

Current fundraising campaigns

Major brigade expenses, such as our shed extension project, are planned over a number of years until we have raised enough to undertake them. We pursue as many opportunities as possible to raise those additional funds, including:

- June 2018 raffle
- Gungahlin Bunnings sausage sizzle
- Kane and the Six Foot Marathon
- Belconnen Bunnings sausage sizzle

Our three regular sources of income – annual donations from residents and landholders, the Murrumbateman Field Days and the Yarrh Winery winter solstice celebration – cover our regular expenses each year and occasional one-off big purchases. We also keep a little in reserve for emergencies.

CTO Group regularly helps out with some of our one-off big expenses and other ad hoc costs. We are also very grateful to a number of other individuals and organisations that support us in specific ways.

Shed extension project

We have been putting aside funds to extend our fireshed for some years. In March 2017 the project received a significant boost with a \$5000 donation from Hall Rotary.

June 2018 Raffle

This raffle, with some substantial major prizes is our latest fundraiser. Most [prizes](#) have been donated by businesses or individuals within our brigade area, or adjacent to it. We thank our prize donors for their generous support, including: Murrumbateman Rural Supplies, Robert Wynton, Helm Wines, Burnelee excursions on Horseback, Four Winds vineyard, and the Murrumbateman Field Days committee.

Kane and the Six Foot Track Marathon

Result: Kane had a great personal result in the marathon. He finished in the top 10% of runners (91st out of about 900 starters), was 4th fastest of all the firefighters, and did it in a time of 4 hrs 27 minutes, an hour under his target time. The result for the brigade was great, too. Kane raised about \$1500 from his corporate networks and was well-supported by brigade members as well, raising around \$2000 overall. In fact, according to our treasurer, these funds and the profits from the Bunnings Belconnen sausage sizzle, which Kane also organised, largely constitute our 'profit' for the year – the funds that go towards the shed extension.

Gungahlin Bunnings sausage sizzle

Following the success of our initial sausage sizzle at Belconnen Bunnings in February 2018, we are holding another one at the Gungahlin store on Sunday 17 June 2018.

Belconnen Bunnings sausage sizzle

This fundraiser, held on 4 February, 2017, raised about \$2000 for the brigade. We thank the various brigade members who helped out with planning, equipment and setting up, and the nine people who helped on the stall on the day.

Other individuals and organisations that support us

We thank the following for their support:

Ongoing

- Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre, which provides the land our fireshed is on at a peppercorn rental
- Yarrh Winery, for the yearly donation of 50% of the proceeds from their winter solstice celebration and ongoing support throughout the year.

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- Go Hosting (for one year's free hosting of our website)
- Geomatic & Property Services, Yass (for donating the survey work for the shed extension)
- Hall Rotary, for a donation of \$5000 to our shed extension fund
- Yarrh and Helm Wines, for donations to our 60th anniversary celebration
- Shaw, Clonakilla and Murrumbateman wineries for donations to our 60th anniversary celebration.

Annual request for donation

At the annual general meeting in late April each year we set the amount for the donation we will request from residents and landholders that year. The amount is currently \$50. This is unchanged since inception of the request in the 1990s. In our request letter, we detail our major purchases in the past year and our planned purchases for the current year, and long-term projects. The total amount received varies from year to year, but these donations represent 40%–45% of our annual budget.

Murrumbateman Field Days

This annual event is also a major contributor to our annual budget. A small planning team works most of the year and in August we put out a call for the 40 volunteers we need to fill our share of the shifts over the weekend. Income from this fundraiser represents 35%–45% of our annual budget.

Yarrh Winery winter solstice celebration

Since 2016, Yarrh Winery has donated 50% of the proceeds from their annual winter solstice celebration to the brigade. Brigade members help build the bonfire, as well as providing fire security and helping with parking and other activities on the night. This donation contributes to our annual budget and long-term projects, making Yarrh Winery a generous and significant contributor to our brigade.

CTO Group

CTO Group regularly donates equipment we could otherwise not afford, for example, an expensive digital RFS network portable radio. CTO also picks up the tab for ad hoc expenses, such as the costs of designing and printing the 60th anniversary booklet and signage and flyers promoting the hot food shed at the field days.