

Exert from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust Annual Report 2010:

HMS Bushfires Grants Fund

\$1,283,492



In the wake of the horrific bushfires which took place in February 2009 across Victoria, the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust resolved to make a significant direct contribution towards assisting the restoration of community life in the rural townships which were damaged or destroyed by the fires. A special \$2 million fund was established for this express purpose. The purpose of the Fund is to support the medium to long-term segments of the recovery efforts and to support capacity-rebuilding projects and programs which will help to restore community life, networks and spirit of the affected Victorian townships.

In 2010, the HMS Bushfires Grants Fund awarded grants totalling \$1,283,492 to ten organisations around the state. Amongst the grants was the Trust's third largest one-off gift ever of \$1m to Sustainable Gardening Australia, bringing the total Bushfires funding allocation so far to \$1,414,193.

Anglicare Victoria
www.anglicarevic.org.au
Resilience Groups in Gippsland
\$30,192

Berry Street Inc
www.berrystreet.org.au
Festival for Healthy Living Program with schools
in the Cathedral Ranges area
\$60,000 over two years

Chaplaincy Australia
www.chaplaincyaustralia.com
Community Tool Library in Yarra Ranges area
\$30,000

Education Centre Gippsland Ltd
www.ecg.asn.au
Bunyip Ridge Bushfire Recovery Support
\$20,000

Evolve at Typo Station
www.evolve.org.au
Bushfire Recovery Program in Yea & Alexandra Colleges
\$40,000

K.I.D.S Foundation
www.kidsfoundation.org.au
Creation of a Victorian Burn Survivors' Network
\$30,000

Kinglake Ranges Mens Shed Inc
www.kinglakerangesmensshed.org.au
Kinglake Ranges Mens Shed Repair & Fitout
\$24,950

Murrindindi Toy Library
www.murrindinditoyleftory.org.au
To Establish the Toy Library
\$37,000

Regional Arts Victoria
www.rav.net.au
1000 Hands – creation of a public artwork in Marysville
\$11,350

Sustainable Gardening Australia Foundation
www.sgaonline.org.au
Establishing Communal Gardens in Bushfire Affected
Communities
\$1,000,000
