

Newsletter December 2009

Enhancing Community Wellbeing in the Limestone Coast

Despite the downturn in the economic climate Stand Like Stone continues to give grants to charitable projects in the Limestone Coast. Four community groups will be sharing \$2,500 from Stand Like Stone's seventh round of grants.

Successful grants for the seventh round are:

Max Life Church in Naracoorte will receive **\$500** to support the Bloom Community Meals program which alleviates times of stress for families by providing a pre-cooked meal to families who may be dealing with sickness, bereavement or other hardships and to Mum's who are retuning home from hospital with a newborn baby. Part of this grant is being given from the Limestone Coast Agri-Links Donation.

Naracoorte Primary School will receive **\$300** to purchase resources for its Visual Screening and Support Program for children with visual problems. The program improves children's visual skills and enhances their ability to read, concentrate and participate in school activities. This grant is being given from the Focus on Youth Donation.

The **Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre** is piloting a business development opportunity for the Karen Community through the growing of a range of vegetable crops for sale. Stand Like Stone has given as **\$1,000** towards this project for the purchase of a laptop computer.

Newbery Park Primary School in **Millicent** will receive **\$700** to purchase a freezer for its Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club provides a range of healthy breakfast foods to children and families. The Breakfast Club has had positive impacts on school attendance, learning and belonging to the

school community. The freezer will increase the efficiency and sustainability of the Breakfast Club by allowing larger quantities of food and perishable items to be stored. This grant is being given from the Focus on Youth Donation.

In February 2010 Stand Like Stone will invite applications for its eighth round of grants.

Stand Like Stone Educational Scholarships

In August people with a connection to the Limestone Coast were invited to apply to Stand Like Stone for an Educational Scholarship. The following people have been offered scholarships:

- **Brittney Foster** to study at Keith Area School
- **Ellen Hood** to study nursing at UniSA
- **Luke Andresen** to study music at Tenison Woods College
- **Kate Dayman** to study social work at UniSA.

In total **\$2,600** will be given as scholarships.

The next round of scholarships will open in August 2010. Educational Scholarship Guidelines are available at www.standlikestone.com.au.

2010 Back to School Program

Time is running out to give a donation to the **Back to School Program**. You have until **9 December** to give a child in the Limestone Coast a helping hand at the start of the school year.

Once again at the start of the 2010 school year Stand Like Stone will distribute \$50 Back to School vouchers to school children in the Limestone Coast. The vouchers help families purchase items needed for school such as school uniform, shoes, sporting clothes and school bags.



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A \$50 tax deductible donation is matched by FRRR and will buy two \$50 Back to School vouchers, helping two children in the Limestone Coast.

More information and a donation form is available by [clicking here](#).

Stand Like Stone Benefits from AMP Auction

The Annual AMP Planners Conference was recently held in Mount Gambier, attracting over 35 Planners from Regional SA, the Northern Territory and Broken Hill. Robert Johncock and Staff of the Mount Gambier office of **Johncock Financial Services** hosted the conference.

It is the usual practice on the Friday Night Dinner to invite a local regional charity to attend and receive the proceeds of a Charity Auction.

The highlight address was given by local MP, Rory McEwen who welcomed delegates and whose address was a challenging and honest one and very well received.



The highlight was the Auction of items donated by dinner guests. Robert Johncock was pleased to announce a record amount raised **\$5,514** plus **\$131**

in fines. These donations have been added to Stand Like Stone's Public Fund and the income earned on the donations will be used to give grants to charitable projects in the Limestone Coast.

Stand Like Stone's Office Move

In September, Stand Like Stone moved its office to the District Council of Grant. The new address and contact details are:

- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
- PO Box 9418, Mount Gambier West SA 5291
- Telephone 08 8721 0480
- Email info@standlikestone.com.au

We would like to thank the following organisations for supporting the office move:

- District Council of Grant
- Telstra
- Green Triangle Electronics
- the former Limestone Coast Area Consultative Committee

Stand Like Stone Annual Report

On 28th of October, Stand Like Stone held its sixth Annual General meeting. Copies of the Stand Like Stone Foundation's Annual Report are available at <http://www.standlikestone.com.au/page.php?id=21> or by contacting the office on 8721 0480.

We would like to thank **Bianca Gillin Multimedia** and **helloFriday** for their work on the Annual Report.

Froth and Bubble

We would like to thank everyone who held a Froth and Bubble event. The benefit from every dollar raised will be used to give grants to charitable projects in the Limestone Coast. Froth and Bubble will be held again in October and November 2010.



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