

## 2012 Granting Organisations

The following organisations received grants in the 2012 round:



Funds were granted for young people with a neuromuscular condition to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award, post participants completing their gold award (tiers are bronze/silver/gold) Muscular Dystrophy will be writing a guide for participants with disabilities as part of the DoE award handbook. So far ten participants have completed their bronze, two their silver and one is undergoing their gold. It is anticipated that the supplement will be completed in two years.



Benevolent Society's grant was for the development of a program model, resources and tools that would allow them to integrate a Life skills and Mentoring Program into their work with isolated and vulnerable families in rural and regional NSW. Developments as of February were that the evidence base is established, program model developed and presentation done for engaging prospective community partners and CWA members.



Alzheimers NSW delivered an education program 'Your Brain Matters' to 13 communities along the North and Mid-Coast NSW, connecting with over 754 people who visited the van to be advised on Dementia support services, tips and strategies etc. Visitors gained an understanding of changes they can make to improve health and be empowered to make informed choices in their lives plus learn of where to get support if they are carers to people with Alzheimers.



Royal Far West's CareMobile carried out over 40 clinics across rural NSW. The visits would include a trip to a school and council with a local health authority worker determining the best place and time for a clinic to be run and what disciplines they are most in need of. The services included clinical therapy (Clinical psychology, OT, speech), baby health therapy and oral health and physical strength and coordination health promotion sessions. Across the visits 996 clients were treated. Royal Far West staff also met with local health practitioners to open up referrals for country children.



## **On the Line (National)      \$44,465**

Funding from the foundation was for On the Line to develop the service model for trialling video counselling for rural men across Australia. The service model was developed, eight counsellors trained and a specific policy and procedure developed. This was because without the ability to trace phone calls, a robust risk assessment needed to be in place. The counselling was available 3 – 9.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and went live (soft launch) in August 2012. Availability increased in April, which extended the service to five days a week, following relocation of funding from phone to online from the Federal Government.



## **Autism Spectrum Australia (VIC/NSW) \$15,131**

Thirty children and thirteen staff at the Aspect Riverina School benefited from the purchase of 18 iPads and accessories to support children with autism spectrum disorders, funded by the foundation grant. Via using the technology, students were able to express needs and wants and get their messages through to teachers and families.



## **Sports Challenge Australia (WA) \$20,000**

The foundation grant assisted Sports Challenge start a three year program in a community school (Dawul Primary), which is 110km from Kununurra. Twenty four children attend the school, aged 5 – 13 years and Sports Challenge visited the school twice in 2012, setting up the program with teachers so that the teachers would deliver the program across the school, with Sports Challenge providing mentors to the children.



## **FareShare (VIC)      \$30,000**

FareShare made the bold step of moving premises in March 2013, purchasing a larger building in order to increase the amount of meals that they are cooking for charities. The blast chiller, which was purchased with the grant, allows the kitchen to cool down meals far quicker than previously, contributing to the 65% increase in meal production every day. The rural area where FareShare is cooking meals for is the Loddon Mallee area.



## **Volunteers for Isolated Students Education (QLD)      \$10,847**

Aussie Farmers Foundation funded reading tuition for volunteers which occurred in Canberra, November 2012. The eight tutors trained at a primary school which has a large number of students with reading difficulties then attended a weekend training workshop, followed by student work for 2 hours per day for five days. Post training they have been working with students across multiple outback

placements. Deputy Principal of Broken Hill School of the Air reported on one student who was at Level 6 for reading and post work with a tutor in the specialised method came out at Level 16 – 17. VISE will also be training five volunteers in Tasmania with the same method.



### **Camp Quality (NSW/VIC)**

**\$35,000**

Camp Quality utilised the funding to expand their camps in regional areas to include Lake Keepit NSW (March 22 – 25), Shepparton (3 – 5 May) and Gippsland (28 – 30 June). This opportunity allowed a number of families to network outside of the 'camp' environment, to assist each other while their child is on the cancer journey. Families who live in the same regional areas who have previously never met were introduced to each other. Lake Keepit had 17 parents and children – from Port Macquarie, Grafton, Lismore, Tamworth, Kootingal and Armidale. Shepparton had 16 parents and 24 children from Shepparton, Bendigo, Alexandria and Gippsland.