2021/2022
> <b>Wang Community Garden</b> – New equipment & tools*	2021/2022
> <b>Wangaratta Concert Band</b> – New memberships & band expansion project*	2021/2022
> <b>Wang Hockey Club</b> – Hockey female participation program*	2021/2022
> <b>Wangaratta Night Shelter</b> *	2021/2022
> <b>Whorouly Memorial Park</b> – Projecting a Resilient Community	2017/2018
> <b>Winterwords Beechworth</b> – Event celebrating words & writing	2020/2021
> <b>Women's Wellness Network of Myrtleford, Bright &amp; Surrounds</b>	
– International Women's Day & Rural Women's session	2015/2016
– Know your local Titans, value of locally based emergency services	2015/2016
> <b>Yack Community Education Network</b> – Community garden	2013/2014
> <b>Yack Men's shed</b> – Solar panelling	2014/2015
> <b>Yackandandah Sustainability</b> – Public drinking water sculpture	2014/2015

\* = sub fund grant Garry Nash & Co Community Fund

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^ = sub fund grant JJ Waste





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