

## **FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY FUND – NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017**

**‘everyone giving a little will mean a lot’**

The Board of the Firefighters Charity Fund, your, Fund would like to thank all our contributors for their weekly donations. Almost 40% of MFB staff, both operational and corporate, have signed up as contributors, and without their support we wouldn't be able to provide the level of help to people and communities in need.

Since January 2016 we have donated almost \$575,000 to various charities, including a large donation of \$348,200 to the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute. This significant amount was the proceeds of the very successful 2016 Stair Climb, and we appreciate the time and effort put into this event by the organising committee and the many participants.

Other notable recent donations by the FFCF include –

November 2016 - \$25,000 – Let Me Know - for the development of an app that will help all MFB staff manage and measures their stress levels

May / June 2016 – donations which reflect current levels of concern about depression, PTSD and the importance of suicide awareness – total donation of \$25,000 to Beyond Blue, Suicide Prevention Australia and Black Dog Institute.

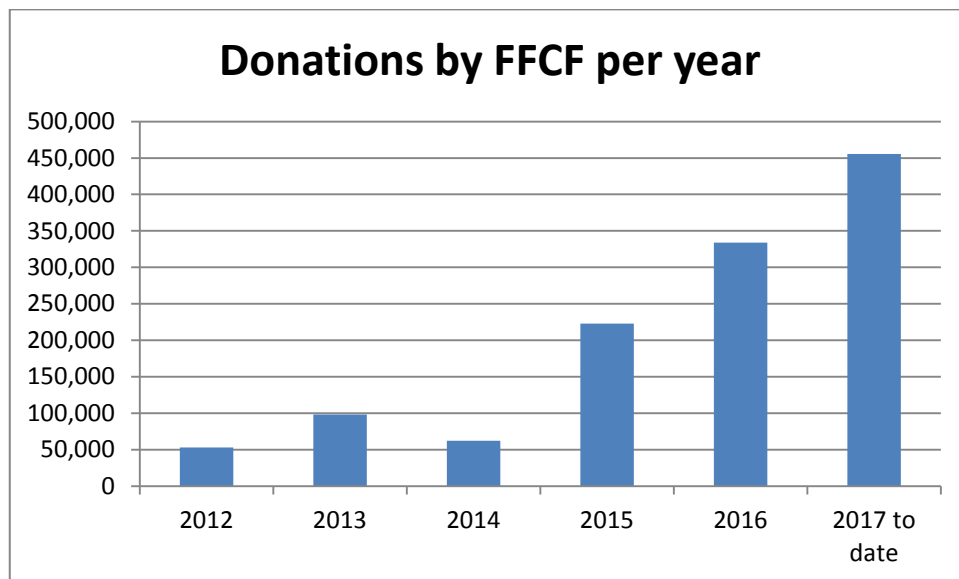
Our Christmas 2016 donation initiative proved as popular as ever with many varied charities nominated by our contributors. We donated a total of \$20,000 to ten charities, covering a range of causes including cancer, eating disorders, wildlife, assistance animals and destitute members of our community.

### **FireLegacy**

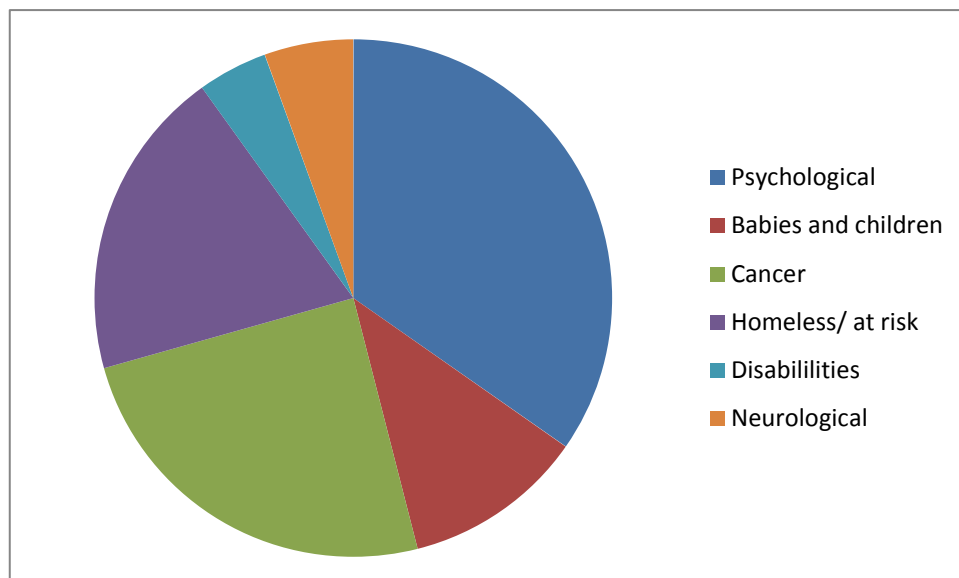
Since January 2016, FireLegacy, our Necessitous Circumstances Fund, has provided 17 grants to people who need urgent financial assistance due to a medical circumstance. These grants have totalled \$59,700 and have been provided to people whose lives have been affected by psychological and physical factors, including PTSD, cancer, and other illnesses.

## Your charity fund is now five years old

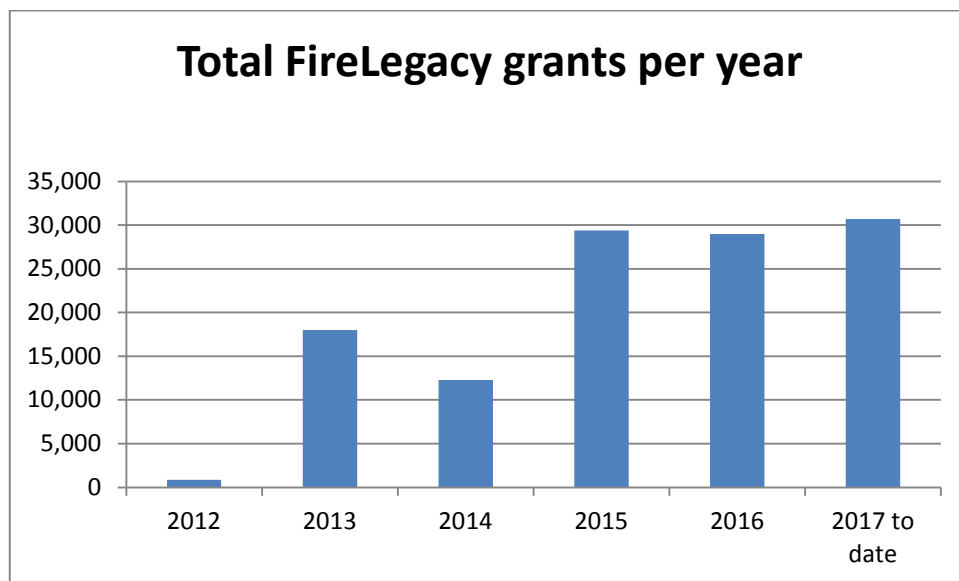
We have grown from strength to strength and in the first five years of operation have donated over \$1.2 m to various charities:



### Breakdown of recent donations to charities (excluding the significant payment to MCRI for 2016 Stair Climb)



Since 2012, FireLegacy has also donated over \$120,000 in grants to 38 people in need:



The assistance provided via Fire Legacy and the support for various charities via the Firefighters Charity Fund, is made possible through the support of those contributing members thus far. In order to continue and even increase that same support, more Charity Fund members are needed. If you know of someone that may be interested in becoming a Contributor, please direct them to [www.firecharity.org.au](http://www.firecharity.org.au).

We realise that we need to improve our communication with our contributors and are planning to provide regular newsletters so that you know what we are doing with your donations. Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions – Board members – Mark Carter, Mick Whitty, Shane McCluskey, Sarah Lostia, Elaine Stewart and Sam Hull. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

24 April 2017