

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- New **CANCER** charity to be announced in 2012
- Several **HUNDRED** of MFB staff already members
- A platoon is just in front of C Platoon by **ONE** member as highest contributors

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Firefighter Charity News

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Firefighters Charity Fund since its launch in June last year.

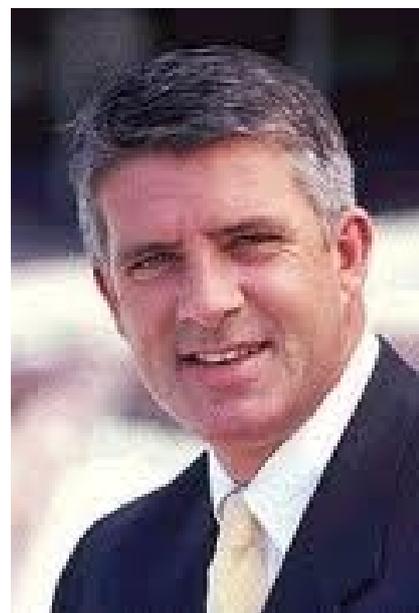
We believe it is important to let our contributors know where the funds are going and what activities we have been involved in, so this will be the first of a regular newsletter.

We welcome feedback so if you have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact us at info@firecharity.org.au

Charity Patron - Simon O'Donnell

The Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne is honoured to welcome Simon O'Donnell as its Patron. Simon is well known for his International cricket career, VFL football and thoroughbred racing. He is also famous for overcoming cancer, Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. He is still a great source of inspiration to people working to manage cancer in their own lives and we are proud to have his

support and involvement in our charity. Look out for a special Simon O'Donnell event in 2012.



FDNY Charities



Two of New York's Fire Departments best known charities have offered their support and encouragement to the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne. Recently, while in NY for the World Police &

Fire Games meetings were conducted with the New York Firefighters Burns Centre Foundation and the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. Both organisations have a history of pro-

ducing great charitable results from the support of their workforce and from a group of members volunteering their time to charity.

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Firefighters Charity Board Member, Alison Brideson, presented a cheque for **\$16,000** to OTIS Foundation representative, Amanda Lonergan.



The money represents a fundraising effort involving firefighters representing the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne and participants at the recent Romance Writers Conference which raised just over \$15,000 as well as a further donation from the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne to bring the total donation up to \$16,000.

Tracey Anderson, wife of Eric 7A, delivered an amazing speech about her experiences with breast cancer and the importance of the OTIS Foundation retreats in her journey. Her speech was the impetus for such an enormous charitable effort on the day. This donation will enable 16 families journeying with breast cancer in Australia to benefit from the OTIS

Boosting Fundraising by MFB staff



Recently, several fundraisers have been conducted by MFB staff to benefit charities that align closely with the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne’s core areas of children’s health, cancer and burns care. These fundraisers also received money from the charity based on our aim to support fundraising done by MFB employees.

TLC for kids fundraiser conducted by Shane McCluskey, SANDS fundraiser conduct-

ed by Rob Dean and the Eureka Stair Climb for Whitelion conducted by MFB Running Club all received contributions. In each of these cases the money was capped at modest limits, as we are still building our finances in the first 6 months of operation. It is hoped that in the near future our financial



support in this area will be significantly higher due to



more contributors being involved in the fund.

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Scott Morrison: Retirement Fundraiser

LFF Scott Morrison is well known in the MFB for his battle with Non Hodgkins Lymphoma and for his support of firefighters and families also experiencing cancer. As a parting gift Scott wanted to make his

final farewell a chance to raise more money for Fire-Legacy and for the Olivia Newton John Cancer Wellness Centre at the Austin Hospital. The night was a great success with almost 300 people from the fire-

fighting and his local community in Lalor attending. Scott will be able to contribute almost \$1,000 to each of these charities. Thank you Scott, you will be missed and we wish you all the very best in your retirement.

Welcome Courses 102, 103 & 104

Since the launch of the fund in June last year the MFB has welcomed Courses 102, 103 and most recently 104 to operational duty.

The members of these courses have proved to be strong supporters of the charity. They will have the privilege of seeing the charity grow

and develop over their careers with the MFB. We wish them all a happy, exciting and safe time for the future.

FireLegacy



“Police Legacy is supported by over 90% of Victoria Police in weekly payroll deductions.”

While Police Legacy operates differently to *FireLegacy*, we would like to acknowledge the fantastic support from Victoria Police in the development of the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne. Special thanks to Inspector Danny Bodycoat for his mentor work.

It is worth noting that Police Legacy is supported by **over 90%**

of **Victoria Police in weekly payroll deductions**. We are aiming to emulate this level of support in the MFB workforce for our own *FireLegacy* and for support of fund raising in our core areas of children’s health, cancer and burns.

examples of *FireLegacy* helping our families and workmates

For confidentiality reasons we can do no more than thank our contributors who are funding this assistance without knowing who they are helping.



We have already received a number of requests for assistance. Those people we have been able to help are



Our Sponsors

Special **“Thanks”** to our sponsors for the work they have already done or promised to do:

- MFB
- UFU
- Firefighters Credit Union
- Maddocks Lawyers
- Artful-web print design
- Agostinelli Perlen Chartered Accountants
- Victoria Police



Christmas Wishes Donation

Thanks to the MFB Board and Leadership Team for a donation of **\$5000** to the Firefighters Charity Fund on your behalf.

This donation is made in gratitude for the great work conducted by all employees of the MFB in 2011.

Donations are TAX DEDUCTABLE

Contributors are reminded that all donations are tax deductible. Your annual income summary from payroll will identify your contributions and

your accountant will need to build this donation into your assessment. If you have any problems please contact the us at: info@firecharity

If you want to help out

The Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne committee is keen to welcome new members and ideas. We need your help to make this charity a success.

So please forward your ideas & recommendations to us and if you want to give some of your time contact us at: info@firecharity



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MISSION

Firefighter’s Charity Fund Melbourne contributes funds to various major charities (including donations to our core areas of children’s health, burns and cancer) in Victoria, and to *FireLegacy*

***FireLegacy* is a fund that is available to assist our community and their families when they are put under financial stress due to the costs of serious medical treatment.**

The Charity has been developed with the full support of both the MFB and UFU, however an independent board administers it.

In the Workplace

Contributor numbers are climbing every month, proving that the message of the fund is getting through. It’s a good time to join if you are not already onboard.

Special mentions go to:

- **A platoon** is just in front of **C platoon** by One member as the leading shift for contributors at the end of 2011

- 46 of the 47 fire stations in the MFB that have a contributor
- This is **NOT** a “uniform” only organisation and there to benefit all members of the MFB. We are looking forward to more corporate staff coming on board in the new year.

of people who have nominated **0.25%** as their contribution level and we have some very inspiring contributors above this level. ***Huge Thanks !!***

It’s great to see the number

