

R.M. Ansett Trust gives \$300,000 for children and youth

The R.M. Ansett Trust has announced grants totalling \$300,000 to support children and young people in Victoria.

The charitable trust established by Sir Reginald Ansett has the objective of “assisting children to take their place in life”. Grants have been awarded to a range of charities including SHINE for Kids, Scope (Vic) and Good Beginnings Australia.

The major grant of \$100,000 to the Salvation Army Eastcare Network will fund a project to support young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, particularly young adults who are exiting out-of-home care and other statutory programs in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs.

“As trustee of the R.M. Ansett Trust, Equity Trustees received applications for many valuable projects and is very pleased to provide funds for seven projects this year,” said Tabitha Lovett, Head of Philanthropy.

“We hope that these grants will make a positive difference in the lives of many children and young people

“For example, SHINE for Kids Cooperative will extend its support for children who have parents in prison and Good Beginnings Australia will run an early learning program for disadvantaged children in Doveton in Melbourne’s east so that they have better language and literacy skills when starting school.”

The Ansett Trust particularly sought applications from charitable organisations working with children and youth in the Mornington Peninsula and Frankston areas because of Sir Reginald’s long association with the region.

Other grants went to:

- Living the Dream Foundation for a youth mentoring program for marginalised youth in Frankston.
- TaskForce Community Agency for a Trade Try-Outs program for disadvantaged young people to complete skills-based training.
- Scope (Vic) Limited for its GoKids program that provides specialist advice and therapy for children with cerebral palsy who are unable to walk unassisted.
- The Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing (Taralye) for speech pathology assessment services to culturally and linguistic diverse (CALD) families in Melbourne’s northern and western suburbs who have a young child with hearing loss.

Background

Sir Reginald Myles Ansett (1909-1981) was a well-known Australian businessman, aviator, and philanthropist, best known for founding Ansett Airlines. The R.M. Ansett Trust was established through his will with the aim of “assisting children to take their place in life”. The Trust has a grants program and funds social equity scholarships at three independent schools and at Swinburne University for a student studying aviation.

Equity Trustees currently manages more than 200 charitable trusts with around \$500 million in funds under management. The R.M. Ansett Trust distributes approximately \$1 million annually through grants and scholarships and is one of the largest charitable trusts managed by the company.

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