

**Firefighters Charity Foundation Inc
(Foundation)
In its capacity as Trustee of
FireFighters Charity Fund Melbourne - Public Ancillary Fund (FF Charity Fund)**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2014**

This report on the operation of the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne - Public Ancillary Fund (FFCF) marks the end of the third year of operation for this Trust Fund.

The purposes of the FFCF are set out in the Trust Deed and are as follows:

4.1 General objects

The general objects of the Trust are to provide money, property or benefits exclusively:

4.1.1 to and for the purpose of Approved Institutions; or

4.1.2 for the establishment of Approved Institutions,

Provided that the provision of property, money or benefits is not in breach of the requirements of item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth) (as amended) (the Act) including any special conditions set out in any of the tables in subdivision 30-B of the Act.

4.2 Specific objects

Without limiting the general objects set out under clause 4.1, the specific objects of the Trust are:

4.2.1 to attract and retain for the Trust the continuing interest and financial support of members of the public;

4.2.2 to solicit donations, gifts, bequests and other forms of financial assistance to or for the Objects;

4.2.3 to widen knowledge and understanding of the Trust, its activities, needs and objectives among the public;

4.2.4 to raise money from the public and establish and administer trusts and funds for the purposes of obtaining the Objects or any of them; and

4.2.5 and to do all things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects or any of them or to the preservation, development and improvement of the standards, facilities and well being of the Trust.

OPERATION

The primary source of fundraising remains payroll deduction within the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. However donations continue to be invited from the public. To this end:

- The Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board facilitates a workplace giving scheme for its staff;
- There is a website (www.firecharity.org.au) with links to GIVE NOW to allow fully receipted donations to be made directly to the Fund.
- Members of the public can also donate with direct payments into the FFCF bank account.

Administration of the Firefighters Charity Fund continues to be conducted directly by the Board of Directors with assistance from members of the Fund.

Guidelines for the administration of the Fund established in 2011 continued without amendment for this financial year. Proceeds from the FFCF to be distributed between accounts (see below) as follows: Perpetual Account 10%, FireLegacy 30%, the Firefighters Charity Fund (to be distributed on an annual basis between three core charities representing burns, children's health and cancer charities, one of which is nominated by contributors to the fund) and 20% to support other fundraising efforts (within our purposes).

OPERATION OF THE FUND 2013/14

Financial

The Board continued to hold a number of accounts with the Firefighters Credit Union:

- A distribution account into which all funds are received.
- Three sub accounts: Firefighters Charity Fund, FireLegacy and a Perpetual Account

The Treasurer is authorised to distribute the funds between the accounts.

It is agreed that once the funds in the Perpetual account reached \$10,000 the money should be placed in a 12 months term deposit.

Investment Summary: A total of \$2,253 interest was earned by the fund. Owing to the small size of the fund investment was limited to interest earned from the bank account in which the fund was placed. The return of an average of 1.5% interest over the year of operation is considered by the Trustees to be conservative and within the permitted investments allowed under law.

During the financial year 2013/2014 donations totaling \$118,844 were made to the Firefighters Charity Fund from the following sources:

- Workplace giving: \$111,819
- Other donations: \$7,025

Main Activities

The Firefighters Charity Fund agreed that the core charities for the year 2013/2014 would be:

- (Burns) Alfred Burns Unit
- (Children) Brainwave

Donations during the year totaled \$62,100. A donation of \$10,000 was made to Brainwaves Australia and \$16,000 was distributed to FireLegacy.

Other donations made in support of fundraising efforts included:

- Whitelion- \$5,000
- Interplast - \$5,000
- SANDS - \$5,000

The Board expects to provide a significant donation to the Alfred Hospital Burns Unit during the first quarter of 2014 / 2015.


In addition \$16,000 was distributed to FireLegacy.


Full details are attached (Attachment 1)

Dated: 30 November 2014

SIGNED:

Mark Carter (Chair) 

Sarah Parnaby (Treasurer) 

Elaine Stewart (Secretary) 

Shane McCluskey (Deputy Chair) 

Attachment 1

**Firefighters Charity Foundation Inc (Foundation) In its capacity as Trustee of
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Donations made for the financial year ended 30 June 2014:-

Organisation	Amount
Brainwaves Australia	\$10,000
Interplast	\$5,000
SANDS	\$5,000
Whitelion	\$5,000
Angel Flight	\$1,000
Canteen	\$1,000
CDH	\$1,000
Cystic Fibrosis	\$1,000
Daniel Morcombe	\$500
Debra Australia	\$1,000
Dianella Community Health	\$1,000
Guide Dogs Victoria	\$1,000
Oxfam	\$1,800
RDA - Peninsula	\$1,000
Relay for Life	\$2,000
Royal Childrens Hospital	\$2,000
Salvation Army	\$800
St Kilda Mums	\$1,000
Sids and Kids	\$1,000
Twentieth Man Foundation	\$1,000
The Holland Foundation	\$1,000
The Smith Family	\$1,000
White Ribbon Foundation	\$1,000
Transfer to FireLegacy	\$16,000
Total donations for the year	\$62,100