

Donations returned to local CFA brigades

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank distributes \$40,000 to local CFA fire brigades

Bendigo, Wednesday, 15 July 2009: Bendigo and Adelaide Bank continues to distribute money from its Bushfire Appeal, with almost \$40,000 granted to local CFA fire brigades.

The money will go towards projects that ensure the community is informed and prepared for the next fire season. The grants will also assist fire fighters on the front line, with money given to upgrade or purchase new equipment.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Regional Manager for Bendigo and Central Victoria, Phil Whiting, said the Community Enterprise Foundation™ has been working with key community groups and organistaions to identify where the \$6.8 million raised by the public can be best spent.

“We have been working closely with local communities to determine where the money raised should go,” he said.

“Members of the community opened their hearts and gave generously at the start of the year following the devastating Black Saturday Bushfires.

“It’s fantastic to see the money raised given to groups like the CFA, which plays such a vital role in protecting rural communities.”

The following CFA brigades have received grants;

Sedgwick Rural Fire Brigade

- \$9,000 for a fire season preparation project that aims to improve fire awareness and information resources for the local community. The CFA will also construct a local fire assembly area, so that in the event of a fire locals have a pre-determined point to congregate.
- \$6,000 Challenge Grant if the Sedgwick Rural Fire Brigade raises \$30,000 for an Ultra Light Quick Attack 4WD Fire Unit. The vehicle would be invaluable when fighting fires in rough terrain.

Maiden Gully Fire Brigade

- \$12,320 grant to fund an extension to the Maiden Gully Fire Station so it can house an extra truck. While the completed value of the extensions will be more than \$100,000, the grant will purchase a bi-fold, engine bay door and electric motor.

Axedale Fire Brigade

- \$12,241 Challenge Grant if the Axedale Fire Brigade raises the \$43,334 required to buy a big fill tanker.

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