

2016 - 2017 Annual Report



A message from the chair

In this our tenth year of operation it is a pleasure to present this 2016/2017 Annual Report and again report a positive year for the Foundation. In that ten years the Foundation has built trust funds over \$2 million and has distributed more than \$600,000 in grants supporting charitable activities in the region. This year another \$124,247 has been shared between 34 projects.



The Foundation not only provides opportunities for charitable activity in the community now but also acts as 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. During 2018 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 the community. This past year we have been delighted to welcome Gareth Colliton and David McIntyre to the Board. They have brought new insights and energy to the Board and we look forward to working with them into the coming years.

Unfortunately, the Foundation has lost several long term and important Board members: Louise Manifold, one of the original Directors and long-term Chair of the Granting Committee; Bernadette Northeast, a very important contributor to the work of the Foundation over many years; and Felicity Melican, a tireless supporter in assisting the Foundation in financial management. Felicity however will maintain her presence through the valued support from Sinclair Wilson. I have also been advised that Brad Henderson and Marion Truman will, for various work and time related issues, be standing down at the Annual Meeting. All have been great Committee Convenors and will be missed. I am therefore very pleased to be welcoming new members to the Board and am looking forward to their contributions.

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

2016/2017 has been a steady year for the Foundation and has provided a base for more good work across south west Victoria in 2018.

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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

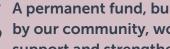
Meeting our objectives in 2016-17

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 2017 \$2,024,136
- Manage and invest funds prudently to optimise income available for distribution \$107,005 received in interest and dividends
- Provide a simple, cost effective way for people to make donations to their community. Individual donors contributed: \$35,524 received in donations
- Distribute investment income to the community for charitable purposes \$124,246 distributed to 34 projects

Our value proposition

local money 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 2015-16:



Barrie Baker
Chair



Brian Trotter
Deputy Chair



Dr B Northeast Resigned June 2016



Manifold
Term Completed
June '16



Felicity Melican Term Completed June '16



Brad Henderson



Robyn Alexander



Parker



Marion Truman



David Mcintyre



Gareth Colliton Joined 27/02/17

Mark Brian.



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 Region Sub Fund Advisory Committee Membership: Director - Robyn Alexander

(Chair), Committee: Shirley Carew, 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

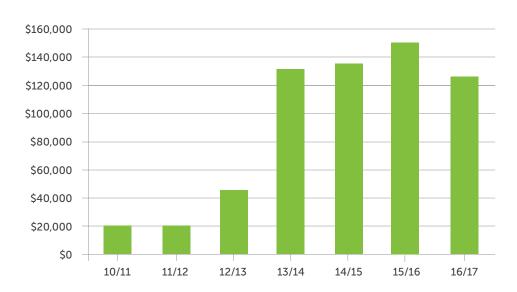


Granting

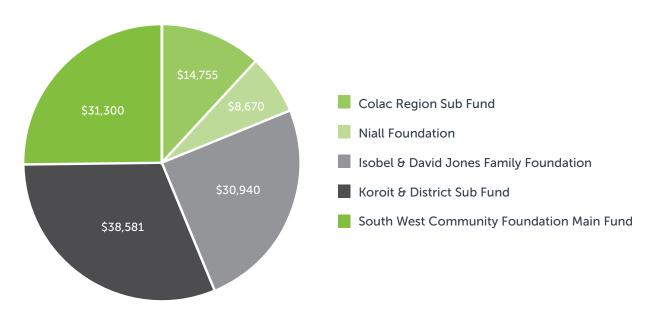
Granting Report

The 2016-2017 financial year has seen the Foundation make grants in excess of \$124,000

Total Annual Granting for last seven years



2016-17 Source of Granting Funds



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

\$639,000



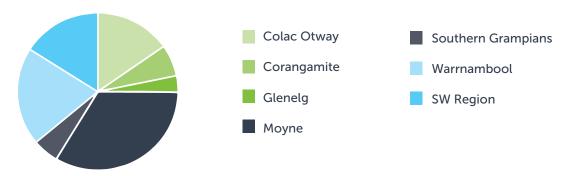
Launch of the 'Little Miss Sunshine' project 2016 at Camperdown Pastoral & Agricultural Society & Showground

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.

SWCF Breakdown of Focus areas from 2007-2017



SWCF Region Granting Breakdown 2007-2017



2016-17 Granting

South West Community Foundation Main Fund Brophy Family and Youth Services - Great South Coast Ice Challenge Camperdown & District Community House Camperdown Preschool Association Coleraine & District Development Association I CAN Network South West Mumbannar Recreation Reserve Committee Warrnambool Coast Care Landcare Network Warrnambool Riding for Disabled Warrnambool Toy Library Inc Warrnambool West Primary School	Project Name Glenelg Community Family Support Group Camperdown & District Food Bank Service Playground Softfall Matting Repairs Fun, Fitness & Fresh Air I CAN (Autism) South West Mentoring Program Renew the Loo Russell's Creek Urban Forrest Group - "A Tree for a Bird" Purchase of therapy horse Toys for the South West Community Hands on Learning House Sub Total	\$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$3,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,500.00
Colac Region Sub Fund Colac & District Family Group Colac Kana Festival Inc Rotary Club Colac West Leadership Great South Coast (auspiced by Moyne Shire)	Project Name Server Replacement Colac Kana Festivals 60th Birthday Repair of Flood Damage at Joseph Paatsch Reserve Leadership Great South Coast (LGSC) Sub Total	\$Allocated \$2,755.00 \$3,500.00 \$5,000.00 \$3,500.00 \$14,755
Koroit and District Sub Fund Hawkesdale and District Development Action Committee Hawkesdale and District Pre-School Inc. Hawkesdale Memorial Hall Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve Inc. Koroit & District Kindergarten Koroit Irish Festival Lions Club Koroit Lions Club of Koroit Inc partnership with the Koroit Skate Park Working Group. Port Fairy to Warrnambool Rail Trail	Project Name Rejuvenation Hawkesdale Apex Park BBQ shelter Inspiring new ideas by ancient engineering, design and technology Disabled Toilet and Hall Upgrade Undercover BBQ Stage 3 - Story Wall - Gabion Fence Do fence me in Lions Centenary BBQ projects at Koroit Station Koroit Youth Space, phase two Trail Enhancement Sub Total	\$Allocated \$5,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$3,081.80 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$4,500.00 \$38,581.80
Isobel & David Jones Family Foundation Anglican Church Port Fairy Beyond the Bell Moyne Local Action Group Cancer Patients Foundation Hands on Learning Lifeline South West Port Fairy Film Society The F Project Warrnambool Community Garden Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra Inc	Project Name Port Fairy Messiah Hands on Learning Social Enterprise Collective Look Good Feel Better Community Seedling and Gardening project Helping Rural Communities Sound upgrade proposal The F Project Workshops & Performance Program Sustainable Futures New Music Workshop and Concert Sub Total	\$Allocated \$615.00 \$5,000.00 \$3,000.00 \$1,975.00 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$4,200.00 \$1,150.00 \$30,940
Niall Foundation Hands on Learning Brauer College Kalay Academy Warrnambool College	Project Name St Helens Bio Link Landcare Project Kalay Kitchen Sub Total Grand Total	\$Allocated \$4,670.00 \$4,000.00 \$8,670 \$124,246.80

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.

Memorials

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.

Benefactors

The Foundation's named benefactors 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 contribution but also her commitment as a Director on the Board and also her involvement in many other regional Foundations and personal contribution to the Back To School Program.

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 continued support in the Greater Hamilton region.

Jigsaw Farms

Jigsaw Farms have become new contributors to the Foundation due to their interest in supporting communities within the Hamilton region and all of the south west.

Artwork from the Cooinda Terang Inc. Pottery class





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.

Sponsors

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

South West Local Learning and Employment Network Inc. Moyne Shire Council Janah Administration Pty Ltd Crowe Horwath Koroit Lions Club Telstra Country Wide Northeast Stockdale and Leggo

The local media for helping us tell our stories:

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

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.

Partners

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

Brophy Youth and Family Services
Telstra
Howdy Warrnambool
South West Credit Union
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

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. Thanks to volunteers, Francis Broekman, Kelly King, and Craig Midgley for coordinating the Workplace Giving Program in their workplace.

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

Niall Foundation

This year the Niall Foundation became involved in supporting projects in the granting round and we are also grateful for their support and hope to continue this partnership in coming years as well.



Back to School

This year the South West Community
Foundation has facilitated 561 \$50 Target
vouchers (\$28,050) to over 50 schools within
the south west region of Victoria. This is the
most the Foundation has been ever able to
facilitate into our regional schools.

The Foundation wishes to thank the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), the Isobel and David Jones Foundation, the Niall Foundation and Felicity Melican for their generous support for these vouchers.

The Back To School vouchers assist needy families with students in the provision of school items and this year we were able to facilitate these vouchers for this winter season.

Below is some feedback we have received from Principles/staff at these schools on the importance of these vouchers:

- I just wanted to send both the thanks from myself, as well as the families who have benefitted from your recent supply of Target vouchers. The families we applied on behalf of are incredibly grateful for your support and very much appreciate the uniform, in particular shoes, that the vouchers have purchased.
- As you are aware, many families and individuals in our school community go without many essentials due to a variety of factors and your donation will help support some of these identified families, particularly through the winter months.
- I would like to thank you for the Target Vouchers that we received. The families that received them were so appreciative. One young mum with four students here had tears in her eyes, she had been saving up to get them school shoes. It's a wonderful program that helps the less fortunate so I hope it continues, It was like adding a little bit of sunshine to their day.







Our stories

Over the past decade the Foundation has proudly been able to support and facilitate funding to over approximately 160 projects worth over \$639,000. Below are some of the recent project supported and how this funding has assisted their organisation and ultimately their communities.

Koroit and District Historical Society (Koroit & District Sub Fund)

The 2016 Photographic
Wallpaper project was the
provision of an existing historical
photo to make a greater impact
as wallpaper at the Museum.
Andrea Lowenthal, President of
the Koroit and District Historical
Society stated:

The project has enhanced the museum displays. Visitors from the local school now say "Wow" when they enter. The image of Koroit in its earliest days is a surprise to most local people and has generated more interest in the work we do and the heritage of their town.

Alvie & District Kindergarten (Colac Sub Fund)

The 2016 Climbing for
Community project was to
construct a 'Magic Faraway
Tree' inspired tree house in the
Kindergarten playground. Liza
Alexander, President of the Alive
& District Kindergarten stated
about this funding;

The grant enabled us to complete this project, without it, it simply would not have been possible. The children now have a wonderful new 'open ended' play space that will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Leadership Great South Coast

In 2016 the Foundation supported the Leadership Great South Coast Annual Program Scholarship with Paul Ross being the successful recipient. After successfully completing the 2016 LGCS Program Paul took up a position in Antarctica, leading Casey Station on a 12 month contract to be completed in November 2017. On completing this Program and taking up his new position, Paul stated:

During 2016, I applied for and was successful in obtaining a leadership position within the Australian Antarctic Program.

The LGSC program assisted me in recognising that I have the ability to lead people in a variety of unique and challenging environments.

More importantly, it has shown me that from a personal development perspective, I have the capability to take risk. To not just walk to the cliff and look over it, but when needed, to step over it years to come.







Camperdown & District Community House, Emily Mercer and Diane Lamb, Jennie, & Stuart Harrison (left), Beyond the Bell - picture of one of the banners purchased with the funding with Alicia Goddard and Adele Kenneally (middle) – Dr Peter Gill and 2017 students for the Blue Whale Study (right)

Camperdown & District Community House - food bank

Statement from Emily Mercer, Coordinator, Camperdown & District Community House, Food Bank Service -

This is the largest financial contribution this service has ever received, as prior to this funding, small non-recurrent grants and donations where the only financial support available. Aside from ensuring continuity and quality of food products will be available, and the capacity to meet the growing need for this service, this funding has provided much needed financial support and base so that focus can be shifted from trying to secure small financial inputs to the strengthening of the service model and delivery along with future planning to ensure sustainability of the service. Last month saw a spike in need from dairy farming families as a result of low return milking checks which resulted in a large number of families being in a position where they had to choose between paying their electricity bill or buying food. With the support of their service agency and the Camperdown & District Food Bank, this pressure was relieved and these families were able to manage these competing demands.

Beyond the Bell - Valuing Education

This project was kindly supported by Deakin University and facilitated by the South West Community Foundation. The project is focussed on developing a high profile for Beyond the Bell (BtB) ensure that the broad community understands and values the significance of education. Adele Keneally, Planning and Liaison Officer - Beyond the Bell, stated:

This grant enabled Beyond the Bell to amplify communication to stakeholders and community and increase community awareness of Beyond the Bell and the importance of education. As a consequence of this communication and advocacy to the State Government, Beyond the Bell has been able to attract significant funding from the State Government and extend the reach and network of stakeholders and partners – all working collaboratively to improve learning and development outcomes for our young people.

Blue Whale Study

This project was supported by the Isobel and David Jones Foundation facilitated through the South West Community Foundation for the Marine Science Youth Mentoring Program as part of the Blue Whale Study. Dr Peter Gill, CEO & Senior Research Scientist - Blue Whale Study stated,

Without this grant Blue Whale Study would not have been able to run this program, which provided a unique opportunity for keen local high school students to participate in marine ecological research in the remarkable marine environment of the Bonney Upwelling off south-west Victoria. The four students we mentored this year were extremely keen and were strongly affected by their experiences. Gratifyingly, all four were reinforced in their intention to pursue biological or environmental science as a career, and have offered their services as voluntary research assistants during future research seasons.

Finances

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

For the year ended 30 June 2017

Note	\$2017 \$	\$2016 \$	
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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 income received to one or more of the Trust Funds and to one or more Managed Sub-Fund Accounts. Donors may nominate both the Trust Fund and the Management Account:

The Managed Sub-Fund Accounts include:

- SWCF General Fund
- SWCF Colac Region Sub Fund
- SWCF Koroit and District Sub Fund
- SWCF Greater Hamilton Sub Fund
- SWCF Josie's Sub Fund

Memorial donations may nominate to have funds in any or all of the Trust Funds and Management 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.

The following table shows how Foundation Funds were represented at 30 June 2017 compared to 30 June 2016.

SPECIFIC FUNDS

PUBLIC FUND	\$2017	\$2016
Public Fund General	230,673	229, 421
Colee Sub Fund	93,88	84,706
Isobel and David Jones Family Foundation	5,088	4,870
Josie's Sub Fund	201,183	191,624
Koroit Sub Fund	(31,760)	(31,760)
Greater Hamilton Sub Fund	10,042	372
	509,114	479,233
OPEN FUND		
Open Fund - General	106,535	112,321
Koroit Sub Fund	1,088,345	1,054,562
Colac Sub Fund	278,155	278,503
Josie's Sub Fund	5,578	5,290
Greater Hamilton Sub Fund	51,882	49,418
	1,510.495	1,500,094
EDUCATION FUND	4,115	4,205
DISASTER RELIEF FUND	112	107
	2,024,136	1,983,639

Opposite page from top left: Warrnambool Riding for the Disabled group and Gai Waterhouse, Camperdown & District Community House - Food Bank project 2017, Gai Waterhouse & Karen Norris, Cooinda Terang Inc Pottery class - project for new kiln, APEX Park - Advancing Camperdown project 2015, Merino Progress Association Kim Chintock & Rick Lane, Port Fairy Heritage Boat builders, Cavendish Townscape Association Inc - Enabling Disabled' to the new Ron Lewis Park launch 2016, SES Colac - SES Mobility Trainer 2016, Warrnambool Toy Library.





























