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MUMBULLA FOUNDATION
President's Report 2009

It is with great pleasure that I present The Mumbulla Foundation Annual Report for 2009.

This year completes our ninth granting round with grants totalling \$52,914.00 to 26 local, not for profit organisations. This brings the total amount in grants to over \$450,000.00 since The Mumbulla Foundation was born in 2000. Once again, award functions were held in Bega, Bermagui & Eden.

The Mumbulla Foundation is the Community Foundation for the whole of the Bega Valley Region and we greatly appreciate the support from our partners, including the Bega Valley Shire Council, The Myer Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund and Members of the Myer Family and local businesses and private donors.

Late in 2008 we were advised that we were successful with our submission to receive a 2009 Commemorative Grant to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Sidney Myer Fund and the 50th Anniversary of The Myer Foundation. This grant has enabled us to firstly have an intense and successful media awareness campaign to make The Mumbulla Foundation well known throughout the Shire. Our sincere thanks must go to The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund for making this possible. Not only do more people recognise us now but one generous family donated \$8,000.00 to The Mumbulla Foundation.

On February 23rd Ross Williams and I attended the Celebrating Our Partners Workshop in Melbourne. The second part of the campaign was a marketing one to enlist the support of local businesses. Unfortunately, after many hours of organising and phone calls, the Business Partnership Dinner had to be cancelled due to a lack of acceptances. However, I believe as we move forward we will find another way to involve business partners. We have to. If we want to keep assisting local organisations, our long term sustainability will depend on local donors.

In July 2009 a Community Foundation Sustainability Project grant of \$30,000.00 from FRRR paid over three years was made available to The Mumbulla Foundation. In 2010 we have to commit a further \$5,000.00 and in 2011 another \$10,000.00. The submission was specifically made to start a corpus to grow the foundation. This \$30,000.00, plus our contribution of \$15,000.00, is a good start to build on and hopefully we will eventually become self funding. However, I realise that this should be, and will be a very long term aim for us.

On July 7th 2009 Geoff Brookes and I did a presentation to the Bega Valley Shire Councillors to inform the new councillors about the Shire's Community Foundation. I certainly recognise that we are very much partners with council and we are all trying to make the Bega Valley Shire an even better place to live, work and

play. I thank Council for appointing Cr Adrian Sandrey to be Council's representative to attend Board Meetings prior to his departure to South Australia and we warmly welcome Cr Graeme Wykes who takes his place. Cr. Graeme Wykes has already shown his enthusiasm and commitment to The Mumbulla Foundation and brings a wealth of local knowledge and experience. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council has in its first year been well accepted and I thank Simon Schweitzer, the Social Planning Coordinator for his contribution in making sure the granting round this year was done efficiently and in accordance with Council's Social Plan.

Once again we participated in the Sidney Myer Fund and FRRR back to school program when Ann Montague coordinated the distribution of over 220 vouchers (\$50.00 each) to the four High Schools in the Bega Valley to help students buy essential items to return to school. This year we decided to adopt a different approach to Outward Bound by subsidising 16 students from year 9 from the four high schools in the Bega Valley to attend the shorter course. We wanted as many students as possible to experience the adventure and personal growth that Outward Bound offers. The cost involved was \$4,800.00. We continue to provide scholarships to the University of Wollongong Bega Campus.

The payroll deduction scheme has only one contributor donating \$18.00 per month. Thanks to Ross Williams for persevering with this project.

Chris Rogers was unable to continue as our Publicity Officer this year and I would like to thank her for the great contribution she made to The Mumbulla Foundation.

The Foundation continues to operate in a very cost effective way with no paid staff. I would like to acknowledge the Bega Office of SERTEC who provide us with their facilities and a 'home'. Their staff are always friendly and helpful. I also thank Stephen Clarke & Associates who provide pro bono accounting services and Andrew Warren & Associates for pro bono legal advice. To the Bega Valley Shire Council and staff who support our partnership and our advisors, volunteers, including Richard Morecroft, supporters, corporate and individual donors, our most grateful thanks. The Board is very conscious of the need to assure donors that their contributions will be well distributed to get the maximum benefit for local not for profit organisations.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of my fellow Board Members for the amicable atmosphere under which we operate. I know most of us are very busy people and we are all volunteers. For the time and energy you give to Mumbulla I can only thank you, because we will be recognised and judged in the future by more positive testimonials, like the ones we have seen in the Win TV advertising.

Phil McDonald