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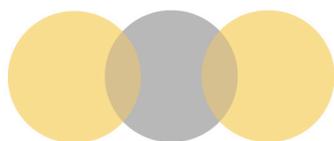
OneFortyOne Major Grants Awarded

Stand Like Stone is pleased to announce the recipients of grants from the 2017 OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants. The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants have delivered a further \$30,000 into the community, with the following projects receiving support in 2017:

Organisation	Name of project	Grant Amount
<i>ROBE MENS SHED ASSOC INC</i>	<i>Construction of the Robe Men's Shed</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>AUSTRALIAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE</i>	<i>I Made It Pilot Sewing Enterprise Program for Refugee Women</i>	\$6,700.00
<i>OPERATION FLINDERS FOUNDATION INC</i>	<i>Operation Flinders 'A' Exercises</i>	\$3,300.00
<i>THE FLINDERS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA</i>	<i>Stage 2 of the Workforce exclusion in Mount Gambier Project</i>	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL FUNDED	\$30,000.00

The Robe Men's Shed Association Inc has been granted \$10,000 for the construction of a building in which to undertake charitable activities and wellbeing projects/activities. There is clear community support and in-kind support for this project, which has already secured \$10K of funding via the Barefoot Benefit fundraising committee. The Robe Men's Shed will allow a platform for open conversation, charitable activities and a healing, welcoming place of inclusion. The project will support mental health and community wellbeing, with particular reference to minority groups that have little support available to them.

On the back of \$8,000 support received in 2016, The Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre has been granted a further \$6,700 to continue to build the "I Made It" pilot sewing project for refugee women. The project gives women from African and Burmese background the opportunity to learn how to produce sewn items for the Australian market. The enterprise assists them to source materials, price items and forge links with networks where the items produced can then be displayed and sold. There



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has been overwhelming community support for this project to date and the positive outcomes are being widely felt by participants and the greater community. Participants are benefitting from increased self-confidence and learning tools and skills to enable a smoother integration in to life in the Limestone Coast region. It is hoped that a further injection of funding will propel this project to self-sustainability. Community support is still being sought and those who are interested in assisting with donations should contact the Migrant Resource Centre.

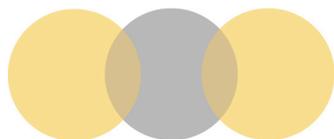
The Operation Flinders Foundation Inc has been granted \$3,300 for the “Operation Flinders A Exercises” project, which will enable students at risk to participate in the Operation Flinders Outback intervention program. The Foundation is seeking to enable 30 people from DC Grant and Mt Gambier to undertake the Operation Flinders Program. The program will assist students at risk to achieve life-skills and assist them with becoming engaged and active community members.

The Flinders University of South Australia will receive \$10,000 for Stage 2 of the “Workforce exclusion in Mount Gambier Project.” This project was first tabled for OneFortyOne funding consideration in 2015, and 2016 saw a partnership of The Wyatt Trust, the Stand Like Stone Foundation, Flinders University, Rural Communities Australia, and Di-Monty Training Solutions to undertake Stage 1 of a community based research project throughout 2016. The project engaged with the phenomenon of workforce exclusion in Mount Gambier, South Australia. The project is known to participants as *You’re Asking Me (YAM)?* With the support of the local community and the National Australia Bank, the project has reached the conclusion of stage 1 (YAM 1). Stage 2 (YAM 2) will involve the deployment of workforce inclusion strategies. YAM 1 enabled 3 project concepts to be developed for YAM 2 which, in combination, are designed to foster life skills development, work skills development and community (labour market) development. The projects will be developed and deployed throughout 2017.

The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building grant round is made possible through a funding partnership between the Stand Like Stone Foundation and OneFortyOne Plantations. Since the partnership began in 2014, it has provided funding of \$80,000, which has been granted to charitable projects that build capacity within Limestone Coast communities. “OneFortyOne is strongly committed to the Green Triangle region and is proud of our continuing partnership with the Stand Like Stone Foundation and the Community Capacity Building Grants Program. We believe by focusing on the wellbeing of the people in the region in order to create a positive future, the successful initiatives from this Grants Program will deliver real value back into the local community,” said Willie Van Niekerk, General Manager Green Triangle, OneFortyOne Plantations.

“Stand Like Stone Foundation is proud to support these projects via the OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants. These projects will grow our region and will have a real and sustainable impact on the community,” said Bill DeGaris, Chairman of Stand Like Stone Foundation. “Due to the nature of the projects supported, the real benefit to the Limestone Coast community vastly exceeds the initial grant funding. We are proud to work in partnership with OneFortyOne Plantations to deliver this program in our region,” Mr DeGaris said.

The Stand Like Stone corpus now stands at over \$3 million. The income earned from this corpus is distributed back to the Limestone Coast community via grants and scholarships. Since its inception, Stand Like Stone has distributed just under \$1,000,000 to the communities of the Limestone Coast through the many programs on offer. As Stand Like Stone never spends the donations it receives, the



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amounts available to grant to the community will continue to grow as the amount of donations held in the trust funds grow. The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants are offered annually in February. In August 2017 Stand Like Stone will invite applications for its Small Grants Program, offering grants of up to \$5000 for charitable projects. Application forms and guidelines can be obtained from www.standlikestone.com.au.

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