

Hobsons Bay Community Fund



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Chair Message



In late 2019, the Hobsons Bay Community Fund (HBCF) became incorporated under the Australian Communities Foundation (ACF). This Incorporation process has added further diligence and transparency into our strong growing community Fund.

In October 2019, we also had our Chair of 12 years, Hayden Raysmith, OAM, step down from his role. Hayden is one of the founding fathers of the HBCF and was responsible for building some integral relationships with State and Local government and building local connections that have added to the success of the Fund. Hayden's leadership and guidance over the years forged a clear path forward. As part of Hayden's continuing support of the HBCF, he has developed the 'Patrons' of the HBCF. These Patrons have committed an annual donation to the HBCF and are a remarkable legacy of Hayden's leadership.

Before Hayden stepped down from the helm, several members of the HBCF came together with a small group of local business leaders to help realise one of Hayden's long term goals – for the HBCF to reach a \$1 million corpus. Joe Bartolo, from Symal, took the lead in bringing businesses together to what was tagged "The Million Dollar Dinner". At this dinner, over \$60,000 in donations were pledged to achieve this important milestone. Special thanks to those that attended the dinner, including Joe and Olivia Bartolo from Symal, Romando Nascarella from Devco, Jenny Saddler from McDonald's, Anthony Bonano from Archer Insurance, Rob Marasea from RDM Electrical, Tony Walsh from CRIB, Clem Giambatista from Check Point Building Surveyors, Anthony Mancini from Mancini Made, Domonic Cullia from Corplex and Tino Parisi from Compton Green.

The partnership with the University of Melbourne has continued into its sixth year with the Inclusion Project. In 2020, the University of Melbourne (UoM) Social Work students worked remotely in a challenging COVID environment to ensure the project continued with outstanding results. In addition, the students ran a Community Sports Impact Survey related to Inclusion in sports in a COVID environment, with wonderful results. The relationship with UoM continues in 2021. Thanks to the multiple local sporting clubs and the Hobsons Bay City Council for their ongoing support of the UoM and HBCF joint project.

In 2019, the HBCF delivered our showcase events to raise funds for our grants program. These included the HBCF Business Lunch at Seaworks – our largest event to date. With over 300 guests attending, the event helped raise over \$50,000.

The 2019 annual Golf Day, now in its sixth year, helped raise \$40,000 for the Fund with 115 golfers teeing off from Koorinal Golf Club. Unfortunately, the 2020 Golf Day and Business Lunch were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

In 2020, the HBCF expanded its grants program to include a Rapid Recovery Impact Grant Program in direct response to COVID and the terrible impact on our community. The HBCF Recovery Impact Grants Program seeks to fund programs, projects and initiatives that address one or more of the following





four key priorities:

- the mental health of our young people;
- family violence and its impact on women and children;
- building and enabling digital literacy for our older people; and
- helping unemployed people in their job-seeking endeavours, with an emphasis on helping women and young people.

In 2020, the HBCF provided grants to 22 community organisations across Hobsons Bay, totalling \$36,613. The grants have benefited our culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, migrants and asylum seekers, people with disabilities, and communities at risk of social isolation, as well as providing equal opportunities for youth in education and employment

We were pleased to announce the appointment of an Executive Officer for the HBCF in September 2020. This part-time contracted appointment was filled by Craig Rowley, who brings a wealth of governance and system support expertise as well as close connections and networks within the Hobsons Bay community. The Executive Officer's role has both an administrative and strategic focus and is a tremendous support to our volunteer Committee of Management. We are grateful to the Hobsons Bay City Council for the ongoing support they provide in funding the Executive Officer's role.

In 2020, we were also saddened to say goodbye to two of our long term HBCF Committee members and thank Cr Colleen Gates and Cr Peter Hemphill for their active roles on the HBCF. Cr Gates played a crucial role in helping shape and build the Fund in its first decade before being elected to Council, where she continued to provide support to the Fund. Cr Peter Hemphill was an active member at Committee meetings and vital support in delivering the annual HBCF Business Lunch.

To our other committee members and supporters we say, thank you. Progress can be measured in dollars raised and grants given, and it is trust, goodwill and generosity that also adds immeasurably to making our community what it is.

Whilst we were all challenged during the COVID year, we managed to alter our course for the betterment of the community. It is this legacy that every committee member will leave. Thank you.

We finish 2020 with a sense of anticipation and gratefulness about where we are heading.

Adrian Butera
Chair

Grants made in 2019

In 2019, the Hobsons Bay Community Fund provided \$40,536 to 18 community organisations across Hobsons Bay, under the *Fair, Inclusive and Vibrant* grant categories.

The grants have benefited our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities, migrants and asylum seekers, people with disabilities, and communities at risk of social isolation, as well as providing equal opportunities for youth in education and employment.

HBCF has enabled projects focussed on the arts, physical/mental health and wellbeing, positive ageing, access to food and housing security and environmental sustainability.

- **Altona Community Gardens** received a Community Grant of \$3,420 to fund delivery of 'Closing the Loop – Food Waste to Garden Gold' workshops that help increase food security for the residents of the Hobsons Bay community. The funded project also created a community composting hub and shared garden space at the Altona Community Garden.
- **Bubbling Up!** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to support the 'Experts Explain' series of seminars for parents of teenagers in the Hobsons Bay area. Bubbling Up! is a peer support and networking group aiming to bring expertise and awareness of the issues impacting on teenagers in the local area.
- **Carers Links Men's Group** received a Community Grant of \$1,000 to fund delivery of a Carer's Links Men's Group 'Family Day' that raised awareness of mental illness, the aged and disability.
- **Dyslexia Awareness Week** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to support the delivery of the 'Outside the Box' themed week that raises awareness of dyslexia and provides information and resources to parents.
- **Helping Hand Café** received a Community Grant of \$3,000 to fund the updating of essential equipment in its kitchen and dining hall so that it could continue to deliver a weekly program providing free community meals and groceries to disadvantaged individuals and families in Hobsons Bay.
- **Hobsons Bay Men's Shed** received a Community Grant of \$1,000 to fund construction of a heritage and indigenous herb garden that provides the local community with an insight into the variety of fresh herbs and plants that have domestic and medicinal uses for their own cooking.
- **Laverton Community Children's Centre** received a Community Grant of \$5,000 to fund an upgrade of the outdoor area that provides better accessibility for special needs children at the Laverton Children's Community Centre. The grant also funded the refurbishment of a vegetable patch for use by the children.
- **Multiple Sclerosis Limited** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 to fund the purchase of bedding for the MS Shared Supported Accommodation facility in Power Street, Williamstown.
- **Newport Bowls Club** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to contribute to construction of a disabled toilet at the Newport Bowls Club to be utilised by local individuals and groups.
- **Robina Scott Kindergarten** received a Community Grant of \$1,000 to fund the development of an intergenerational community space at the kindergarten that provided access to a variety of local groups to utilise the space and make valuable social connections.



- **Ship4Good** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to fund development of a zero waste operating galley on the Sea Shepherd MY Steve Irwin, which is docked in Williamstown, and to fund delivery of weekly demonstrations that raised awareness of the facility available to local business and community.



- **South Kingsville Community Centre** received a Community Grant of \$3,750 to fund a new holiday program that supported local disadvantaged children and families in the Hobsons Bay area.
- **Spotswood Kingsville RSL** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to fund development of a strategic plan for better designing and publicising their wellbeing and environmental sustainability activities to the veteran and local community.
- **The Equality Project** received a Community Grant of \$1,100 to fund provision of disabled access to the 2 day 'Better Together 2020' event and to support volunteers that assisted with the delivery of the event. The event provided connection and networking opportunities for LGBTIQA+

organisations and individuals to come together, share stories, network and learn from each other.

- **TreeHaus Williamstown** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to contribute to the 'Walk a Mile in my Shoe's' event that raises awareness of mental health.
- **U3A Hobsons Bay** received a Community Grant of \$1,266 to fund improvements to safety access for elderly users of the U3A cottage.
- **Williamstown Cricket Club** received a Community Grant of \$3,000 to assist in funding the development of a senior team into an organised 'All Abilities' competition.
- **Williamstown CYMS Cricket Club** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to fund development of a more inclusive and diverse environment for playing cricket amongst girls aged 7-15 years in the local community.



Grants made in 2020

In a year marred with the Coronavirus Pandemic – we saw groups and individuals working harder than ever to adapt their services to online formats. In 2020, the Hobsons Bay Community Fund provided \$36,613 to 22 community organisations across Hobsons Bay, under the Fair, Inclusive and Vibrant grant categories.

HBCF has enabled projects focussed on the arts, physical/mental health and wellbeing, positive ageing, access to food and housing security and environmental sustainability.

- **4th Williamstown Sea Scouts** received a Community Grant of \$500 to assist with covering a levy introduced in response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Altona Bowling Club** received a Community Grant of \$1,600 to fund the production, distribution and presentation of a book titled 'The D Word – A conversation about men's depression'.
- **Altona Life Saving Club** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 to help fund the purchase of Mai racing boards that encourage higher levels of female youth participation in surf sports.
- **Altona Meadows Community Centre** received a Community Grant of \$900 to establish a permanent 'dry store' lockable cupboard and supplies for provision of emergency food relief at the Centre.
- **Enterprize Ship Trust** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to fund development and delivery of a 'living history' program that provided history lessons and sailing experiences to young people in Hobsons Bay.
- **Hobsons Bay Men's Shed & Gardening Group** received a Community Grant of \$750 to fund improved vegetable production for the men utilising the Shed, through purchasing improved equipment and protection from nature's pests and predators.
- **Hobsons Bay Toy Library** received a Community Grant of \$2,400 to fund the purchase of new toys and equipment, and help to improve access for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities and socially marginalised communities in Hobsons Bay.
- **Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc.** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 to support the process of securing legal advice in relation to an application for Deductible Gift Recipient status, which is necessary for the organisation to attract donations from philanthropic and corporate organisations that will enable the establishment of a purpose-built community asset at the Altona Wetlands.
- **Laverton Children's Community Centre** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 that contributed to funding the delivery of Indigenous cultural incursions for the children.
- **Leading Note Music Education** received a Community Grant of \$4,200 to fund a scholarship for four disadvantaged students enabling them to participate in the Crashendo music program, engendering social inclusion and connection. Crashendo! is a music program at Laverton P-12 College which offers music tuition as a vehicle for positive social change.
- **Long Space Gallery** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to support the '1000 Works in the Windows' community window gallery located on Melbourne Road in Newport.
- **Newport Community Choir** received a Community Grant of \$2,800 to fund production of a video that enabled social connection via an online virtual setting.
- **ParKanDo** received a Community Grant of \$1,100 Grant to fund the purchase of equipment that supported its online programs and provided learning opportunities for members during coronavirus lockdowns.
- **South Kingsville Community Centre** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to help fund development of a website to become a repository of information and services for the community to access all eight local Community Centres.

- **Vietnamese Association in Hobsons Bay** received a Community Grant of \$1,000 to help fund the purchase of digital devices and administrative support to keep members connected through a device loan system during coronavirus lockdowns.
- **Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association** received a Community Grant of \$500 to contribute to funding the purchase of equipment required for a COVID-safe venue.
- **West Melbourne Marathi** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 to support the delivery of the Ganpati Hindu Festival providing an opportunity to celebrate culture and tradition in the west of Melbourne.
- **West Welcome Wagon** received a Community Grant of \$1,333 to help fund the purchase of tablets, SIM cards and software that supports English and Community Connection programs for remote learning during coronavirus lockdowns.
- **Williamstown Cricket Club** received a Community Grant of \$2,500 to help fund the purchase of equipment and cover umpire costs involved in the creation of a second All Abilities team that enhances inclusion and access to sport for the Hobsons Bay community.
- **Williamstown Seagulls FIDA Football Club Inc** received a Community Grant of \$530 to fund the purchase of Zoom software and a Team App upgrade that helped keep players engaged during coronavirus lockdowns.
- **Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club** received a Community Grant of \$2,000 to support the development and delivery of mental health first aid training to Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club members and the general community.
- **Willy Wellness Collective** received a Community Grant of \$1,500 that contributed to funding the delivery of the 'Willy Wellness Community

Festival' aimed at helping connect locals with health providers and community clubs, as well as providing the opportunity to access free health education and advice.

- **Ecstra Grant Program:** The HBCF also worked with the Ecstra Foundation to facilitate a grant of \$100,000 to build financial capability within local communities. Through our networks, we were able to identify two worthy programs for a grant from the Ecstra Foundation. The funding went to the **Inner West Communities Foundation** for an Education Program in partnership with **Victoria University** and **WynBay LLEN** in partnership with **Gordon TAFE** to develop and deliver financial literacy programs in the local community.

PRO BONO AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The work of HBCF was supported by:

- **Compton Green** covering costs for technology subscriptions and providing a postal address and venue for meetings of the HBCF Committee;
- **Hobsons Bay City Council** covering costs for HBCF's executive officer and providing a venue for meetings of the HBCF Committee;
- **Keima Press** providing pro bono printing services;
- **Little Ginger** providing a venue for meetings of the HBCF Committee;
- **Koorungal Golf Club** providing a venue and support for HBCF's Golf Day;
- **Technology Matters** providing pro bono website support.



Financial report

For HBCF, 2019 was a shortened reporting year due to our incorporation on 14 October 2019. The financial reports for 2019 and 2020 are largely incorporated in the Australian Communities Foundation Annual Reports available from their website (<http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/>).

HBCF was able to grow its corpus from **\$763,468 to \$954,874** over the shortened 2019 reporting year due to a very good year of fundraising activities and strong markets supporting our invested corpus.

Net proceeds from our two main fundraising events, the 2019 Golf Day and 2019 Business Lunch was **\$90,665** and **\$29,211** from these events was deposited from donors directly with the Australian Communities Foundation.

HBCF also received additional donations of **\$3,6721** over the period that were also deposited directly with the Australian Communities Foundation. The majority of these donations were made at a one-off fundraising dinner hosted by HBCF supporter Joe Bartoli in early October 2019.

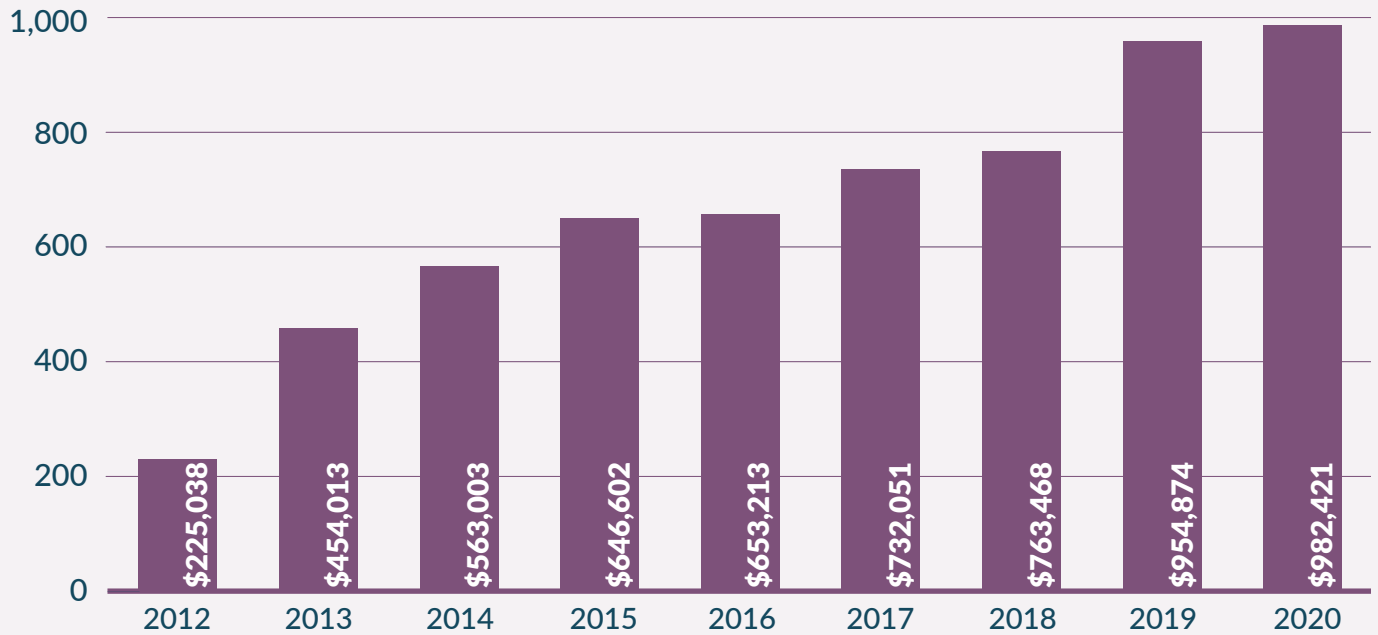
A total of **\$25,036** was granted to 12 local organisations over the period, noting that 6 additional grants totalling **\$15,000** were also made during 2019 but these were not paid until after 13 October 2019.

	Value (\$)
Bendigo Bank Account opening balance (1 Jan 2019)	25,406
Income from fundraising	95,701
Expenditure on fundraising and operations	35,642
Interest	172
Transfers to ACF Extension Fund	31,607
Bendigo Bank Account closing balance (13 October 2019)	54,030

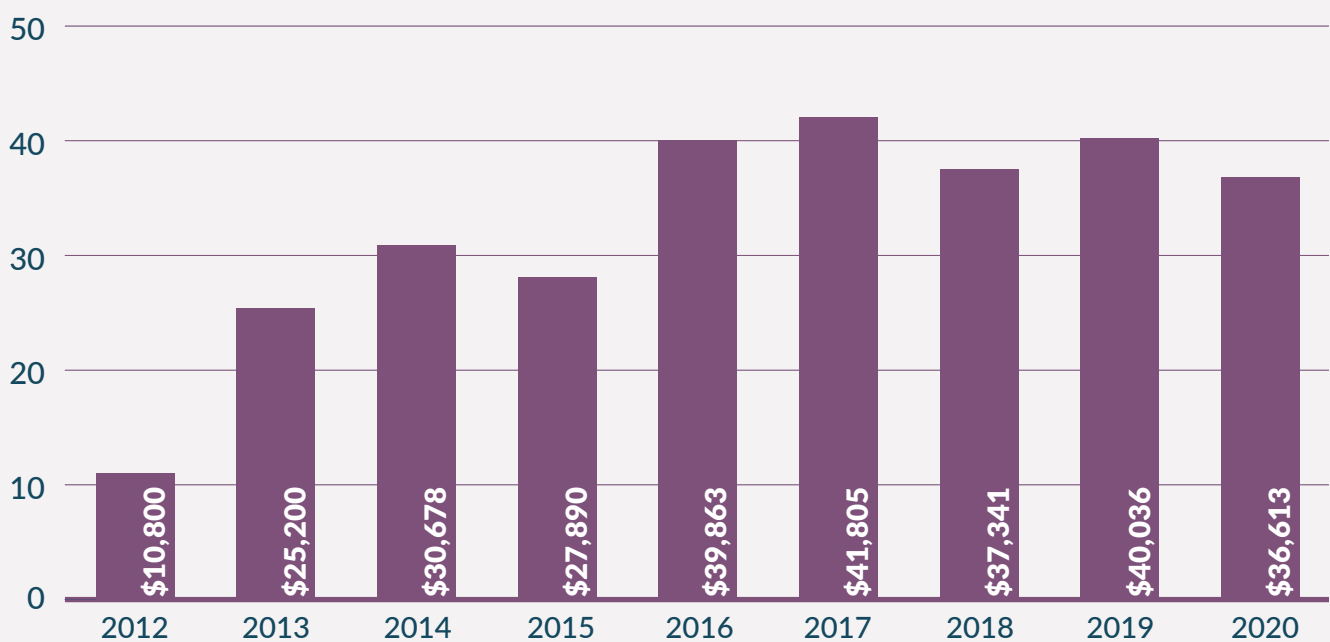
HBCF commenced 2020 with a combined balance of \$954,874 and, after allocating grants totalling \$36,613, finished the year with a combined balance of \$982,421.

The two charts below show the end of year balances of the fund (Chart 1) and the annual grants total (Chart 2) between 2012 and 2020.

1. HBCF End of Year Balances 2012 - 2020 (\$)



2. HBCF Annual Grants Total 2012 - 2020 (\$)



Committee Members

Prior to Incorporation in October 2019

HBCF COMMITTEE

- Cr Angela Altair
- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- Adrian Butera
- John Clarke
- Vedran Drakulic OAM
- Craig Eyes
- Cr Peter Hemphill
- Paula Kelly Paull
- David Mattner
- Helen McVay
- Julie Noonan
- Kerri Pyne
- Hayden Raysmith AM (Chair)
- Pamela Sutton-Legaud
- Cr Sandra Wilson

HBCF GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE

- David Mattner
- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- Paula Kelly Paull
- Cr Sandra Wilson

HBCF NOMINATIONS AND REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

- Hayden Raysmith AM
- Emma Wooley
- John Clarke

After Incorporation in October 2019

2019 HBCF COMMITTEE

- Adrian Butera (Chair)
- John Clarke
- Vedran Drakulic OAM
- Craig Eyes
- Cr Colleen Gates
- Cr Peter Hemphill
- Paula Kelly Paull
- David Mattner
- Julie Noonan
- Kerri Pyne
- Julie Richards (Secretary)
- Pamela Sutton-Legaud
- Cr Sandra Wilson

2019 HBCF GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Julie Noonan (Chair)
- David Mattner
- Sandra Wilson

2020 HBCF COMMITTEE

- Adrian Butera (Chair)
- John Clarke
- Vedran Drakulic OAM
- Julie Du Plessis (from 14 October)
- Craig Eyes
- Cr Peter Hemphill (until 22 September)
- Cr Jonathon Marsden (until 22 September)
- David Mattner
- Julie Noonan (Deputy Chair)
- Louise Perry
- Kerri Pyne
- Craig Rowley (from 14 October)
- Pamela Sutton-Legaud
- Sandra Wilson

2020 HBCF GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Julie Noonan (Chair)
- David Mattner
- Sandra Wilson

Supporters and Partners

HBCF SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS IN 2019 AND 2020

Major supporters and partners included:

- Budget Car and Truck Rental
- Compton Green
- Hobsons Bay City Council
- Mercedes Benz Melbourne
- Plenary Group
- Qenos
- The Signcraft Group
- UMS
- University of Melbourne

Supporters included:

- Abante Group
- Altona Sports Club
- Andre Conate
- Archer Insurance
- Bendigo Bank
- Bruff Contracting
- Burning House
- Chadstone Shopping Centre
- Check Point Building Surveyors
- Civilex (now Symal)
- CPB John Holland
- Community Chef
- Complete Function Hire
- Cornells
- Creative Vision and Audio
- CRIB
- Devco
- Downer Group
- Elisabeth Staunton at Ferguson Street Chiropractic and Natural Therapies
- Feel Good Australia
- Hellenic Republic Williamstown
- Howzat Plastering
- Keima Press
- Koorinal Golf Club
- Level Crossing Removal Project

- Loaram Construction
- Macquarie Bank
- MADE Establishment
- Mancini Made
- Mayvers
- McDonalds Franchisee Jenny Sadler
- Monstera Flowers
- Pt Leo Sculpture Park and Restaurant
- RACV
- RDM Electrical
- Schweppes
- Seaworks
- Squeezebox Typesetting & Design
- SRG Global
- TIC Group
- Transurban
- Treasury Wine Estates
- Two Birds Brewing
- Victoria University
- United Global Capital
- Western Bulldogs Football Club
- Williamstown Football Club

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