



BUSINESS SUPPORTER PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE

Hawthorn Community Chest (HCC) is a network of Boroondara residents and business people who recognise the need for assistance in our local community and want to make a difference. HCC is an independent, registered charity that works with care providers and other charities to ensure that people in Boroondara have somewhere to turn when they are most in need. HCC was established in 1958 and over the past 60 years it has worked to make life easier for hundreds of local people and families.

When HCC was established, the founding Committee had the foresight to set up an investment portfolio, and the proceeds of this fund cover all our administration costs. We are very lucky to be able to give 100 percent of donations away as grants. Additionally, HCC has DGR status, so all donations made to us are fully tax deductible.

WHO DO WE HELP

HCC was established exclusively to help those within Boroondara, and surprisingly there is an increasing number of people living locally who are facing real need. Many of these have experienced family breakdown, unemployment, poverty, sickness or mental health issues. In all cases their needs are above and beyond the financial assistance they receive through government agencies. We mostly receive requests for help through local care providers such as Camcare, Uniting Care or Boroondara Outreach Services. HCC's Committee meets monthly to review and determine all the grant applications received. A condition of our DGR status is that all grants must be awarded to those facing "necessitous circumstances".

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HCC's Business Supporter Program was set up to engage directly with the growing business community in Boroondara, in recognition that many who work in this community also want to help those most in need in this community.

Members pay an annual donation of \$1,000 to HCC, all of which goes directly to funding grants. These donations are fully tax deductible.

You will receive updates detailing the grants we make each month, and the activities we are undertaking. You will also receive invitations to our functions, both business-related and social.

For more information on our Business Supporter Program please contact:

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HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CHEST COMMITTEE:

President: Sarah Curtis, *Vice President & Treasurer:* Andrew Tait,
Vice President: Jo Rush, *Public Officer:* Lisa Fletcher, *Committee Members:* Sandra Blackburn, Andrew Gill, Andrew Gillon, David Gorton, Tony McHarg, Jane Nathan, Terry Pacini, Kia Sadler, Caroline Touzeau.

OUR VISION

To improve the lives of those in need in the Hawthorn and Boroondara community

OUR MISSION

To raise and distribute funds to those in need in the Hawthorn and Boroondara community

WHY I ♥ HCC

'I love contacting case managers to advise them their application for a grant has been successful. I know that these funds are life changing, and that the \$1,300 we have made available for respite care or the \$146 we have paid for an overdue electricity bill, or even the \$49 for a new bike helmet is really the difference between a constant struggle and a little bit of relief.'

Jo Rush

HCC Vice-President &
Committee Member

DID YOU KNOW?

- 8 percent of Boroondara's 60,000 households have an income of less than \$300 per week – well below the Australian poverty line;
- 22 Boroondara neighbourhoods are among the 20 percent most disadvantaged in Victoria
- One in five Boroondara residents has a disability.