



**SOUTH WEST
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

2018-2019 *Annual Report*



A message from the chair



In this our twelfth year of operation it is a pleasure to present this 2018/2019 Annual Report and again report a positive year for the Foundation. In September this year we celebrated 12 years of service to the community of South West Victoria.

In that twelve years the Foundation has built trust funds of a little over \$2 million and has distributed more than \$880,000 in grants supporting charitable activity in the region. This year another \$126,083 has been shared between 39 projects. In addition, the Foundation has organised the distribution of 750 Back-to-School vouchers to students in need of some support across the region.

The Foundation provides not only opportunities for enriching, supporting, creative and charitable activity across the community now but also an insurance fund against disasters or crises in the future. The current needs are demonstrated by the fact that requests for grants far exceeded our capacity to provide support. The value of having the Foundation as an insurance for the future is clear in an uncertain world where natural and man-made disasters are occurring in increasing numbers. At a time of crisis in our region our funds could be quickly mobilised in response.

Despite the record of success and its potential future importance, the Foundation has not been able to achieve a strong place in the community's awareness. Our regular donor base is small and we struggle to compete for philanthropic support amongst the other worthy but narrowly focused short-term causes. During 2020 we will be making a special effort to increase our funds base by increasing community awareness of the value of having a permanent resource that can be drawn on rather than depending on individual fund raising efforts as needs arise.

The work of driving the Foundation is, as always, largely dependent on the voluntary contributions of time and expertise by the members of the Board. The work of all Directors is vital to the work the Foundation does and should be appreciated by all. It is however particularly appreciated by me in my role as Chair. This past year we have been disappointed to lose the services of Phillipa Dee, but delighted to welcome Edith Farrell to the Board. Edith's deep knowledge of the Glenelg part of our region has been missing from the Board for some time.

Special thanks are due to our hard working Executive Officer, Karen Norris, who squeezes so much output from her limited employment hours.

Of course, the work of the Foundation would not be possible without all the philanthropists who support the Foundation – the donors, the sponsors, the volunteers. Particular thanks to Sinclair Wilson who manage our financial affairs and provide investment advice, but also to the other supporters listed elsewhere in the Annual Report. To all these people and organisations, on behalf of the Board and the community of south west Victoria, please accept sincere thanks. 2018/2019 has been a steady year for the Foundation and has provided a base for more good work across south west Victoria in 2020.

Barrie Baker

Chair



About us

Vibrant, sustainable communities were part of Josie Black's vision for south west Victoria. She was a community leader and a strong advocate for education and training, health, regional tourism, arts and youth development. Her vision and commitment drove the establishment of the South West Community Foundation in September 2007. In September 2007, the then Governor of Victoria, Professor David DeKretser, together with our founder, Josie Black, officially launched the Foundation.

South West Community Foundation supports charitable activities in the community of south west Victoria. It provides a way for ordinary people to support and invest in the future of their community.

The Foundation has four Trust Funds: the Public Fund, Open Fund, Scholarship Fund and Disaster Relief Fund. All except the Open Fund are recognised as Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) funds by the Australian Taxation Office meaning that donations can be claimed as tax exempt. All four are also Income Tax Exempt Funds (ITEF), this means the income from our investments is tax free and is returned to the community through our annual community grants.

The Foundation is structured as a public not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

Our vision

Stronger
Community

Our mission

To foster a culture of giving to
strengthen the communities of
South West Victoria

Our region

Colac-Otway • Corangamite
Glenelg • Moyne • Southern
Grampians • Warrnambool

Meeting our objectives in 2018-19

The objectives of the South West
Community Foundation are to:

- Build a substantial, permanent fund for charitable purposes in our region Value of the corpus at 30 June 2019 \$2,088,672
- Manage and invest funds prudently to optimise income available for distribution \$105,695 received in interest and dividends
- Provide a simple, cost effective way for people to make donations to their community. Individual donors contributed: \$11,526 received in donations
- Distribute investment income to the community for charitable purposes \$126,083 distributed to 39 projects

Our value proposition

local giving for local needs

“ A permanent fund, built and operated
by our community, working to
support and strengthen our region. ”

- We have local knowledge and understand local needs
- We listen and are solution focused.
- Our fund is permanent as insurance for the future.
- We have strong governance and financial management structures.
- We build a better future with your donations.

Governance

South West Community Foundation Board of Directors, volunteer their time and skills to the Foundation. Directors for 2018-2019:



Barrie Baker
Chair



Gareth Colliton
Deputy Chair



David McIntyre
Treasurer



Brian Trotter



Robyn Alexander



Doug Parker



Dr Laurel Myers



Edith Farrell



Richard Zerbe



Karen Norris
Executive Officer

Advisory committees of the Foundation

The Board has established Advisory Committees for its larger Sub-Funds. These Committees are responsible to the Board for:

- Assisting with fund raising for the Sub Fund and promotion of the Foundation in the Colac region
- Recommending grants to be made in their areas of activity

Colac Sub Fund Advisory Committee Membership:
Director - Robyn Alexander (Chair), Committee: Greg Fletcher, Mary Stinchcombe and Leah Meade

Koroit and District Sub Fund Advisory Committee Membership:
Director - Brian Trotter (Chair) Committee: Jim Madden,

Laurence Gleeson, Lorraine Mielnik, Leon Carey, Andrea Lane and Tim McNally

Greater Hamilton Sub-Fund Development Group Membership: Director - Gareth Colliton (Chair). Committee: Peter and Bronwyn Dwight, Helen and Tony Henry, Brad Henderson and Mark Brian.

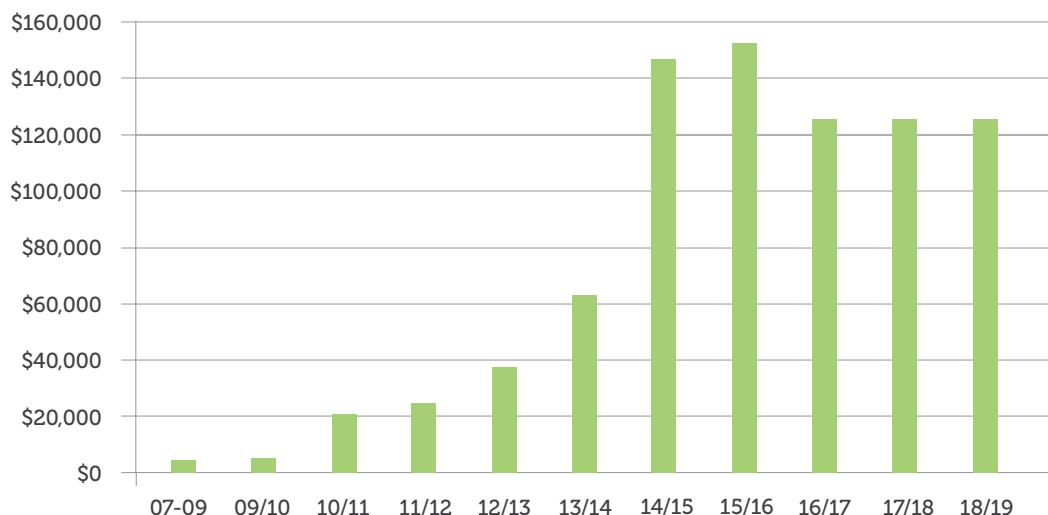


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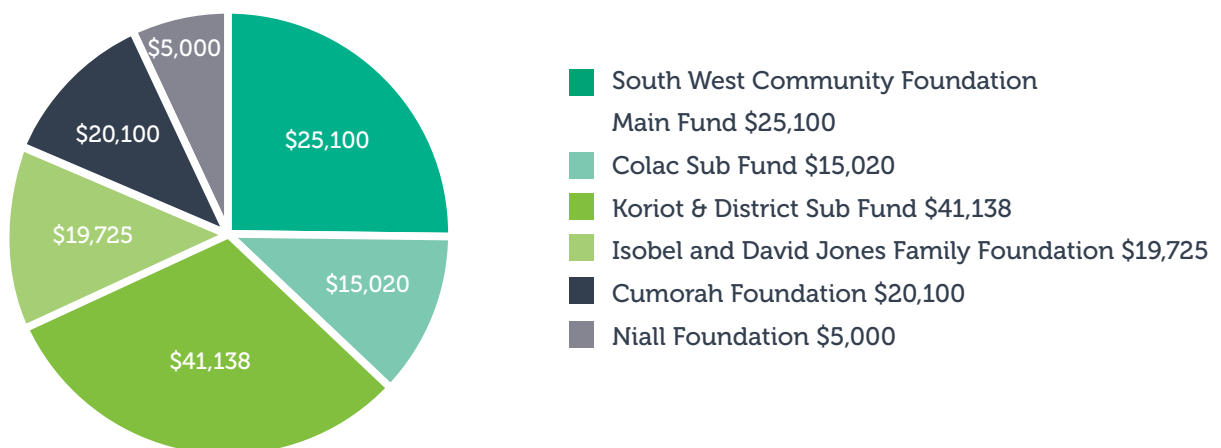
Granting Report

The 2018-2019 financial year has seen the Foundation make grants in excess of **\$126,000**

Total Annual Granting since 2007



2018-19 Source of Granting Funds



Total grants from the Foundation to the south west community since 2007 is now over

\$880,000



The following tables show the breakdown of where the funds were distributed in the region and in what focus areas the projects were based on as well. Having this information assists the Foundation in looking at focusing more support in certain areas and regions into the future.

Where the Grants go!

SWCF Breakdown of Focus areas from 2007-2019



SWCF Region Granting Breakdown 2007-2019



2018-19 Granting

South West Community Foundation Main Fund	Project Name	\$ Allocated
Bahgallah Memorial Hall Committee Inc	Refurbishment for the Future	\$2,800
Heywood Consolidated School	Planter to Plate vegetable gardens	\$1,000
Melville Forest Community Centre	Melville Forest Hall Kitchen Refurbishment	\$2,500
Mud Gallery a trading name of Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning	Computer, Printer and Hardware	\$2,300
South West Healthcare	Creation of A Community space to encourage social connection and social and mental health and wellbeing at Lismore Community Health	\$4,000
The Narrawong District Association	Post Office Community Garden	\$3,000
The Salvation Army (auspicing Portland Community Mealshare)	Portland Community Mealshare Project	\$2,000
Tuniversal Music Group Inc - 2019 C'down Robert Burns Scottish Festival	2019 Robert Burns Scottish Festival	\$2,500
Leadership Great South Coast	Leadership Great South Coast (LGSC) Annual Scholarships - SPONSORSHIP	\$4,000
Camperdown & District Community House Inc.	Camperdown & District Food Bank - SPONSORSHIP	\$1,000
	Sub Total	\$25,100.00
Colac Region Sub Fund	Project Name	\$ Allocated
Colac Driver Reviver	Replace faulty Air Conditioner	\$3,340
Colac West Primary School	Literacy Intervention	\$2,400
Colac Woodcrafters Guild INC	Vices in the Workshop	\$630
Creative Otways- Colac Otway Art Trail	Wildhoney Performing Arts Workshops	\$2,500
Eat Up Australia (with Otway Rotaract Club)	Eat Up Colac	\$3,900
Yeodene Public Hall & Recreation Reserve	Yeodene Community Hall upgrade & community activities	\$2,250
	Sub Total	\$15,020.00
Koroit and District Sub Fund	Project Name	\$ Allocated
CFA Belfast Group of Fire Brigades	Kestrel Meters	\$2,911
Friends of Pallister's Reserve	Defibrillator for Pallisters	\$2,500
Hawesdale Racecourse & Recreation Reserve	Fence for the Playgroup	\$4,464
Koroit and District Primary School	Engaging our school and wider community.	\$3,258
Lions Club of Koroit (auspiced by Rail Trail Committee)	Getting and Keeping Koroit Fit	\$4,500
Mailors Flat Hall Committee	Floor sanding & polishing and new tables for hall	\$4,500
Port fairy to Warrnambool Rail Trail Committee Inc.	Saving the Goods Shed	\$4,500
St Patrick's Koroit	Hands on Learning	\$4,500
Woolsthorpe Primary School	Pizza Oven Mosiac & Garden	\$4,005
Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd	Free Wi-Fi at Tower Hill	\$2,500
Commonwealth Championship Sheepdog Trials Inc	Commonwealth Championship Sheepdog Trials	\$1,000
Koroit Irish Festival	Koroit Irish Festival- SPONSORSHIP	\$2,500
	Sub Total	\$41,138.00
Isobel & David Jones Family Foundation	Project Name	\$ Allocated
Cycling Without Age - Port Fairy	Cycling Without Age	\$5,000
Nature's Way Eco Sanctuary Group INC.	Replenish Our Planet Living Festival	\$3,000
Port Fairy Community Group Inc. t/as Port Fairy Community House	Better Sound	\$3,725
South Warrnambool Community Association Inc.	History of the Warrnambool Mill	\$3,000
South West Community Energy	Renewable Energy Education Van	\$5,000
	Sub Total	\$19,725.00
Cumorah Foundation	Project Name	\$ Allocated
Let's Talk Australia	Talk the Talk Southwest-Breaking Mental Health Stigma	\$5,000
Lifeline Direct Ltd (SWV)	Sew Bags to Save Lives	\$3,100
		\$5,000
Nature Glenelg Trust	Environmental Perspectives of the South West Coast	\$3,000
Warrnambool and District Community Hospice	A Compassionate Community in end of life care	\$4,000
Warrnambool Special Developmental School (WSDS)	School Uniforms support for disadvantaged families	
	Sub Total	\$20,100.00
Niall Foundation	Project Name	\$ Allocated
Victoria Police	D-FORCE	\$5,000.00
	Sub Total	\$5,000.00
	Grand Total	\$126,083

Major Donors & Supporters

Volunteers

The Foundation sincerely thanks all of this year's volunteers for their support. Volunteers work with the Foundation to organise fundraising events, encouraging work place giving programs, serve on Foundation Committees and assist with raising awareness of the Foundation's activities.

Named Memorials

The foundation is pleased to recognize Named Memorials of donations of at least \$10,000.

The existing Foundation memorials are:

Phyllis Gough Memorial

Established in 2013 Phyllis Gough is remembered for her generous support of children in Hamilton and district.

Kate Armbruster Memorial

Established in 2012 Kate Armbruster is remembered for her support of environmental issues, community music and the needs of young people.

Josie Black OAM Memorial

Established in 2010 Josie Black OAM is remembered as the driving force behind the establishment of South West Community Foundation. Josie was actively involved in education and training, health, regional tourism, arts and youth development.

Frank Paatsch Memorial

Established in 2009 Frank Paatsch is remembered for his generosity and strong connection to the Colac community.



Named Benefactors

The Foundation's Named Benefactors, both individuals and organizations have donated a minimum of \$10,000 to the Foundation.

Robert and Louise Manifold 2007

Robert and Louise wished to support the local geographic area and wanted to help people who live in South West Victoria.

Paatsch Family

The Paatsch family continue to support people who live in the South West community, especially in the Colac Region.

Felicity Melican

Felicity's commitment to this region is not only highlighted by her contributions to the Foundation but also her involvement in many other regional Foundations.

Manintveld Family

A family with great interest in the Colac Region and supporting positive outcomes through the Foundation.

Mr John Gall

Mr Gall has been a great contributor to the Foundation and the South West region.

Dr. Geoff Handbury AO

Dr. Handbury has been a great contributor ensuring support in the Greater Hamilton region.

Jigsaw Farms

Jigsaw Farms have contributed to the Foundation due to their interest in supporting communities within the Hamilton region and all of the South West.





Camperdown District Community House Foodbank



Commonwealth Championship Sheepdog Trials and Committee in Port Fairy 2019

Sponsors

We extend our thanks to all the individuals and organisations that sponsor us, including but not limited to:

South West Credit
Moyne Shire Council
Warrnambool Cheese & Butter
Mortlake Butchers
Koroit Lions Club
Telstra Country Wide
Northeast Stockdale and Leggo

The local media for helping us tell our stories:

Ace Radio
ABC Regional
WDNnews Colac Herald
Hamilton Spectator
Hamilton Times
Warrnambool Standard.
Moyne Gazette / Portland Observer

Major Sponsor

Sinclair Wilson

The Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of Sinclair Wilson with the provision of pro-bono financial services and investment advice. In particular, the Foundation recognises the contribution of Felicity Melican, Warren Easley, Adam Dickson and Beryl McLeod in providing these services.

Partners

We extend our thanks to all the individuals and organisations that are our partners including:

Starprinting
South West Credit Union
Brophy Youth and Family Services

Major Partners

South West TAFE

The Foundation could not run our operations without the ongoing support with the South West TAFE and wish to specifically thanks Natasha Wilkinson and her team.

Ace Radio - Coast FM

The Foundation has received great ongoing support from Peter Headon and his team including Lindy Watson at the Warrnambool office.

Workplace Giving

This year donations were received by people participating in workplace giving at: **Brophy Family and Youth Service; Moyne Shire Council and; Warrnambool City Council.** The Foundation will be expanding its Workplace Giving Program and will be coming to your workplace soon! Learn more about Workplace Giving at

www.southwestcommunityfoundation.org

Granting Partners

Isobel and David Jones Family Foundation
Cumurah Foundation
Niall Foundation

Once again, the Foundation is truly grateful for the key partnership with these Foundations in the provision of granting funds this year and are looking forward too many more years working together to support the south west region.



Brauer College accepting Back To School Vouchers

Donate now...

Please go to our website

www.southwestcommunityfoundation.org



Back to School

This year the Foundation distributed 754 vouchers each worth \$50 for allocation to young people across 71 schools in the south west. The total value of the vouchers distributed is \$37,700. The schools involved are both primary and secondary schools spread across the whole of the south west's six municipalities.

The vouchers are for uniforms, shoes and other school requisites. They are allocated on the advice of the schools to students from families that are finding it financially tough keeping their children properly set up for school.

The Foundation again wishes to thank the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Isobel and David Jones Family Foundation for their generous support in the provision of these vouchers along with our Foundation.

Feedback received from Principals:

- ☞ Thank you to the South West Community Foundation and the Isobel & David Jones Foundation for again administering the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal's Education Australia Program. This initiative certainly benefits our rural families and helps ease the financial burden of some education expenses. ☞
- ☞ Once again we thank you for supporting our disadvantaged families in this way. It makes a huge difference. ☞
- ☞ We are grateful for the continued support from FRRR and Isobel and David Jones Foundation through the SWCF, please pass on our thanks. The vouchers have been so well received in previous years, families really appreciate that little bit of help. It does make a difference with the costs particularly for the larger families with low income. ☞
- ☞ We have received our Back to School Vouchers to support families that are finding it tough financially at the moment. We would like to thank you and your Foundation for this wonderful initiative. ☞



Nuturing Room Warrnambool Primary School



Warrnambool Foodshare



Warrnambool Toy Library

Some of Our Stories

Over the past decade the Foundation has proudly been able to support and facilitate funding worth over \$880,000. Below are some of the recent project supported and how this funding has assisted their organisation and ultimately their communities.



DFORCE 2

D-Force – Victoria Police Hamilton

D-Force is a student-led, games-based educational approach used within schools to protect young people from the dangers of the drug ice, or methamphetamine. Schools use the D-Force Program to help young people understand the risks of taking methamphetamine, and how to get help if they or someone they know is at risk.

Project Coordinator, Kelly McNaughton from Victorian Police Hamilton stated:

It's about learning how ice affects your body, it's about learning what support is out there beyond just you mum and dad. We are trying to equip kids with self resilience, before they get impacted by peer group pressure or find themselves being offered the drug!

Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-Operative

The 2018 grant was used to construct outdoor furniture – 5 tables and seats at Tower Hill through the Hands on Learning Program at Warrnambool College consisting of 20 students - years 7-9.

Hands on Learning Founder Russell Kerr was at the launch of the new facilities at Tower Hill and said it was amazing to see the growth of the program in the south west.



Standing Tall Kids - Tower Hill



Warrnambool East Primary School

Warrnambool East Primary School – Nurturing Room

Assistant Principal – Robyn Ledin states:

Our program continues to thrive and meet the needs of these vulnerable students. The opportunity to add Music and Art Therapy to the program, to purchase additional sensory resources and to use these resources to operate an additional Sensory Program, has enhanced the development of oral language, and social and emotional skills of vulnerable students. Running the additional sensory program for older students has enabled the principles of nurture to be applied across the school, and meet the needs of a wider range and number of students.



Warmnambool Foodshare



Penshurst Men's Shed - Pencils Work



Future Sheepdog Trials Champions



Portland Mental Health

South West Healthcare Portland Mental Health

The 2018 grant was used to facilitate the Portland Card Making Group. This group has been functioning for a few years and benefits people with 'life difficulties.

Judy Moodie, Group Facilitator stated,

- The project at the Card Making Group has helped people to improve their independent living skills, social relationships and promotion of their self-direction along with the ability to accept direction.

South West Healthcare – Greening Rotary House

Funding was used to fund an extension of the solar array on Rotary House to more completely meet daytime usage. Elvira Hewson, Environmental Sustainability Project Officer states:

- As part of our commitment to delivering health care in a manner that minimises harm to the environment, South West Healthcare is seeking to reduce electricity consumption through the implementation of renewable energy projects. Greening Rotary House will provide tangible public environmental benefits and be used in education of staff, patients and visitors regarding the importance of reducing energy consumption where possible.



SWH Greening Rotary 2018



Penshurst Men's Shed

The 2018 project was the inaugural fit-out of tools and equipment in the Penshurst Men's Shed, a workshop created to benefit both men and women in Penshurst and the surrounding region. The Shed acts as a meeting place not just for hobbyists but also as a social centre and one where workshops focus on men's health and wellbeing across all ages. Ama Cooke, Treasurer states:

- The tools in our hands were a part of the greater tools that form from communication between individuals, as they work side-by-side, creating projects that benefit young and old. As part of the growing progress of our Shed, the tools provided by the grant from the South West Community Foundation helped us 'lend a hand' wherever it was needed. From the young to our Elders, the tools have provided treasured additions to, and gentle reminders of, activities both past and present.

Finances

The full audited statement is available at www.southwestcommunityfoundation.org or by contacting the Foundation info@southwestcommunityfoundation.org

For the year ended 30 June 2019

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2019	2018
INCOME		
Dividends	109,690	82,514
Grants Received	1,500	5,000
Donations	11,526	27,090
Fundraising	2,645	2,550
Interest Received	26,810	26,416
Net Profit on sale of Non-current assets	12,296	6,706
Sponsorship	500	5,500
Sundry Income	1,991	5,126
TOTAL INCOME	166,958	158,352

EXPENDITURE

Administrative Costs	10,252	10,937
Advertising and Marketing	4,485	3,739
Depreciation	570	1,680
Fundraising Expenses	1,989	631
Grants Paid	81,258	88,047
Insurance	2,443	2,364
Memberships and Subscriptions	2,475	1,519
Payroll Costs	58,848	53,985
Scholarships	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	162,320	162,902

Movement in Market Value of Investments	52,762	15,574
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT FOR THE YEAR	53,509	11,025

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	266,258	452,950
Receivables	30,805	24,397
Shares in listed companies	1,798,314	1,409,829
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,095,377	1,887,176

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Plant and Equipment	300	870
Financial Assets		152,831
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	300	153,701

TOTAL ASSETS	2,095,677	2,040,878
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LIABILITIES

Payables	6658	5,716
Employee provisions	348	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,006	5,716

NET ASSETS	2,088,671	2,035,161
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EQUITY

Financial Assets Reserve	76,896	0
Retained Earnings	2,011,028	2,039,710
Net Income	747	(4,548)
TOTAL FOUNDATION FUNDS	2,088,671	2,035,161

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

General Fund	568,852	550,033
Colac Region Fund	386,760	375,735
Koroit District Fund	1,050,183	1,028,426
Greater Hamilton Fund	77,929	73,604
Education Fund	4,825	4,558
Disaster Relief Fund	122	4,115

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS BY TAX STATUS

Public funds (tax deductible for donors)	598,410	531,053
Open Funds (not tax deductible for donors)	1,485,314	1,504,109



Trust Funds of the Foundation

There are four Trust Funds that together make up the Corpus of the Foundation. Income from this Corpus in turn provides the basis for the Foundation's granting to charitable activity within the community. The four Trust Funds are:

SWCF Public Fund – a fund able to accept tax deductible donations and make grants to ATO registered Item 1 DGR (deductible grant recipient) charitable organisations.

SWCF Open Fund – donations are not tax deductible but grants can be made to any charitable activity or organisation.

SWCF Disaster Relief Fund – donations to this fund are tax deductible and grants can be made to individuals or organisations who are suffering as a result of a Declared Disaster.

SWCF Scholarship Fund – can receive tax deductible donations and make grants to individuals provided that certain nominated requirements are met.

SWCF allocates donations and income received to one or more of the Trust Funds, and where requested to one or more Managed Sub-Fund Accounts. Donors may nominate both the Trust Fund and the Managed Account:

The Managed Sub-Fund Accounts include:

- SWCF Colac Region Sub Fund
- SWCF Koroit and District Sub Fund
- SWCF Greater Hamilton Sub Fund

Named Memorial, and Named Benefactors donations may nominate to have funds in any or all of the Trust Funds and Managed Accounts. The Foundation's General Fund and Sub-Funds seek to have investments in both the Public Fund and Open Fund to increase the flexibility of granting.





Koroit Irish Festival 2019



Koroit Irish Festival 2019



Men at Work – Penshurst Men's Shed



Warrnambool East P.S. – Kitchen Garden



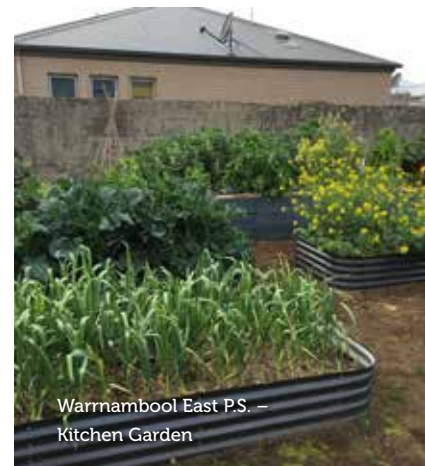
Leadership GSC – Sculpt ED17



Warrnambool East P.S. – Nurturing Room



Port Fairy Heritage Boat Inc – Whaleboat



Warrnambool East P.S. – Kitchen Garden



Portland Mental Health – Card Making Group



Colac Kana Festival



Warrnambool Foodbank



Russell's Creek



Camperdown Pastoral & Agricultural Society & Showground



Friends of Griffith Island – Sculpture



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