



Building Relationships
& Strengthening Communities

John T Reid Charitable Trusts
Annual Review 2014

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About us

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts are a national funding organisation with a wide ranging commitment to philanthropy around Australia. The Trustees are proud of a track record of generous giving for nearly sixty years, being responsive to community need and supportive to key issues.

We believe that good philanthropy results from developing relationships with people. Trustees play an important role in meeting with applicants to determine the full extent of the project for funding. This hands-on approach enables practical, creative and responsive giving.

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts are governed by nine Trustees who manage the Trusts' assets and distribute the income in line with the changing needs of the Australian community.

The Trustees bring a broad range of professional skills and experience to the task, particularly in the areas of social policy, environment, not-for-profit, business, finance and the law.

The Trustees represent urban and regional Australia, as well as different states and territories. Of the nine Trustees, five are descendants of the Trusts' founder and four are independent. A number of specialist advisors provide assistance, as required. The Trustees meet formally twice a year, to assess funding submissions and make appropriate distributions. Other regular meetings monitor investments and the progress of projects.

Chairman's Report



Anne Grindrod

Chairman -
John T Reid Charitable Trusts

"Our Philanthropy is absolutely an investment in Australian communities. Our Trustees allocate grants with generosity and trust. We give with our hearts - we meet with those who seek support. "

This Annual Report describes the funding distributed by the Trustees during 2013-14 to organisations throughout Australia. It highlights great projects, important outcomes and the community impact of our philanthropic support. You will read of the scale of our funding, the numbers of applicants, the process of decision making and the amount we distribute. I hope too that you get a sense of the commitment of the Trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts.

Julia Unwin, CEO of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation speaking in Melbourne in June, on the next 100 years for philanthropy, remarked that wise, careful philanthropy can change the world. *"Good philanthropy is connected to the community where it works, engaged community philanthropy is incredibly powerful."*

Our Philanthropy is absolutely an investment in Australian communities. Our Trustees allocate grants with generosity and trust. We give with our hearts - we meet with those who seek support. We give with our heads - we think strategically and look to measure the impacts of funding. There is a range of risk attached to what we fund. Some projects are straightforward; sometimes even the recipients aren't really sure where their endeavours will lead.

Great outcomes, particularly in medical research, may be many years from the beginnings of ideas and innovation. We seek to support entrepreneurship and innovation in new ways to effect social change. We should be impatient for change for those suffering disadvantage and injustice in our community. Our Trustees are inspired by new thinking and new initiatives for making change. This year we have sought to allocate a number of large grants based on the Trustees concerns for making greater impact in specific areas of community need.

The Trustees have also hosted Trustees from other foundations for two round table discussions. In October 2013 I co-hosted a lunch with Ian Sinclair, Chairman of FRRR about the impact of philanthropic funding on long term support for disaster relief.

We held a briefing to promote a philanthropic tour to the Kimberley region to attend the KALACC festival in September 2014. We think it is very valuable for Trustees to have the chance to meet and discuss issues relating to their work and hope to continue to provide these opportunities in the future.

We were also pleased to have Tim Flannery, Climate Council and Richard Denniss, Australia Institute present to the Trustees in May on ways to inform and educate the community on the impacts of climate change.

I would like to acknowledge the cheerful, energetic support that the Trustees receive from Debbie Ashbolt, Jessica Reid and Melanie Robertson. We really appreciate their skills, values and commitment.

Melanie joined our team this year as an Administration Officer and will be expanding her role to Office Manager while Jessica is away on Maternity Leave.

Jessica has developed her role to manage communications through the redesign of our website. This has enabled us to maintain up to date information for those seeking funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts.

The administrative support by Jessica and Melanie allows Debbie to manage the day to day granting processes. We are delighted by the rapport that Debbie maintains with all those who seek our funding. Providing a personal approach to communication is at the heart of our philanthropy and Debbie always provides timely support and encouragement.

The Trustees also receive professional advice from Dominic Peligana and his staff at KPMG and investment management from Sue Dahn at Pitcher Partners. Dom and Sue have a real understanding of our intentions to support the community with our funding and provide important and timely guidance.

I will be retiring as a Trustee of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts at the Annual Meeting in November 2014. My retirement is in line with our policy for trustees to serve for a maximum of fifteen years. I have been privileged to be chairman for five years.

I leave a great group of trustees who represent a family culture of generous, thoughtful and trusting support. Our funding is based on building relationships and strengthening communities for the Australian community. We have been in our office in Surrey Hills for five years. Sir John Reid often funded organisations to acquire



Dr Richard Denniss with Anne Grindrod, Chairman, and Belinda Lawson, Trustee and Incoming Chairman

accommodation for their work believing that it is only with the security of the right work environment enabled them to work more effectively. So we are very pleased to have a workplace where we can work well, meet with those we fund and host other trusts and foundations.

We need to inspire a new generation of philanthropists responsive to disadvantage and injustice in Australia. Over the past few years the Trustees have begun the process of education and inclusion for the next generation of the Reid family. We are really pleased with the response we have had to providing opportunities for mentoring.

It has been wonderful to be able to combine my interest in strategic change and early intervention, my passion for the environment and my deep regard for the generosity of the generations of trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts. I am really proud that Belinda Lawson will continue the family commitment as Chairman from next year. I will be glad to retire to being a friend, daughter, sister, niece and cousin within a wide family who provide the culture of private generosity that underpins all that we achieve through the John T Reid Charitable Trusts.

Anne Grindrod, Chairman

Executive Officer's Report



Debbie Ashbolt

Executive Officer -
John T Reid Charitable Trusts

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The role of philanthropy in supporting those in need within the Australian community has been a focus for discussion within the sector of recent times. Uncertainty around Government funding has made it difficult for many charitable organisations to support their ongoing activities. Regulation of the Not-for-profit sector is also unclear as we await confirmation on the future of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. I have been fortunate to meet with several other CEOs of Trusts and Foundations in Melbourne recently, and it was a wonderful opportunity to share our experiences of providing effective granting.

Trustees meet every six months, not only to consider funding requests, but also to reflect on the reporting we have received from funding recipients over the past six months. This has become an important part of our meeting process, and each Trustee speaks briefly to the final reports received from projects which they have championed. By reflecting on the effectiveness of our funding, it allows the Trustees to provide me with direction on communicating with applicants.

The Trustees have reviewed our giving strategy over the past year, and this reflects strongly on the work done within the office. In line with the traditional values of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, our funding has included both larger strategic grants, and a number of smaller grants that are reflective of the need we see through our enquiry process. Often our strategic grants will be in an area of interest to the Trustees or identified as a specific area of need in the community. At our most recent meeting, the Trustees reflected on the past 10 years of funding within the medical research sector. The most effective granting was typically larger grants, often paid over two or three years. This limits the Trusts' ability to consider new funding requests in this sector, and so it was agreed that until further notice, the Trusts will not be considering unsolicited requests relating to medical research. The Trusts will continue to consider enquiries relating to community health.



Children from Keilor Primary School at the new Brimbank Park Playscape.
Photos courtesy of People & Parks Foundation.

We have had some changes to our staffing at the John T Reid Charitable Trusts over the past year. Megan Lawson successfully completed a six month contract to update our database with details of our grants. All grants provided since the early 1990's are now input. In April this year, we welcomed a new Administration Officer, Melanie Robertson, who is working on the ongoing database requirements and other office duties. As a longer term project, Melanie will be researching older meeting notes held in our archives and adding information to our database about grants back to the foundation of the Trust. We have been thrilled with the way Melanie has fitted into our small office team, and look forward to working with her this year.

Our Office Manager Jessica Reid has passed on a lot of her administrative duties to Melanie, and is now focused largely on our Communication. Jessica now has the ability to do live updates to our website, and has undergone training on a desktop publishing software application to enable her to produce this wonderful Annual Report. Jessica is currently on maternity leave, and will be re-joining the Trust office in 2015.

Other professional development this year has included one of the Trustees and me completing the Australian Institute of Company Director's week long course. Two other Trustees are enrolled to complete this course in the 2015 financial year. This provided vital information regarding governance, duties and responsibilities of Trustees and financial analysis.

The Trustees and I also attend many information sessions within the sector, and are proud to represent

the John T Reid Charitable Trusts at functions hosted by our funding recipients. The administration staff also attended training courses relating to our database system.

My thanks go to our hard working Trustees for the incredible support and guidance they provide, and the professional administration staff who make coming into the office a pleasure. I would also like to thank all our wonderful applicants and grant recipients, whose passion and hard work enables us to provide meaningful grants to support the Australian community.

Debbie Ashbolt - Executive Officer

2014 Overview

Introduction

This report provides an update on the activities of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts for the financial year to 30 June 2014. Our hope is that by reading this report, you will gain an understanding of the breadth of our funding. We do not publish the amounts of each individual grant as we feel this is an agreement between the Trusts and the organisation; however we have provided some totals of funding within each funding category, and geographically. We are often asked what the size of an average grant is. To us, there is no 'average' grant. Each grant request and each organisation is considered on their own merits, and the dollar value of a grant will mean something different to each organisation. There are many factors the Trustees consider when approving a grant to an organisation, including the organisation's capacity to manage a grant, other funding sources, the total budget, and the ability of that organisation to seek funds from other sources.

Funding Overview

The following organisations, sorted by our categories, received approval for funding support at our November 2013 and May 2014 meetings:

Aged and Palliative Care

- Kellock Lodge
- NPY Women's Council
- Riverina Community College

Arts and Cultural Heritage

- Art Gallery of Ballarat
- Arts Project Australia
- Melbourne International Film Festival
- The University of Melbourne
- Royal Historic Society of Victoria
- Westside Circus

Environment

- Australian Environment
- Grantmakers Network
- Tarkine National Coalition
- The Nature Conservancy
- Veski

Community and Social Welfare

- Australian Red Cross
- CanAssist
- Disaster Aid
- Down Syndrome Victoria
- Foodbank NSW
- Hands on Learning
- Kimberley Aboriginal Law & Cultural Centre
- Lifeline
- Monaro Early Intervention Service
- Prison Fellowship Australia
- Salvation Army Brisbane
- Second Bite
- Special Olympics Australia
- Sunraysia Residential Services
- TAD Disability Services

Education and Youth

- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Cathy Freeman Foundation
- Documentary Australia Foundation
- Insight Education Centre
- One Voice
- River Nile Learning Centre

Health Support

- Asbestos Diseases Research Institute
- Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group
- Hammond Care
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund
- Royal District Nursing Service

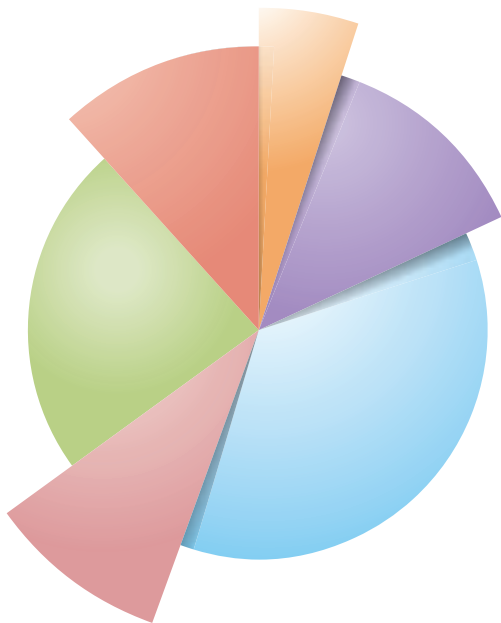
Funding Overview

Approved Grants year to 30 June 2014:

CATEGORY SPREAD

Grants approved at either our November 2013 or May 2014 meetings. We always seek assurance that a project is ready to commence before we pay our grants, and our funding commitment remaining valid for 12 months from date of approval. Grants approved in 2014 were over \$2.8 million.

The graph below shows the spread of our funding within each category. Many grants could 'fit' in more than one category, so our classification is based on who will benefit most from each grant.

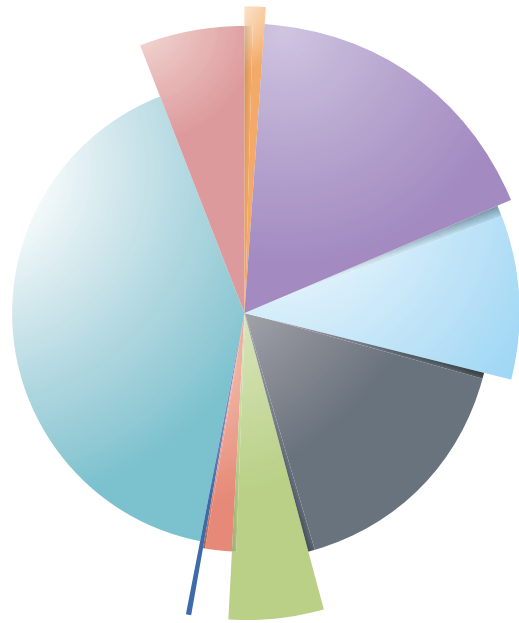


Active Grants year to 30 June 2014:

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

In addition to the grants approved and paid in 2014 there were projects funded in earlier years which the Trustees monitor through our reporting process, until a final report is received. The total of active projects in the 2014 financial year was over \$9 million.

The graph below shows the geographic spread of our grants. As a national funder with both an Australian and Victorian Trust, we work hard to ensure our funding reaches as many areas within Australia as possible.



Aged and Palliative Care

Supporting the needs of older people and carers in Australia often focuses on improving the quality of life for people living in aged-care facilities, and providing support to enhance the independence of the elderly. This may be through capital funding towards the fit-out of buildings, or supporting the establishment of programs that provide mental and physical stimulation. Programs focusing on the safety of residents in aged-care facilities and research into age-related disease are areas that the Trust has recently funded.

Palliative Care Project, NPY Women's Council

The Aboriginal women of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY), created the NPY Women's Council (NPYWC) to give a voice to women across the remote central desert.

At its core, the NPY Women's Council is about family and community, and has become a major service delivery organisation for central desert Aboriginal communities. Key services include:

- Ngangkari - Traditional Healing
- Youth Programs
- Child and Family Wellbeing
- Domestic Violence
- Tjungu - Aged, Disability and Respite
- Tjanpi - Social Enterprise

NPYWC's Tjungu Team created a Palliative Care Project to respond to the needs and demands of Anangu and Yarnangu people (Aboriginal people of NPY) to support their people with a life threatening illness or condition, to return to country to reconnect with family before they die.



Photo courtesy of NPY Women's Council.

"The funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has enabled NPYWC to expand upon the important work of returning people to country and continue to facilitate these trips in a culturally appropriate and timely manner."

Kim McRae

Tjungu Team Manager - NPY Women's Council



Photo courtesy of Riverina Community College.



Photo courtesy of Kellock Lodge Alexandra.

Cyber Savvy Seniors, Riverina Community College

Riverina Community College in Wagga Wagga NSW delivers training for disadvantaged youth and people with a disability including their carers, programs for jobseekers and community programs targeted at seniors.

In 2013 the College received significant funding from the NSW Government to support a course delivering computer education for seniors, 'Tech Savvy Seniors'.

The program is designed to reach out to and benefit isolated seniors, particularly those lacking a social network of support from family and friends or who lack knowledge, or are intimidated by computers, mobile phones, and online social networking.

Courses were extremely successful and in huge demand, significantly outstripping supply of funding, which was cut in 2014 to 10% of the original grant.

At the recent May 2014 Meetings, the Trustees decided to provide funding to continue an obviously extremely successful program for seniors living in regional areas.

Aged Care Development Project, Kellock Lodge, Alexandra

Through capital works at Kellock Lodge during 2014, the rural aged care facility will have a total makeover including a new meals/lounge area, and will increase capacity from 40 to 50 beds, to meet the increased need for aged care beds in the Victorian rural community of Alexandra and district.

During the May 2014 Meetings, the Trustees were delighted to hear of the partnership support Kellock Lodge had from the community, particularly during 2012/13 when a fundraising campaign provided over \$100,000 towards the construction.

"This project will greatly improve the quality of life for people living in our rural aged care facility"

Susanne Sawyer

Chief Executive Officer - Kellock Lodge Alexandra Inc.

Arts and Cultural Heritage

The Trustees focus is often to enable equitable access to the arts for disadvantaged people and providing arts programs in rural or remote communities. This will often involve projects that focus on community education. The preservation and understanding of Australia's cultural heritage is also the focus of many projects funded.

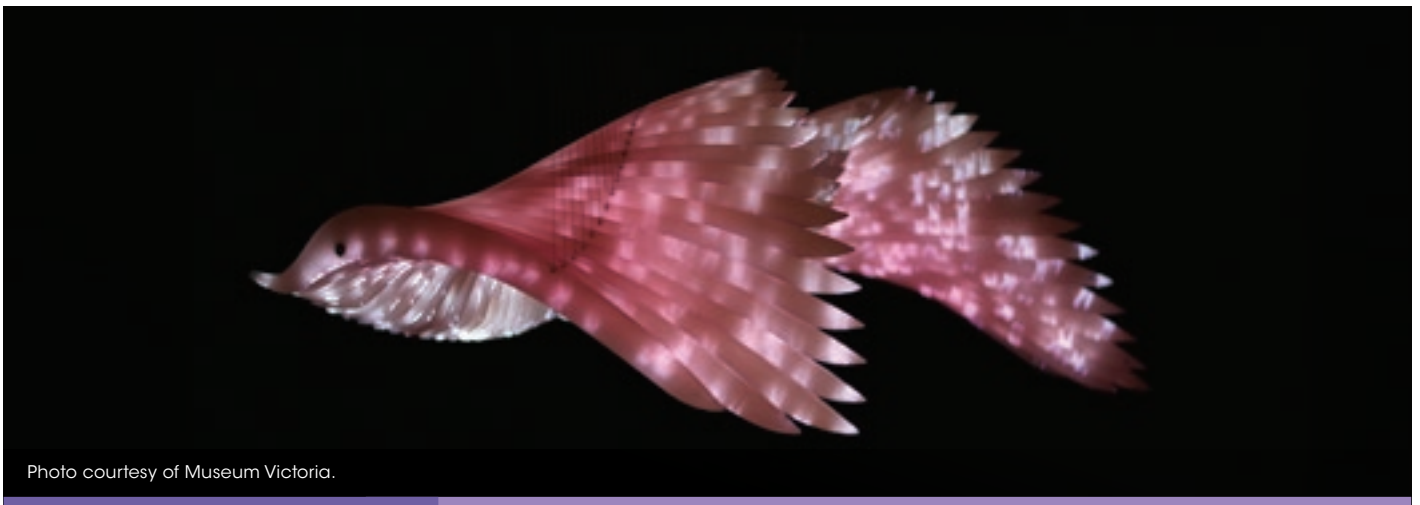


Photo courtesy of Museum Victoria.

Melbourne Museum's First Peoples Exhibition, Museum Victoria

The First People's exhibition at Melbourne Museum represents an engaging and inspiring co-curated experience which celebrates the history, culture, achievements and the survival of Victoria's Aboriginal people.

Community engagement was wide ranging and deeply embedded in the projects methodology, with many Koorie people participating in the development of First People's.

Funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has enabled delivery of a key exhibition experience, the Creation Cinema. The cinema features a kinetic sculpture of Bunjil's wings, accompanied by image projection and soundscape, which tells the story of Bunjil, creation, ancestors and Aboriginal people.

"It was extremely rewarding to have the opportunity to truly comprehend what our funding contributed towards at the First People's Exhibition and the importance the cinema and exhibition has to the Koorie community in Victoria."

Anne Grindrod

Chairman - John T Reid Charitable Trusts



***The Magic Pudding* Regional Tour, Victorian Opera**

Composed by Calvin Bowman and with a libretto by Anna Goldsworthy, *The Magic Pudding - the opera* is a professional opera that includes a cast of 12 singers and a chamber orchestra of 12 instrumentalists.

The opera premiered in Melbourne and subsequently toured to five regional performing arts centres (Wodonga, Mildura, Shepparton, Ballarat and Warragul), where it was performed twice at each venue.

The regional tour of *The Magic Pudding - the opera* provided:

- the unparalleled opportunity for local residents to learn and perform alongside professional arts and creative staff;
- professional development for teachers to build teaching capacity, confidence and opportunities to put new skills into practice under the guidance of Victorian Opera;
- dedicated schools performances, to develop and inspire the next generation of family audiences, participants and performers.

"Thank you for the grant so generously provided for Victorian Opera's 2013 Regional Tour of The Magic Pudding."

Caroline Buckley

Philanthropy Executive - Victorian Opera

Community and Social Welfare

Community and Social Welfare is the basis of a large number of grants provided by the John T Reid Charitable Trusts. Trustees recognise wide disadvantage in the community, and are often guided by current concerns, including accommodation for people with special needs, support for those who are homeless and the response to national emergencies, such as drought and bushfires.

"The Cottage", Monaro Early Intervention Service Inc (MEIS)

Monaro Early Intervention Service Inc (MEIS) support the development of children from birth to school age with disabilities and or development delays who live in the Cooma, Monaro, Snowy River and Bombala Shires.

MEIS' aim is to guide and support children and their families to foster their inclusion in the community. The ultimate aim is to prepare and guide children into mainstream schools.

Enrolments for MEIS had grown considerably over the last three years and more space to deliver their programs was urgently needed.

Through funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, MEIS were able to finalise the purchase of a neighbouring property.

MEIS are now able to fulfil the demand for its services, as well as secure the employment of a Speech Pathologist.

"MEIS are absolutely thrilled at how the cottage has come up and the amazing support we have received. Your significant contribution has made an enormous difference to the fund raising effort"

Mick Boyce

Head of Fund Raising Committee -
Monaro Early Intervention Service Inc



Photo courtesy of Monaro Early Intervention Service Inc.



Photo courtesy of Anglicare Victoria.



Photo courtesy of The Salvation Army Brisbane.

Breaking the Barriers Program, Anglicare Victoria

The 'Breaking The Barriers' program (BTB) is an intensive leaving care support program run by Anglicare Victoria in Melbourne's disadvantaged North West Region.

The primary objective of BTB is to generate more successful outcomes for young people moving from care to independent living by providing building blocks with which they can start to change the course of their lives.

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts provided funding to Anglicare Victoria to maintain the Next Step program, a part of the BTB program providing an additional resource to help link clients into vocational education and work experience opportunities.

"As a result of your contribution we now have post-trial State Government funding to continue to provide intensive support to young people leaving care in this disadvantaged area"

Dennis Sherwell

Grants Coordinator - Anglicare Victoria

Moonyah Recovery Services Centre, The Salvation Army Brisbane

The Moonyah Women's Recovery Centre is a unique facility established to alleviate the chronic shortage of available residential recovery beds for women in the greater Brisbane area who are affected by drug, alcohol or gambling addiction.

The centre, known as 'Moonyah' had always been a male-only Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre, until four years ago when The Salvation Army identified a need to build a separate addiction recovery facility for women.

"Your commitment to a project that directly helps transform the lives of women recovering from addiction in our community is acknowledged and greatly appreciated"

Earle Johnston

Development Manager, Queensland -
The Salvation Army, Australian Eastern Territory

Community and Social Welfare



Photo courtesy of KALACC.

2014 Festival Tour, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre

The KALACC Festival is the most significant Aboriginal festival of culture in the Kimberley. The festival hosts important gatherings of key Aboriginal organisations and celebrates the region's cultural heritage, culture and languages.

The Festival in September 2014 provided a rare opportunity to interested philanthropic and corporate foundations and private donors, to listen and learn from Aboriginal elders, key representatives and respected researchers.

The tour is designed to deliver best practice learning to donating philanthropic and corporate leaders, but also provide an important revenue stream to help meet the costs of the Festival.

The 2014 Festival was held at the culturally significant community of Jarlmadangah, in the lower Fitzroy Valley, a three hour drive from Broome.

"The invitation to attend the 2014 KALACC Festival presents philanthropic funders with a wonderful opportunity to be part of the continuing celebration of the Aboriginal languages, cultures and traditions of the Kimberley"

Anne Grindrod

Chairman - John T Reid Charitable Trusts

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New Distribution Centre, Foodbank NSW

Foodbank NSW is the state's biggest food relief charity, non-denominational and not-for-profit community supported, collecting nutritious surplus, salvaged and donated food to re-distribute efficiently to people in need through 560 other charities and welfare agencies.

In 2013 Foodbank NSW was having to turn away much donated food due to lack of space in its warehouse. The need for a new distribution centre was urgent.

When coming to the John T Reid Charitable Trusts for funding, Foodbank NSW had 80% of the funds needed for the new distribution centre, including \$2million from the NSW Government.

Earlier this year, Foodbank NSW purchased land at Owen Street Glendenning, and finalised the new facility design. By the end of 2014, building works will have commenced.



Photo courtesy of Foodbank NSW.



Photo courtesy of Foodbank NSW.

Education and Youth Support

The Trustees place importance on the equitable distribution of educational resources within disadvantaged communities. This is often done through programs encouraging school retention and the support of youths through community projects. The aim of funding in this sector is to move young people out of disadvantage.

Paying Attention to Self (PATS) Program, KYDS Youth Development Service Inc

KYDS Youth Development Service Inc (KYDS) provides responsive and early intervention adolescent mental health and counselling services for young people across Northern Sydney.

The Paying Attention to Self (PATS) program is a unique support group and counselling program addressing the needs of teenagers who have a parent or carer with a mental illness.

Through funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, KYDS have been able to conduct the PATS program for a full term, as well as secure further funding from other sources to enable the effective program to continue.

"Support from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has enabled the PATS program to reach sustainable referral and participation levels"

Felicity McDonnell

Funding Coordinator -
KYDS Youth Development Service

National Base Redevelopment, Outward Bound Australia

Outward Bound Australia has for over 50 years provided life-changing educational programs to empower school students, communities and young professionals to reach beyond their limits through exhilarating outdoor education programs that take participants to a place apart and challenge them to reach their full potential.

The re-development of the National Base in Tharwa, ACT, will transform training facilities, create functional areas that improve cohesiveness of the centre, presenting more functionality and efficiency for delivery of training programs.



Photo courtesy of Outward Bound Australia.

Specialist Primary School Gardens, Insight Education Centre

Play-based learning is a vitally important part of a child's education, particularly for blind children who often cannot run outside and play on their own.

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts were delighted to recently approve funding for landscaping and play areas at the new Insight Specialist Primary School in Berwick, Victoria.

The gardens will allow blind children to interact with the outdoor environment, gaining confidence and teaching them to use all their senses.

When building is complete at the end of 2014, the gardens will include a safe pathway for people travelling with a cane or other mobility aid, a eucalyptus avenue, fruit trees, safe and sensory play equipment, wind chimes, clear paths, benches and seats.



Photo courtesy of Insight.



Photo courtesy of Insight.

Education and Youth Support

McClelland Academy Program (MAP), Hands On Learning Australia

Hands On Learning Australia, together with McClelland College in the South East of Melbourne, work in partnership to offer and facilitate enhanced learning opportunities to the entire student body across Years 7 to 12.

Through the McClelland Academy Program (MAP), students are arranged into smaller, cross-age groups and given the freedom to explore an area of interest, and examine it with intensity and depth.

The inspiration for the MAP project came from the schools implementation of the Hands On Learning Australia method which John T Reid Charitable Trusts helped pilot in 2009/10.

From Term 1 2014 the timetable at McClelland College was collapsed each Wednesday after morning recess, and during this time all students participated in their selected MAP program.

Areas of interest included:

- Baking
- Landscaping
- Design for the Environment
- Design Media
- E-magination
- Study Space and Tutoring
- Global Citizens
- Japanese Culture
- Sports
- Performance
- Numbers and Advanced Maths
- Working in the Media
- Visual Arts



Photo courtesy of Hands on Learning.

Woorabinda Starting Block Program, Cathy Freeman Foundation

At the May 2014 Meetings, the Cathy Freeman Foundation was successful in receiving funding to build aspirations and learning skills for indigenous children in two schools in Woorabinda, in rural Central Queensland.

The project builds on a program that CFF established on Palm Island, which helps over 600 students achieve far improved school attendance results, improves engagement in learning and broadens students' outlook and expectations.

The Woorabinda program will combine efforts by parents, community, elders, school principals and teachers to assist children to strive towards better performance at school. The project involves two components. The first, 'Starting Block', uses innovative teaching aids to encourage the children to stay at school and improve behaviour and literacy skills, culminating in quarterly awards ceremonies that celebrate students' achievements in front of the entire community. The second component, 'Horizons', rewards students demonstrating consistent progress with a week of personal development workshops focused on mentoring, cultural and team building activities. Experience on Palm Island has demonstrated that elders, parents and students place a high value on this program in boosting the motivation of students who have set their sights on completing Grade 12.

Seed funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts will enable the project to start in Term 4 2014 and continue into 2015. We are thrilled to be able to contribute to CFF's work to improve the lives and expectations of the Woorabinda community through its school students.



Photo courtesy of Cathy Freeman Foundation.

"With your initial confirmation of support we were able to leverage full funding of this program, so we are doubly grateful for both your leadership and your financial assistance to bring this program to life"

Jamie Howden

Acting CEO - Cathy Freeman Foundation

Environment

Environmental projects are supported to ensure a sustainable future for Australia. Funding is often given to enable community groups to engage and educate the public on the role they can play in this challenge. On a larger scale, funding has focused on national initiatives to encourage collaboration between environmental groups and capital support to enable an organisation's conservation outcomes.



Photo courtesy of Nature Foundation SA.

Water for Nature Programme, Nature Foundation SA

Nature Foundation SA will deliver up to 50 gigalitres of environmental water to wetlands and floodplains of the River Murray over the next five years in South Australia.

The Water for Nature Program has seen the engagement of a Program Manager with strong local networks, to facilitate the water delivery.

"We can now work effectively with community groups, Local Action Planning groups, irrigator groups, schools and community volunteers"

Bob Lott

President - Nature Foundation SA

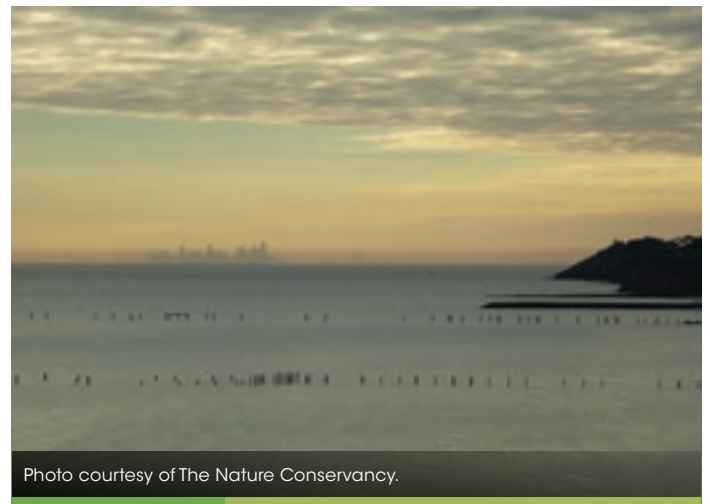


Photo courtesy of The Nature Conservancy.

Great Southern Seascapes, The Nature Conservancy

The Great Southern Seascapes Marine Program is a new initiative by The Nature Conservancy, focusing on Australia's southern and south eastern coastline, particularly Port Phillip Bay.

With the recent commitment of support from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, The Nature Conservancy will purchase, install and develop interpretive materials in three underwater sites around the Bay.

Each site will have an underwater camera placed, to provide a view of the Bay and its highlights and issues.

The Nature Conservancy will work with key stakeholders to improve public awareness and appreciation of the value of our local marine environment.

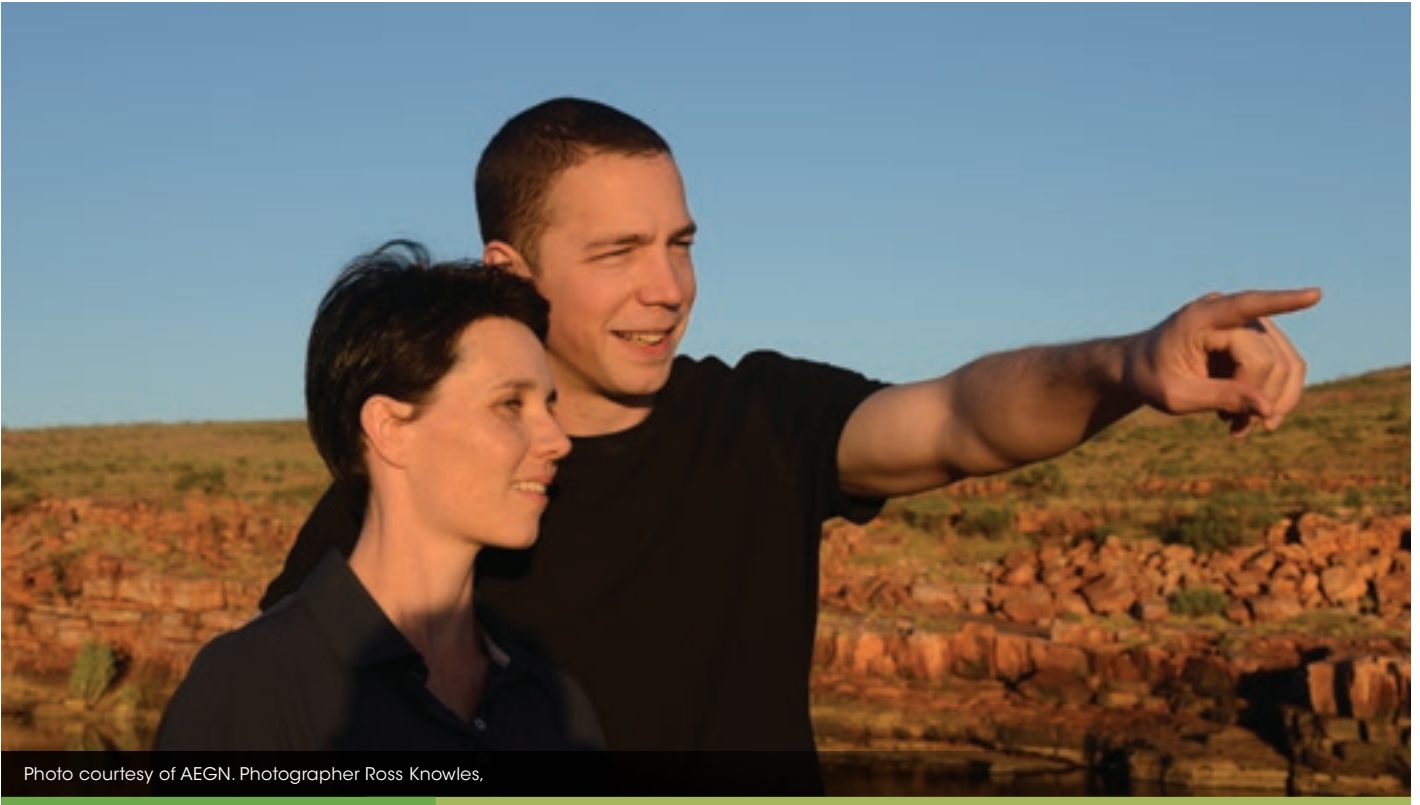


Photo courtesy of AEGN. Photographer Ross Knowles.

Growing Environmental Philanthropic Funding, Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network

Through the contribution of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts and other Trusts and Foundations, the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN) has been able to put in place a number of new initiatives that are helping environmental philanthropic funding to grow and become more informed, targeted and strategic.

These initiatives include the establishment of the Climate & Energy and Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems funders groups and the development of a Giving Green Workshop series to support funders' understanding across a series of nine environmental themes.

New staff and consultancies have made it possible to provide greater expert environmental grantmaking guidance to donors and foundations, more input into events, field trips and other activities and the development of new materials, including grantmaking frameworks to support funding in Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change & Energy.

The contributions have also enabled the AEGN to lay the groundwork for a mentoring program to support those who are new to environmental philanthropy.

Health and Medical Support

The funding in the area of medical research is very strategic, and often payable over a number of years. The Trustees feel it is important to focus on national health priorities, and funding is provided to key researchers in major medical institutions. Careful assessment of the most appropriate organisations to fund involves considerable research.

Translational Clinical Research Arthritis, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute

The long standing relationship between the John T Reid Charitable Trusts and the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute has produced extremely successful outcomes, including:

- **Development of infrastructure and support for clinical research -**

For the first time in its history, the Royal Melbourne Rheumatology Department has a dedicated Rheumatoid Arthritis Clinic and Nurse Practitioner.

- **Clinical Informatics -**

Clinicians in the Rheumatology Unit are now recording clinical data within an information management system that facilitates research.

- **Arthritis Tissue Bank -**

The arthritis tissue bank collects blood and joint tissue samples from patients with arthritis and inflammatory diseases.

- **Research Projects -**

A large focus of WEHI's research into Rheumatoid Arthritis has been on the potential role of two haemopoietic growth factors, both originally discovered at WEHI. Research has identified these molecules as important mediators of inflammatory arthritis, raising the possibility of a new approach to treatment.



Prof Ian Wicks with Dr Gabrielle Goldberg of Walter & Eliza Hall Institute.
Photo courtesy of Walter & Eliza Hall Institute.

"The funding provided by the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has allowed us to create the infrastructure necessary to carry out translational and basic research in Rheumatoid Arthritis"

Professor Ian Wicks

Head, Inflammation Division -
Walter & Eliza Hall Institute



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Outreach Camp, Hear and Say, Queensland

Through the support of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, 28 regional/remote children with hearing loss, with their families, attended an Outreach Camp in October 2013. This provided opportunities for the children and families to access a week of vital face-to-face services and support, to empower their development of listening and spoken language knowledge and skills.

Through the camp, the children were provided with the opportunities to:

- Build vital peer support networks through meeting and interacting with other children who also have hearing aids/cochlear implants
- Build a relationship and rapport with their therapist
- Learn new social skills as a result of group sessions
- Undergo speech and language review assessments

Hear and Say is committed to continuing the provision of an Outreach Camp.

Club 21, Down Syndrome Victoria

Club 21 was established in 2009 to meet the need of adults with Down syndrome for meaningful inclusion in the community.

Recent funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has enabled the expansion of the program to cater for more adult participants and the coordination of monthly community-based activities in regional areas.

"Your contribution will ensure that adults with Down syndrome living in regional areas will have the opportunity to participate in their community through this valued peer support program"

Sue O'Riley
Executive Officer -
Down Syndrome Victoria



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