

Best Wishes for 2007

The Community Foundation sends our very best wishes for 2007 to our valued partners and supporters and to all community organisations and individuals involved in community building in the Tumut shire.

2006 was an exciting and positive year for the Foundation, with the continuation of the Back to School Voucher program and the launch of the three year Visy Community Grants program, awarding close to \$50,000 in grants to community groups across the shire.



Community groups' representatives exchanged project ideas at the October 2006 community grants celebration and presentation. Community Foundation grants helped: Adelong Alive Museum, Adelong Rural Fire Service, Batlow Apple Blossom Festival, Batlow Development League, Gilmore Progress Association, Home-Start, Tumut & District Women's Support & Housing Centre, Tumut High School, Tumut Pre-School Cooperative, Tumut Rotary Club & Tumut Shire Youth Council.

A Lasting Community Asset

One objective of the Community Foundation is to be a lasting community asset and so the Foundation needs to increase its funds base this year.

A **Workplace Giving Program** will be outlined to the business community and community awareness raised about the opportunity the Foundation provides individuals, businesses, families or groups of friends to 'give where we live'. This may include a direct gift to the Foundation or establishing and donating to a sub-fund for which donors have a particular passion.

Donations to the Community Foundation can be tax deductible. The Foundation seeks to build a corpus of funds, with the interest earned granted to projects strengthening our community

Back to School Program

The past two years have seen the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) entrust the Community Foundation with coordinating the Sidney Myer Fund Back to School Voucher Program. Target Country and Swans of Tumut have supported the program, assisting many families across the Tumut shire with back to school items.

This successful program will continue in 2007 and acknowledgement and thanks to Ragen Lee, manager of Target Country Tumut and David Swan from Swans of Tumut for their continued generous support and cooperation.

New Office Now Open

The Community Foundation now has an office at community corner in the HACC building at the Wynyard and Capper Streets roundabout. The office will be open Tuesdays, so call in if you would like to find out more about the Community Foundation for Tumut Region or becoming a volunteer. Contact details appear below.

The Community Foundation thanks the Blakeney Millar Foundation, Valmar Support Services, ANZ Tumut, IDEAS Inc and Dick Smith Electronics for helping us reach this milestone.

Community Grants

A range of community grants will again be available in 2007 and community groups are encouraged to start work on those project plans that will make a difference where we live and build community capacity.

Find Out About Funding

The internet is an excellent source of information for grants and writing submissions. Take a look at:

- communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au
- ourcommunity.com.au
- grantslink.gov.au.

As well as practical assistance these sites also have links to other useful websites.

You Can Make a Difference

Community Foundations provide a positive, secure and discreet opportunity for an individual, business, family or group of friends to make a difference and strengthen the community in which they grew up, attended school, work, and used to live or now reside.

Contact the Foundation and we'd be pleased to discuss your ideas and vision and how the Foundation can help bring your dreams for the community to reality.

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