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Deborah's Diary

In recent months the Council and Management of Philanthropy Australia have begun to assemble background information and views of Members as part of the development of the next Strategic Plan. It has also become clear in this time that the Federal Government is committed to major reform of the non-profit sector. This culminated in the announcements in the Budget, earlier this month, that the Government intends to establish an Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and to shift to a statutory definition of charity. These changes will have profound implications for the philanthropic sector and Philanthropy Australia. Consequently, it has become clear that a more fundamental review of Philanthropy Australia's strategy is required at this time, in order for the organisation to respond to both the new challenges and opportunities ahead. As a result, Rob McLean, who is well known to many Members and is a former Managing Partner of McKinseys, has been approached and I am delighted to announce has agreed to lead on a pro-bono basis the Council's Strategic Planning sessions in the second half of the year.

Carrillo Gantner, Chairman of Sidney Myer Fund, delivered a rousing speech at a Philanthropy Australia's Trustees Dinner on 12 May in Melbourne, reflecting on his personal and family philanthropy. He said "How do we evaluate our own success or otherwise in this business of philanthropy?.....Have we satisfied the 'Why' and the 'What'. Do we feel in our bones that we have left the world a better place than we found it?" Carrillo's speech in its entirety can be found on the Philanthropy Australia website at <http://www.philanthropy.org.au/pdfs/papersreports/ReflectionsOnPersonalPhilanthropy-CarrilloGantner-12May2011.pdf> . The dinner was held at Cranlana through the kind hosting of Lady Southey.

It has been such a pleasure to continue to have meetings with Members in various cities and at various venues. In particular Bruce Argyle and I spent time this month in Perth, strengthening links with Lotterywest through Jan Stewart and Jacquie Thomson, Givingwest through Kevin MacDonald, Artsupport and also the WA Philanthropy Incentive Program through James Boyd, and the work of the Fogarty Foundation through Annie Fogarty and Peter Bowler. It was also immensely significant to visit Margaret Feilman the sister of Pat Feilman who was one of the Founders of Philanthropy Australia, to hear about the Feilman Foundation.

As Community Foundation Members will know, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation will be the hosts for this year's Community Foundation Forum, to be held 16-18 August. The venue will be Salt Village which is in the Northern Rivers CF region on the coast at Kingscliff, north of Byron Bay, NSW. Philanthropy Australia's Community Foundations Development Officer Andrew Lawson is busy organising the program and the event should provide an excellent few days for learning, information sharing and networking.

Over recent months a group of Victorian Members has been meeting with representatives of the Victorian Office for the Community Sector to strengthen relationships and understanding of how philanthropy and government each operates. Bruce Argyle has been participating as representative of Philanthropy Australia. The working group is developing a discussion paper Guiding Principles for Building Collaborative Relationships between Philanthropy and Government which includes a number of case studies. Once completed it will be circulated to Philanthropy Australia Members for reference. As mentioned above, there has also been a recent WA government initiative to encourage and support philanthropy, being the WA Philanthropy Incentive Program. It would be interesting to hear of initiatives and resources being developed in other States.

In response to Member demand, the framework for a new Network that has a specific focus on philanthropy in rural and regional Australia is currently being developed. A small group of Members, including FRRR, has been meeting to explore possible ideas and directions for this group. An expression of interest will be circulated to Members shortly and participation and feedback are encouraged.

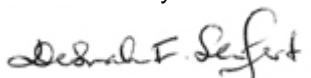
Staff continue to work extremely hard at Philanthropy Australia and the Melbourne office has warmly welcomed the support of a second volunteer Mrs Deb Pugh who is giving time every

Friday to help with administration and IT.

With the end of financial year approaching, the National Office receives many enquiries from people wishing to make a tax deductible donation before the end of June. As was the case last year, a guide to some of the most frequently asked questions about donating before June 30, including an up-to-date listing of our Associate Members who are able to receive donations, along with their DGR status, will be provided. Full Members will receive an email shortly to advise when this updated list is available, and it will also be uploaded onto the Philanthropy Australia website.

Wishing all Members continuing success in the work done towards making this a more civil society.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Seifert

Representation

Establishment of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) (10/5/11)

The government announced in the recent Budget that the new "one-stop-shop" for not-for-profit organisations in Australia will be called the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and will be established by 1 July 2012. The advisory board assisting establishment of the commission will be chaired by Robert Fitzgerald AM.

Here are the pertinent facts on the ACNC:

- It will be implemented by a taskforce set up within Treasury from 1 July 2011 and will commence operations in July 2012
- The ACNC will initially be responsible for determining the legal status of organisations seeking charitable status, PBI and other not-for-profit tax concessions
- It will also implement a 'report once, use often' reporting framework for not-for-profit entities
- The ACNC will provide education and support to the sector on technical matters and will establish a public information portal by 1 July 2013

The implementation taskforce will be consulting with the sector on the reporting framework and public information portal. Philanthropy Australia continues to pursue an active role in that consultation process and will keep Members informed of any developments.

Introduction of Statutory Definition of Charity (10/5/11)

The Government will introduce a standard definition of 'charity' applicable across all Commonwealth agencies from 1 July 2013. The definition will be based on the recommendations of the 2001 [Report of the Inquiry into the Definition of Charities and Related Organisations](#), and will also take into account recent judicial decisions such as *Aid/Watch Incorporated v Commissioner of Taxation*. The Government will consult with the states and territories with the aim of introducing a definition that could be adopted by all jurisdictions.

For more information:

- Press release by Assistant Treasurer Bill Shorten on establishment of ACNS:
<http://www.treasurer.gov.au/DisplayDocs.aspx?doc=pressreleases/2011/077.htm&pageID=003&min=brs&Year=&DocType=0>
- Press release by Assistant Treasurer Bill Shorten on appointment of Robert

- Fitzgerald: <http://assistant.treasurer.gov.au/DisplayDocs.aspx?doc=pressreleases/2011/083.htm&pageID=003&min=brs&Year=&DocType=>
- Budget website: <http://www.budget.gov.au/2011-12/index.htm>
 - Report of the 2001 Inquiry into the Definition of Charities and Related Organisations: <http://www.cdi.gov.au/html/report.htm>
 - Aid/Watch Incorporated vs Commissioner of Taxation; <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/HCA/2010/42.html>

Better targeting of not-for-profit tax concessions (27/5/11)

The Government announced in the Budget that it will reform tax concessions provided to the unrelated commercial activities of not-for-profit entities. The Assistant Treasurer has now released the consultation paper, 'Better targeting of not-for-profit tax concessions'.

The changes are applicable to commercial activities of not-for-profits (NFPs) and are aimed at ensuring that income tax concessions will only apply to profits generated from unrelated commercial activities if those profits are directed to advance the NFP's altruistic purpose. The discussion paper indicates that the reforms will not affect the following types of activity:

- Passive investment activities
- Commercial operations that directly further an NFP's altruistic purpose, including op-shops, NFP child care centres, NFP hospitals and charities whose purpose is to provide meaningful employment to disabled persons
- Small-scale and low-risk activities such as lamington drive fundraisers, school fetes, and leasing out of church halls.

The changes are aimed at organisations which operate businesses unrelated to their charitable purpose and which do not direct the proceeds of the business to their charitable purpose. They will be required to pay income tax on profits which are retained in the commercial undertaking rather than directed to fund their charitable mission. The changes will be phased in over time and initially will only apply to new commercial activities.

Submissions in response to the Consultation Paper are due by 8 July 2011. Philanthropy Australia welcomes any comments or suggestions from Members, particularly from any Members who believe these changes may affect them, or that there may be unforeseen effects. Please send comments by Monday 14 June to Vanessa Meachen at <mailto:v.meachen@philanthropy.org.au?subject=NFP%20Tax%20reforms>.

For more information:

Treasury Consultation paper: <http://www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?NavId=002&ContentID=2056%20>

News in the Sector

Upcoming Philanthropy Australia events

Some important events for your diary over the next six months include:

Members' Strategic Planning Discussion

Tuesday 28 June (Sydney) and Wednesday 13 July (Melbourne)

This is an opportunity for Members and Associate Members to provide input into the strategic planning process for Philanthropy Australia. This will be facilitated by Deborah Seifert, CEO.

Members can RSVP by clicking here:

[Register for Sydney Strategic Planning Discussion, 28 June](#)

[Register for Melbourne Strategic Planning Discussion, 13 July](#)

Community Foundations Forum

16-18 August

Andrew Lawson is hard at work on developing the program for this year's Community Foundations Forum. This year's forum will be hosted by Northern Rivers Community Foundation, to be held 16-18 August at Kingscliff, north of Byron Bay, NSW. Guest speakers so far include Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes from the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Not-for-Profit Studies at QUT, and visiting academic Dr Diana Leat who will be well known to many Members from her previous visits to Australia. A formal program and invitation will be forthcoming.

Melbourne Workshop Day

Thursday 22 September

Save the date! Places are strictly limited for this intensive one-day event to be held at Wesley College. Speakers include the Hon. Rob Knowles (Mental Health Council of Australia), Leslie Moore (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu) and Robert Fitzgerald AM (Productivity Commission, and newly announced Chair of the advisory board assisting the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission). The day will also include concurrent sessions on: Evaluation and Impact; Regulatory and Legal Frameworks; New approaches to Financing; and Evidence Based Philanthropy.

A formal program and invitation will follow in July.

Trustee and Trust Liability Insurance

It is our understanding that for a good number of years there have been attempts by Foundations or individuals acting as Trustees for a charitable trust to obtain insurance cover, to no avail.

The CASS Foundation has recently been able to obtain quotation from an insurer for cover for:

- the Trustee;
- the Trust;
- reimbursement to the Trust if called upon to indemnify the Trustee out of the Trust Deed.

If anyone is interested in pursuing possible cover as Trustee, please contact Daniel Rechtman at The CASS Foundation (8650-5910) and he will pass on the Underwriter's details.

Rural and Regional Affinity Group - expressions of interest

The establishment of an Affinity Group focusing on Rural and Regional Philanthropy has been proposed by several of our Members and a small working group have met informally to explore ideas. We are now seeking expressions of interest from other Members in establishing an Rural and Regional Affinity group/Network. It is anticipated that this group would have a national member composition and would utilize technology to enable wider member participation.

Are Philanthropy Australia Members interested in the possibility of a new group which would focus on grantmaking in rural and regional Australia, and would you be keen to participate in it in the future? Note that this group would work closely with FRRR and seek to complement the work already being done via the Community Foundations Network.

In order to ascertain interest and to discuss further we have scheduled a telephone linkup on Wed 13 July from 11am - 12 noon. Assuming sufficient interest we have also scheduled a first meeting at FRRR in Bendigo for Wed 10th August from 9.30am - 12 noon (followed by optional lunch). During the phone linkup and first meeting we will discuss areas of interest and resourcing, as well as terms of reference and meetings structure. A working agenda will be sent out prior to the phone link-in.

Can you please indicate your interest in this proposal and your availability to join us for the telephone hook up on 13 July. I will then send a passcode to ring in on.

Please indicate your interest by 30 June to Bruce Argyle on [mailto:b.argyle@philanthropy.org.au?](mailto:b.argyle@philanthropy.org.au?subject=Rural%20and%20Regional%20Affinity%20Group)
[subject=Rural%20and%20Regional%20Affinity%20Group](mailto:b.argyle@philanthropy.org.au?subject=Rural%20and%20Regional%20Affinity%20Group) .

Survey: Mapping Australia's Philanthropic Investment in Women and Girls

The Australian Women Donors Network is conducting its inaugural survey into the current level of philanthropic investment in women and girls, and the level at which gender is recognised in mainstream grantmaking in Australia. The survey, consisting of 10 questions, should take about 10-15 minutes to complete and all responses will be treated confidentially; it can also be completed anonymously. Full information on the project is available at: <http://www.bus.qut.edu.au/research/cpns/documents/ParticipantInformationSheet.pdf>

The survey can be accessed at: <http://survey.qut.edu.au/survey/171858/1d53/>

Mapping Australia's Population: new resource

The Scanlon Foundation is supporting the Mapping Australia's Population (MAP) project at Monash University, under the direction of Professor Andrew Markus. The project aims to provide independent, authoritative, evidence-based analysis of data on population and immigration in Australia, to inform media, public and policy debates. It seeks to augment informed discussion of immigration and population issues by making available a number of resources including: The Scanlon Foundation Mapping of Social Cohesion Surveys; An Inventory of Australian Public Opinion Surveys; Current Population and Immigration Statistics, and; Population Maps.

For more information: <http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/mapping-population/>

Next edition of Australian Philanthropy

We will soon be sourcing articles for the next edition of Australian Philanthropy journal. This edition will focus on communication, particularly on social media and other forms of communication which have the potential to radically change our community and our sector. Should philanthropy avoid social media or embrace it? How are we affected by high expectations of instant and easily accessible information? Do these new forms of communication offer the potential to make us more effective - and, if so, how do we use them?

If you are interested in contributing to this edition, please email editor, Mary Borsellino on <mailto:m.borsellino@philanthropy.org.au?subject=Australian%20Philanthropy%20journal>

Victorian Treasurer's Budget Briefing for Philanthropy

Victorian Treasurer, the Hon Kim Wells MP, and the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional and Rural Development, the Hon Peter Ryan MLA, invite Members of Philanthropy Australia to a briefing on the Victorian State Budget. The briefing will provide insight into the Government's priorities for the coming financial year, and an opportunity to learn more about how government is working to build stronger relationships with philanthropy.

The Office for the Community Sector, Department of Planning and Community Development, has been working closely with philanthropists for the past two years to strengthen relationships between philanthropy and government. The event will also give you an opportunity to learn more about this work.

The 2011 budget briefing will be held 4:30 - 5:30 PM on 6 July 2011, in The Gippsland Room, Level 46, 55 Collins Street. Afternoon tea will be provided.

UK Cabinet Office releases Giving White Paper

The UK Cabinet Office released a Giving White Paper this month, introducing a range of incentives for giving to combat the fact that in the UK "the giving of both time and money has flat-lined." The incentives include a reduction in inheritance tax for those leaving 10% or

more of their estate to charity; investment in Philanthropy UK website to encourage giving; supporting the giving of small amounts such as via ATM; and three new funding schemes in volunteering and social action. Other proposed incentives include schemes for government ministers to volunteer, and creating a philanthropy committee to review candidates for honours.

More information can be accessed by downloading the White Paper:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/giving-white-paper.pdf>

Position Vacant: Chief Executive Officer, The Sidney Myer Fund and The Myer Foundation

The Sidney Myer Fund and The Myer Foundation are the Myer family's two major philanthropic entities. Together they form one of the pre-eminent philanthropic organisations in the country with an exceptional reputation of very long standing.

The boards now seek a new CEO to continue the organisations' success. Within the philanthropic sector this CEO position is demanding on many levels and notable for its breadth of involvement and scale of influence.

Applicants from a broad variety of backgrounds will be considered.

Applications close 14 June 2011. For more information, including a detailed Role Specification and Position Description, please see:

<http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/about-us/index.cfm?loadref=100>

Position Vacant: Grant Program Manager - ANZ Trustees (ANZT)

The role of the Grant Program Manager is to design and deliver quality granting programs and philanthropic advice that achieves enhanced community outcomes and regulatory compliance and to effectively network with and engage stakeholders both internal and external, particularly donors and not for profit organisations. Focusing on a range of trusts and donor programs, this role will make a significant contribution to the design, review and implementation of ANZT grant programs in order to ensure that quality grants are made consistent with trust requirements and with the objective of delivering enhanced community outcomes and provide specialist support to other ANZT teams.

The role also involves:

- Sourcing and supporting the development of grants suitable for funding;
- Managing the grant application process suitable for the granting program and for ANZ Trustees' needs;
- Assessing grant applications for suitability and potential community benefit, and present recommendations to donors and decision making bodies for discretionary charitable funds;
- Delivering high quality grant administration processes and documentation;
- Monitoring grant progress and final reports for learnings, effectiveness and compliance;
- Undertaking reports and reviews of specific granting programs and guidelines.

For further information and the application process, please go to Seek.com:

<http://www.seek.com.au/Job/grant-program-manager-grade-4-2/in/melbourne-cbd-inner-suburbs/19858847>

To discuss this role, please contact Chris Wootton, ANZT Grant Program Development Manager on (03) 9066 5686 or email: chris.wootton@anz.com

Position Vacant: SA Manager, Artsupport Australia

Artsupport Australia is seeking a dynamic manager for this new role, to grow philanthropic support for arts and culture in South Australia.

As a hands-on mentor, you will assist artists and arts organisations develop stronger income

streams through donor programs and grants from family and corporate foundations. You will also assist SA philanthropists and donors to source local beneficiaries in arts and culture.

You will be a well-networked individual with a strong fundraising track record, not necessarily in the arts. The role will be based in Adelaide.

The Artsupport Australia SA Manager role is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts SA and the Thyne Reid Foundation.

Further Information: Applications close Friday 10 June. Details about applying including the position description are available at:

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/about_us/employment/job_items/2011/sa_manager

For more information call Louise Walsh, Director, Artsupport Australia on (02) 9215 9022.

A friendly reminder

Members are asked to please ensure they do not pass on email invitations to Philanthropy Australia Member-only events, or Philanthropy Australia membership newsletters to non-Members, unless specifically invited to do so. This includes PRESSing Matters and Philanthropy Review, both of which are Member-only services and copyrighted to Philanthropy Australia.

Ensuring that the newsletters remain confined to those who have paid their dues is a courtesy to all our Members. It is also a courtesy to our staff, who have in some cases expended considerable time and energy trying to assist people asking to be removed from our email database, only to discover that they have in fact received the email as a forward rather than directly from Philanthropy Australia. We try to keep the public and the sector at large informed through other avenues, such as the blog, Twitter and website.

If Members feel a particular event or item is of special interest to a colleague who is a non-Member, please feel free to contact Philanthropy Australia staff to discuss.

Poor Economics

Poor Economics - <http://pooreconomics.com/> - bills itself as a radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty. Poor Economics particularly focuses on the motivations, needs and constraints of poor people themselves, pointing out that they can be misinformed or overwhelmed by circumstances and it can be a struggle to act in their own best interests. It looks at some of the questions which frustrate funders and policy developers alike - such as why the very poor often miss out on cheap life-saving immunisations or other preventative measures, but pay for expensive drugs and treatments. (The answers include that many public facilities which deliver preventative care are often closed, that people may often not understand the benefits of something like a vaccine when the "treatment" has no noticeable effect, and that those who do understand may procrastinate because the benefits are distant and uncertain but the cost is immediate.)

The Poor Economics website, although intended to accompany the book of the same name by MIT researchers Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, provides a wealth of information including solid data on world poverty and a series of well-documented research studies and evaluations of particular instances of aid.

Keep an eye out for a review of the Poor Economics book in an upcoming edition of Philanthropy Review.

<http://pooreconomics.com/>

The Tuesday Philanthropy Pop Quiz

Stacey Thomas from the Myer Family Company provides a quick philanthropy-focused pop quiz via email and Twitter every Tuesday. The online quizzes are intended as interesting conversation starters around the relationship between philanthropy, the community organisations philanthropists seek to assist, and the people that interact with both. They have

certainly proved useful food for thought and conversation starters in the Philanthropy Australia office!

To contribute to the weekly quiz, you can follow Stacey on Twitter at [@Thomstac](https://twitter.com/Thomstac) or email her to be put on the list at <mailto:stacey.thomas@mfc.com.au?subject=Philanthropy%20Pop%20Quiz>

This month's PhilanthropyOz Blog posts

Posts on Philanthropy Australia's blog this month include:

- May 26: [Positions Vacant Update](#)
- May 26: [New edition of Australian Philanthropy: International Giving](#)
- May 23: [New Position Vacant](#)
- May 19: [Reflections on Personal Philanthropy - Carrillo Gantner](#)
- May 18: [Event Calendar Update](#)
- May 18: [Sydney and Gold Coast Workshops](#)
- May 11: [NFP regulator & definition of charity announced in Budget](#)
- May 10: [Advocacy to achieve environmental outcomes - Workshops coming up in May](#)
- May 6: [Invitation for Donors to attend showcase of social change filmmaking](#)

The Philanthropy OzBlog is an occasional proactive online information service. Anyone can subscribe to receive updates by email by visiting <http://blog.philanthropy.org.au/> and entering their email address in the 'Subscribe' box on the right-hand menu.

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Philanthropy in the Next Decade

A summary of a presentation by Dennis Whittle, cofounder of Global Giving, on three phenomenon he believes will transform global philanthropy over the next 10-15 years. <http://blog.ncrp.org/2011/05/philanthropy-in-next-decade.html>

Time for Open Philanthropy in Australia?

Catrina Fay looks at developments in the US to create a culture of transparency amongst foundations, and suggests that "if the incentives are right for increased transparency in Australian philanthropy then the results could be game changing. But an investment needs to be made by philanthropy into itself, and the capacity of the sector, in order to undertake these initiatives and really drive them forward."

<http://3eggphilanthropy.com/2011/05/18/time-for-open-philanthropy-in-australia/>

White Paper puts giving in the hands of the people

Cheryl Chapman at PhilanthropyUK provides an excellent roundup of sector and press responses to the UK Giving White Paper released on May 23.

<http://www.philanthropyuk.org/news/2011-05-25/white-paper-puts-giving-hands-people>

Crowdfunding

Following a session by the Australian Centre for Social Innovation, Sharon Nathani looks at examples of how the phenomenon of 'crowdfunding' works in Australia, and what the ATO thinks of it all.

<http://ozphilanthropy.com/2011/04/14/crowdfundingir/>

Feature Article - Policy Reform: what happens next?

by Vanessa Meachen, Director, Research and Policy

Most Members will be greatly interested in the reforms to the not-for-profit sector announced in the recent Federal Budget - and rightly so. Philanthropy Australia will be increasingly

focused on these reforms over the next two years, as these developments have the potential to affect the landscape of the entire charitable sector, and it is vital that there be no disjunction between legislation and practice. We must work with the government to ensure that the framework is well-considered and appropriate.

There are two major developments; the establishment of a national regulator/charities commission, and the introduction of a statutory definition of charity. Those who have been in the philanthropic sector for some years will be aware that both these developments have been proposed and discussed at length in a great number of government inquiries and sector consultations. Philanthropy Australia has taken part in many of these consultations over the past few decades, as indeed have many of our Members. After so much time, energy and printer's ink has been expended, it's encouraging to see that we will have some concrete developments.

But what does this mean for our Members - and for philanthropy in general?

With regards to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) there may be no immediate effects for existing organisations and particularly for charitable trusts. It has been clear for some time that the vast majority of the not-for-profit sector was in favour of a national regulator, which was also recommended by the Productivity Commission into the Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector in 2010. The ACNC, as explained in the Representation section above, will initially be responsible for determining charitable status and other not-for-profit concessions, taking over the role currently held by the Tax Office. Later it will take on a wider role, including provision of a public information portal.

At this stage there are no indications on whether the supervision of charitable trusts will be moved from the state Attorney Generals to the national regulator, although this was one of the questions posed in the Consultation Paper on the national regulator released by Treasury earlier this year. Philanthropy Australia in its response to this question took the position that the merits, potential drawbacks and processes for of bringing charitable trusts under the supervision of the national regulator are not clear and that further detailed consultation specifically with the philanthropic sector is needed. Philanthropy Australia will, of course, continue to pursue this issue and will keep Members up to date.

The introduction of a statutory definition of charity has enormous potential implications. The Government has indicated that the definition will be based around that recommended by the 2001 Report of the Inquiry into the Definition of Charities and Related Organisations, and will take into account the results of recent judicial decisions such as the Aid/Watch case. The 2001 inquiry proposed a definition of charitable purposes building on the current four heads of charity but including "the promotion of community development to enhance social and economic participation", "the advancement of the natural environment" and "the advancement of culture". If the results of the High Court's Aid/Watch decision on advocacy are included, this has implications to be a major step forward, removing some current uncertainties around the entities and purposes which philanthropy can legally fund.

However, as Bruce Bonyhady pointed out in his speech at Philanthropy Australia's AGM in April, "the non profit sector will need to be very careful to ensure that this proposal is not designed to narrow the new and much improved definition of charity, almost before the ink has dried on the High Court's decision."

Given the importance of these reforms and their potential effects, Philanthropy Australia has been in contact with the Assistant Treasurer's office and will continue to pursue an active involvement in the consultation process on behalf of its Members, both on the formation and implementation of the ACNC, and on the statutory definition of charity.

The next two years and beyond will be a particularly vital and active time for Philanthropy Australia in its roles of policy development, representation and provision of information. We will keep you informed of developments and of opportunities for Members to become involved, and will be seeking your comments.

Philanthropy Australia Events

 = Philanthropy Australia Members only event

Indigenous Affinity Group (Sydney)

When: Wednesday 15 June 2011
Where: Sydney
Cost: N/A
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 9 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Arts Affinity Group (Sydney) - Social Lending or Community Finance

When: Wednesday 22 June 2011, 12:15-2 pm
Where: Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW
Cost: cost or N/A
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 16 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Chair of the Philanthropy Australia, Sydney Arts Affinity Group, Louise Walsh, Director, Artsupport Australia, invites Full Members to the next meeting which will feature a presentation by, and discussion with, Ms Belinda Drew, CEO of Foresters Community Finance on social lending - an update on what is happening in Australia and New Zealand (and globally) in social lending or community financing and what opportunities, challenges and risks there are for the philanthropic sector.

We will also discuss the applicability of social lending or community financing to arts and culture, in particular the work Foresters are doing with Brisbane-based contemporary circus organisation Circa.

This event is generously hosted by the Australia Council for the Arts.

Addressing Homelessness Affinity Group (Melbourne)

When: Thursday 23 June 2011, 12:15 - 2 pm
Where: Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Melbourne
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 16 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Members Strategic Planning Discussion (Sydney)

When: Tuesday 28 June, 2:30 - 4 pm
Where: Sydney CBD
For: Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 16 June via:
<https://register.eventarc.com/event/view/3494/tickets/strategic-planning-sessions-for-philanthropy-australia-sydney>

This is an opportunity for Members and Associate Members to provide input into the strategic planning process for Philanthropy Australia. This will be facilitated by Deborah Seifert, CEO.

Ageing Futures Affinity Group (Melbourne)

When: Tuesday 28 June, 10:30 am - 12 noon
Where: Equity Trustees, Melbourne
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 16 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Addressing Homelessness Affinity Group (Sydney)

When: Wednesday 29 June 2011, 12:15 - 2 pm
Where: Sydney CBD
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 16 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Philanthropy Professional Development Workshop: Social Media

When: Tuesday 5 July 2011, 12 - 1:30 pm (light lunch provided)
Where: Philanthropy Australia (Melbourne), Level 2, 55 Collins St, Melbourne
Cost \$40pp per workshop, or \$150pp for the whole workshop series
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: For further information on all workshops and to make a booking, go to the [Philanthropy Professional Development Workshops page](#).

Philanthropy Australia will be holding a series of professional development workshops in 2011 which are specifically designed for workers in philanthropy and features topics that have been requested by staff of member organisations. They will be led by specialist presenters and held over Tuesday lunchtimes (12-1.30pm) on alternative months.

This third workshop on Social Media will be presented by Shai Coggins from Connecting Up Australia and Jamie Silver from Clear Light Digital.

South Australia network

When: Tuesday 5 July 2011
Where: JBWere, Adelaide
Cost 12 - 2 pm
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia; non-Member grantmakers
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 23 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Affinity Group and Network Chairs Lunch

When: Tuesday 12 July 2011, 12 - 2 pm
Where: Wicking Room, Level 43, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne; generously hosted by ANZ Trustees
For: Chairs of Philanthropy Australia's Affinity Groups and Networks only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 23 June to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Education Affinity Group (Melbourne)

When: Tuesday 12 July 2011, 2 - 4 pm
Where: Melbourne CBD - venue TBA
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia
RSVP: RSVP essential by Tuesday 5 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

To allow time for processes and for each Working Group to then meet to discuss the 2011 themes of Technology and Alternative Education Models, the next EAG meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 12 July from 2-4pm. Please note this date in your diary as it is not on the printed 2011 Member Events Calendar.

Members Strategic Planning Discussion (Melbourne)

When: Wednesday 13 July 2011, 2:30 - 4 pm
Where: Origin Foundation, Level 32, 360 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
For: Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 23 June
via: <https://register.eventarc.com/event/view/3505/tickets/strategic-planning-sessions-for-philanthropy-australia-melbourne>

This is an opportunity for Members and Associate Members to provide input into the strategic planning process for Philanthropy Australia. This will be facilitated by Dr Deborah Seifert, CEO.

CEO Network Lunch (Melbourne)

When: Tuesday 19 July 2011, 12 - 2 pm
Where: ANZ Trustees, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne
For: CEOs of larger trusts and foundations, by invitation only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 7 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Circle of Learning (Sydney)

When: Thursday 21 July, 12:15 - 2 pm
Where: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Sydney
For: Full and Associate Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 14 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Education Affinity Group (Sydney)

When: Wednesday 27 July 2011, 12:15 - 2 pm
Where: Sydney
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 21 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Corporate Network (Melbourne)

When: Thursday 28 July 2011, 3 - 4:30 pm
Where: Melbourne - venue TBA
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: RSVP essential by Thursday 21 July to Annie Scoufis at Philanthropy Australia on (02) 9223 0155 or email a.scoufis@philanthropy.org.au

Philanthropy Australia Full Members Workshop Day (Melbourne)

When: 22 September 2011
Where: Wesley College, Melbourne
For: Full Members of Philanthropy Australia only
RSVP: To be advised.

Save the date! This one day workshop event for Full Members of Philanthropy Australia has strictly limited places available.

Speakers and sessions include three keynote speakers and four concurrent sessions.

Further information and an invitation will be sent to Full Members in July.

Sector Events

Connecting Up Conference 2011

Run By: Connecting Up
When: 1-3 June, 2011
Where: Melbourne
For: Not-for-profit entities
Cost: \$220-\$395
More Info: Visit <http://www.connectingup.org/conference>

The nonprofit interactive event for learning and thinking strategically about how innovation and technology can improve our operations and outcomes.

This year's Connecting Up conference picks up on a number of recent nonprofit sector studies and discussions on social innovation, capacity development and social enterprise. How does the use of technology overlay/ support these strategies? Technology provides new mediums to reach new audiences and provide capability for replication and growth, but it needs to be driven from a strategic viewpoint by innovators and decision makers.

Private Wealth Forum - Wealth Psychology and Life Transitions

Run By: Dealers' Group
When: Tuesday 14 June (Melbourne) / Thursday 16 June (Sydney) 2011, 9 am - 5 pm
Where: Hilton on the Park, Melbourne / Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney
For: Entrepreneurs and young philanthropists
Cost: Contact Dealers' Group for more information
More Info: Visit http://www.dealersgroup.com.au/s22_Events.html?&event=78

Sudden wealth sounds fantastic, but it can end in tears if managed poorly. Whether a life-long entrepreneur selling out of his business, or a family member suddenly inheriting significant wealth; the new wealthy are all too often not prepared for their new life. Examining wealth psychology and case studies, this 1 day forum sets a benchmark for thought leadership for entrepreneurs, new inheritors and their key advisers.

Topics of the Forum include:

- Sudden wealth syndrome - what is it and how do we address it?
- New wealth owners: managing life transitions
- Relationship driven services for the new wealthy: modern merchant banking

- Behavioural wealth management

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AEGN 2011 Annual Conference: Environmental and Indigenous Philanthropy

Run By: Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN)

When: 28 - 29 June 2011

Where: Melbourne Museum - 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton, Victoria

For: Grantmakers only

Cost: \$65 - \$500

More Info: Visit <http://www.aegn.org.au/>

The AEGN's Annual Conference is on again! This year the theme will be Indigenous and Environmental funding. We have a fantastic line up of speakers including:

- Keynote speaker Diane Christensen from the US-based The Christensen Fund
- Dr Kerry Arabena - Lowitjia Institute
- Christine Edwards - The Myer Foundation
- Dr Fiona Fraser - Federal Government Working on Country Indigenous Ranger Program
- Dr Sean Kerins - ANU's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
- Henrietta Marrie - The Christensen Fund
- Joe Morrison - Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance
- Steven Ross - Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

Topics include: an exploration of the relationship of Indigenous people to Country, the institutions that are facilitating this relationship and the many benefits to Indigenous culture, economy and health that come from making this relationship flourish; Indigenous land and sea management and the role of the philanthropic sector; The Christensen Fund journey over the last 54 years; viewing some of the Melbourne Museum's closed collections.

Victorian Treasurer's Budget Briefing for Philanthropy

Run By: Office for the Community Sector, Department of Planning and Community Development

When: 6 July 2011, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Where: The Gippsland Room, Level 46, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

For: Members of Philanthropy Australia

Cost: N/A

The Victorian Government recognises the important role that philanthropists play in supporting the not-for-profit community sector, and is committed to working with philanthropy and the sector to achieve the best possible outcomes for our communities.

Treasurer, the Hon Kim Wells MP and the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional and Rural Development the Hon Peter Ryan MLA invite you to a briefing on the 2011/12 Victorian State Budget. The briefing will provide insight into the Government's priorities for the coming financial year, and an opportunity to learn more about how government is working to build stronger relationships with philanthropy.

The Office for the Community Sector, Department of Planning and Community Development, has been working closely with philanthropists for the past two years to strengthen relationships between philanthropy and government. The event will also give you an opportunity to learn more about this work. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be provided.

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