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Welcome to the third edition of the
Chairman's Newsletter

Recent Highlights

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts is involved in many community initiatives, some of which are high profile, while others are quiet achievers. Please take a moment to read about some of the projects that we have recently funded, a number of which have been highlighted in the media.

▼ Warmun Community Art Restoration



Giji woman Roseleen Park working on the restoration of Warmun art. *Photo courtesy of Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation, University of Melbourne*

The restoration of the Warmun Community Art Collection highlighted in our 2012 Giving Report was also featured in *The Age* newspaper on 18 May 2013.

The Warmun Community Art Collection is of critical significance to the Giji people of the Kimberley region and to the Aboriginal art movement. The Trustees were delighted to support the Warmun Community Art Collection Emergency Conservation project through the University of Melbourne. The project supports the complex conservation treatment of works that became mouldy and damaged during floods in 2011. The funding also provided the opportunity for students to learn about disaster response in relation to regional art centres and the best ways to treat important Indigenous art.

[View the article that featured in The Age](#)

Eastern Health



The Hon David Davis, Minister for Health, presenting Eastern Health with the 2013 Volunteers Award
Photo courtesy of Eastern Health

The Trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts were excited to hear recently that the volunteers of the Falls Prevention and Wellbeing program at Peter James Centre were the recipients of the 2013 Minister for Health Volunteers award.

This is the first time Eastern Health has won this award. The Falls Risk patients at Peter James Centre are also very proud of these volunteers and feel privileged to be receiving such amazing preventative care.

Carolyn Schuwalow, Partnerships Manager with Eastern Health Foundation passed on the sincere gratitude of Eastern Health for the Trusts' support.

"Due to the success of the pilot research project, we have now expanded the Falls Prevention and Wellbeing program to another facility", Carolyn said.

"Without the support and vision of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, we would not have been able to implement this program at Peter James Centre. Thank you again for your encouragement", she said.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre



Burmese Asylum Seekers painting the walls of the new Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Dandenong, Victoria.
Photo courtesy of ASRC

Given our continued interest in the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, the Trustees of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts were interested to receive a further update from Kon Karapanagiotidis, Founder and CEO of the Centre...

Kon highlighted that the recent grant from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts was playing a vital role in funding a casework coordinator at the Dandenong centre.

"The John T Reid Charitable Trusts are helping make it possible to get our Dandenong ASRC off the ground", Kon said.

▼ CareFlight



Agencies work together to free an entrapped patient suffering suspected airway occlusion and crush injury at Sussex Inlet
Photo courtesy of CareFlight

The Volunteer Trauma Care Workshop is an integral part of CareFlight's work, providing high quality, simulation-based trauma care training to rescue volunteers in regional and rural Australia.

Through the funding of the John T Reid Charitable Trusts, CareFlight was able to develop its MediSim program, to train volunteers in the area of trauma care, covering eight basic areas including safe extraction of trauma victim, haemorrhage control, and airway management.

Scott Monaghan, Relationship Development Manager with CareFlight, extends his gratitude. "This would simply not be possible without the generous support of the community and organisations such as yours", he said.

The workshops funded by John T Reid Charitable Trusts reached 67 participants from Kempsey, Armidale, Narooma, Sussex Inlet and surrounding areas, with 32 hours of trauma care education.

▼ Mater Foundation



Brisbane Common Ground
Entrance
Photo courtesy of Mater Foundation

As part of the Homeless to Home Healthcare program, Mater nurses work within multidisciplinary teams at Brisbane's Homeless Centre and Brisbane Common Ground, as well as with an after-hours service to provide health care and support to those living rough.

Vidya Muthanna, Grant Administration Officer at the Mater Foundation in Queensland, was pleased to notify us that the project had received a National Homelessness Services Achievement Award.

"The John T Reid Charitable Trusts has made this happen and has played a valuable role in supporting the Brisbane Common Ground Project", Vidya said.

▼ Bush Heritage Australia



Tasmanian midlands
Photo courtesy of Bush Heritage Australia.

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts and Bush Heritage Australia have a long history of working together, most recently through the Trusts funding of the Tasmanian Midlands Landscape Project (Midlandscapes).

Midlandscapes aims to have 10% of the Tasmanian 'hotspot' environments managed primarily for biodiversity conservation by 2020. The midland's area is recognised as one of 15 biodiversity hotspots in Australia and is widely known as a key conservation priority.

Through funding from the John T Reid Charitable Trusts and other generous donors, Midlandscapes was launched in early June. It assists land owners with aspects of conservation, including support for vulnerable animals, birds and grasslands.

For more information on the Midland Conservation Fund and Midlandscapes, [read the free version of the article, that featured in the *Australian Financial Review* here.](#)

▼ The Dax Centre



A guided student tour of The Dax on Tracks exhibition in Mildura.
Photo courtesy of The Dax Centre.

The Trustees are vitally interested in the area of mental health, and were pleased to have the opportunity to fund an important rural program of The Dax Centre.

The Dax on Tracks program aims to bring travelling exhibitions and accompanying education programs to rural and regional areas, with the objective of addressing mental health issues and helping build capacity within these communities to promote mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention.

Dr Eugene Koh, Executive Director at The Dax Centre, recently contributed to an [article in *The Age*](#) about the positive effect of art in improving the lives of people with mental illness throughout Australia. This article is extremely moving, and we strongly recommend that you read it.

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