



EAST GIPPSLAND

Community
Foundation

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Acknowledgement of Country

The East Gippsland Community Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout East Gippsland and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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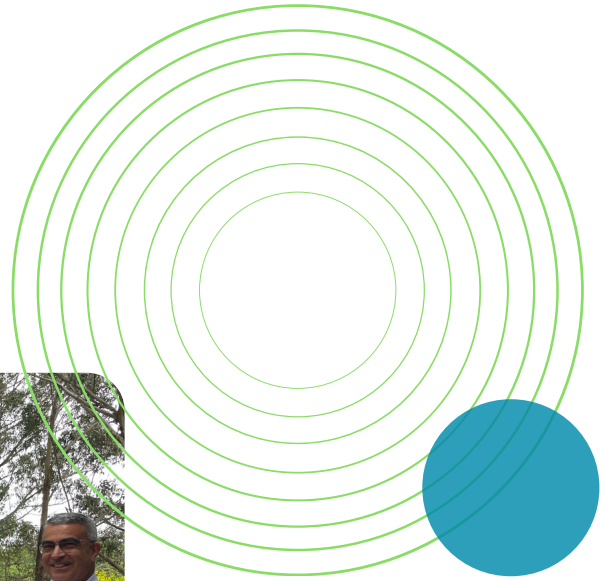
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INTRODUCTION



Helping people, changing lives

The East Gippsland Community Foundation is a philanthropic community foundation established to support East Gippsland communities in their medium-to long-term recovery from the 2019-2020 Victorian bushfires.

Community foundations are uniquely placed to understand and respond to the immediate and long-term needs of their communities. As the trustee of charitable funds, the **East Gippsland Community Foundation** works in partnership with donors, local organisations and communities to benefit the region.

Established by the community, for the community, the Foundation was seeded by donations to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. This was a partnership between the Victorian Government and the charitable arm of Bendigo Bank, known as the Community Enterprise Foundation.

The Foundation is the trustee for the **East Gippsland Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund**, which received \$8.8 million from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Several rounds of funding have been dispersed to support community recovery priorities and twenty six students from fire-impacted areas have received scholarships to support their tertiary studies.

The **East Gippsland Community Foundation** also operates a Public Ancillary Fund. This provides the legal framework that allows the foundation to operate in perpetuity, to conduct its own fundraising activities and to support activities in future that are not related to bushfire recovery.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am pleased to be able to present for you the second annual report for the East Gippsland Community Foundation (EGCF).

The Foundation was set up in 2021 to enable local people to achieve community aspirations. East Gippsland local communities can identify their needs for local projects and have a vehicle for funding. We continue to acknowledge the wonderful contribution from the broader community who donated the \$8.8 million that the EGCF have to support the local communities in the medium to long-term post bushfire rebuilding programs. Rebuilding communities, strengthening their capacity, and assisting with resilience and plans for the future are a long haul and cannot be achieved in just a year or two. The EGCF have continued to support these communities and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

We must extend our gratitude to the Community Enterprise Foundation for their sponsorship and financial support, as well to the Victorian Government who provided funding for administration for three years, these ensure we can serve the East Gippsland Community for as long as they need us.

East Gippsland Community Foundation is proud to have distributed over \$4 million to fund essential community programs to continue to rebuild and strengthen our communities. We awarded 15 Scholarships to the value of \$85,500 in 2022 and continued with 26 scholarships to the value of \$165,500 in 2023. This is a terrific way to help local people impacted by the fires enabling them to continue their education and build the capacity of local people.

In the financial year 2022/2023, the Foundation established partnerships with the East Gippsland Shire Council & Emergency Recovery Victoria to deliver a community events program that focused on community health and wellbeing, preparedness and resilience, and bringing communities together to strengthen connections. These funds were targeted at the Community Recovery Committees who identified key projects for their specific area. We look to continue to build partnerships in the future that will continue to benefit the region in which we operate.

Other partnerships we brokered in 2022/2023 were with TAFE Gippsland (2023 Youth Leadership Series), Workways/Envite (school-based traineeship model - Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management), and Cheeky Mac Productions (co-funding for Beyond the Fires Series 3).

Thanks to East Gippsland Community Foundation's dedicated Board of Directors for their strategic guidance and willingness to do the work when required. Your wisdom, determination and vision has ensured the ongoing success of the Foundation, and importantly allowed us to continue to the support the communities we work with.

We had a planned increase in our Board membership this financial year to ensure manageable workloads and to continue the exceptional work of the Foundation. I am deeply grateful for the service of our outgoing Board member Andy Tegart and welcomed three new members: Kevin Perry, Monika Oudendyk and Trevor Handcock who have all been terrific. Unfortunately, Kevin was unable to continue with the Foundation, but his help was invaluable in the short time he was with us. I am looking forward to continuing to build on the success we have had with this diverse and dynamic group.

Our success is also directly linked to the hard work of our team and I'd like to personally thank our Executive Officer, Michelle Dowsett for her energy, commitment and consistency in driving our Foundation forward. The 2022/2023 year saw our team of one turn into a team of three! We would like you to join us in welcoming back Louise Holden and new starter Cherie Draper to the team and thank them for their contributions so far.

Our midterm focus remains on the East Gippsland Community impacted by Black Summer Bushfires as the trust funds we manage are specifically for that purpose but as we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, EGCF is focused on continuing to support our communities and expanding our reach.

Our plan to achieve this will be through:

- * Implementation of a growth strategy
- * Business/Corporate scholarships
- * Partnerships to benefit communities.



Barry Henwood
Chair

A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF OUR FUNDED PROJECTS



RECIPIENT: Engage & Grow Community Inc
PROJECT: Emergency Management Reform Project for children with special needs
\$74,300



RECIPIENT: Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House, partnered with Bruthen & District Citizens Assn
PROJECT: Young people project 2023
\$20,742



RECIPIENT: Sarsfield Community Association
PROJECT: Youth Focused Activities and Events Program
\$20,000



RECIPIENT: Orbost Pony Club Inc
PROJECT: Revitalisation 2023
\$31,500



RECIPIENT: Omeo Recration Reserve
PROJECT: Please be Seated
\$5,000

OUR LEGAL ENTITIES

Trust– East Gippsland Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund

The East Gippsland Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund received funding from the Community Enterprise Foundation for distribution to assist in the medium to long term bushfire recovery. The current funding received from the Community Enterprise Foundation is allocated from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal and aims to be distributed over an eight-to-ten-year period.

Trustee – The East Gippsland Community Foundation Ltd (The Foundation)

The East Gippsland Community Foundation Ltd received funding from the Victorian State Government and the Community Enterprise Foundation to support the ongoing operations of the entity over a three-year period. The current funding received from Bushfire Recovery Victoria, through the Department of Justice and Community Safety, and the Community Enterprise Foundation aims to cover administration costs in managing funds allocated from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.



Mallacoota Pony Club -
Novice Rider Program
Upgrades - \$46,113

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONS

The Community Enterprise Foundation

The East Gippsland Community Foundation gratefully acknowledges the financial and in-kind support provided by the Community Enterprise Foundation (CEF), the charitable arm of the Bendigo Bank. CEF has provided funding towards the operating costs of the Foundation, as well as many hours of staff support freely given and other benefits including grant platform access, marketing and communication assistance and charitable law, expertise, advice and knowledge.

Community Recovery Committees

We would like to thank all of the hard-working volunteers on the ten community recovery committees across East Gippsland. Many thanks for the invitations to participate in community meetings and discussions and for the time and effort taken to engage with each of your own communities and convey to our Foundation the needs of your members.

- Bruthen and District Recovery Committee
- Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association Incorporated
- Cann Valley District Reference Group
- Clifton Creek Community Recovery Team
- Errinundra to Snowy Community Recovery Committee
- Mallacoota and District Recovery Association
- Omeo Region Community Recovery Association
- Orbost District Community Recovery and Transition Committee
- Sarsfield Community Association
- Wairewa Community Recovery Committee



Wairewa Public Hall & Recreation Reserve -
The Central East Gippsland Youth Project
(CEGYP) - \$10,000

East Gippsland Shire Council

We would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at the East Gippsland Shire Council for their continued support of our Foundation. Executives and staff working in the Bushfire Recovery and Community Resilience space have given their time and shared their networks to ensure that we have been able to engage with the right people, in the right place at the right time.

The East Gippsland Shire Council Place Managers have been a key conduit into communities to gauge and communicate their needs and aspirations.

We also thank the Shire for making available the EGSC-ERV Community Event Funding that our Foundation continues to auspice to fire impacted communities.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria / Emergency Recovery Victoria

We recognise the work of Bushfire Recovery Victoria staff and those who transitioned to Emergency Recovery Victoria & Emergency Management Victoria. Their assistance was instrumental in welcoming us into the East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery space and connecting us to projects and priorities of bushfire impacted communities.



OUR PEOPLE

We would like to recognise and thank our Foundation Board Members who, as volunteers, have given many hours of their time and expertise so willingly to ensure that we have a positive impact on re-establishing communities impacted by the 2019/2020 Black Summer Fires across East Gippsland.



Barry Henwood
Chair



Joe Rettino
Deputy Chair



Brendan Pfanner
Secretary



David Impey
Treasurer



Helen Martin
Director



Sue Medson
Director



Trevor Hancock
Director



Monika Oudendyk
Director



Michelle Dowsett
Executive Officer



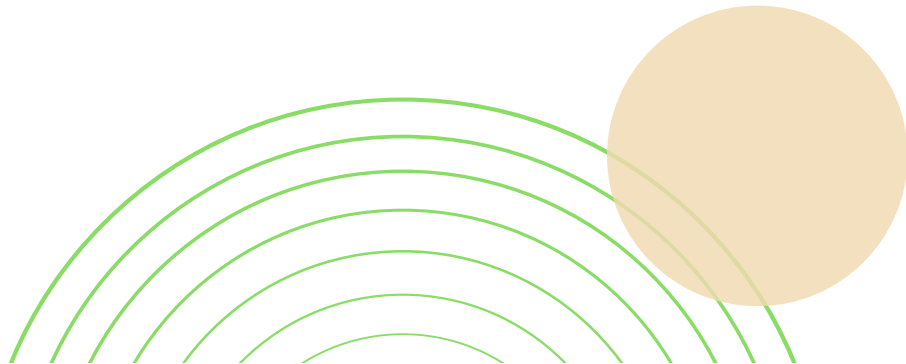
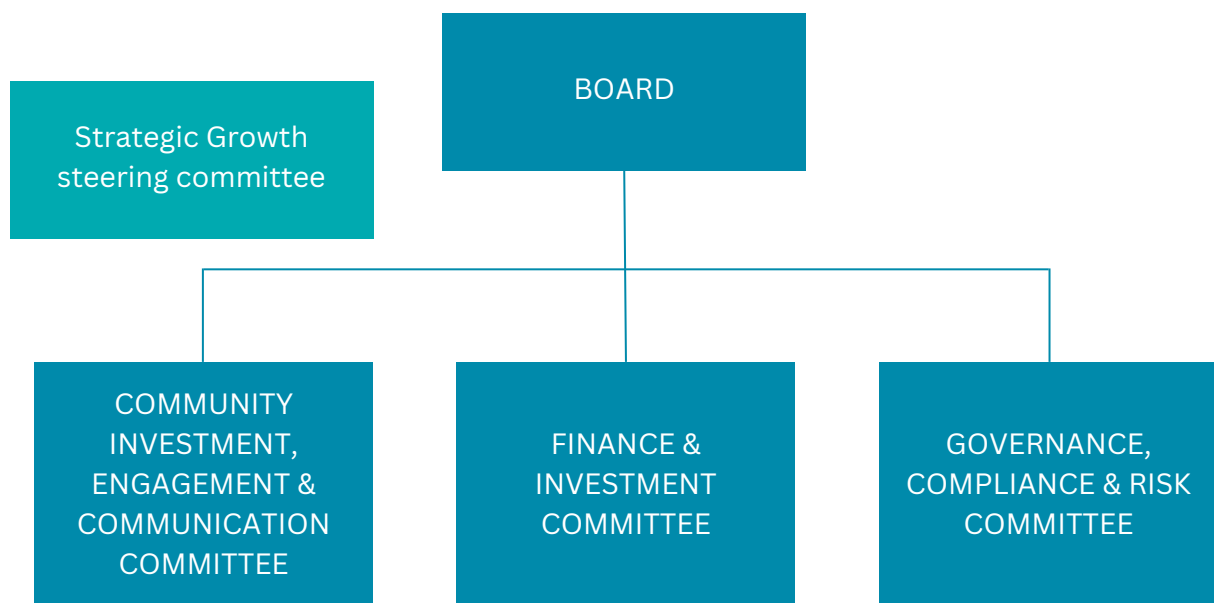
Cherie Draperr
Community Liaison Officer



Louise Holden
Governance &
Administration Officer

BOARD COMMITTEES

Our Board members participate in several committees:



EAST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Total donations received at the commencement of the reporting period \$ 6,428,429

Donations since last reporting period \$ 0

Relevant non-financial donations \$ 0

Total disbursements during the reporting period (\$ 2,006,125)

Total committed funds at the end of the reporting period

- Clifton Creek Community Recovery Team - Clifton Creek emergency response vehicle \$75,000
- Buchan Football Netball Club Inc - Buchan Recreation Reserve Court lights \$75,000

Total (\$ 150,000)

Uncommitted funds at the end of the reporting period \$ 4,272,304

PILLARS OF RECOVERY

FUNDING ROUNDS & DISBURSEMENTS

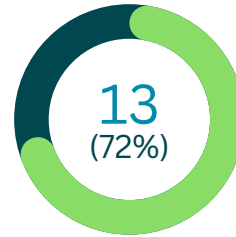
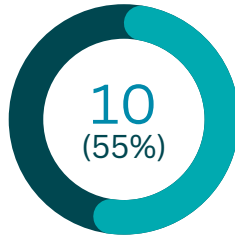
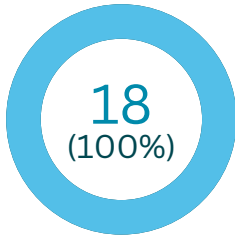
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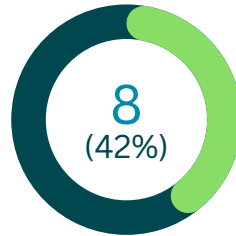
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SMG01-2022:
Fire Impacted
Communities
Small Grant Round



G03-2022:
Youth Focus - Fire
Impacted Communities
Recovery Priorities &
Plans

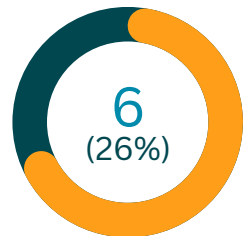
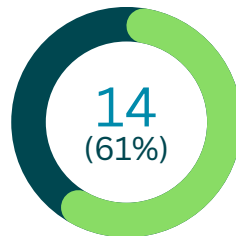
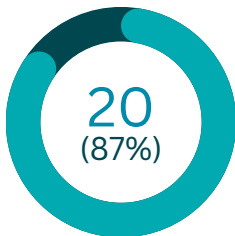
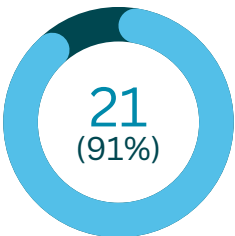


S02-2022:
Scholarships
for Bushfire
Impacted Youth

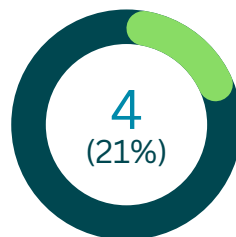
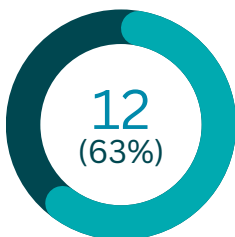
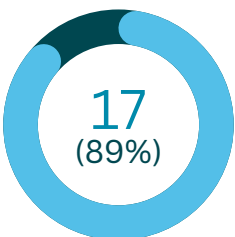


Note: Line items will add to >100% due to many individual applications fitting more than one category.

G04-2023:
Fire Impacted
Communities Recovery
Priorities & Plans



2022/2023:
Out of Session Grants &
Project Partnerships



EAST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND DISBURSEMENTS IN 2022/2023

October 2022 – Youth Focus Grant Round, Fire Impacted Communities
Recovery Priorities & Plans (21 applications)

Mallacoota Pony Club - Novice Rider Program Upgrades	\$46,113
OSCAR High Country Radio - Strengthening community capacity and ties, and engaging youth through community radio	\$24,438
Orbost Pony Club Inc - Revitalization Project	\$31,500
Lakes Entrance Golf Club Inc - Golf Simulator Training System	\$50,000
The Mallacoota Wilderness Collective Inc - Future Proofing Youth through Entrepreneurship in Mallacoota	\$43,963
Omeo Business and Tourism Association - Omeo Community Hub	\$48,208
Bastion Beats - Youth focused music festival Mallacoota 2023	\$35,800
East Gippsland Gymnastics Club Inc - Equipping our future for innovation in gymnastics	\$50,000
Community Centre Swifts Creek Incorporated - Swifts Creek & Omeo District health partnership - youth led projects	\$17,000
Orbost and District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc - Gap Year Earn and Learn Project	\$50,000

The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - on behalf of B.S.G (Bairnsdale Scout Group) - Scout Hall heating, cooling & solar	\$49,286
Orbost Youth Club auspiced by Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Inc - Quarenook Wrap = Meeting Place	\$30,000
Wairewa Public Hall & Recreation Reserve - The Central East Gippsland Youth Project (CEGYP)	\$10,000
Clifton Creek Community Hall and Recreation Reserve (in partnership with the Community Recovery Sub-Committee) - Youth Ball at the Hall & Youth Cinema Night in the Reserve	\$14,000
Buchan Gelantipy and District Renewal Association - Buchan Youth Project	\$20,000
Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network Inc. - Youth Unlimited	\$23,000
Bruthen & District Citizens Association Inc (sub committee: Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House) - Bruthen Young Peoples Project 2023	\$20,742
Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Youth Focused Activities and Events Program	\$20,000
Gippsland Lakes Complete Health - The East G Project	\$49,200

October 2022 – Small Grant Round, Fire Impacted Communities Recovery Priorities & Plans (22 applications)

The Mallacoota Wilderness Collective Inc - Computer Bank for Wilderness Workspace	\$4,970
Omeo Region Business & Tourism Association Inc - Omeo Community Hub	\$5,000
Far East Victoria Landcare Inc - Landcare Expo at the Orbost Show 2023	\$5,000
Omeo Recreation Reserve - Please Be Seated	\$5,000
Buchan Bush Nursing Association Inc - Kitchen Appliance Upgrade	\$4,931
Community Centre Swifts Creek Incorporated - Community Events & Capacity Building 2022-2023	\$4,916
Orbost Agricultural Society Inc - Orbost Agricultural Show 2023	\$5,000
Paynesville Business and Tourism Association Inc - Paynesville Music Weekend 2023	\$4,850

Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc - Tubbut Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity	\$5,000
Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Bonang Public Hall Committee of Management Inc - Bonang ancillary service upgrades - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity	\$5,000
Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Goongerah Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Inc - Goongerah Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity	\$5,000
Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group Inc on behalf of Bendoc Progress Association Inc - Bendoc Stage 2 - Building Healthy & Resilient Communities Through Service Equity	\$5,000
Bruthen & District Citizens Association - Bruthen District Neighbourhood House Community Hub Upgrade	\$4,821
Glenaladale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc - Glenaladale Hall Upgrade and Extension	\$5,000
Orbost Exhibition Centre on the Snowy River Inc - pARTicipate - Making it easier to access the Orbost Exhibition Centre	\$5,000
Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Recreation Reserve Toilet Upgrade Contingency - contingent grant	\$5,000
Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Hall Safe Access Lighting	\$5,000
Apex Club of Bairnsdale - Colour Ya World (Buchan)	\$8,000

February 2023 - Scholarships (34 applications) 26 scholarships awarded for a total sum of \$160,500

I Warren, Mallacoota (Monash University, Sc Global Studies)

N Gallagher, Simpsons Creek (Victoria University, Paramedicine)

S Tregellas, Mallacoota (Deakin University, Nursing)

L Barnes, Newmerella (TAFE, Ag Mech Tech)

M Johnston, Mallacoota (Latrobe University, Bachelor Paramedicine)

D Matisse, Marlo (Monash University, Medicine)

A Green-Cook, Sarsfield & Goongerah (Swinburne University, Engineering Design)

A Johnson, Mallacoota (Australia National University, International Relations)

J Gallagher, Swifts Creek (Monash University, Bachelor of Education)

J Coates, Marlo/Buchan (SEDA Sports & Business)

L Woerz, Marlo (Melbourne University, Fine Arts)

Sarah Faithful (Federation University, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy - Honors)

Beau Lawrence (Latrobe University, Diploma of Sports Coaching & Development)

Hailey Greibenow (Monash University, Bachelor of Nursing)

Bree Brunswick (Partners in Training, Diploma of Community Services)

Olivia Walker (Deakin University, Bachelor of Nursing)

Zoe Kapolos (Federation University, Bachelor of Nursing)

Renae Jones (Deakin University, Bachelor of Business (Sports Management))

Nicole Migotto-Brown (Suzanne Johnston Training Organisation, Certificate III Early Childhood Education & Care)

Keren Collins (Monash University, Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering)

Kealey Ratzmann (Monash University, Bachelor of Arts)

Michael Squires (Deakin University, Bachelor of Engineering)

Jamieson Humphreys (Latrobe University (Bachelor of Sports & Exercise Science))

Jolanda Answer (Central Queensland University, Steps SKIL)

Chelsea Filmer (Charles Sturt University, Bachelor of Veterinary Biology & Veterinary Science)

David Peters (Holmesglen Tafe, Certificate IV in Cyber Security)

April 2023 – Grant Round, Fire Impacted Communities Recovery Priorities & Plans (44 applications)

Bairnsdale & District Woodcraft Group Incorporated (Equipment for community development)	\$4,000
Bruthen Mechanics Institute and Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated (Bruthen Mechanics Hall renovation project)	\$40,000
Buchan Valley Golf Club Partnered by Buchan Gelantipy and District Renewal Ass. (Buchan Valley Golf Club Resilience Upgrade)	\$7,150
Cann River Community Centre Inc (Cann River Community Centre kitchen upgrades)	\$40,000
Clifton Creek Community Hall and Recreation Reserve, Association (Community Stage @the Recreation Reserve, all abilities access & equipment for multi-purpose courts)	\$40,000
Community Centre Swifts Creek Inc. (Childcare Essentials)	\$22,105
East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc (Banking on the Future - East Gippsland Community Seedbank project)	\$40,000
East Gippsland Rail Trail Committee of Management Inc (Trail vegetation control and enhancement, Stage 2)	\$40,000
Ensay Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc (Ensay Hall Community Cafe/Social connectedness/disaster resilience: All abilities accessibility project)	\$31,000
Glenaladale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (Restoration and expansion of the Glenaladale Community Hall)	\$27,900
Johnsonville Public Hall Committee Incorporated (Johnsonville Hall Kitchen Upgrades)	\$27,885
Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust (LTAT Fire Resilience Project)	\$37,742
Lucknow Memorial Hall (Lucknow Memorial Hall - Entry flooring and bathroom upgrades)	\$40,000
Mallacoota Halls and Recreational Reserve Grounds Committee of Management (Planning for Nature-based Adventure Playground in Mallacoota)	\$39,600
Marlo Fire Brigade auspiced by the Marlo Angling Club Inc (Marlo Resilience Project)	\$8,000
Mossiface Public Hall Reserve (Mossiface Hall Upgrade - windows & access ramps)	\$40,000
Nowa Nowa Community Development Group (Nowa Nowa Hall upgrade)	\$38,000
Omeo Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (The Perfect Finish)	\$30,000
Orbost Exhibition Centre (heART of our recovery and transition)	\$40,000
Sarsfield Community Association Inc. (Sarsfield hall and surrounds: Lighting & Maintenance Upgrades)	\$7,918
Tambo Valley Bowling Club Inc (Kitchen upgrade)	\$20,779
The Bemm River Community Recreation Centre Inc (Health & Wellbeing Kitchen upgrade for social connectedness)	\$40,000
VIC SES Bruthen Unit (Vic SES Lakes Entrance Satellite Unit)	\$30,000

2022/2023 Out of Session Grants

Mallacoota Arts Council - Overwintering Project	\$7,500
Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship - Social Ent. World Forum event	\$5,000
Committee for Gippsland - Gippsland Community Leadership Program - Scholarship	\$7,000
Bruthen & District Citizens Association Inc - Bruthen district emergency services event	\$3,000
Mallacoota & District Renewal Assn - project partner East Gippsland Timber Milling	\$10,000
Sarsfield Community Association Inc - Sarsfield Snaps 2023 calendar	\$1,850
Bendoc Memorial Hall Ethos NRM project management 4 community facilities	\$10,000
Benambra Neighbourhood House - Bushfire Anniversary Community Gathering	\$5,000
Mallacoota Events Inc - Wellness pop up tent pilot 6 Jan	\$2,000
Mossiface Public Hall - upgrade cost over runs	\$2,000
Bemm River Neighbourhood House - wellness day	\$2,000
Gippsland East Learning Local Employment Network - Youth Agritech Expo	\$10,000
Float Incorporated - Community Wealth Building 2 day workshop subsidise Black Summer Fire impacted persons	\$2,000
Sarsfield Community Assn - Lighting and CCTV works contribution	\$2,000
Gippsland Jersey - Mental Health Calendar 2023	\$10,000

2022/2023 Project Partnerships

Envite Enviro - School based traineeship support	\$115,000
Cheeky Mac Productions - Beyond the Fires Volume 3 contribution	\$75,000
Gippsland Tafe - Youth Leadership Series (Project Partnership)	\$63,281

2022/2023 Service Agreements - funding received for distribution

East Gippsland Shire Council / Emergency Recovery Victoria - community events	\$170,000
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EAST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LTD

Financial statements summary

Statement of Profit or Loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Revenue (including other income)	\$135,410	\$1,017,770
Accounting and bookkeeping	(\$8,752)	(\$12,950)
Advertising and marketing	(\$11,333)	(\$8,205)
Audit fees	(\$8,925)	(\$8,000)
Consulting fees	-	(\$38,490)
Recruitment and HR consulting	(\$698)	(\$15,700)
Superannuation	(\$24,035)	(\$14,545)
Wages	(\$117,726)	(\$73,355)
Other expenses	(\$81,313)	(\$35,270)
Current year surplus before income tax	(\$117,372)	\$811,255
Net current year surplus	(\$117,372)	\$811,255
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	(\$117,372)	\$811,255

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Total current assets	\$864,463	\$891,165
Total assets	\$887,036	\$891,165
LIABILITIES		
Total current liabilities	\$193,153	\$79,910
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$193,153	\$79,910
NET ASSETS	\$693,883	\$811,255
EQUITY		
Total equity	\$693,883	\$811,255

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating grants	\$250,622	\$1,017,587
Payments to suppliers and employees	(\$277,121)	(\$126,604)
Interest received	\$6,809	\$182
Net cash generated from operating activities	(\$19,690)	\$891,165
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(\$7,012)	-
Net increase in cash held	(\$26,702)	\$891,165
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	\$891,165	-
Cash on hand at end of financial year	\$864,463	\$891,165

EAST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Financial statements summary

Statement of Profit or Loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Revenue	-	\$8,824,985
Other income	\$145,952	\$11,172
Grants expensed	(\$2,032,792)	(\$2,257,728)
Administration expense	(\$10,000)	-
Other expenses	(\$158)	-
Current year surplus before income tax	(\$1,896,998)	\$6,678,429
Income tax expenses	-	-
Net current year surplus	(\$1,896,998)	\$6,578,429

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Total current assets	\$4,841,431	\$6,726,929
Total assets	\$4,841,431	\$6,726,929
LIABILITIES		
Total current liabilities	\$160,000	\$148,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$160,000	\$148,500
NET ASSETS	\$4,681,431	\$6,578,429
EQUITY		
Total equity	\$4,681,431	\$6,578,429

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating grants	-	\$9,907,484
Payments to grant recipients (inclusive of GST)	(\$2,006,125)	(\$3,056,181)
Interest received and other costs paid	\$31,147	\$11,172
Net cash generated from operating activities	(\$1,974,978)	\$6,662,475
Net increase in cash held	(\$1,974,978)	\$6,662,475
Cash on hand at beginning of financial year	\$6,662,475	-
Cash on hand at end of financial year	\$4,687,497	\$6,662,475

ADVOCACY

The East Gippsland Community Foundation made several submissions to formal enquiries and sits on a number of community working groups:

- Submission to the National Emergency Management Agency Independent Review of the Commonwealth Disaster Funding
- Submission to the Productivity Commission Philanthropic Enquiry
- Member of the Community Foundations of Australia
- Member of the (Commonwealth) Charitable, Not-for-profit and Philanthropic Roundtables
- Member of the Gippsland Community Benefit sharing working group

TO SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATION

The East Gippsland Community Foundation continues to work with the Community Enterprise Foundation and can take individual and business tax deductible donations through the East Gippsland Community Foundation Appeal at www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/disaster-appeals/east-gippsland-community-foundation-appeal.

To donate please contact Executive Officer, Michelle Dowsett on 0499 241 917 or email info@givetoeastgippsland.org.au.

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A WORD FROM SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS

"The East Gippsland Community Foundation is the silver lining to the cloud of the Black Summer Bushfires."

**WAIREWA COMMUNITY
RECOVERY COMMITTEE
'GRAPEVINE'
ISSUE 12 APRIL/MAY 2022**

Wilderness Collective - Start up costs funded

"In our first 3 months of operating, we have hosted 74 unique visitors to the Workspace. We currently have 4 regular tenants and 5-8 students accessing the program/space."

**PARIS BROOKE,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILDERNESS
COLLECTIVE
APRIL 2023**

CO-WORKING SPACE AT GOONGERAH

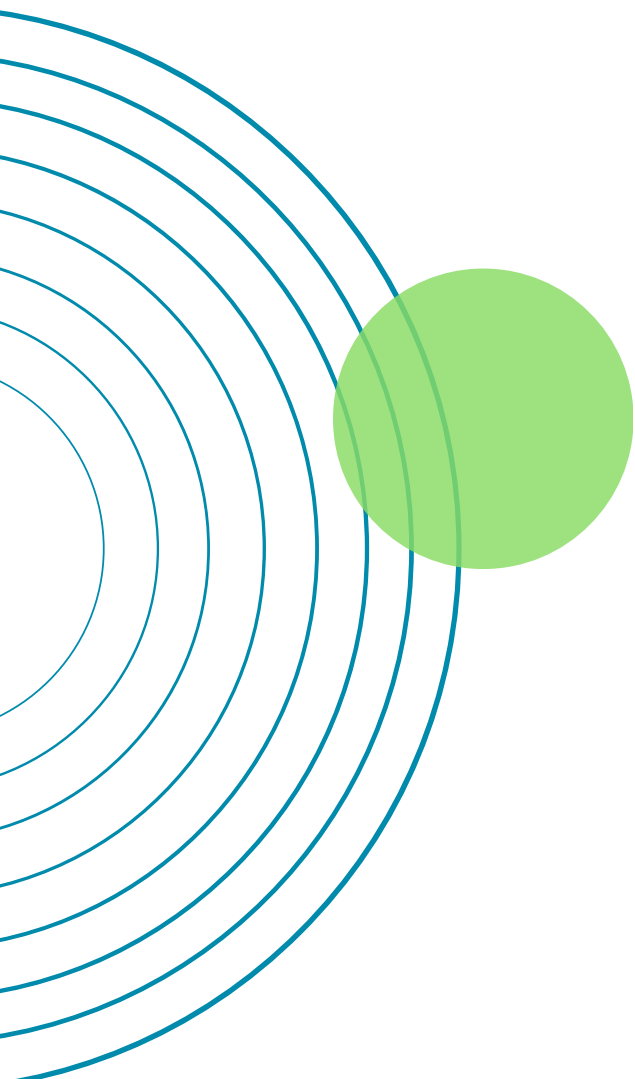
"THERE IS EVIDENCE OF REDUCED ISOLATION AND GREATER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 70 RESIDENTS OF GOONGERAH AND SURROUNDS".

**GOONGERAH PUBLIC HALL &
RECREATION RESERVE INC
JUNE 2023**

FRIENDS OF THE MITTA - MOUNT NED EMERGENCY UHF REPEATER

"NEXT TIME THERE'S A FIRE OR OTHER DISASTER WE CAN NOW ALL COMMUNICATE TO OFFER OR GET HELP - YAY!""

**JEFFE ARONSON,
FRIENDS OF THE MITTA,
JUNE 2022**



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