CONNECT



CEO'S MESSAGE

A resilient Melbourne

A New Home

Cathy and Bill Feltham were in Melbourne when the Black Summer bushfires swept through their Corryong property burning their home and sheds to the ground.

"We lost everything. The house, every shed and our water tanks. It was 10 years of hard work gone just like that," said Cathy.

Almost one year later, Cathy and Bill welcomed the delivery of a new temporary home from Habitat for Humanity which they will live in while they rebuild their home.

With a \$180,000 grant from Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Habitat for Humanity built three temporary homes made from shipping containers, which are being delivered to families in the Toowong Shire.

Habitat for Humanity's carpenter Ashley

Cathy and Bill.

and volunteer co-ordinator Rod with

Response, Resilience and Recovery

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation launched a new webinar series titled Response and Recovery to feature organisations who had received a grant as part of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Foundation invited eight grant partner organisations to discuss the impact the pandemic has had on their organisations, how they scaled up their services and strengthened their organisations to respond to the challenges they faced and advocated for opportunities to address homelessness, climate change and economic inclusion as part of a planned recovery. These videos are now available online for viewing at YouTube.com/Imcfvideo.

RESPONSE



Youth Affairs Council

Chris Povey

Justice Connect



Mija Gwyn Youth Affairs Council Victoria

Dr James McMahor

Alfred Health







RECOVERY

Kate Colvin Council to Homeless Persons



David Spriggs



"The speed of our response in March and April was unparalleled in the Foundation's history. We responded to the health challenges of COVID-19, the social and economic challenges, and supported the resilience of the charitable sector. We are now supporting organisations working to make sure we build back better in the **COVID-19 recovery."**



Luke Terry Whitebox Enterprises

— Dr Catherine Brown OAM

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As Melbourne emerges from lockdown it has been heartening to see that some of the support we have given to COVID-19 recovery campaigns is paying off in spades!

Since March, when our office moved to working remotely, we have been actively monitoring and supporting organisations to address the health. social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have also taken the opportunity to think ahead about how the COVID-19 recovery provides opportunities to solve some of the tough community challenges we were already working on.

As you would all know, we have been working on addressing homelessness, climate change and unemployment (especially youth and older women) as priorities for a number of years. The Foundation will be focused on supporting initiatives that provide job opportunities and also address homelessness, our clean energy transition or social enterprise opportunities. We will also be continuing to work hard on community resilience (especially to prepare and respond to disasters) and on charitable sector strengthening.

Some highlights from this edition of Connect:

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation won Philanthropy Australia's Better Philanthropy Award for our Affordable Housing Challenge. In the Challenge, which was a groundbreaking project, we helped unlock local government land for affordable housing provided at no cost by Darebin City Council in Preston and demonstrated a new collaborative model of community housing. We are honoured to have worked with Darebin City Council and Housing Choices Australia on this initiative.

MESSAGEWe have funded the Everybody's Home campaign for several years. It is a national campaign to increase social and community housing, which is managed by Council to Homeless Persons with Community Housing Industry Association and others. This advocacy has had an impact. The \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build announced by the State Government is a consequence of this work. It also commits to high levels of energy efficiency which is an important shared priority.

Very recently, we published Greater Melbourne Vital Signs™ 2020 - Special Edition in October. which examines the impact of the Black Summer bushfires and COVID-19 on Melbourne. New issues were concerns about the health costs and impacts of the bushfires (people suffering asthma, heart and lung conditions requiring admission to emergency departments); concern for the health of older family members due to COVID-19; growing unemployment, especially of young people and women; and climate change (2019 was the hottest and driest year on record).

But we have resources. We are a well-educated community with the highest digital inclusion score of all Australian cities. Housing 800 people who were homeless during the lockdown proved possible. We have confidence that Melbourne can apply its compassion and know how to find win win solutions to building a sustainable economy and environment - building back better.

Our Youth in Philanthropy program continued due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the 175 students who took part from 19 schools. The students learned about the issues they cared about, visited three charities online and

made very thoughtful granting recommendations. I encouraged the students to make a difference. whatever their career paths, to seize opportunities to make the world a better place.

The Foundation has made approximately \$3 million in grants to COVID-19 related projects, and more are under development. We expect this work to continue in 2021.

As we head into the Festive Season, I encourage everyone to give to our Festive Season Appeal, which is a partnership with FoodBank Victoria. FoodBank has stepped up this year when it was most needed to respond to the Black Summer bushfires and the economic impact of COVID-19. We have supported FoodBank during this journey and are keen to help them continue their important work which benefits all of Melbourne's diverse communities. The Foundation will match donations up to \$50,000 so please donate and make your donation work twice as hard! We can all have more impact in our giving if we work together.

In closing, I wish you a peaceful festive season. During lockdown, I am sure we have all learned positive things about the simple things we value most in life and the importance of our family, friends and community - we can take this insight with us into 2021.

Dr Catherine Brown OAN

Chief Executive Office



Better Philanthropy Award

Story by Nick Richardson Philanthropy Australia

Lord Mayor's Charitable
Foundation received the
Better Philanthropy Award
at the recent Philanthropy
Australia Awards for our
Affordable Housing Challenge
in partnership with Darebin
City Council and Housing
Choices Australia.

The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, "We are honoured to receive the Better Philanthropy Award along with our project partners Housing Choices Australia and Darebin City Council.

"This project highlights how cross sector partnerships between local government, philanthropy and the not-for-profit sector encourages new opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing.

"Thank you to Philanthropy
Australia for this wonderful
award, and congratulations to
all award recipients and finalists
in this year's Philanthropy
Australia Awards 2020."



Leveraging a grant to create affordable housing

Three years ago, Lord
Mayor's Charitable
Foundation embarked on
the Affordable Housing
Challenge as a means of
addressing the shortage
of affordable housing
across the city. The
Foundation had for
many years supported
people experiencing
homelessness with a range
of initiatives: this time, the
thinking was different.

What if the Foundation became a key player in using philanthropy's risk capital to devise a new model of affordable housing? What if the Foundation took a \$1 million grant to leverage a site in a local government area (LGA) and then enabled a partnership between the LGA and a community housing provider?

The site needed to be well located - close to services, shops, schools and transport - sustainable, and be no cost to the local council. It was an exciting idea - it brought together philanthropy and local government in a rare project of collaboration. And it made the most of philanthropy's capacity to bear risk. And now, the fruits of that approach are clear to see – in July, Darebin City Council in Melbourne's inner north approved the new social housing development at Preston, with a development budget of \$16 million. Housing Choices Australia was chosen as the community housing developer due to their affordable housing development experience and their ability to raise capital from a range of sources.

The Foundation's Chief Executive
Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM
acknowledges that the project
started from "Ground Zero" – there
was no template in Australia for

what they were proposing, which brought its own challenges.

"You have to be pretty tenacious," she says. "It could just have drifted away."

Each of the challenges was worked through with patience, diligence and determination, on both sides of the table. Local government has historically not seen itself as a provider of affordable housing or of land for affordable housing and that has now started to change. But discussions also revealed how little experience local government had of how philanthropy works and what it can contribute.

Learning to work with another sector is quite different," Catherine explains. "I think local government doesn't think much about philanthropy. I don't think they understand philanthropy, so every single thing was new.

"Every single meeting was explaining what philanthropy does. It sounds strange but they hadn't thought about philanthropy."

In addition, local government has a bureaucracy that is cautious about innovation and is traditionally risk-averse. That may change a little now that this landmark agreement has been signed off. "Once they've done one, I think everyone will feel more confident and they'll start to move faster," Catherine says. "Darebin is working with us to prepare a kit for other local governments to use."

Critical to the success of the project was a detailed analysis undertaken by The University of Melbourne's Transforming Housing Partnership that identified the key criteria for site selection. The Foundation sent out requests to local governments across Melbourne to submit sites that they thought would be suitable for affordable housing.



Artist's impression, Affordable Housing Development located at Preston

The submissions were marked against the criteria, which ranged from proximity to green spaces, and public transport, as well as services and shops, to evaluate the best potential site.

"It was about access to employment, access to services – really practical things," Catherine says. "It's wonderful to have a stable home but the next thing is how can I get involved in education or employment for example. We try to put all those sorts of elements in selecting a site so it's going to be well located housing and sustainable as well as cost-effective to run."

Once the site was agreed to, the local council would effectively donate the site to an affordable housing project by setting up a long term (49 year) lease with a community housing developer. On top of the Foundation's \$1 million grant, there would be financing provided through the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC) and some State government support is expected.

The Foundation's commitment to the idea went beyond the original funding, and included its own expertise, the establishment of an external advisory committee and also paying for US affordable housing advisor David Rosen to take part in the preparations and assisting with documentation.

Catherine doesn't think the project would have been realised without philanthropy's capacity to bring social-risk capital to the idea.

"When we started it had never been done. We could see it was possible and we thought we'd just have a go," she says. "When philanthropy does go in early on these projects, we do de-risk it a bit for everybody. And I think governments are only just starting to realise this too. There have been a few other projects where other partners realise that with philanthropy coming in with early support, it then makes it a less risky proposition for government."

The approach is set to be replicated with another project, an affordable housing site in the City of Melbourne. The current Affordable Housing Challenge is being used to unlock underutilised land owned by faith-based organisations and large notfor-profits. The key from here is for other foundations following the Foundation's into the space. There is evidence of some others showing interest and Catherine can see it's an area with potential.

"I think that's what philanthropy should be doing, to be honest: we are the risk capital for solving tough community challenges, that's our main job," Catherine says.

There is certainly interest from other councils who have seen the value of the project and approached the Foundation.

Darebin is likely to be finished early in 2022, by which time there may well be a few other similar projects on the drawing board.

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Greater Melbourne Vital Signs™ 2020

Special Edition Report

Greater Melbourne Vital Signs™ 2020 **Snapshot**













The Foundation's Chair - Craig Bell, Chief Executive Officer - Dr Catherine Brown OAM, General Manager Social Innovation & Impact - Dr Kathy Avent, Program Manager Healthy & Resilient Communities – Karyn Bosomworth, Program Manager Homelessness & Affordable Housing – Erin Dolan, Senior Program Manager Environment & Sustainability – Dan Pediaditis, and Program Manager Education & Employment – Stephen Torsi.

Launched by Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, **Greater Melbourne Vital Signs™ 2020 is a report which** uses data to measure and monitor the health and wellbeing of communities in Greater Melbourne. It also captures community perspectives about issues that are the most concerning and tracks community wellbeing through a range of indicators.

The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, "This year, we have endured a double crisis with the Black Summer bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of each disaster on communities, the economy and environment has been severe and devastating, and has exacerbated existing social issues such as poverty, affordable housing and unemployment.

"COVID-19 has also revealed our inherent ability to adapt rapidly whilst also providing opportunities for significant systemic change previously thought impossible."

Dr Brown says that as a society Melbourne's next steps will be to combat poverty through job creation and overcoming homelessness.

"There is huge potential in job creation linked to clean technology transition and renewable energy, supporting women in trades, and investing in social enterprises."

Dr Brown believes that Melburnians have got what it takes to get through the COVID-19 recovery with a strong 'can-do' and caring attitude.

"Although we are now faced with some tough challenges, there is also an optimistic sense of hope that we can continue the momentum experienced in our response to COVID-19 and apply it to the post-COVID-19 recovery to address these challenges."

"Melbourne has already shown that positive transformation is possible."



GREATER MELBOURNE **Vital**Signs[™]

To download Greater Melbourne Vital Signs™ 2020, go to Imcf.org.au/MelbVitalSigns

CREATER MELBOURNE AT JULY 2020

Population¹

4.96_M

Population density

people per sq kilometre

UP BY 8 PER CENT **SINCE 2017**

Age

Children Youth 0-14 YEARS 15-24 YEARS

Seniors

Adults 25-60 YEARS

ABOUT PEOPLE IN MELBOURNE



35 per cent speak a language other than English language at home³ 34 per cent were born overseas4



OVER 60 YEARS













I in 5 people had

a mental health

or behavioural

in 2017-18¹²

condition in Victoria



ustralian Bureau of Statistics, 3218.0 Regional Population Growth, Aus











MENTAL HEALTH

Our response to the **COVID-19 pandemic**









Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation has continued to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing grants to support the immediate needs and build the resilience of the charitable sector. This year the Foundation has provided approximately \$3 million in COVID-19 response grants and organised the grants into four categories. To learn more about our COVID-19 response grants please visit our website at Imcf.org.au

Responding to the health impacts of COVID-19



Scaling up existing services to meet increased demand for support



Supporting organisational and sector resilience



Building back better as part of the **COVID-19 recovery**





Justice Connect

COVID-19 Grants



Australian Council of Social SERVICE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE CORONAVIRUS SUPPLEMENT



Centre for Australian Progress CAPACITY BUILDING HUB

\$80.000



Community Housing Industry Association COMMUNITY HOUSING FAMILY VIOLENCE

RESPONSE INDUSTRY STANDARD

\$40,000



Council to Homeless Persons EVERYBODY'S HOME

\$25,000



Enable Social Enterprises TECHNOLOGY FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

\$50.000



Global Village School FUTURE PROOF!

\$15,000





Justice Connect PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS \$60,000



Justice Connect LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE HELP

FOR RESILIENT NOT-FOR-PROFITS

\$270,000 over two years



Launch Housing

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION POST-COVID-19

\$65,000



Monash University IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD SECURITY

\$15,000



Sustain - The Australian Food **Network**

NATIONAL PANDEMIC GARDENING SURVEY 2020

\$6,500



□ The Social Studio COVID-19 SURVIVE TO THRIVE

\$25,000



\$75,000



WORKFORCE RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN \$75,000



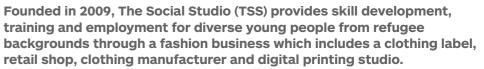
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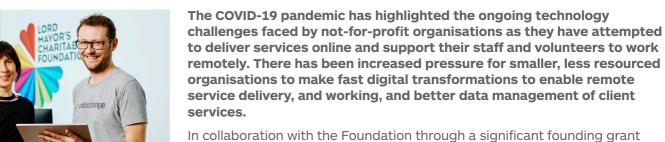
APPROVED **AUGUST**



In July, TSS responded to the Victorian Government's health advice mandating the use of face masks in public places in Melbourne by guickly developing, sampling and releasing fabric face masks to the public via its online store. Stock sold out immediately and within the first week 5000 units had been sold.

With support from the Foundation, TSS scaled-up its workforce by hiring additional staff in the Production Studio to increase the number of masks produced. TSS also identified an opportunity to expand its range of face masks by including fashion-focused face masks at higher price points. The support from the Foundation is enabling TSS to thrive as a social enterprise business during the pandemic.

Scaling up existing services to meet increased demand for support



Infoxchange DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION HUB **\$400,000** over two years



APPROVED

OCTOBER

IMPACT AREA **MULTI IMPACT AREAS**

assisting the sector on a broader transformation journey which will build capability and resilience for a post-COVID-19 work environment. Digital technology enables greater impact for not-for-profit organisations

over two years, Infoxchange is developing a digital transformation hub to support the not-for-profit sector to address these challenges, as well as

- supporting them to deliver services more effectively, improve staff productivity and better serve communities in need.

Supporting organisational and sector resilience



Tradeswomen Australia Community Foundation WORKFORCE RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN \$75,000

IMPACT AREA

EMPLOYMENT

& EDUCATION

APPROVED **OCTOBER**

Tradeswomen Australia Community Foundation has identified opportunities to increase employment for young women to work in the infrastructure and construction industries as the economy recovers from the impacts of COVID-19. However, even with a renewed employment focus on infrastructure and construction from the Federal Government, women are likely to miss out.

To address this, and with support from the Foundation, Tradeswomen Australia is conducting a pilot project to identify girls and women in need of employment, support them through resilience training to grow confidence and increase their understanding of employment opportunities in tradespeople. Tradeswomen Australia Community Foundation will then assist women to access jobs with employer partners and enter employment with ongoing mentoring support. The pilot is focusing on two 30-women cohorts, drawn from the Wyndham area in Melbourne's western suburbs, who will work with existing employer relationships in that area.

Building back better as part of the COVID-19 recovery

Youth in **Philanthropy**

Adapting to an online learning environment

Inspiring philanthropy collaborations

NEWS

We are always working on innovative projects that are creating lasting change



"For me, the highlight of the program was working with my peers to question and meet the charities virtually. We were able to ask a lot of valuable questions to help our grantmaking process."

– Youth in Philanthropy participant

Youth in Philanthropy 2020

Since 2002, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation has welcomed students from across Greater Melbourne to participate in Youth in Philanthropy, a program that provides students with an opportunity to learn about social issues in Melbourne and participate in the Foundation's grantmaking program.

This year, we welcomed 175 Year 10 students from 19 schools to our opening event Youth in Philanthropy Forum held at the State Library of Victoria, to learn about community philanthropy. Foodbank's Chief Executive Officer David McNamara spoke to students about how his organisation was part of the emergency response to the Black Summer bushfires and how a grant from the Foundation assisted during this time. This was the last face-to-face event held by the Foundation in 2020.

With the COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Youth in Philanthropy program was adapted and adjusted to suit an online learning environment. As part of the program, the students selected three charitable organisations in which to receive a grant application. Students assessed the applications against a criteria and met with the organisations

online to learn more about the work undertaken to address social issues during COVID-19.

At the final *Insights* event, Human Rights Law Centre's Executive Director Hugh de Kretser spoke to the students about how the Centre was developing a national human rights charter for Australia and the significance of such an important document. The Foundation provided a grant to support the research and development stage of a national charter in 2019. Year 10 student Evonne Lu shared her experience of participating in Youth in Philanthropy and her committee's key learning outcomes.

This year 57 grants totalling \$200,000 were recommended by the Youth in Philanthropy student committees to the Foundation's Board which were all successfully approved and distributed to the participating charitable organisations.

Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, "I would like to congratulate all the students, their teachers and the charitable organisations for their inspiring contribution to the Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program this year. The students have shown courage and resilience while supporting Melbourne's charitable sector during COVID-19.

The Foundation's Chief Executive

"I encourage all students who have participated in Youth in Philanthropy to think about how they can support philanthropy and the not-for-profit sector in their future careers and throughout their lifetimes."



Watch Hugh de Kretser speak to students about a Human Rights Charter for Australia at:

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The Foundation's Chief Marketing and Development Officer, Garry Tanner with Mr Bruce McQualter at Swanson Society

Alfred Health, Infoxchange, and Foodbank Victoria

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care most about.

Another highly effective way the Foundation works with donors is to closely collaborate with them by recommending high impact project funding opportunities that operate in areas the donor is especially passionate about.

In addition to working alongside donors, the Foundation also collaborates with peak bodies, companies and local councils to tackle some of Greater Melbourne's biggest issues.

The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, "We were delighted to receive Philanthropy Australia's Award for Better Philanthropy for our Affordable Housing Challenge.

"This project has been a unique collaboration initiated by the Foundation with Darebin City Council and Housing Choices Australia to develop affordable and social housing in Preston for very low to low income households. The development site is close to amenities, shopping, public transport as well as education and employment opportunities."

Another important project is the Foundation's newly launched Clean Technology Powerhouse Initiative which focuses on supporting a renewables-led economic recovery with jobs and clean technologies at the forefront. The Foundation is working with the Smart Energy Council and other organisations on this Initiative.

The Foundation's Chief Marketing and Development Officer Garry Tanner said, "We are always working on innovative projects that are creating lasting change.

"These projects often benefit from the support of passionate donors seeking specific impact outcomes.

"We encourage anyone who is interested in a strategic relationship like this to contact us. Across our four distinct Impact Areas of Education & Employment, Environment & Sustainability, Healthy & Resilient Communities and Homelessness & Affordable Housing, we will be delighted to share and discuss project funding opportunities with you that you can be closely engaged in."



To learn more about how you can collaborate with Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and to support positive change in Greater Melbourne, contact Garry Tanner on (03) 9633 0033 or garry.tanner@lmcf.org.au

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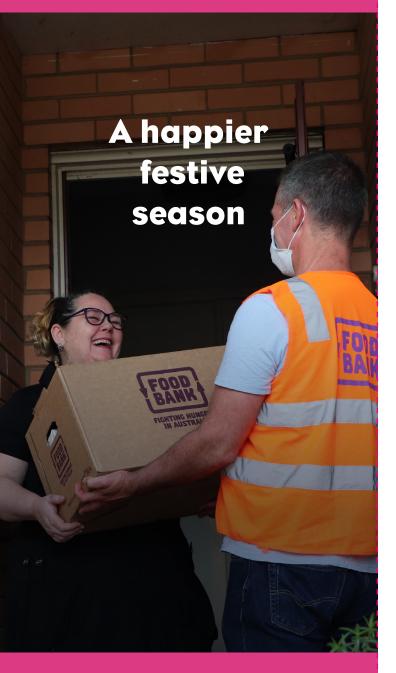
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CAMPAIGN

A happier festive season

Together, we can build back better



Foodbank is continuing to deliver hampers during this festive season

Supporting Foodbank Victoria this Festive Season

This year, we are pleased to announce Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's Festive Season Appeal will support Foodbank Victoria and their ongoing efforts to help our community during the global pandemic.

As part of the Foundation's COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund Account Appeal and to inspire our community to join us in our support of Foodbank Victoria, the Foundation will match every donation received up to \$50,000 to help reach a goal of \$100,000. The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said. "Following our support to Foodbank's Black Summer bushfires response, we are pleased to once again assist Foodbank during the Festive Season as we face the many challenges COVID-19 has presented."

Foodbank's Chief Executive Officer David McNamara said "During the bushfires and throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation has been by our side helping provide critical emergency food relief to Victorians in need.

"This festive season will be challenging for many, so we are especially grateful for the additional support from the Foundation as we try to ease the burden on families doing it tough. Together, we hope to bring a happier Christmas to those in need."

The Foundation aims to raise enough funds to provide a \$100,000 grant to Foodbank Victoria to meet the increasing demand from clients as individuals and families navigate an uncertain and difficult end of year.

"While this year has been a very unusual one, if you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Ōmisoka or any other special holiday, we hope you have a very happy festive season with friends and family.

"We encourage all of our donors and supporters to donate to our matched giving Christmas Appeal to help ensure that families facing financial difficulties across Melbourne's communities can enjoy the Festive Season after enduring a very challenging year," added Catherine.



Watch Foodbank Victoria's
Matt Tilley share insights
about how Foodbank has
met the needs of Victoria's
most vulnerable communities
through the Black Summer
bushfires and the COVID-19
pandemic at:

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