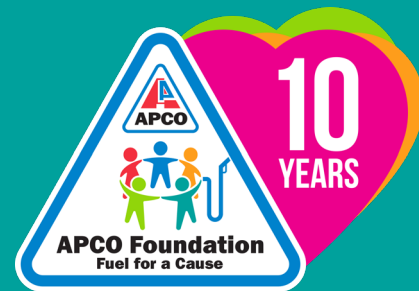


# Monthly Snapshot

## August & September 2023



### In August, we gave away \$25,600!

- **\$600** to a family where the father is ill and having treatments.
- **\$5000** to the Lazarus Community to help create a fair future for those experiencing homelessness in our region.
- **\$10,000** to Meli foster a future to help encourage more foster carers to join.
- **\$5000** Centre Against Violence a specific family violence and assault organization. They provide crisis intervention in the Ovens Murray region.

#### OUR MONTHLY DONATIONS OF

- **\$3000** to MELI for emergency relief in gift cards
- **\$1000** to Cottage by the Sea
- **\$2000** to Feed Me Bellarine



### In September, we gave away \$31,500!

- **\$6000** to a family who lost a young man from a rare cancer.
- **\$3000** in gift cards to Uniting to provide relief. They have had a 30% growth in people accessing their service.
- **\$500** to Family First who are having a fundraiser for a Portarlington family who lost their father.
- **\$5000** to Bravehearts funding support for Dittos Keep Safe Adventure, personal safety program for children. It is to alleviate costs to families so the children can participate in this great educational program.
- **\$8000** for a family with a child with brain cancer to support them during this difficult time.
- **\$3000** to Bayleaf Community Kitchen, supporting families in crisis with gift cards.

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## Who did we say no to and why?

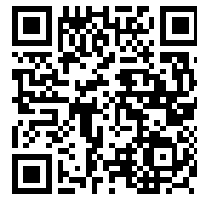
Who did we say no to and why? It's so tough to say no! So many requests cause us to emotionally want to give, but we have guidelines, and we have to follow them. It's especially hard when we may have a family in need or an organization with a very valid request. We look at the area the request is coming from. Is it within range of where there is an APCO site? Does it sit within our umbrella of POVERTY, HEALTH, EDUCATION and DISASTER RELIEF? Then we also consider who else is donating to them. We want our money to go where it will have the most impact. The board is amazing. They look at every request individually, and with their unique set of skills and lots of logical and passionate discussion, they come to a rational and sometimes very difficult decision.

# Policies and procedures

The board are in the process of Policy making which will make their decisions in the future a lot easier. We are implementing guidelines and procedures through the policies of

- **CONFIDENTIALITY**
- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- **DISASTER RELIEF**
- **PRIVACY**
- **CYBER SECURITY**

# Chairperson's Report 2023



We raised **\$348,263** last year and we donated **\$276,600** back into the community.

Scan the QR code for our Chairperson's Report.



## September After 5

APCO Service Stations & APCO Foundation were delighted to partner with the Geelong Chamber of Commerce for the September After 5 networking event. APCO Service Stations are 100% Australian owned, and one of the largest independent fuel and convenience stores in Australia. APCO was founded in 1968 by Ron and Margaret Anderson. Today, with brothers Peter and Rob Anderson at the helm APCO continues to thrive with 28 stores (& more in the pipeline) across Victoria and NSW.

The APCO Foundation is an important part of the APCO Service Stations story. The foundation was founded in 2013 by the four Anderson sister's (Sharon, Mary Anne, Christine and Jenny). The Foundation has directly injected over 1.5 million dollars back into the communities around the APCO sites and recently celebrated 10 years of supporting local families, individuals and organisations. APCO and the APCO Foundation is committed to continuing a legacy of kindness throughout our communities.

## Kindness Champs

Kindness Champs raised **\$28,471.49**. Thank you to our trade partners!

We have a Kindness Champ every month from APCO'S corporate partners. They donate an amount of money to the APCO FOUNDATION from the sale of their products in every APCO site. Please know your efforts are noticed and appreciated. The impact you make is a testament to your values and a shining example of how businesses can make a meaningful impact on society.



## Our Mission

To focus on kindness in our APCO communities by giving financial support to individuals, families and projects.

## Save the Date!

Key dates to keep in the calendar.

**APCO Foundation Wine Walk**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**APCO Foundation Race Day**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024