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\$224 964 donated for a better community

Australian Ethical Investment's record profit for the year ending 30 June 2007 has enabled the company to increase the amount granted to the community.

This year a record \$224 964 is being donated to 41 community groups working across Australia and overseas.

Australian Ethical Investment donates 10% of its profit back into the community every year as prescribed by its constitution. Grant recipients are involved in a wide range of environmental, charitable and community activities, which the company seeks to support as an important contribution to a positive and sustainable society.

In 2007 the company has taken a step forward by allocating its first major project grant of \$50 000 to The Australia Institute for their project to create teaching materials on climate change for Australian high schools. See page 3 of this release for project details.



Engineers Without Borders: supporting the Cambodian School of Prosthetic and Orthodontics.

“Australian Ethical enthusiastically supports The Australia Institute’s project to equip school students with clear and effective learning materials on climate change. We hope the students will one day make better decisions than the current cohort of business and political leaders,” said Anne O’Donnell, CEO of Australian Ethical.

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Company background

Australian Ethical Investment Ltd is a fund manager that specialises exclusively in ethical funds management. Five managed trusts and corresponding superannuation strategies are offered: the Australian Ethical Balanced Trust, the Australian Ethical Equities Trust, the Australian Ethical Large Companies Share Trust, the Australian Ethical World Trust, and the Australian Ethical Income Trust. The Australian Ethical Charter is the foundation of the investment process. It aims to avoid harmful investments and actively seeks investments that benefit society and the environment. The company’s constitution requires that 10% of profit is donated to charitable and conservation initiatives.

**Major project
grant
\$50 000**

The Australia Institute: *teaching materials on climate change for Australian schools*

**\$10 000
grants**

National Trust of Australia (ACT) – St John’s Church Heritage Conservation Fund: *conservation of the Golden Sun Moth and its habitat*
Engineers Without Borders: *improving the curriculum, teaching capacity and graduate success of the Cambodian School of Prosthetic and Orthotics (CSPO)*
Friends of the Earth Australia: *anti-nuclear campaigns*

**\$6600
grants**

ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group
Barefoot Economy
Australian Marine Conservation Society
Camp Quality
Australians for Disability and Diversity Employment
Pedal Power ACT
WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service)
Bicycle Federation of Australia
NRMA CareFlight
WaterAid Australia

**\$2900
grants**

Animal Liberation NSW
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Australian Crohn’s & Colitis Association
Australian Drug Foundation
Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre
Conservation Council south east region and Canberra
Edgar’s Mission
Head High
Hepburn Wildlife Shelter
National Parks Association of New South Wales
Rainforest Rescue
Respite Care Bega Valley
Aid/Watch
Animals Asia Foundation (Australia)
Chrysalis Insight Incorporated
Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand
HopeStreet Urban Compassion
International Women’s Development Agency
Kids Under Cover
Mineral Policy Institute
New Internationalist Publications
Prison Fellowship Australia (Victoria)
Vulcana Women’s Circus
Darling Range Wildlife Shelter
Marine Stewardship Council (Asia Pacific)
The Friends of Oolong
Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland

Major grant recipient: The Australia Institute, ANU, Canberra.
Project: teaching materials on climate change for Australian schools

The Australia Institute was established in 1994, as an independent non-profit public policy research centre with the purpose of creating a vision of a more just, sustainable and peaceful Australia. It conducts research and policy analysis and participates in public debates on political, economic, social and environmental issues. The Institute is funded by grants from philanthropic trusts, governments, business, unions and community organisations.

The Institute is active in promoting climate change initiatives and strategies such as the adoption of renewable energy. This involves educating the community on the aspects and issues of climate change. As such, the Institute will develop an educational series on climate change for Australian high schools, the project be funded by the \$50 000 grant received from Australian Ethical Investment.

The teaching materials will be designed to complement the existing curriculum. The series will cover a number of topical areas such as the science behind climate change, international negotiations addressing climate change, the ethics and economics of climate change, comparing emission profiles between countries, policy considerations, and the debate on the nuclear alternative.