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Annual Report of the Mumbulla Foundation

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Chairman's Report

I am proud to present to you the Mumbulla Foundation Annual Report for Financial Year 2018-19.

Since the Mumbulla Foundation was formed in 2000, we have donated over \$1,200,000 to community and social enterprise organisation in the Bega Valley Shire.

The Mumbulla Foundation is THE Community Foundation for the whole of the Bega Valley Shire – from the largest towns to smallest communities.

We are very grateful for the ongoing sponsorship and support provided by Bega Valley Shire Council, our major funding partner. I would like to acknowledge the personal support and encouragement we receive for the Leadership Team at Council, including Mayor Kristy McBain and General Manager Leanne Barnes. I also need to acknowledge the support we receive from our elected Councillors, especially Councillor Jo Dodds who represents her fellow Councillors at all Mumbulla Board Meetings.

Under our agreement with Bega Valley Shire Council, who contribute \$25,000 each year, Mumbulla Foundation must at least match that contribution, dollar for dollar. If we have the funds available, we can contribute more.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the members of Council staff who provide significant assistance and advice during the year, particularly during the annual Grant Round. Out thanks go to Anne Cleverly and Ange McKechnie.

The Mumbulla Foundation continues to operate purely with volunteers; we employ no paid staff. Bega Valley Shire Council generously supports us with a \$5000 grant to support our administrative costs, for which we are extremely grateful.

All income and donations received are used solely to support our community grants programme.

Fundraising

Following the devastating Tathra and District Fire on March 19th 2018, the Board of Mumbulla decided that we would not hold a fundraising event in FY18-19, to allow the focus of all community efforts to be on the support of the people and communities impacted by the fires.

The Board is looking for opportunities to replenish our funds in the near future including:

- new funding sources from outside the Bega Valley,
- re-invigorating our Gold Donor Program,
- understanding from our business community what outcomes they like to see when they consider donating to local community groups,
- improving our reporting to the donors we do have so they can understand the difference their generosity makes in our community, and

- lifting the profile of the Mumbulla Foundation within the Bega Valley community.

2018 Grant Program

Our funds for grants have been reduced compared to previous years.

For the 2018 Grants Round, we received grant applications with a total request value of \$121,183.50.

We only had funds available to support grants to a total value of \$50,000.

Following a rigorous review process against the published criteria for grants, the Grants sub-committee (consisting of three board members plus a senior officer from Council), the following grants were approved.

Organisation	Project Description	Location	Grant	Group
South Coast History Society #1	101 BV History Objects Briefing	Shire	\$500	History
Pambula Rotary Auspice	Driver Training Road Map	Shire	\$759	Youth
Flourish Australia	Trauma Sensitive Yoga and Mindful Movement Course	Bega	\$800	Community
Bega Valley Family Day Care	Children's week community fun day	Bega	\$1,000	Early Childhood
Bega Valley Weavers	Weaving A Community Together	Tathra	\$1,000	Community
Quaama Progress Association	Quaama Cemetery Research Project	Quaama	\$1,000	History
St Patricks Public School Bega	Student Gardeners Convergence 2019	Bega	\$1,000	Youth
Eden Access Centre	Office Furniture	Eden	\$1,050	Community
Tathra Public School P&C	Year 6 Leadership camp	Tathra	\$1,650	Youth
Cobargo School of Arts Hall Committee	Heating/Cooling for Supper Room	Cobargo	\$2,000	Local
Far South Coast Materity Advisory Group	Pregancy Loss Support Packs & R U OK? 2019	Shire	\$2,000	Community
Panboola	Giving Panboola's Volunteers a Lift	Pambula	\$2,000	Environment
Bermagui Preschool	Moodji Cultural Garden Project	Bermagui	\$2,500	Easrly Childhood
Bega Valley Public School P&C	Canteen Eating Area	Bega	\$3,449	Youth
Merrimans Local Aboriginal Lands Council	Playground Fencing and Shade	Wallaga Lake	\$3,500	Indigenous
fLing Physical Theatre	My Black Dog Presentation	Shire	\$5,000	Community
Sapphire Community Projects Inc	Chop, Chat, Chew 2019	Bega	\$6,720	Community
PCYC Far South Coast	Fit for Life Community	Eden	\$7,056	Youth
Life Education	Disadvantaged Children Preventative Health Education	Shire	\$7,550	Youth
	Total		\$50,534	

The grants were spread across various community groups...

Group	Grant
Community	\$16,570
Early Childhood	\$3,500
Environment	\$2,000
History	\$1,500
Indigenous	\$3,500
Local	\$2,000
Youth	\$21,464
Grand Total	\$50,534

And widely across the Shire ..

Location	Grant
Bega	\$12,969
Bermagui	\$2,500
Cobargo	\$2,000
Eden	\$8,106
Pambula	\$2,000
Quaama	\$1,000
Shire	\$15,809
Tathra	\$2,650
Wallaga Lake	\$3,500
Grand Total	\$50,534

2018 University of Wollongong (Bega Campus) Scholarship Programme

Again this year, we have been delighted to work with the team at the University of Wollongong Campus in Bega, led by Samantha Avitaia, to award our annual Undergraduate and Postgraduate Scholarships.

UoW Scholarships	No.	Value	Total
Undergraduate	5	\$1,000	\$5,000
Postgraduate	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	6		\$6,000

These scholarships are awarded to students of the Bega Valley, of all ages, who are furthering their education through the UoW campus in Bega.

FRRR / Mumbulla Foundation "Back to School Program"

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) has been a supporter and partner of the Mumbulla Foundation since our inception.

The goal of this program is to support families, in some small way, to meet the extra costs of keeping their children in school. Mumbulla also provides Book Prizes to the schools in the Bega Valley, to recognise young achievers within our schools.

"Back to School Programme"	Vouchers	FRRR	Mumbulla	Total	Value
FRRR Back to School General Program	43	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$50
FRRR Back to School Matched Program	60	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$50
Mumbulla School Book Prizes	22	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$50
Total	125	\$3,650	\$2,600	\$6,250	\$50

These programmes are driven and coordinated by Olwen Morris, who ensures that this important part of Mumbulla's activities continues every year. Thank you, Olwen, for your continuing enthusiasm for this programme.

Summary

Mumbulla Grants	\$50,534
Back to School	\$6,250
UoW Scholarships	\$6,000
2018 Giving Programme	\$62,784

During the year, four of our very dedicated Directors decided to stand down. On behalf of the Mumbulla Foundation, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Gary Potts, Peter Law, Michael Britten and Libby Hepburn of their outstanding contributions.

We were joined by new Directors Ian Battersby, Christine Walsh and Cayce Hill.

I would also like to thank Simon Byrne and his team at Kothes, who continue to provide us with financial and audit support.

Mumbulla Foundation is proud of its position in the Bega Valley Community, but we face a number of challenges in the short term.

- Availability of Funds – Bega Valley Shire Council continues to be our major partner in our activities in the Bega Valley. However, we are struggling to raise funds from donors to meet our requirement to, at least, match the funds donated each year by Council. We need to actively broaden our donor base to ensure we can continue to support our Community.
- Recognition – despite contributing over \$1,200,000 over the last eighteen years to over two hundred and ninety (290) different community organisations, we continue to be challenged to gain widespread, positive recognition with our Community. Such recognition will help us broaden our donor base, enabling us to continue our activities.
- Relevance and Impact – Mumbulla has been operating successfully for nearly twenty years, but we need to continue to test that we are operating and supporting appropriately, within our Community.

Yours sincerely



Michael (Mick) Pryke
Chairman