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'Committed to prevention of burns, burn survivors and after fire support'

The Australian Professional Fire-fighters Foundation is dedicated to burn prevention as well as survivor support and recovery programs in South Australia. The organisation is committed to becoming more actively involved with its local communities, in particular the children's burns unit. It will provide financial assistance for the purchase of equipment and assist in the operation of a children's burn survivor camp. The Foundation is also committed to improving and maintaining the internal network and welfare of Professional Fire-fighters.

The APFF is an organisation belonging solely to the member fire fighters and their families. Our members each contribute a small amount each pay, with these funds being the basis of our fundraising. Our main purpose is fundraising for charity, offering assistance (both financially and other) to fire victims, especially children, and those in immediate need. In addition, it also aims to become more actively involved in its local communities, assist in the provision of fire prevention information to the community, and improve the internal network and welfare of the fire fighters themselves

The concept for this Foundation originated in [Canada](#), where many years of successful campaigning has not only assisted the community in its various needs, but also raised the profile and morale of the Fire-fighters in that country. This in turn, through the support of the people, has ensured their position within the community

Establishment Of A Skin Culture Facility For South Australia And The N.T.

Helping the RAH, WCH & IMVS establish a burns & skin culture laboratory in South Australia to assist in the treatment of burns - \$55,000. The foundation has maintained contact with the skin lab and contributes towards consumables used.

Camp Smokey

A 4 day camp set up in 1990 for past and present patients of the Paediatric Burns Unit at the Women's & Children's Hospital young burns survivors - approximately \$20,000 per year. Since 1999, the APFF has assisted in the holding of this camp with the staff of the Paediatric Burns Unit adding a new dimension to the activities and interest of the camp for the children. The 2008 camp was the most successful so far with 38 children invited to attend, a vast improvement from the 12 children who went to the inaugural camp.

Annual Charity Ball

The APFF raises money to fund Camp Smokey by holding an annual charity ball. The cost of running the camp has increased dramatically; previously the wonderful nurses from the W.C.H. had raised the funds by holding raffles etc. The Foundation has been running a Fire Fighters ball since 1999 and has now decided to commit any proceeds from the evening to the running of Camp Smokey. The 2009 ball was held at the ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE on May 30th. The night was a magnificent event with 800 people in attendance, Mark Soderstrum from Channel 7 was the MC for the night.

Women's & Children's Hospital Newland Ward Burns Unit

Purchasing 3 New TV's, Sony play station's and X box with games on mobile consuls for the Newland Ward – valued in excess of \$3000. Members of the Foundation are regular visitors to the ward particularly at Xmas and Easter cheering up patients and their families.

Purchased TV and mounting bracket for a treatment room in the paediatric emergency department at the WCH. This will help in the treatment of children by making their visit less traumatic by the use of diversionary therapy so the children can watch DVD movies - \$500 and recently purchased \$9,000 worth of blood pressure machines to assist the nursing staff in their daily duties. The Foundation has donated significant funds to a campfire awareness campaign; burns prevention is an area we would like to become more involved in. The 2007 Learn or Burn campaign resulted in no admissions over the Easter period, a great result as far as the APFF is concerned.

The hospital has been involved in discussions with the Foundation for assistance to renovate the ward, in particular the parent retreat area. In December 2006 the APFF purchased \$3,500 worth of whitegoods for this area. In 2007 \$50,000 was allocated to the upgrade of the kitchen area in the Newland ward, which was completed in December 2008.

SHAKE THE BOOT ®

Annual fundraiser, held in November, where firefighters, nurses and family members don firefighting pants and t-shirts and do the rounds of the local pubs and clubs, "shaking their collection boots". Approximately \$20000 is raised, in Adelaide and the suburbs, with more regional areas taking part each year. Funds raised in Adelaide go directly to the paediatric burns unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital, while the funds that are raised in the outlying areas, goes to that areas local hospital or community project.

EYRE PENINSULA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The APFF ran an appeal to assist the victims of the Eyre Peninsula bushfires and was able to contribute in excess of \$130,000 through the Salvation Army.

FDNY 911 Appeal

Raised Approx \$U.S32, 000 for Families of the New York Fire Department Fire-fighters lost on 911 The APFF acted as a conduit for the financial generosity of the Australian public to reach the FDNY.

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL 2009

After the recent devastating bushfires in Victoria the APFF in conjunction with radio station Mix102.3 and rural media partners conducted a one off 'SHAKE THE BOOT' ®. The response was amazing and \$200,000 was donated to the Australian Red Cross fund, the largest donation from South Australia apart from the State Government.