

**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 2016**

This report on the operation of the Firefighters Charity Fund Melbourne - Public Ancillary Fund (FFCF) marks the end of the fifth 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 2015/2016

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

Investment Summary: A total of \$2,692 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. This interest income is considered by the Trustees to be reasonable and within the permitted investments allowed under law.

During the financial year 2015/2016 donations totaling \$408,411 were made to the Firefighters Charity Fund from the following sources:

- Workplace giving: \$139,900
- Fundraising events: \$258,154, net amount of \$243,254
- Sundry donations \$10,357

Main Activities

The Firefighters Charity Fund agreed that the core charity for the year 2015/2016 would be:

- Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute - \$252,970.

Donations during the year totaled \$333,728. In addition \$20,000 was distributed to FireLegacy.

Other donations made in support of fundraising efforts included:

- Beyond Blue - \$10,000
- Australian Prostate Cancer Research - \$10,000
- SANDS - \$10,000

Full details are attached (Attachment 1). The Board expects to provide a significant donation to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute during the first quarter of 2016/2017.

Membership

As at the end of June 2016, 815 members of Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board staff contributed to the Fund via weekly payroll deductions. This equates to 37% of permanent employees.

Dated: 12 October 2016

SIGNED:



Mark Carter (Chair)



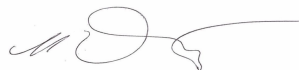
Shane McCluskey (Deputy Chair)



Sarah Lostia (Treasurer)



Elaine Stewart (Secretary)



Michael Whitty (Board member)

Attachment 1

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Donations made for the financial year ended 30 June 2016

Organisation	ABN	Amount
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	42 100 504 883	252,970
Beyond Blue	87 093 865 840	10,000
Australian Prostate Research	63 151 598 908	10,000
SANDS	27 259 430 299	10,000
Suicide Prevention Australia	64 461 352 676	10,000
Ovarian Cancer	24 898 129 866	5,000
Beyond Blue	87 093 865 840	5,000
Alzheimers Australia	14 671 840 186	2,000
Art Cabriolet	51 008 991 194	2,000
Aussie Helpers	29 126 111 582	2,000
Camp Quality	87 052 097 720	1,000
Children Australia Incorporated	90 680 959 928	2,000
CURE Brain Cancer Foundation	22 121 906 036	2,000
Leukaemia Foundation	57 057 493 017	2,500
Lifes Little Treasures	94 232 874 269	2,000
MND Research Macquarie University	90 952 801 237	2,000
Oxfam	18 055 208 636	1,000
Royal Women's Hospital	62 787 822 077	2,000
Soldier on	24 811 760 786	2,000
Swan Hill District	24 314 338 210	2,000
Uncle Bob's Club	18 006 207 227	2,258
Youth Projects	91 566 009 857	2,000
YSAS BIRRIIBI	51 080 593 380	2,000
	TOTAL	\$ 333,728