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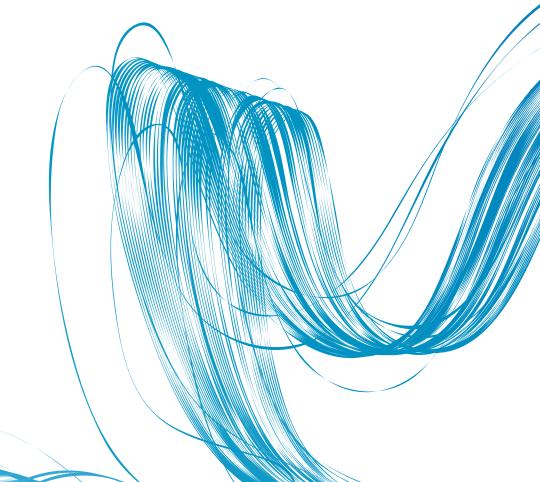
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About Us

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts comprises two Trusts, a Victorian Trust and an Australian Trust, that are administered together. The Trusts are covered by Deeds that provide guidance to the current Trustees on the provision of financial support to eligible charitable organisations within Australia. The founder, Sir John T Reid, was very private and respectful in his philanthropy. The Trustees reflect this in their current giving, whilst acknowledging the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and the ever-changing philanthropic sector.

Grants from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts are focused on supporting communities to build their capability, and Trustees are mindful of current needs in the community. Grants are allocated into six main categories and are discussed further later in this review.

Many of the grants provided by the John T Reid Charitable Trusts fall within more than one category of support, and funding applicants are encouraged to outline their areas of need rather than trying to fit within a specific category. The allocation into categories is made by the administrative staff when considering the main population that will benefit from the grant.

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts fund organisations of varying size, and many factors are considered by the Trustees when considering a funding submission. Of the nine Trustees, four are direct descendants of Sir John, and five are independent Trustees with wide-ranging skillsets and experience within the not-for-profit sector and in business.

The Trustees and staff are proud of the work of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts and hope you enjoy reading the 2018 Annual Review.







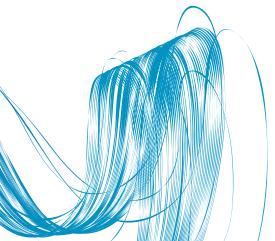
The Trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts. L-R Standing: Mr Rob Anderson, Mr Doug Goodman, Dr Barbara Inglis, Mr Phil Endersbee, Mr Trevor Thomas. L-R Seated: Ms Jane Reid, Mrs Belinda Lawson (Chairman), Ms Cath Webb, Mr Andrew McKenzie.



Chairman's Report

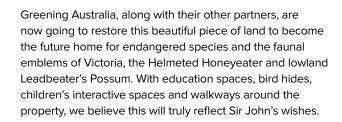
It has been a pleasure and privilege to be the Chair of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts for another year and exciting to see the results of our celebration of 60 years of giving. The Trustees strive to engage with communities and organisations to give us a better understanding of areas of need and how our funding might best assist. This evidence-based giving is very satisfying, and I would like to thank all the Trustees, as each contribute their time, wisdom and insight in each submission round.





This year we awarded 60th Anniversary grants to another three worthy recipients; Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), MacKillop Family Services, and The Wayside Chapel. I look forward to following the progress of these and the other 60th Anniversary grants, and I am proud to highlight some of these grants in this report.

One of the 60th Anniversary grants that has been very exciting has been through a partnership and collaboration with Greening Australia, Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in the Haining Farm Project. Haining Farm was bought by Sir John in 1949 and named after his father's birthplace near Linlithgow in Scotland. "Haining" is a Scottish word meaning 'home'. Sir John used the farm to experiment with many different types of farming, showing his interest in science and conservation. In 1974 Sir John gifted the farm to the Victorian people to be administered by Victorian Conservation Trust (now Parks Victoria), for all Victorians to enjoy for education, science and conservation.



We have continued to review our governance in relation to the management of the Trusts, and this year we focused on Purpose and Risk. The Trustees reviewed our trust deed to ensure our practices in grant making still align with Sir John's original purpose and values. The Trusts established a Risk Committee this year, and I thank Rob Anderson for taking on the role of chair of that committee. Our risk policy and crisis plans are up to date and can be used to help set up and manage the Trusts' strategy. We have also reviewed our finance policy and continue to have a robust strategy with good returns, which enables us to maintain our grant making levels and to grow the Trusts' capital. I'd like to thank Andrew McKenzie, who chairs the Finance Committee, and Sue Dahn, Partner at Pitcher Partners, who has put an enormous amount of time and expertise into our investment portfolio.





We continue to inform Sir John's family of the activities of the Trusts by highlighting recent projects at our annual family event. We have been delighted with the level of engagement the next generation has shown, and which we have encouraged through our mentoring process, and we look forward to involving these family members more and more with the Trusts' work. It is hoped that a member of the next generation will become a Trustee soon. To assist with this planning, we asked the next generation family members to complete a survey to assess their interest and their potential to be involved with the Trusts in the future. We were encouraged by the strong response. In the meantime, we were pleased to see one of our next generation being appointed to the Millennial Advisory Board with Zoos Victoria.

It has been an honour to continue Sir John's legacy throughout the 2017/2018 financial year, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the grants we have highlighted in this Annual Review.

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Belinda Lawson

Chairman



Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Oxford dictionary defines philanthropy as "the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes", and I am proud to say that the John T Reid Charitable Trusts have been true to this definition in our activities this year. In my role as CEO, I have the honour of speaking with many inspirational people who are passionate about the work they are doing. There is such a wealth of experience and knowledge amongst the not-for-profit sector, and it is rewarding to see our grants enabling some of this work.



Administration

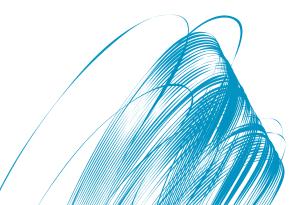
Our small staff of three has been stable this year, with each of us taking on new roles to ensure we are challenged in our day-to-day work. Our Administration Officer Melanie has worked closely with me during our enquiry periods to assist with researching organisations and funding sectors. Our Office and Communications Manager Jessica has taken over the management of our reporting process, which has freed up more time for me to work on strategic projects with the Chairman.

Funding Model

We are proud of our two stage application process, and have continued to receive positive feedback from funding applicants on the ability to communicate with me to assist them in identifying funding opportunities. We are one of the few philanthropic Trusts that have not moved to an online application system. I enjoy the opportunity to present every enquiry to a group of Trustees each week during our enquiry period. It is valuable to have the Trustees' input at all stages of the funding cycle.

Philanthropic and Not-for-Profit Community

I have enjoyed the opportunity to liaise with CEOs from other Trusts and Foundations over the year, and to attend events arranged by both Philanthropy Australia and the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network. I have also had the opportunity to represent the Trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts at several events hosted by funding recipients. It is always rewarding to meet the people who will benefit from our granting, and I am often humbled by their sincere appreciation and thanks.





We have done an audit of our IT systems over the past year and signed a Preventative Workstation Service Level Agreement with our IT support organisation. This will ensure a more proactive approach to ensuring our electronic data is kept secure and safe.

Finance

I was pleased to be appointed to the Finance Committee this year, and look forward to being more involved in overseeing the management of the Trusts' investments. Before joining the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, I had over ten years' experience in merchant banking, so I am enjoying using that skillset to a greater degree. The Finance Committee meets with our Investment Manager on a quarterly basis to review our asset mix and investment performance.

Debbie Ashbolt

Debbie AshboltChief Executive Officer



2018 Funding Overview

The 2018 Annual Report provides information on the activities of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts in the financial year to 30 June 2018. The report also highlights several significant projects in each funding sector.

Grants Approved

The Trustees approved funding of just over \$4million, to the following organisations at their meetings in November 2017 and May 2018.

60th Anniversary Grants

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) MacKillop Family Services The Wayside Chapel

Aged and Palliative Care

Helping Hand Aged Care

Arts and Cultural Heritage

Abbotsford Convent
Art Gallery of South Australia
Cape York Partnerships,
Pama Language Centre
Monkey Baa Theatre Company
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Community and Social Welfare

Assistance Dogs Australia Churches of Christ Queensland FareShare Gunawirra Jesuit Social Services Melbourne Legacy Odyssey House Orange Sky Public Interest Advocacy Centre Self Help Addiction Resource Centre Share the Dignity The Northcott Society Vineyard Mercy Centre West Welcome Wagon Why Warriors Women's Legal Service Queensland

Education and Youth

Beacon Foundation
Belvoir Wodonga Special
Development School
Mission Australia
National Centre for Childhood Grief
StreetWork
The Australian Literacy and Numeracy
Foundation
The Mirabel Foundation
Time for Kids

Environment

Desert Discovery Invasive Species Council Sydney Institute of Marine Science The Nature Conservancy

Health Support

Eating Disorders Victoria First Step Hear and Say Lifeline Australia MS Research Australia SANE Australia





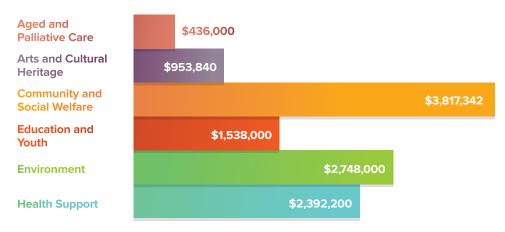


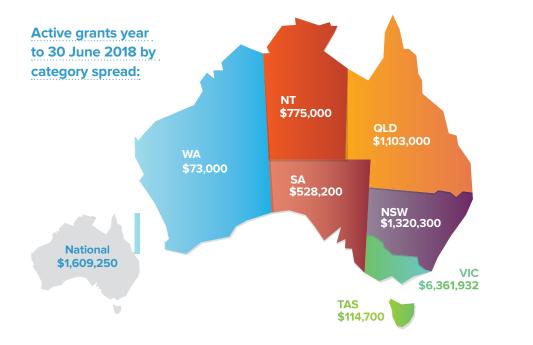
Active Grants year to 30 June 2018

As part of our funding model, all grants that have unspent funds are considered active grants. Grants will only be considered inactive when the Trustees are satisfied that the final report adequately explains the acquittal of the Trusts funding. Some of these grants will have been paid this year, and others will have been paid in previous years; some active grants are multi-year grants that are paid over two or three years.

The Trusts managed 102 active grants throughout the 2018 financial year, totalling just under \$12 million. The reach of these grants are represented here in both category and geographic spread.

Active grants year to 30 June 2018 by category spread:





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60th Anniversary Grants

In 2017 we began a celebration of Sir John's legacy by considering a number of organisations appropriate to receive a 60th Anniversary grant, as a way of acknowledging the six decades the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has been giving money to worthy not for profit organisations.

Selection of the 60th Anniversary grants was based around the memory of Sir John, organisations that he funded in the early years, and what that would mean today.

We are pleased to report on some of these special grants.

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Supporting Improved Health Outcomes in Rural and Remote Communities

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) has been a long-term partner of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts and this year, we made a 60th Anniversary grant to FRRR to help improve health and wellbeing outcomes in rural, regional and remote communities. The grant will support these outcomes via FRRR's Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) program, reaching small rural, regional and remote communities and grassroots non-profit organisations which can't typically access philanthropic funding.

The focus of the grants will be supporting or seeding sustainable projects to build capacity to sustain local food systems, improve food security and support improved prosperity and health and wellbeing standards. The first grants were awarded in July 2018, and include projects such as community gardens, healthy school lunch programs, fitness programs, nutrition and other health-awareness workshops, infrastructure, such as freezers or kitchen equipment, and programs such as alcohol and drug abuse support.

We look forward to seeing what other projects the funding supports and to sharing the impact they have in the community.







The Capacity Building Project with the Brotherhood of St Laurence was developed in response to an identified need to support small community organisations across Australia. These small organisations often have a deep history in their communities but are under significant financial and performance pressure.

The structure of the support offered by the project is twofold. First to undertake capacity building activities with small organisations and second to undertake research into the value created by small organisations. The project is informed by the principles of partnership and a participatory approach.

The Trustees agreed with the Brotherhood of St Laurence in recognising that small community based agencies have been the lifeblood of many communities and were pleased to provide financial support for this project.

The project is designed to be an equal partnership between small organisations and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, in recognition of the lived experience and expertise that small organisations can bring to this project.

"THIS PROJECT
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF
THE JOHN T REID CHARITABLE
TRUSTS."

ANITA TOY
TRUST & FOUNDATIONS
MANAGER, BROTHERHOOD
OF ST LAURENCE

Through the Capacity Building Project, Brotherhood of St Laurence is working with the Transition to Work Community of Practice, to achieve better outcomes for young people hoping to gain employment or undertake training and assisting some small organisations in the co-development of evaluation and research tools.

Greening Australia, Haining Farm Restoration

In a unique partnership between
key influential organisations Zoos
Victoria, Greening Australia, and
Parks Victoria, work has begun on the
restoration of the land and buildings at
Haining Farm located in the Don Valley
of Victoria. Haining Farm is a place of great
significance to John T Reid Charitable Trusts as it
was owned by our founder Sir John Reid until 1974.

Sir John donated an area of Haining Farm in 1974 to the people of Victoria, to be managed by the Victorian Conservation Trust, now known as Trust for Nature. Over time, management of Haining Farm became the responsibility of Parks Victoria.

Once restoration is complete, Haining Farm will connect with the local community and raise awareness of the importance of conservation of threatened species, provide public access, education and visitor opportunities, becoming a world-class conservation and education reserve.

Given the unique family connection to Haining Farm, the Trustees and staff are excited with the vision for Haining Farm, to become a habitat for Victoria's state emblems, the Helmeted Honeyeater and lowland Leadbeater's Possum.



"WE ARE
LOOKING FORWARD
TO RECREATING A
MAGNIFICENT EDUCATION AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE FOR
THE VICTORIAN COMMUNITY."

ELISA RAULINGS,

NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCIENCE LEADER, SOUTHERN REGION

Aged and Palliative Care

Throughout this funding year and our enquiry processes for our November 2017 and May 2018 funding meetings, the Trustees recognised a need in Aged Care program support. Programs seen as a priority are those that are implemented in aged care facilities to improve residents way of life.



Helping Hand Aged Care in North Adelaide is one of the largest aged care providers in South Australia.

Forgotten Australians include people who were harmed in state and institutional care during their childhood, former wards of state, former child migrants, care leavers and the Stolen Generations (children of Australian and Torres Strait Islander descent who were forcibly removed from their families).

Common adverse childhood experiences for people in this group have resulted in long term health, social and economic consequences, many negative, which pose very specific challenges for the individuals as they grow older and require aged care.

The Listening and Responding to Forgotten Australians project aims to increase Forgotten Australians' understanding of and confidence in the opportunities which aged care can offer to support independence and quality of life.

Funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has contributed to Helping Hand recruiting a Project Officer who will work in partnership with Forgotten Australians.

The Trustees look forward to future reports from Helping Hand Aged Care, sharing stories on their discussions with Forgotten Australians and the feedback at regular seminars, on what Forgotten Australians want from aged care and how Helping Hand can improve the responsiveness of aged care providers to Forgotten Australians care needs.







Arts and Cultural Heritage

An area of focus at the John T Reid Charitable Trusts is the importance of indigenous Australians continuing a strong connection to country, as well as teaching Australians about indigenous history, often through arts programs. Also of strong value to the Trustees is maintaining land and property that is of significance to Australian history.

Cape York Partnerships, Pama Language Centre's Singing Back Our Languages

The Pama Language Centre (PLC) is one of ten divisions that make up Cape York Partnership Group Limited in Cairns, Queensland.

The centre was established in 2015 to support the recording, revival, revitalisation and maintenance of the ancestral languages of Cape York Peninsula. There were once 158 languages spoken in this region, all of which are now critically endangered.

The Singing Back Our Languages program is a song-based language revitalisation initiative developed by PLC in collaboration with First Nations speech communities and schools in the Cape York Peninsula.

Through the Trusts large multi-year funding, PLC will conduct four workshops for each target speech community per year. These workshops are helping build the confidence and skill of elders to lead singing with students in their schools and communities.

"AT THE HOPE VALE
WORKSHOP, THERE WAS
UNEQUIVOCAL ENTHUSIASM
FROM STUDENTS, THEIR TEACHERS
AND VISITING PARENTS WHO
DROPPED IN."

KARIN CALLEY
GENERAL MANAGER PAMA
LANGUAGE CENTRE

VICTORIA KENNEDY,
ONE OF FOUR
REMAINING PARTIAL
SPEAKERS OF MPAKWITHI,
SINGS ORIGINAL SONGS IN
HER ANCESTRAL LANGUAGE
WITH THE STUDENTS OF
NORTHERN PENINSULA
AREA STATE COLLEGE.



Mooramong is an historically significant property located in Skipton, Victoria, south west of Ballarat.

Mooramong is the site of the Mackinnon Nature Reserve, under covenant for protection between the National Trust and Victorian Trust for Nature. It is also an important site for the Traditional Owners, the Wada wurrung people, as well as the site for school camps for Skipton Primary School.

In 2017 the National Trust identified Mooramong as a priority for restoration and approached the Trusts during an enquiry round, for funding towards the renewal of the Shearers' Quarters.

The Shearers' Quarters, designed in 1944, is deemed to be of historical significance and is testament to the importance of sheep farming in the history of Mooramong.

The primary outcome of the renewal of the quarters is to make the space more accessible to education, conservation and tourism groups.

Bangarra Dance Theatre, Knowledge Ground Digital Platform

Bangarra Dance Theatre has an incredibly rich history, and, as such, a boundless array of images, video, music recordings and supporting documentation, both physical and digital.

The Knowledge Ground Digital Platform will allow Bangarra to protect almost 30 years of dance repertoire and cultural knowledge that they have gathered from the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that Bangarra work with across Australia.

A large one off grant from the Trusts has contributed towards the first year of the three year Knowledge Ground project, focusing on the organisation, cataloguing, and preparation of digitisation of Bangarra's extensive archives.



Community and Social Welfare

Always a large focus of our granting, Community and Social Welfare projects this year have continued through funding for homelessness, asylum seeker and family violence programs, all important community issues that the Trustees foresee will require continuing strategic support.

SisterWorks, SisterWorks Branded Products

The incredible team at SisterWorks based in Richmond and Toorak, Victoria, work tirelessly to support women who are migrants, asylum seekers or refugees to become financially independent and happily settled into Australia.

SisterWorks approached the Trust in 2017, at a critical point in its development and focusing on capacity building and becoming sustainable.

The branded products program at SisterWorks includes seven food products by six women from five continents and has trained these new entrepreneurs on how to work in a commercial kitchen. All women who partake in this program learn new skills, receive a qualification and are now able to economically support their families.

Trusts funding contributed towards general expenses, bills and administrative costs, to ensure the smooth and successful running of the cooking and branded products program.



Women's Legal Service, Remote Volunteering Program

When the Women's Legal Service approached the Trusts in 2017, the domestic violence legal advice volunteer program was currently only available for solicitors who live in Brisbane, and who are able to attend the legal drop-in sessions which operate out of the Brisbane office.

Through the Trusts funding, the project has recruited 10 firms and over 110 rural and regional Queensland women who experience domestic violence have been given free legal help. Prior to the project this would not have been possible.

The Remote Volunteering Platform is a national first and is so innovative that it will be applied to all Women's Legal Service volunteering.

The project has received high engagement and is making a significant contribution to addressing domestic violence.

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TRUSTS, GEOGRAPHIC
LOCATION WILL NO LONGER
BE A BARRIER TO SOLICITORS
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WOMEN
AND THEIR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE."

NATALIE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE



"ON BEHALF OF
EVERYONE AT THE
MISSION AND THOSE CLOSE
TO J2SI, WE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATE THE COMPASSION
THAT THE TRUSTEES AND STAFF
HAVE FOR THE PEOPLE J2SI EXISTS
TO HELP"

AMANDA THORNTON
TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS
COORDINATOR, SACRED
HEART MISSION

Sacred Heart Mission, Journey to Social Inclusion Phase Two

Journey to Social Inclusion (J2SI) supports people to break the cycle of chronic homelessness for good. Through a large, multi-year grant, the Trusts' funding has contributed towards Phase Two of J2SI, enabling the Mission to build on the proven success of the earlier J2SI Pilot and further develop and scale up the program.

J2SI Phase Two is supporting 60 participants over three years. Its intensive case management model is grounded in delivery of five integrated elements that work toward a common goal of sustained housing, wellbeing, independence and inclusion that

delivers positive personal, social and economic outcomes that benefit both participants and society.

SACRED
HEART MISSION
LEADERSHIP STAFF
READING THE J2SI

In recent months, service emphasis has been on consolidation of social and economic strengths, continued recovery from trauma and building supports within the community, as participants prepare over the coming year to successfully transition into independence.

Phase Two has also been pivotal to securing J2SI's future by paving the way for commencement of a new, third phase which triples participant numbers and implements the Victorian Government's first Social Impact Investment. This is a terrific outcome, enabling J2SI to continue to break the cycle of chronic homelessness for many, many more people over coming years. The Trusts are very proud to be part of achieving this momentum for J2SI.

Jesuit Social Services, RESTORE

RESTORE is a new initiative at Melbourne Children's Court which uses a restorative practice approach to working therapeutically with young people who are using violence and with family members affected by that violence.

The program is delivered by Jesuit Social Services to address an identified gap in the availability of appropriate interventions for young people who commit family violence and appear in the Family Division of the Melbourne Children's Court.

By convening family group conferences, RESTORE seeks to address the underlying causes of adolescent family violence, repair harm caused by violence, improve family relationships, prevent further violence from occurring, and promote well-being.

Support received from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts is providing funding to develop a partnership with the Melbourne Children's Court to deliver the pilot.

RESTORE has commenced and Jesuit Social Services are accepting referrals through the Melbourne Children's Court.



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Education and Youth

Funding in Education and Youth throughout 2017 and 2018 sought to assist in the re-engagement of disadvantaged and disconnected young people with interesting activities that in turn assists with their education and positive involvement within their community, as well as the environment.

Banksia Gardens Community Services, Project REAL

Project REAL, an alternative education program, was founded when the staff at Banksia Gardens Community Services began witnessing how dozens of children from the local area had been regularly missing school as a result of suspensions and expulsions. The ultimate goal is to re-engage these students in their education and build the capacity of all partner schools to appropriately respond to the needs of these students.

The project provides support for young people aged 9 to 12 years old who are disengaged or at serious risk of disengaging from education. The program is delivered at the Banksia Gardens Community

Services in Broadmeadows in Melbourne's North.

During Project REAL, students are encouraged to gain a better understanding of themselves and how they can overcome their own barriers to re-engage with education.

To deliver this project, Banksia Gardens work in collaboration with key parties including Berry Street, The Department of Education and Training, and thirteen local primary schools.

The Trustees have been delighted to hear of the wonderful results this project is delivering, including the establishment of a well-functioning, effective and inclusive flexible learning setting, to cater for the needs of students at the most extreme end of the engagement/disengagement spectrum.







Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, Youth Community Greening Regional Program

The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust established the Youth Community Greening (YCG) program in 2008, after observing the positive benefits of community gardening on youth. Since then the YCG program has supported the development of more than 350 gardens in schools, juvenile justice centres and social housing communities, with over 82,000 vulnerable youth taking part.

The program focuses on educating participants on local, threatened plant and animal species. Students plan and develop their own sustainable habitat gardens and learn about protecting local endangered species.

Funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts enabled the YCG program to extend its reach to 11 disadvantaged schools and one Juvenile Justice Centre throughout regional NSW.

Benefits to participants include improved self-confidence and engagement, greater understanding of healthy lifestyle choices, and improved physical and mental health.



Environment

The Trustees remain vigilant in their focus on issues within the Australian environment, particularly with our waterways and reefs, and in a similar theme to our Education and Youth sector, connecting young people with the environment and best farming practices, enabling a greater understanding of effects on the environment for the next generation.

Birchip Cropping Group, Taking Precision Agriculture to Secondary Students

Birchip Cropping Group (BCG) is an agricultural research and extension organisation led by farmers from the Wimmera and Mallee regions of Victoria.

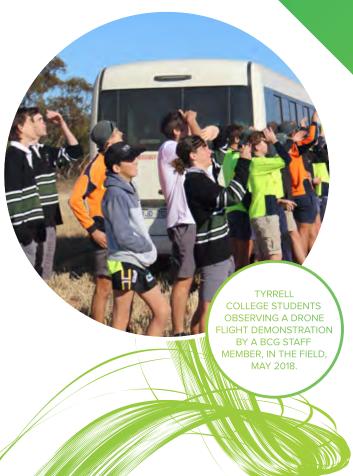
BCG's Precision Agriculture research focusses on helping farmers use the information collected to review their practices and adjust them on a farm/systems level.

Understanding and awareness of Precision Agriculture (PA) is evolving, and taking PA to secondary schools will develop skills and awareness for the students.

Classroom presentations have been delivered to Birchip P-12 School, Tyrrell College and Wycheproof P-12 College, with topics including drone imagery, interpretation, processing of drone images, and a simulation flight of the drone.

BCG have recently reported to the Trusts that the students are responding well to the presentations which have triggered a natural interest and capability in technology.







The Nature Conservancy, Restoring South Australia's Lost Oyster Reefs

The Nature Conservancy is restoring 20 ha of South Australia's most endangered marine ecosystem, Australian flat oyster reefs. The project (Windara Reef) is a partnership between The Nature Conservancy, Government of South Australia, Yorke Peninsula Council, Adelaide University and the local community.

The process involves constructing a 'reef base' from limestone and recycled shell materials and then seeding the reef base with millions of oysters bred in the shellfish hatchery and sourced from local oyster farms.

Oyster reefs are 'ecosystem engineers' in that they provide food and habitat for important fish species, filter water, and provide natural coastal buffers.

Progress so far has included the preparation of recycled oyster shells which are used to settle the baby oysters in the hatchery, transport and deployment of around 30,000 mature oysters.

Growth and survival of the oysters (along with other marine life) will be monitored for the duration of the project along with the social and economic benefits that the reef provides.

"THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE JOHN T REID CHARITABLE TRUSTS, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY WILL PROCURE AND DEPLOY SEVEN MILLION BABY OYSTERS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AS PART OF THE 20HA RESTORATION OF WINDARA REEF."

RICH GILMORE
COUNTRY DIRECTOR, THE NATURE
CONSERVANCY

DR CHRIS
GILLIES, ANITA
NEDOSYKO AND
SIMON BRANIGAN
FROM TNC AUSTRALIA,
WORKING ON
RESTORING
WINDARA REEF.

Health Support

Many factors influence Australia's ability to provide quality health services, and the John T Reid Charitable Trusts considers enquiries for community projects related to mental or physical health, or supporting community education on health related matters, often in regional and remote communities.

The Trustees appreciate the importance of medical research in advancing medical knowledge and improving patient care. Trustees remain informed of the work being done within Australia, and when a specific need is identified by the Trustees, the Trustees approach an Institute and scientists that have expertise in that area.

Earbus Foundation of Western Australia, Equipment for Mobile Ear Health Clinic

Earbus Foundation works to reduce the incidence of middle ear disease in Aboriginal and at-risk children in Western Australia.

In 2017, Earbus sought funding from the Trusts to enhance its mobile regional and remote clinical service to Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, by equipping a new Earbus with suitable innovative technology.

The suite of new equipment provides the clinicians with high quality instrumentation and diagnostic support.







The Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia, Adaptive Technology Equipment

The support from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts has enabled The Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia (RSB) regional offices to be equipped with some of the latest technology available to support people with vision loss.

Country Services Officers have received full training in the use of equipment and are now knowledgeable in the functions and capabilities of each item.

Trials and demonstrations both with clients who have visited the office and through home visits has been extremely positive.

Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute, Malcolm Ashbolt Fellowship

Since the establishment of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, the Trustees have shown great empathy towards not only issues in the community, but also to those closer to home. Four years ago, my husband passed away from bowel cancer. The Trustees and my work colleagues have been an incredible support to me.

Cancer has affected most of us, and to see a loved one go through treatment is incredibly confronting.

Three years ago, the Trustees identified which Institute was doing ground-breaking research in bowel cancer. The outcome was a three year grant to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute named The Malcolm Ashbolt Fellowship. This grant supported an experienced post-doctoral research fellow to explore the development of novel therapies for gastrointestinal cancer.

The pre-clinical experiments over three years have directly resulted in the translation of findings to the clinic. The clinical team is now leading an international trial led by Austin Health that will involve 12 centres worldwide and 120 patients with advanced tumours.

Debbie Ashbolt

Chief Executive Officer



"OUR SINCERE THANKS AND
APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF THE JOHN T REID
CHARITABLE TRUSTS, AND THE TRUSTEES
VISION IN CREATING THIS UNIQUE
FELLOWSHIP IN THE NAME OF MALCOLM
ASHBOLT, A TRULY WONDERFUL MAN WHO
IS MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM."

FIONA SCOTT,

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MANAGER, OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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Save our Sons Duchenne Foundation, Standing Wheelchairs

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a genetic condition affecting 1 in 3500 newborn boys which causes muscle weakness and wasting. Due to the way it is inherited, girls are very rarely affected.

These boys (and rarely girls) generally need to use a wheelchair full time by the time they reach their teens.

The funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts as well as a Government contribution, allows for the purchase of standing wheelchairs. These standing wheelchairs allow boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy to move at the touch of a button, from a seated position to stand and participate more fully in society. The funding also enables participation in a research study on the benefits of the standing wheelchairs

at Telethon Kids Institute in Perth.

One of the major outcomes seen so far in the study is an improvement in psychological wellbeing after the boys get the chairs.



