

## **Welcome to our second newsletter for 2007**

What a year it has been for our Border Trust, the Albury Wodonga Community Foundation. The year began with the 'Walk the Walk' activity and promotion which kick-started our fundraising for the year. A busy series of Grant rounds followed, and some new sponsors have stepped forward to help us invest in the future of our region. Our ranks have expanded with the support of around a hundred local champions who have joined our team as our Community Leaders Network. We have glossed up our logo, updated our website, printed our stunning brochure and launched our own DVD, so that now the Border Trust message can be spread far and wide.

Now it is time to start planning for 2008 and beyond. Our AGM in November will confirm some new faces on our Board and look at our goals and directions for the year ahead. It's an exciting time, where we get to do

some big picture thinking and planning. If you have any ideas for the future directions of Border Trust, now is the time when we'd love to hear from you.

*Chris Horton & Judy Brewer  
Joint Chairs.*



## **Border Trust Foundation Builder**

Border Trust is here to stay, committed to becoming a recognised and valued part of how our community work and businesses have a key role to play. Some have committed to sponsoring events, others are looking to set up long term donation programs. Perhaps the most critical role to the immediate future of Border Trust is our Foundation Builders program. We need six local businesses who share our vision to help us by contributing to operational costs of Border Trust. These will be organisations willing to come on board for the long haul - a five-year commitment of cash and kind to stabilise our financial base. Hume Building Society has been with us from the start, and with five more contributing businesses, Border Trust will have a strong and assured presence.

The return to your business is substantial - recognition and acknowledgement in all our activities and promotions, and a special role in the future of Border Trust and the outcomes it can achieve. Talk to us about the costs and benefits of becoming one of our Foundation Builders. Take a look at our information pack and promotional DVD 'Give where you live'.

Contact Chris Horton on 0438270362

## **Speakers – Can you help ?**

Are you sometimes asked if you would speak at a function but feel uncomfortable asking for a fee, despite the work and time involved? One option you might consider is suggesting that in lieu of a fee, the host organisation makes a donation to the local community via Border Trust. It's an easy way to give and helps us carry on our important work.

## **A BIG THANK YOU!**

Border Trust is indebted to Darren Grigg of Grigg Media for his very generous support in producing our new promotional DVD. With the guiding hand of Board Member, John Walker as Director, Darren has provided us with a top quality product that we can be proud to show to potential investors and to our community.

## **Board updates**

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Board Members who are leaving us for new challenges:

*Charles Parkinson  
Denis Ginnivan*

Border Trust is grateful for your efforts and thank you for your enthusiastic involvement.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Vic Issell** onto the Board. Stay tuned for further announcements about appointments.

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## **Christmas fundraiser**



The 2007 Community Vintage has something for all palates and is our solution for your Christmas entertaining. The mixed dozen local wines includes reds and whites from Warrabilla, Pfiuffers and Cofields. The funds raised from this initiative will give us an injection of funds for next year's funding applicants. Selling for \$150/dozen, cheques should be made to Bordertrust, and wines can be picked up from the office by arrangement.

## BT Community Leaders Network launched

The launch of the much anticipated Community Leaders Network on August 16 was the culmination of a great deal of



hard work, and a celebration of what the organization has achieved so far. The launch, held on the first evening of the Australian Community Foundation forum (also in Albury on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of August) was an indication of the esteem in which the organisation is currently held, and the great things we are going to be able to achieve in the next twelve months with such an inspirational array of talent behind us.

At our Launch, our inaugural Border Trust Community Leaders team enjoyed an evening of networking and ideas, and, by talking with people from other community foundations and networks operating around Australia, would have gained valuable insights into what other areas are doing to build their social and educational fabric and enrich their local communities.

It was a great night, and a chance to see how far we've come. Our next gathering of the network will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> December as we wind down at our Xmas on the Murray celebration. We hope to see many of you there!

### Do you know someone who would like to be a Community Leader?

If you have a vision for your community, you have special knowledge in a given field, or about your community, or you know someone who fits this bill, we need to hear from you. This will help us to continue to build our pool of Community Leaders.

### Australian Community Leaders converge in Albury

The Australian Community Foundation held its annual forum in Albury in August. The event was held over two days, and was host to project officers, voluntary board members and officials from Community Foundations and Philanthropy Australia. The event enabled expert advice and information to be delivered and discussed across a range of business areas, such as setting up a foundation, the legal, accounting and marketing constructs of a community foundation and how they can be achieved, and different initiatives undertaken by community foundations around Australia.

The directions taken by community foundations are as varied as the communities serviced. Each one develops its direction and focus, depending on whether they are urban, regional or rural, the type of geographic area they cover, and the nature of the social and educational difficulties different communities experience.

### Major sponsor commitments

After several months of negotiations, Border Trust has entered into a new partnership with large local company, Masterfoods and received a welcome donation towards our work. Masterfoods joins our other major sponsors Austbrokers, Hume Building Society and Regent Cinema Albury and we thank them for their valuable support.

### Coinda Family Support Services receives special donation

Recently, Border Trust was pleased to be able to present a very special and unique donation to **Coinda Dads Group**. The donation, made on behalf of the **National Rural Health Alliance**, is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of men in local families caring for a family member with a disability.

How the donation came about is almost as noteworthy as the good cause to which it is being put. Earlier this year, over one thousand delegates came to Albury for the **9th National Rural Health Conference**. On the final day, the delegates were not only enthused about our region, but eager to leave some practical goodwill behind as a lasting gesture of the need to provide practical help within communities. Delegates voted to forego the planned morning tea on the last day, opting to donate the costs associated with the morning tea to the Albury Wodonga community for a rural health initiative.

"A morning tea lasts a few minutes, but a donation like this can change lives. It provides a lasting legacy for this wonderful group of Dads who have limited opportunities to get together and share their life experiences and challenges," says Judy Brewer, Co-Chair of Border Trust.

She added "Border Trust is pleased to be able to provide the network which puts these two great organisations together. It is yet another example of how networks provide opportunities to ensure that good ideas flow through to the place where the need is required, and also how any donation, no matter whether it is large or small, can be multiplied when committed to a good cause".

The cheque was presented at Coinda Family Support Services in Wodonga, with representatives from the Coinda Dads Group, Border Trust and the National Rural Health Alliance in attendance.



### New Resources for Trudewind Road Playgroup

After announcing in last quarters funding round that Trudewind Road Playgroup was to receive a donation for extra educational resources, representatives from Border Trust were present for the grand unveiling of a range of wonderful new toys and interactive learning products. They were also able to enjoy some playtime with the excited young recipients of the grant. It is very inspiring to be at the truly productive end of our work and to see the grant process materialise into real and tangible resources for our local families.

### Winter school Vouchers helping in communities.

The winter school uniform vouchers supplied by Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Sidney Myer Foundation were distributed during August and September, to schools who made requests. The vouchers were for assisting families to provide their children with warm winter school uniforms. Vouchers were supplied to schools in all of the local Shires under the Border Trust umbrella. In total, 20 schools received and distributed 112 vouchers.

**Bordertrust would like to thank our major sponsors**

