

Annual Report for 2017



Hobsons Bay Community Fund

A Sub Fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

Introduction

Steadily we grow. Made possible by many people pulling together. In 2017 the Fund grew by \$120,642 of which \$41,805 was allocated in grants to 18 community organisations.

Without question the highlight of 2017 was the publication of *“Sports for Everyone: a guide to 360° inclusion for young people in sport”* combined with 7 new Inclusion Grants to sporting clubs.

The three year partnership with the University of Melbourne enables six Masters of Social Work students to be located at Compton Green Real Estate and work to improve policies and practices that enable adolescents with a disability to be included in sporting clubs. Not only has the project been embraced by both Hobsons Bay and Wyndham Councils but has many champions within local sporting clubs. It would be fair to say, in its second year, the project has exceeded expectations both as a student placement and in terms of tangible benefits. University has nominated it for an award for its contribution to student learning and research.

Partnerships are at the core of Hobsons Bay Community Fund’s success. Our many supporters are listed below, but it is partners such as Qenos, Signcraft, Compton Green, UMS, StarWeekly, Technology < matters >, Keima Press, Hobsons Bay Council and Koorungal Golf Club that enable the Fund to become bigger and stronger year on year. Continuity of support is worth far more than one-off contributions. There is a multiplier effect that comes from working together, sharing ideas and being creative about how best to support community groups. Long term relationships matter and build social capital.

Fundraising has become focussed on two major events, the Golf Day in March with Koorungal and a Business Lunch in June with Hellenic Hotel. Our aim is to make them premier events for the West. In their second year they are well on the way to achieving this status.

2017 signalled the start of a new era. Building on the first decade and the publication of the *“Celebrating 10 Years”* booklet the Fund is looking to step up to a new level. A strategic plan has been developed for the Fund’s second decade and Council has agreed to second an up and coming Council staff member to work with the Fund one day a week. This will give the Fund greater capacity but also provide a unique learning experience for the seconded worker.

Both the strategic plan and the seconded worker will come into effect at the start of 2018.

2017 saw Cr Colleen Gates step down to make way for Mayor Sandra Wilson and Cr Peter Hemphill. Cr Gates played a key role in helping shape and build the Fund in its first decade before being elected to Council and after. Thank you.

To our other committee members, all volunteers, thank you. Whilst progress can be measured in dollars raised and grants given it is trust, goodwill and generosity that also adds immeasurably to making our community what it is. It is the legacy that each and every committee member will leave. Thank you.

As we finished 2017 there was a sense of anticipation about where we are headed.

Hayden Raysmith AM
Chair

Grants made in 2017

In 2017 the Hobsons Bay Community Fund presented eleven Community Grants, totalling \$34,805 and an additional seven Sports Inclusion Awards of \$1,000 each. The purpose of the grants are outlined below.

Recipients of the 2017 grants were:

- **Williamstown and Community Education Centre** received \$5000 to establish a program called 'Reaching across the Ages' in which mature aged volunteers will meet with child care providers in Hobsons Bay creating non familial intergenerational interactions.
- **Emma McLean Kindergarten and Day Care** received \$4000 to expand current dedicated outdoor education program from member children and families to the wider community in an Intergenerational Gardening Program.
- **Laverton Community Children Centre** received \$3525 to fund excursions for attending children from low socio-economic background and/or vulnerable circumstances.
- **Multiple Sclerosis Ltd** received \$1300 for minor outdoor works and the provision of outdoor furniture to allow residents of MS accommodation in Power Street, Williamstown and guests to enjoy time outdoors.
- **South Kingsville Community Centre** received \$3500 for training and education programs based on ways to reduce waste food through smart shopping, storage, preparing and cooking food.
- **Holy Trinity Williamstown** received \$900 to replace crockery and cutlery used for 50 settings in the Community Lunch Program.
- **St Marks Anglican Church Spotswood** received \$2500 to part fund a multi-purpose garden and activity space for communities using St Marks and immediate neighbours - childcare centre and Zotung Burmese/Chin refugee community.
- **West Welcome Wagon** received \$5000 to provide food, bed linen, refrigerators and electric fans for asylum seekers.
- **The Finnish Friendly Visiting Service Inc** received \$3000 to provide communication technology elderly Finns and those with a disability.
- **Volunteers West Inc** received \$5000 to provide mentoring within Hobsons Bay to a community group to improve governance through the Hobsons Bay Governance Mentors Pilot Project.
- **Carers Links Mens Group Inc** received \$1080 for a Family Day in Hobsons Bay for carers, care recipients, family and friends.

An additional seven \$1,000 **Sports Inclusion Awards** were made to the following clubs:

- **Williamstown Seagulls 'FIDA' program** - The Williamstown Seagulls have increased playing and coaching opportunities for boys and girls, 14 years and above. The Seagulls' FIDA team present a unique opportunity for young people to attend training, participate in AFL, and to make social connections.
- **Glen Orden AFL and Cricket Club** - The Glen Orden AFL and Cricket Club has shown leadership in turning inclusive policies into practical strategies that are embedded in club operations and culture - particularly the Code of Conduct and player and parent support practices.
- **Barnstoneworth FC 'Football 4 Fun' program**- Barnstoneworth, with the support of volunteers and parents, created a Football program with tailored adaptations. By emphasising participation for all abilities, the program enables young people with individual needs, who could not otherwise fully participate, to engage in physical exercise and benefit from social interaction.
- **Rainbow Club of Point Cook** - The Rainbow Club of Point Cook creates opportunities for all young people to participate in physical activity by actively seeking information about individual needs and making adaptations and modifications as required. This enables young people who have previously been unable to participate in swimming lessons to learn water safety skills, and enables them and their families to enjoy social support through other club members.
- **Williamstown Lifesaving Club** - The Williamstown Lifesaving Club has introduced a new, modified program to enable all children and young people to be active members in the Surf Lifesaving club and to participate in opportunities for skill development that were previously unavailable.

- **Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club** - Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club has embraced adaptive coaching for young people with individual needs, enabling opportunities to play sport for a previously excluded group of players.
- **AltonaSports Club** - Altona Sports Club have welcomed and enabled the longterm participation of young people with disabilities in a weekly pool tournament for the last 10 years.

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, Downer EDI** and **Hobsons Bay City Council**.
- Support for design and production of 10th anniversary booklet by **Keima Press**.

Financial report

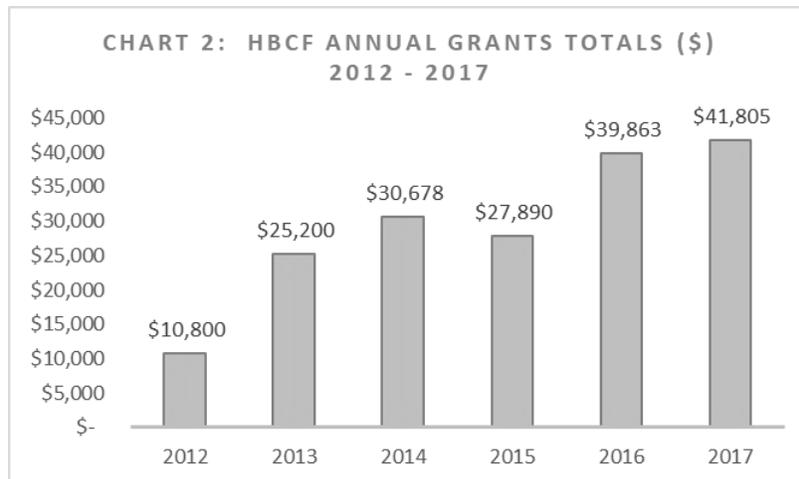
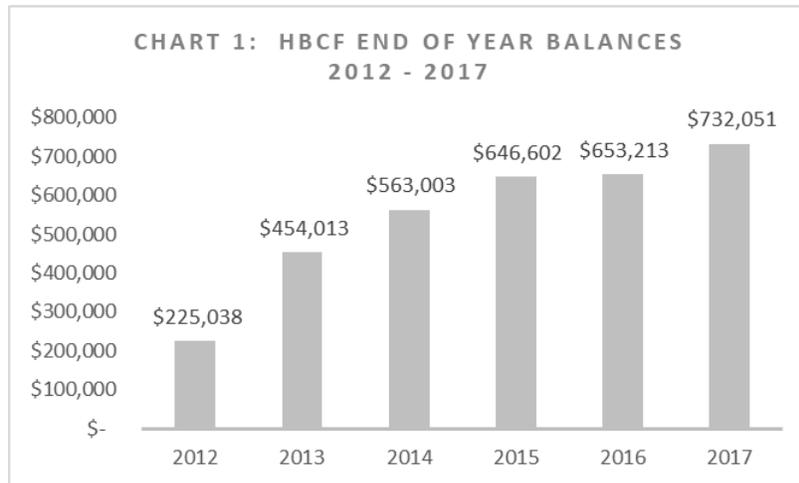
The financial report for 2017 is largely incorporated in the Australian Communities Foundation Annual Report available from their website (<http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/>).

The table below presents a summary of 2017 activity in HBCF's two ACF sub-funds and its Bendigo Bank account. HBCF commenced 2017 with a combined balance of \$653,213.34 and, after allocating grants totalling \$41,805.00, finished the year with a combined balance of \$732,050.69.

	Value (\$)
ACF Main Fund opening balance (1 Jan 2017)	72,322.18
Income from donations, grants and other fundraising activities	9,033.00
Expenditure on grants	17,825.00
Expenditure on ACF administrative & management fees	1,702.37
Expenditure on other items	0.00
Investment gains	9,910.67
ACF Main Fund closing balance (31 Dec 2017)	71,738.48
ACF Extension Fund opening balance (1 Jan 2017)	551,359.56
Income from donations, grants and other fundraising activities	16,437.74
Expenditure on grants	23,980.00
Expenditure on ACF administrative & management fees	12,970.25
Expenditure on other items	0.00
Investment gains	76,230.02
ACF Extension Fund closing balance (31 Dec 2017)	607,077.07
Bendigo Bank Account opening balance (1 Jan 2017)	29,531.60

Income from fundraising	45,856.86
Expenditure on fundraising and operations	8,039.00
Interest	123.42
Transfers to ACF Extension Fund	14,237.74
Bendigo Bank Account closing balance (31 Dec 2017)	53,235.14

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 2017.



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:

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

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
- Koorngal Golf Club
- Williamstown Football Club.