

Annual Report for 2016



Hobsons Bay Community Fund

A Sub Fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

Introduction

2016 truly was a year to remember: our first golf day at Koorinal, our first fundraising lunch at the Hellenic Hotel and our first major strategic project in partnership with the University of Melbourne.

Long term partnerships have been the foundation upon which the Fund has been built. Qenos, Compton Green, Signcraft, UMS and Hobsons Bay City Council have been there from the early days, always willing to help. More recently they have been joined by Star Weekly, LTC, Koorinal Golf Club and Downer EDI Rail.

Koorinal provided facilities and staff plus a lot of guidance in organising the first golf day, which raised \$20,000 and is now one of two major fundraising events on our calendar. The other major fundraiser was our inaugural lunch at Hellenic Hotel, hosted by George Calombaris. A packed house raised \$10,000 ahead of the new restaurant's official opening.

The jointly funded project with Melbourne University is breaking new ground for the University as well as HBCF and will continue over three years. Six Masters of Social Work students were housed at Compton Green Real Estate in Footscray over four months to examine ways in which young people with mental or physical disabilities could be included in sports and recreational programs in both the City of Hobsons Bay and City of Wyndham. Outcomes from the project are reported on our website.

Topping off this year of new initiatives was the booklet "*Celebrating 10 Years*" capturing the story of the Fund and listing the 70 organisations that have benefited from it over that time. The booklet was made possible by contributions from Keima Press, Aurora Marketing, Disruptive Media, StarWeekly, Qenos, Downer EDI Rail and Hobsons Bay City Council and is available on our website and in hard copy at Council libraries.

It is hard to imagine that in ten years the Fund has been able make grants totalling \$189,000 at the same time as building a corpus of \$653,000. It has been a very successful decade with the best to come. As the corpus grows grants will increase. And as more partners commit to supporting the Fund more strategic projects, such as the one with Melbourne University, become possible.

Three challenges face us in our second decade:

- How to attract bequests;
- How to increase payroll giving across a larger range of employers; and
- How to continue to keep costs to a minimum so that every dollar raised goes to helping community organisations.

Our target is \$1 million by 2020. To achieve this we will need even more assistance in kind from employers and a payroll commitment from employees. It is the most efficient and effective mechanism for supporting a broad range of community organisations and building a strong, capable, inclusive and caring community. Thank you to all of our supporters and partners and the hardworking committee members. I hope you feel amply rewarded by the success of the Fund in its short life and that you will continue to be part of it.

Hayden Raysmith AM

Chair

Grants made in 2016

The Hobsons Bay Community Fund presented its 2016 grants, totalling \$39,863, to 13 organisations. The purpose of the grants are outlined below.

| Recipient | Purpose |
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| New Hope Foundation | A grant of \$5,000 will support 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 | A \$5,000 grant will support the provision of a 20 week Financial Literacy for Positive Living program to up to 150 people. |
| Nikolina Mabic - auspiced by Latitude | A grant of \$3,650 will support the provision of a 2-day Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop in Newport for 30 young people. |
| The Transformation Centre | A grant of \$3,113 will provide equipment for the program Empowering Women with Cooking and Social Inclusion in Newport targeting refugees and immigrants. |
| Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre | A grant of \$3,000 will fund a project in Altona that connects students at a local school with local senior citizens to document their life stories. |
| Hope Ink | A grant of \$3,000 will fund the delivery of Shine personal development program targeting women or girls from disadvantaged backgrounds or who are refugees. |
| Gateway Community Services | A grant of \$3,000 will fund delivery of 3 education sessions specifically for adults with a disability living in Hobsons Bay. |
| Melbourne Myanmar Christian Fellowship | A grant of \$3,000 will contribute to 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 | A grant of \$2,500 will support 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 | A grant of \$2,500 will be used to expand the community garden at Floyd Lodge in Williamstown. |
| Yarraville Special Development School | A grant of \$2,500 will be used to provide funding for additional iPads to assist those students at the school without access to iPad technology. |
| Secondbite | A grant of \$2,000 will support 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 | A grant of \$1,600 will support 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. |

Pro bono and in-kind contributions

Pro bono and in-kind contributions to HBCF included:

- HBCF website support provided by **technology<atters>**

- HBCF Golf Day venue and support and venue for Grants Presentation event provided by the **Koorungal Golf Club**
- Venue and support for HBCF fundraising lunch provided by **Hellenic Hotel**
- Catering assistance for Grant Presentation event provided by **Qenos**
- Fundraising efforts by **Hobsons Bay City Council staff** and the **Project 200 team**
- Postage and printing provided by **Compton Green**
- Ongoing maintenance work for community partner The Substation by **UMS**
- Venue and catering for committee meetings provided by **Qenos, Signcraft, Compton Green** and **Hobsons Bay City Council**.
- Support for design and production of 10th anniversary booklet by **Keima Press**.

Financial report

The financial report for 2016 is largely incorporated in the Australian Communities Foundation Annual Report available from their website (<http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/>).

The table below presents a summary of 2016 activity in HBCF's two ACF sub-funds and its Bendigo Bank account. HBCF commenced 2016 with a combined balance of \$646,602.07 and, after allocating grants totalling \$39,863.00, finished the year with a combined balance of \$653,213.34.

| | Value (\$) |
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| ACF Main Fund opening balance (1 Jan 2016) | \$94,028.46 |
| Income from donations, grants and other fundraising activities | \$3,644.50 |
| Expenditure on grants | \$26,363.00 |
| Expenditure on ACF administrative & management fees | \$2,025.87 |
| Expenditure on other items | \$0.00 |
| Investment gains | \$3,038.09 |
| ACF Main Fund closing balance (31 Dec 2016) | \$72,322.18 |
| ACF Extension Fund opening balance (1 Jan 2016) | \$530,987.97 |
| Income from donations, grants and other fundraising activities | \$25,000.00 |
| Expenditure on grants | \$13,500.00 |
| Expenditure on ACF administrative & management fees | \$12,730.68 |
| Expenditure on other items | \$0.00 |
| Investment gains | \$21,602.27 |
| ACF Extension Fund closing balance (31 Dec 2016) | \$551,359.56 |
| Bendigo Bank Account opening balance (1 Jan 2016) | \$21,585.64 |
| Income from fundraising | \$37,332.96 |
| Expenditure on fundraising and operations | \$9,387.00 |
| Transfers to ACF Extension Fund | \$20,000.00 |
| Bendigo Bank Account closing balance (31 Dec 2016) | \$29,531.60 |

Attachment A: HBCF Committee

During 2016, Committee members included:

- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- Adrian Butera
- John Clarke
- Liam Cummins
- Vedran Drakulic OAM
- Craig Eyes
- Cr Colleen Gates
- Cr Peter Hemphill
- David Mattner
- Helen McVay
- Kerri Pyne
- Hayden Raysmith AM (Chair)
- Ashley Thompson.

Attachment B: HBCF Grants Committee

The Grants Committee members in 2016 were:

- Helen McVay
- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- David Mattner.

Attachment C: HBCF Nominations and Review Committee

The Nomination and Review Committee members in 2016 were:

- Hayden Raysmith AM
- Emma Wooley
- John Clarke.

Attachment D: HBCF Supporters and Partners in 2016

Major supporters and partners included:

- The Signcraft Group
- UMS
- Qenos
- Compton Green
- Hobsons Bay City Council
- University of Melbourne

Supporters included:

- Budget Rent-a-Car
- Citywide
- Complete Family Care
- Complete Function Hire
- Downer EDI Rail
- Dow

- Exxon Mobil
- Hellenic Hotel
- Keima Press
- LTC
- Nufarm
- Port of Melbourne Corporation
- Summit Formwork
- technology<atters>
- Victoria University

Media Partner

- StarWeekly

Community Partners included

- Melbourne City Mission
- The Substation
- Koorringal Golf Club.