

ALAN BROWN COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Celebrating a man on a mission to make a difference

The Hon Alan Brown has been inducted to the Australian Community Philanthropy Hall of Fame receiving the 2011 Award for Excellence and Achievement for his work in the development of Australian community foundations.

Alan was a member of parliament in Victoria for 18 years and has had ongoing involvement with community foundations for 9 years, as the founding Chair of the Inner North Community Foundation set up in 2007 and as the founding and current Chair of the Bass Coast Community Foundation, established in 2002. Alan is currently involved in setting up community foundations in bushfire affected areas.

The Inner North Community Foundation supports organisations within the municipalities of Moreland, Darebin and Yarra. Alan's contribution to both of these foundations has been invaluable as he gives freely of his time, knowledge, and vast experience. Alan was instrumental in gaining the support of the Inner North Community Foundation's key founding donor, Inner Northern Group Training, gaining a pledge of \$5 million over ten years to build the corpus of the foundation.

Alan said "Inner North Community Foundation funding is available to local community groups and aims to tackle the barriers facing young men and women as they navigate their way into employment."

He was also key in gaining support from the Victorian Government for both the Inner North Community Foundation and the Bass Coast Community Foundation, through the Community Foundations initiative resulting in both foundations raising \$100,000 themselves, and having this matched 3:1 by the State Government.

The impact on the community has been the distribution of nearly \$500,000 in four years to organisations and projects supporting community engagement, social inclusion, and pathways to employment.

Alan accepted the Hall of Fame induction and Award for Excellence with enthusiasm at the annual Community Foundations Forum held in Tweed Heads recently.

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