



Hobsons Bay Community Fund



*Celebrating*  
**10 YEARS**

OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
2006–2016



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# Community

## MISSION

The Hobsons Bay Community Fund (HBCF) is a perpetual philanthropic fund established to benefit and strengthen the community of Hobsons Bay for present and future generations.

## VISION

A harmonious community working effectively to build trust to encourage economic, racial, and social fairness; cultural richness; and environmental sustainability.

To help realise its vision, the HBCF will:

- o Create a lasting community asset, ensuring that the people of Hobsons Bay are able to access a steadily growing corpus of funding for community development;
- o Highlight the great value of charitable giving, and make it possible for donors to see the fruits of investing in their community during their lifetime;
- o Encourage interaction and partnerships between a range of people: donors, governments, businesses, community groups and other charitable organisations for the purpose of building the local community and finding solutions to community challenges;
- o Act as a trustworthy partner and leader in shaping collaborative and effective responses to community issues and opportunities.



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



'THE PERFECT WAY TO GIVE BACK'

In 2016, the Hobsons Bay Community Fund (HBCF) turned ten. What a decade it has been. As we enter our second decade we seek support of the community to build the Fund to \$1m.

This is the perfect way to give back to our local community and support a wide range of community initiatives and organisations.

The Fund is a success because Council supports it, local businesses large and small support it, traders and service clubs support it and many Council employees contribute a small percentage out of their fortnightly pay.

With broad support the Fund will continue to grow and be professionally run by skilled volunteers with no overhead costs, assisted by the Australian Communities Foundation as trustee.

Earnings from our invested corpus enables the Fund to provide support to organisations across the spectrum: arts, sport, welfare, housing, food, education, recreation, health, disability and the environment, touching all age groups and all parts of the municipality.

Proudly, this report celebrates the 10th anniversary of HBCF and captures some of the achievements over those years. More importantly, it is an endeavour to make the Fund more widely known, spread the concepts of payroll deduction and bequests as ways to give back, and set our sights on building the Fund to reach \$1m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden Raysmith'.

Hayden Raysmith AM

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'Hobsons Bay City Council is a long and proud supporter of the Hobsons Bay Community Fund (HBCF). I recognise the value of HBCF in strengthening our local community through grants that address social disadvantage and promote general health and wellbeing.

I encourage our staff members, many of whom live in the local community, to donate a small portion of their salary, through a payroll deduction scheme, to ensure groups that make a difference to people who live, work and visit Hobsons Bay can continue to do just that.

I commend the committee of the HBCF for the important support you provide small and voluntary groups right across Hobsons Bay, and I wish you continued success in the future.'

**Chris Eddy**  
CEO, Hobsons Bay City Council



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST

# 10 YEARS

- Hobsons Bay City Council established the Hobsons Bay Community Fund in 2006 to support community organisations and voluntary activities. After considering several options, it chose to set up an independent perpetual trust fund under the Australian Communities Foundation.
- In 10 years, the HBCF has built a trust fund with a corpus of \$650,000.
- Over that same period, the Fund has awarded 77 grants, contributing \$189,000 to community organisations.
- Grants provided by the HBCF have benefited and reached organisations in every geographical area of the Hobsons Bay municipality.
- A fundraising lunch in 2013 hosted by Toll enabled HBCF to attract a \$2 for \$1, matched grant, from the Victorian Government after raising \$100,000.
- Qenos, Signcraft and UMS set the precedent of providing assistance in kind by equipping the Men's Shed, providing maintenance and signage for the Substation Arts Centre and equipping many school garden programs.
- Most recently, the first charity golf day was held at Koorinal Golf Club in 2016.

THIS IS WHAT CAN HAPPEN  
WHEN GOOD PEOPLE,  
TOGETHER, CHOOSE  
TO DO A GOOD THING.

# HBCF'S SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERM GOALS

## HBCF'S GOALS

### SHORT

- Increase corpus to \$700,000 in 2017 and \$750,000 in 2018
- Maintain grants at 5% of corpus year on year
- Expand payroll giving
- Maximise the impact of the 'Inclusion Project' with Melbourne University 2016–18

### MEDIUM

- Increase corpus to \$1m by 2020
- Build a bequest program

### LONG-TERM

- Build a \$10m corpus

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### DIRECT DONATION

- Donations can be made directly to the fund via:
- [www.hbcommunityfund.org.au](http://www.hbcommunityfund.org.au) (click on Australian Communities Foundation link)

### BEQUEST

- Contact Australian Communities Foundation: [www.communityfoundation.org.au](http://www.communityfoundation.org.au) or any HBCF Committee Member

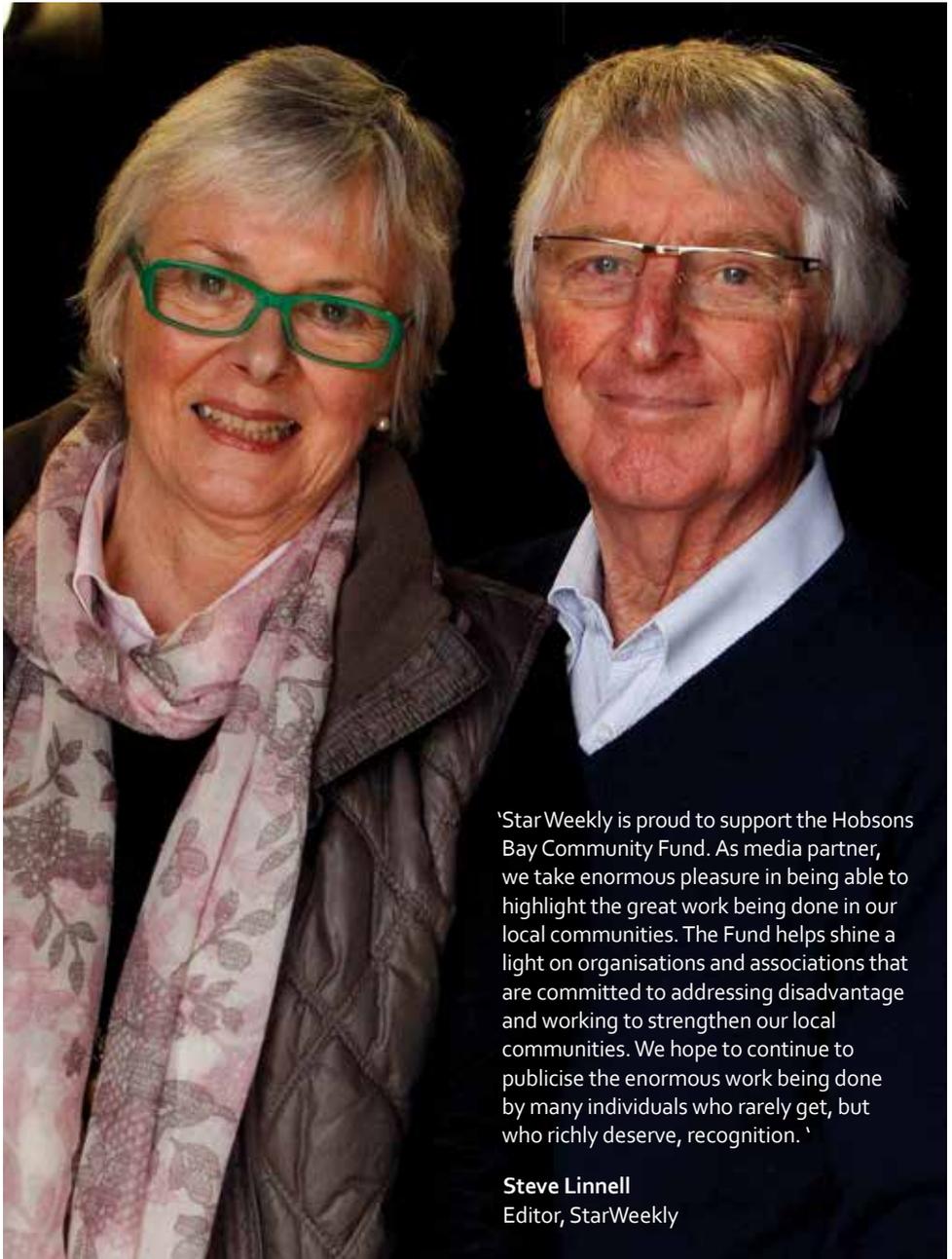
### PAYROLL DEDUCTION

- Contact any HBCF committee member or [www.hbcommunityfund.org.au](http://www.hbcommunityfund.org.au)

### SPONSORSHIP

- The annual Koorungal Golf Day provides opportunities to be a naming sponsor, sponsor a hole, enter a team or provide support in other ways.





'Star Weekly is proud to support the Hobsons Bay Community Fund. As media partner, we take enormous pleasure in being able to highlight the great work being done in our local communities. The Fund helps shine a light on organisations and associations that are committed to addressing disadvantage and working to strengthen our local communities. We hope to continue to publicise the enormous work being done by many individuals who rarely get, but who richly deserve, recognition.'

**Steve Linnell**  
Editor, StarWeekly

Heather and Michael Jobling: ParkinSong Victoria, where a \$1,000 grant led to singing groups being set up across Victoria for people living with Parkinson's Disease. Their story was featured in StarWeekly.

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FUND

70

COMMUNITY  
GROUPS

77

GRANTS

\$189,000

OF COMMUNITY  
EMPOWERMENT

# HBCF TURNS 10!

In its 10th year HBCF celebrates the opportunity to provide grants to 13 community groups for a total of \$40,000. This brings the total number of grants to 77 and the funds allocated to \$189,000 from 2006 to 2016. Three important attributes have contributed to HBCF's success.

## 1. EVERY DOLLAR DONATED GOES INTO THE FUND

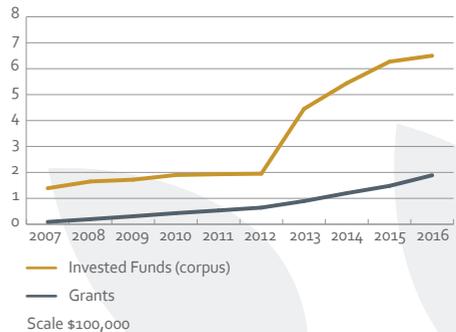
The fund has no overhead costs. It's run by a voluntary Committee of Management, supported by business partners providing assistance both in cash and in kind and operating under the umbrella of the Australian Communities Foundation (ACF). This means HBCF has the advantage of scale and is relieved of normal administrative and investment costs.

Being under the ACF, HBCF is able to build a solid corpus which is invested by ACF along with hundreds of other sub-funds. ACF provides security for those funds, plus the option of tax deductibility, ensuring that all reporting, legal and tax requirements are met and provides advice on a wide range of matters.

## 2. COMPETITIVE INVESTMENT RETURNS

ACF provides competitive investment returns on funds under management, which is further strengthened by pooling all the different funds from many of their sub-funds.

Earnings from the invested corpus are used to pay the annual grants and cover the 2% management and administration fee to ACF. This model allows HBCF to both grow its corpus and make grants at the same time. Through fundraising, interest earned and capital growth over 10 years, the Fund has grown from a founding corpus contribution of \$50,000 in June 2006 from Hobsons Bay Council, to having \$650,000 invested with the ACF.



## 3. THE SUPPORT OF STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

HBCF has built solid partnerships with corporate, government, university and community partners. Support comes in many ways, from cash to equipment, skills, signage, media, tapping into networks and simply being advocates for the Fund.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS



George Calombaris with Committee Member and Qenos representative, Kerri Pyne at the 2016 Hellenic Hotel lunch.

The HBCF thanks all our corporate sponsors for your ongoing support and assistance over the years.

Early corporate support came from CRT (Queensland Rail), SCT Logistics, Salta Properties, Tenix, Traffix Group, CityWide, Macquarie Lawyers, Russell Kennedy Lawyers, Maddocks, Fairfax Media, Urban Maintenance Systems (UMS), Qenos, Able Engineering, BAE, Mobil, ANZ, Altona Traders, Laverton Traders, Williamstown Business & Tourism, Nelson Place Village, Williamstown Chamber of Commerce, Altona Rotary, Altona Sports Club, Doutra Gala Aged Care, Complete Family Care, Napoli Fruit & Veg, Henkell Vineyards and Horner Recruitment.

Qenos has played a vital and continuing role over the decade, with UMS also continuing its support from the start in 2006. Hobsons Bay City Council not only kick started the Fund but has maintained its support with the Mayor and one other Councillor joining the committee each year. It also pioneered the first tax deductible payroll giving scheme for its employees.

Compton Green, Hobsons Bay City Council, Qenos, Signcraft and, Urban Maintenance Systems (UMS) remain major supporters and partners contributing with time, skills, promotion, practical support and money. StarWeekly is the media partner after support in the early years from Leader Newspapers and Fairfax Press, whilst Keima Press and Technology Matters have provided printing and web hosting and Melbourne City Mission and Buloke Shire have remained as partners.



Local Member Wade Noonan MP presenting a grant to the Link Centre in 2015.

Koorinal Golf Club hosted the last three grant award events and the 2016 inaugural Golf Day. Licensed Trained Contractors (LTC) was the major sponsor of the golf day with support from Dow, Complete Function Hire (CFH), TIC Group, Budget Car Rental, Victoria University and Macquarie Private Wealth.

The highly successful Toll lunch attracted support from the above long term partners but also from NuFarm, Toll Group, Port of Melbourne, Able Industries, Mobil, Victoria University and CityWide.

Partners who stay for the long haul and find creative ways to support community organisations are a special breed. Many of these partners are actively involved as members of the voluntary committee that runs the Fund; Qenos, Compton Green, Signcraft, Hobsons Bay City Council, Macquarie and Downer are part of that special breed.

As part of the 10th year celebrations HBCF was able to host a pre-opening fundraising lunch at George Calombaris' Hellenic Hotel, which it is hoped will become an annual community event.

# STRONG GRASS ROOTS GROWING STRONGER



HBCF IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING CAPACITY, BUILDING NETWORKS AND SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS AND SELF-HELP INITIATIVES.

## GROWING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Since its inception, HBCF has been willing to take risks to help grass roots organisations in the early stages of development. It has had a big focus on 'inclusion' by supporting organisations that:

- o Break down barriers
- o Focus on people who are socially isolated
- o Support community members who come from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds
- o Assist and support those with a physical or mental disability.



## ENSURING COMMUNITY-WIDE SUPPORT

HBCF sets its own boundaries on what to fund. We are careful to ensure that all parts of the municipality receive support, as do all age groups and all ethnic groups. Below is a timeline of the assistance by the Hobsons Bay Community Fund over the past 10 years.

From equipping a men's shed, to kitchen gardens, food programs, learn to sail programs for children with a disability, help for newly arrived refugees, a low interest loan scheme, environment programs, help for the homeless, arts events and venues and mental health programs...the list goes on and every tale is a feel-good story.

HBCF has been proud to support such programs and organisations. Often we are able to take greater risks with new ideas and new groups because of strong local connections and committee members stay in touch and take an interest in the successes achieved by grant recipients. We have listed their achievements over the past 10 years on pages 18 to 22.

# HOW WE'VE GROWN

**2006**

HBCF established with the initial \$50,000 contribution from the Hobsons Bay City Council.

**2007**

Thanks to fundraising and donations, HBCF corpus grows to \$131,000. First grant ceremony held at the Town Hall with The Hon Steve Bracks AC announcing the first three grant recipients. The first ever grant was awarded to the Brigidine Nuns for the Hobsons Bay Refugee Network program.

**2008**

Six grants awarded, with a strong focus on children's wellbeing, including to the Altona Green Primary School and the Laverton Children's Centre.

**2009**

A total of eight grants, including the Finnish Society, Chin Society and Western Suburbs Legal Service. This year also saw first in-kind support being channelled through the Fund thanks to Qenos.

**2010**

Brad Johnson, captain of Western Bulldogs, leads the grant ceremony for four worthy recipients. They include the Laverton Park Soccer Club and Helping Hand Café.

**2011**

Food security is in focus this year, with three of six recipients implementing food-related programs. Also, Charities Aid Foundation receives support for Timehelp, a program linking senior volunteers and schools across the municipality.

## 2012

Six grants were allocated, including the first ever media grant to Western Radio Broadcasters. There are three grant recipients focusing on programs that foster greater inclusion of culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

## 2014

HBCF increases the maximum grant amount from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and the first maximum grant awarded to Women's Health West. Other recipients include the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed and Altona Meadows Primary School.

## 2016

10th anniversary sets a new benchmark, with thirteen grants awarded for a total of \$39,863. Recipients include New Hope Foundation, Williamstown Community & Education Centre and Gateway Community Services.

## 2013

A milestone year in which HBCF received a \$200,000 boost from the Victorian Government towards its corpus, matching its own successful fundraising of \$100,000. A strong health focus this year, with ParkinSong, Miracle Babies Foundation and Westgate Multiple Birth Association all receiving grants.

## 2015

Four grants awarded to children's programs, including Seabrook Kindergarten, Altona Meadows Kindergarten and Maternal Health, Early Childhood Management Services and the Newport Gardens Primary School.

# SPECIAL PROJECTS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS



‘With the money we received from HBCF our support group/volunteers were able to set up a sustainable multiple birth playgroup program which is still operating to support the growing number of multiple birth families in our community. The playgroups are now self-funding. Without the grant opportunity we would never have been able to get up and running to a long term sustainable level we now have.’

**Majella Somers**  
Westgate Multiple Birth Association

Hobsons Bay Community Fund undertook a number of special projects and special events in the first 10 years, all with a focus on collaboration. The Fund was often a broker and connector, bringing different parties together.

## **GALA CHARITY DINNERS 2006–12**

The first major project was the Gala Charity Dinner, which continued to be held between 2006 and 2012. These dinners aimed to both raise funds and awareness of HBCF, but they also helped showcase the work of the organisations receiving grants, including a ‘People’s Choice Award’. Prominent people, from politicians Nicola Roxon, Steve Bracks AC and Wade Noonan, to entertainers such as Shaun Micallef and Continental Drift, contributed as speakers and performers.

## **THE TOLL LUNCH 2013**

In 2013 the Fund was offered an opportunity to receive a matching grant from the State Government if it raised \$100,000 from the community. Chair of Toll Holdings, Ray Horsburgh AM, hosted a business lunch in April 2013 in the new Paul Little Museum at Altona. The event helped raise most of the required \$100,000 with the gap quickly filled by generous personal donations and support from Council. The Brumby State Government’s one-off initiative to support the growth of community foundations was an outstanding success and took HBCF to a new level.

## THE SUBSTATION

The restoration of the Substation near Newport train station was both a major infrastructure project and an arts project. Funding the refurbishment of the building was well beyond the resources of HBCF. However, through its networks and adopting a collaborative approach, the Fund was able to arrange for its partner Urban Maintenance System (UMS) to provide ongoing maintenance for the building. Similarly, with its partner Signcraft, all signage for the building and on transport routes to the venue were provided at no cost.

## FOOD SECURITY

Food programs for people living alone, people with mental illness, people with an intellectual disability or simply disadvantaged had been a focus of HBCF grants from the start. Until 2014 Council received a State Government grant to employ a person to co-ordinate and support these programs. Working with this resource, HBCF was able to both provide equipment and fund a range of food programs at drop in centres and in schools. Several other initiatives grew from this focus, including cooking programs, a literacy program, a breakfast club for primary school students and garden and cooking programs in schools.

## GOLF DAY

With its partner Kooringal Golf Club, HBCF held its first Golf Day in March 2016. Largely a fundraiser, this day's success will continue as an annual event as it provides a practical and enjoyable way for local industries to participate

and support the Fund. More importantly, it builds HBCF's networks and the opportunity to connect local businesses with community groups providing further opportunities to assist disadvantaged people living in our community. Practical in-kind assistance and fostering connections have been as valuable as grants in the overall contribution HBCF brings to the community.

## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – INCLUSION PROJECT

Undoubtedly the Inclusion Project is the most ambitious project yet undertaken by HBCF. With partner Compton Green Real Estate, six Melbourne University master students investigated ways to help improve the inclusion of young people 12 to 25 with a disability, in sporting clubs. The project was undertaken with both Hobsons Bay and Wyndham Councils, together with the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at Melbourne University. Both the University and HBCF contributed \$10,000 to the project with all supervision costs absorbed by the University. The students interviewed a wide range of sporting organisations and Access Officers and presented a report that will be considered by sporting groups and both Councils when finalising their next Council plans. The project is being conducted over three years, 2016–18. The project was made possible by funds received from South West Melbourne Medicare Local (covering Hobsons Bay and Wyndham Councils) as part of its wind-up in 2015.

# MANY GRANTS: LOTS OF STORIES

## 2007

**Brigidine Nuns (\$3,000):** Helping mobilise a wide range of volunteers to assist in the settlement of refugee families via support for the Hobsons Bay Refugee Network.

**Richmond Fellowship (\$3,000):** Supporting 23 people with mental illness and at risk of homelessness via support for Amaroo Day Program & Outreach Services.

**Melbourne City Mission (\$3,000):** Engaging young people and advocating on behalf of the city's youth through support for Hobsons Bay Youth Voice Committee.

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## 2008

**Altona Low Vision Support Group (\$1,000):** To reduce the barriers to connectivity confronting people with age-related macular degeneration, which prevents them driving, a grant was provided towards the cost of transport.

**Laverton Community Children's Centre (\$500):** To support the development of childrens' understanding of the process of gardening, a grant enabled the purchase of plants, soil, compost and gardening equipment.

**Altona Green Primary School (\$1,500):** Supporting the development of a kitchen garden program for students in grades 3 to 6.

**Williamstown Church of Christ (\$3,000):** A grant assisted to form a team of volunteers to deliver the adult basic literacy program in the Helping Hand Learning drop-in centre and each week provided a range of nutritious foods for 50 people.

**Laverton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House (\$1,600):** Covering the cost of off-site training (Construction Site Induction Card and OHS) of long-term unemployed people participating in the establishment of a community enterprise business that would remove graffiti.

**Circus Connection (\$3,000):** Contribution towards a funding target of \$20,000 with an aim of ensuring no child in the municipality would be excluded from school excursions because of financial need.

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## 2009

**Carer Links Men's Group (\$1,800):** Funding a family day for a men's support group who provide care for family members who are aged or have a mental or physical disability.

**Williamstown Church of Christ (\$1,500):** Meeting the costs of disadvantaged people wanting to participate in a therapeutic exercise program to introduce them to a gentle, safe and easy to practise style of exercise.

**Interchange Western Region (\$2,000):** Funding to a Hobsons Bay Support Group weekend camp for families with a child with a disability enabling the families to build ongoing support networks and giving them a break.

**Western Region Health Centre (\$1,000):** Increasing the ability of older citizens in social housing to connect by email with family members and to access the Internet, a grant supported participation in training and access to a computer.

**Hobsons Bay Christian Church (\$1,500):** Facilitating the purchase a second hand oven to provide 25 to 35 free meals each week to people with low income and who are disconnected from community.

**Finnish Society (\$1,500):** Supporting cultural diversity and the engagement of young people through sport.

**Chin Society (\$1,500):** Focussing on newly arrived minority groups and supporting cultural diversity, a grant was used to fund a soccer tournament and build connections within the community.

**Western Suburbs Legal Service (\$1,500):** Assisting in the production of a practical and accessible legal resource booklet to enable local Karen and Chin communities better understand the law in Australia and avoid legal problems.

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## 2010

**Westkidz Arts Access Scheme (\$3,000):** Enabling the Arts Collective, located in Spotswood to provide twelve months training for young people from migrant and low-income families to build self-confidence, communication skills and social networks.

**Church of Christ (\$3,000):** Providing support for the Helping Hand Cafe delivery of a nutrition program, focussing on diabetes and obesity to people who are disadvantaged, socially isolated and may suffer from mental illness.

**Victorian State Emergency Service (SES) Altona Unit (\$3,000):** Assisting the development of diversity in the volunteer crews by establishing resources to put four crews into the field.

**Laverton Park Soccer Club (\$3,000):** To enable the Laverton Park Soccer Club to build a strong volunteer network and attract young players from migrant, refugee and low income backgrounds. The HBCF grant helped purchase more equipment and covered fees for some players who could not afford to pay.

## 2011

**Gateway Social Support (\$2,000):** Helping the Foodlink program to increase access for community members in need to fresh food, fruit and vegetables.

**Hobsons Bay Christian Church (\$2,000):** Supporting the Breakfast Club project, delivered in partnership with the Newport Garden Primary School, the HBCF assisted to provide children on the way to school with healthy food to give the children energy and promote alertness.

**Hobsons Bay Men's Shed (\$750):** Funding the establishment of raised garden beds to increase participation options through a Garden Club.

**North Altona Early Childhood Centre (\$700):** To extend the centre's food recycling project, a grant enabled the purchase of a chicken coop, chicken feeding equipment and associated incubator and brooder box hire.

**St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church (\$2,000):** Funding the Seniors Club to provide a series of 10 health educational workshops in Arabic.

**Charities Aid Foundation (\$2,500):** Supporting the Timehelp project which links retirees as volunteers to schools across Hobsons Bay.

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## 2012

**New Hope Foundation (\$2,000):** A grant was used to grow and develop a homework support program for year 9–12 students from refugee backgrounds at Laverton College P–12.

**Hobsons Bay No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) (\$1,600):** Assistance with an operating shortfall as the program become incorporated.

**Western Radio Broadcasters (\$2,000):** Promoting a recruitment program to attract new volunteers from emerging communities and for training of these new volunteers.

**Hobsons Bay Toy Library (\$1,800):** To increase the participation of CALD families in the library, a grant was used to provide information about the Toy Library in languages other than English and provide free or concessional membership to vulnerable or isolated families.

**Emma McLean Kindergarten and Long Day Care (\$400):** Development of the 'You can do it Program' which aims to support communities, schools and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional and academic outcomes of all young people.

**Mambourin Enterprises (\$3,000):** Establishment of a stall at the Altona Street Market in Pier Street to sell items produced during the program promoting independent living by offering employment, education and training services to adults with a disability.

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## 2013

**Newport Community Education Centre (\$2,500):** A grant supported delivery of a photography project for the Young Adult Parenting Program which enables young mothers to visually document the challenges of their everyday life and how they view their environments.

**ParkinSong Victoria (\$1,000):** Assisting with setting up and running costs for a singing program for people with Parkinson's disease.

**Westgate Multiple Birth Association (\$2,000):** Establishment of a playgroup for families with twins or more in Newport and surrounds.

**Miracle Babies Foundation (\$2,000):** Funding sessions for out of hospital play and support group for families who have experienced a premature or sick newborn child.

**Williamstown Community and Education Centre (\$3,000):** The grant funded training and education programs for mature aged and socially isolated local residents who wanted to learn how to use iPads.

**Household Relief Fund (\$3,000):** Supporting women and children escaping family violence to meet costs for establishing their new home.

**Laverton Community Integrated Services (\$3,000):** Providing support for delivery of a program aimed at modelling to participants from disadvantaged backgrounds ways of producing good-looking, balanced, nutritious, low cost meals that they can produce themselves on a low budget.

**Altona Meadows Community Centre (\$1,000):** Establishment of an eco-garden including purchase of worm farms, workshop facilitators, equipment and promotional materials.

**Wintringham Aged Care (\$2,500):** Development of a community garden for residents.

**St Joseph's Corner (\$2,720):** Delivery of a program for women in Laverton to meet on a weekly basis to provide companionship and counselling.

**Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association (\$1,880):** Funding the 'Revive ' project for fitness and well-being for older people with disabilities.

**Friends of Newport Lakes (\$600):** A grant was used to purchase a camera to assist in a project to document the nocturnal animal activity at the Newport Lakes.

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## 2014

**Friends of Skeleton Creek (\$1,000):** Funding work on revegetation of the Altona Meadows creek area at three specific sites.

**Macedonian Women's Senior Citizens Group Altona North (\$600):** Supporting the provision of seminars to elderly Macedonian women about women's health issues.

**Women's Health West (\$5,000):** Providing families presenting at the refuge as a result of family violence with clothing, food and manchester.

**Laverton Park Tennis Club (\$4,500):**

Installation of shade cloth over a new seating area to provide sun-protection for the children and families participating in the club activities.

**Gellibrand Support Services Hanmer St Property (\$2,000):**

Develop for clients a sensory and cut flower garden, with a longer term aim of having clients participate in the Farmers Markets selling flowers, plants and produce whilst interacting and strengthening their connection to the local community.

**Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (\$2,700):** A grant funded a Discovery Sailing program for Altona Meadows Primary School senior students.

**Newport Seniors Citizens Centre (\$1,000):**

Providing regular musical entertainment for local residents and residents of two aged care facilities who also attend the club for these activities.

**Yooralla West Children's Services (\$5,000):**

Funding a specialist therapy group for children 0-6 with disability or developmental delay. The group sessions provided parents with skills they can use with their child at home.

**Altona Primary School Parents Association (\$3,920):**

Development of a 10 week drama program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or a learning or physical disability.

**Hobsons Bay Men's Shed (\$2,000):** Purchase of software and equipment for a Future Creation Workshop.

**Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria (\$2,958):**

Establishment and delivery of a program of information and education around the issues of anxiety.

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## 2015

**Mind Australia (\$3,000):** Supporting the development of a horticultural program designed to offer people recovering from mental health illnesses a therapeutic environment of working together in a community garden setting at Amaroo in Williamstown.

**Seabrook Kindergarten Association (\$1,500):**

To encourage the participation of families from a variety of cultural backgrounds, the HBCF supported an 8-week cooking experience with the 4 year old children and their families.

**Joseph's Corner (\$1,575):** To support counselling to families and friends of people suffering addiction, a grant supported the delivery of a number of group sessions facilitated by the organisations psychologist and focusing on living resiliently.

**The Link Centre (\$4,715):** Targeting youth not currently attending mainstream school, the HBCF contributed funding to a residential camp in Central Australia.

**Altona Meadows Kindergarten and Maternal Health (\$1,200):** Contributing to funding a sensory garden and seating for the children and families to utilise while attending the kindergarten and the maternal health centre.

**Laverton P-12 College (\$5,000):** A grant contributed to funding of an 18-week program to engage more closely with families by creating an opportunity for fathers and a trained teacher to work with their child on a project, share a meal together and attend an information session on subjects such as parenting, bullying, cyber-safety, effective communication, anger management and mental health-positive approaches.

**Gateway Community Services (\$2,900):** To increase knowledge of the local community, health and wellbeing among residents at Floyd Lodge and high rise social housing in Williamstown, the HBCF supported community events, information sessions and seniors expos on access, depression, Alzheimer's, dementia and nutrition.

**Early Childhood Management Services (\$5,000):** Supporting the development of a weekly afternoon tea group to bridge a gap in the community between the elderly and young children.

**Queen of Peace Primary School Altona Meadows (\$3,000):** A grant supported the development of a sensory/native garden to benefit the school students and the community groups who utilise the neighbouring community hall.

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## 2016

**New Hope Foundation (\$5,000):** for the provision of a learning support and recreation program for 25 refugee and young people from a range of CALD backgrounds living and studying in Hobsons Bay.

**Williamstown Community & Education Centre (\$5,000):** for the provision of a 20 week Financial Literacy for Positive Living program for up to 150 people.

**Nikolina Mabic – auspiced by Latitude (\$3,650):** for the provision of a 2-day Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop in Newport for 30 young people.

**The Transformation Centre (\$3,113):** provided equipment for the program Empowering Women with Cooking and Social Inclusion in Newport targeting refugees and immigrants.

**Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre (\$3,000):** financed a project in Altona that connects students at a local school with local senior citizens to document their life stories.

**Hope Ink (\$3,000):** funded the delivery of Shine personal development program targeting women or girls from disadvantaged backgrounds or who are refugees.

**Gateway Community Services (\$3,000):** for the delivery of three education sessions specifically for adults with a disability living in Hobsons Bay.

**Melbourne Myanmar Christian Fellowship (\$3,000):** towards funding for an annual camp to prepare young Burmese to be responsible leaders of the younger generation in the communities they live in.

**Australian Arabic Women's Community Group (\$2,500):** supporting the provision of workshops involving police and community to educate women about their rights and entitlements and how to handle domestic violence situations.

**Friends of Floyd Garden (\$2,500):** used to expand the community garden at Floyd Lodge in Williamstown.

**Yarraville Special Development School (\$2,500):** to provide funding for additional iPads to assist those students at the school without access to iPad technology.

**Secondbite (\$2,000):** support for Secondbite's work with Altona Meadows Primary School to deliver a community fresh food program for 350 children across the school and for over 200 families providing them with free fresh food each week (dairy, eggs, fruit and vegetables) and to work with the other 23 primary schools and 9 secondary schools in Hobsons Bay to provide fresh food deliveries for children and struggling families.

**West Welcome Wagon (\$1,600):** support for the Welcome Warmth group (with over 250 members) to provide homemade items such as blankets and to source warm clothing for asylum seeker homes in Hobsons Bay.



'Joseph's Corner very much appreciated receiving a grant from HBCF to run a support group for loved ones of a family member who is addicted to drugs or alcohol. The group provided a safe place for families to share their experiences and learn from each other. Being in this situation comes with shame and embarrassment, especially for parents, but in this group each member understood the other, which enabled frank discussion and support for each other.'

**Debbie Di Genova**

Joseph's Corner: support service for families of addiction.

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