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The Big Give

Annual Showcase & Grant Presentation
Atura, Albury
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 25th May 2023
Media interviews 5.00pm – 5.15pm

Border Trust – the Community Foundation for Albury Wodonga Region will this week gather with donors, partners, friends and community organisations to celebrate the power of place-based philanthropy, at our annual showcase event, the Big Give.

Grants totalling \$1,257,452 will be announced, supporting community-led programs that create an enduring legacy of meaningful change.

In recognising the high impact that these contributions to the community will make, Border Trust's Executive Officer Sue Gold said "We know there is much uncertainty and people are doing it tougher than ever. As a Community Foundation, we unite people with a desire to help others through donations and bequests, and distribute these funds as grants across our region. It's thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors and supporters that Border Trust can enable the delivery of a diverse range of projects that achieve positive outcomes for our community."

By working with donors and partners, Border Trust has facilitated the following programs over the past 12 months:

- Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund
- Give500 Collective Giving Campaign
- 2023 Hume Bank City2City
- 2023 FRRR Back to School Program
- Community Grant Partners including:
 - ACE Radio 2AY with Philanthropic Partner Handbury Foundation
 - Scanlon Foundation
- Corporate & Family Named Sub Fund Distributions

Full List 2023 Recipients: Big Give Program – program attached

Preceding the grant announcements, guests will be treated to a presentation by 'Beyond the Fire: Resilience' Documentary Filmmaker, Danielle McAlpine Johnson. This presentation focuses on the resilience and recovery of communities including those of Towong Shire following the 2019/2020

fires. Border Trust participated in the production of this video and continues to distribute funds to bushfire affected areas for community-led recovery initiatives.

Event Format

5.00pm – 5.15pm

Media interviews, filming and photo opportunities

5.30pm

Recipient Display Pods featuring:

Parklands Albury Wodonga, AW Volunteer Resource Bureau, Petaurus Education, Give500

6pm

Beyond the Fire: Resilience Presentation

6.45pm

Grant Presentations

7.30pm

Big Give close

About Border Trust: Your Community Foundation

Border Trust is building a generous, connected, resilient community that creates positive change.

We are the Community Foundation for Albury Wodonga and the surrounding region. This includes six local government areas that cross the Victorian and NSW border that have been significantly impacted by fires, floods and droughts - Albury, Federation, Indigo, Greater Hume, Towong and Wodonga.

We connect the generosity of donors with the drive and creativity of our community groups and not-for-profit organisations, funding initiatives that build community capacity to cope with disruption and continue to grow in positive ways.

Our focus is:

Local

Border Trust is 100% place-based and focused on building community capacity in the border region. We take an evidence-based approach and we understand our communities, businesses and landscapes, as well as what they need to reach their potential.

Generous

Border Trust activates and celebrates a culture of giving and generosity across the Border region. We are inspired by the kindness, care and altruism that motivates the gifts of time, money, energy and ideas that make our region a better place for everyone.

Connected

Border Trust creates the connections that drive and sustain positive change. We are the conduit that links the possibility provided by our donors and philanthropic partners, with the practice of grassroots change provided by our grant recipients.

Since 2005, Border Trust has distributed over \$3.9 million to local projects and initiatives, enhancing community resilience and making our region a more connected and inclusive place for everyone.

What is a Community Foundation?

Community Foundations are 100% local, place-based catalysts of positive change. Donations, bequests and other funds raised by Community Foundations are invested in perpetuity to fund community resilience and capacity building programs, now and into the future.