



Australian Community Philanthropy

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2009 has been a year of some consolidation for Australian Community Philanthropy. We have increased our membership and launched our website. We hosted a welcome evening at the National Community Foundations Forum in Mount Gambier, at which we presented awards in recognition of service to the Community Foundation Movement.

The Vital Signs project is moving ahead, with Ballarat Community Foundation having established a link with The Fairfax group through their local paper, and launching their project at the beginning of September. The other three foundations involved in the piloting of Vital Signs are still working towards their launches and gathering data on the key issue areas.

We applied to the Global Fund of Wings, for a grant to assist in the development and establishment of our programs, but were unsuccessful as we were not considered to be a developing country. We have sought further discussions with Senator Ursula Stephens to highlight our activities and seek advice on assistance which may be available.

It is good to see the growth in Community Foundations, with the Fleurieu in South Australia getting established and expressing interest in Australian Community Philanthropy. Discussions at the National Foundations Forum demonstrated a continuing similarity of difficulty about funding for administration and reinforced the benefit of working together in raising community awareness and sharing ideas which can be adapted to suit local need.

We thank Chris Horton for his work as inaugural chairman of Australian Community Philanthropy in the setting up of our accounts and establishing support through Hume and the office of the Border Trust.

We are deeply indebted to Catherine Brown for the work she has done in getting us established as a legal entity, a company limited by guarantee, her support and advice through the process and her work as secretary over the past year.

We look forward to a year of continued growth in 2010.

Sue Charlton

Chairman
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