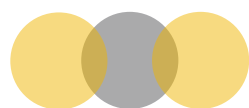




2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Limestone Coast's Community Foundation



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Our Vision

Giving for lasting impact

Our Mission

Encourage philanthropic giving to provide grants and scholarships which benefit Limestone Coast Communities

Our Values

Inclusiveness



Engaging our community and its diversity through leadership in all aspects of our work

Collaboration



Facilitating partnerships that add value to Stand Like Stone and the community

Accountability



Being open, transparent and accountable in all aspects of Stand Like Stone's operations, to be cost effective and sustainable, adhering to proper corporate governance and funds management principles



Responsiveness

Valuing and respecting our donors, funding partners and applicants



Empowerment

Strengthening our community by increasing the capabilities and resilience of individuals, groups and organisations

*Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things **stand like stone**,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.*

Adam Lindsay Gordon's poem Ye Wearie Wayfarer was the inspiration for the Foundation's name. The poem encompasses the objectives of the Foundation.

Chairman's Report

Our Proud Past:

In presenting my first Annual Report as Chairman of Stand Like Stone, I acknowledge the leadership of past Chairman, Sue Charlton AM. Sue, as a founding donor and first chairman literally built the strong foundations we have. Historically, Brian and Sue Page provided Stand Like Stone with initial funding as our founding donors. Through Wepar Nominees Pty Ltd, they continue to be significant donors to the Foundation and without them, and the driving force of Sue Charlton, Stand Like Stone would not exist today. They have all personally shepherded the Foundation to a position where we are now a million dollar Foundation, with a recognised commitment to philanthropy in the Limestone Coast.



Bill DeGaris, Chairman

Our Visions for the Future:

Being proud of the past is important. But going forward and building on the strong foundations which exist is another. Our board is making very strong commitments to building a strong vision for our future.

It is extremely important that the board redevelops relationships with our Limestone Coast community. We intend to develop stronger ties with business, with donors, sponsors, community groups and with potential grant recipients. We are proud of our relationship with OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd and seek to model this relationship to grow our ties with the business community. We will also encourage greater participation in the Foundation from smaller communities.

We have been in discussions with SERDE Inc and look forward to making some exciting announcements in 2015/16. In the meantime, I thank SERDE Inc, its Chairman, Roberta Coke, and her board for their confidence in donating to Stand Like Stone.

Fundraising:

Our major fundraiser "Swinging with the Stars," is now a fixture on the Limestone Coast social calendar. Participation is across the region, and the net returns to Stand Like Stone this year were over \$76,000. This is outstanding and we thank all participants and all donors for their great support of this iconic event. The Limestone Coast Tattoo is our other major fundraiser, and we thank the bands, supporters and donors for making this event a success each year. We also thank the Reschke family and Koonara Wines who donate all funds raised at their Platinum Marquee held at the Mount Gambier Gold Cup Carnival. Their generosity is exemplary, and is greatly appreciated. The board is looking at innovative fundraising options into the future, and we expect to unveil some of these options over the coming months.

Future Management:

Our board faces difficulties in creating significant income returns from invested capital in

the current environment. We have adopted a cautious approach to investing, with a mixture of cash deposits and shares to drive a conservative investment strategy. We seek and take professional advice, which assists our investment decisions.

Our board is totally committed to the principles of community philanthropy. We face tough challenges in the current investment environment, but we are committed to increasing our capital base, and increasing funding of our core programs. Equally, we are committed to increasing the profile of our Foundation as a key fundraising and grant making body in the Limestone Coast.

Board Membership:

I acknowledge the contributions of retiring Directors Mr Graham Carter (2004-2015), his alternate Director Mr Graeme Earl, and Mr Greg Duver (2012 – 2015) and thank you all for your commitment and service to Stand Like Stone. I welcome new members to the board, Ms Donna Edwards, Mr Rhett McDonald, Ms Fiona Pulford, and Alternate Director Julie Forgan, who all bring new ideas and enthusiasm to help forge our bright future.

Management Team:

I wish to formally thank our Executive Officer, Georgie McKay, for her dedication, her professionalism and wise counsel in discharging her role. Georgie is the hardest working “part time” Executive Officer I know. Her knowledge of and commitment to the philanthropy sector make our board’s tasks so much easier. I also thank Sally Bailey for her dedication.

Sponsorship:

We are ever grateful to our sponsors. It is sponsorship which funds our day-to-day running costs, allowing us to maximise our grant making across the region. We are grateful to Wepar Nominees, Noel Barr Toyota, (our major corporate sponsor), the Scott Group and the Mount Gambier City Council, Tatiara Council, Robe District Council and Grant District Council for their financial and in kind support. These organisations recognise the good work of Stand Like Stone in the community and we are grateful for their support. We also recognise the significant support of RY Ellerman & Co Pty Ltd, helloFriday, Bianca Gillin Multimedia and Green Triangle Electronics in the provision of in-kind accounting, graphic design, marketing, printing and copying support. As we continue to grow and gain community recognition, our sponsors’ support of community philanthropy will be recognised more widely.

Patrons:

Finally, I wish to thank our joint patrons, Sue Charlton AM and Ray Scott. Their wisdom and advice to SLSF Board is greatly appreciated.

This is your Community Foundation. Our board all feel privileged to have the opportunity to manage the Foundation, and be part of its growth and charitable giving. The whole board is excited about the future of SLSF, and look forward with great enthusiasm to our immediate and long-term future.

Bill DeGaris

Chairman

Executive Officer's Report

2015 has been another incredible year for Stand Like Stone and I am again proud of what has been achieved. Our key programs and activities from 2015 are highlighted throughout this report, so instead of expanding upon them, I have decided to include a Q&A that I undertook for Generosity Magazine that featured in their July 2 Rural & Regional edition (see following page).

I acknowledge and thank Sally Bailey for her dedication and commitment in her role as Administration Assistant. Sally is instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of our Community Foundation and I sincerely appreciate her efforts and support.

I would also thank the Foundation's Directors for their commitment to this wonderful organisation and their support and confidence in me throughout the year. I would particularly like to thank retiring Chairman, Sue Charlton for her support. Sue's advice has been invaluable in my first three years as Executive Officer and has assisted me with a smooth transition to the philanthropic sector. Sue's knowledge of this sector is immense and I greatly appreciate her willingness to share that knowledge and support me in my role.

I look forward to what 2016 will bring and working with Bill DeGaris as we continue to grow this amazing resource for the Limestone Coast community.

Georgie McKay
Executive Officer



Georgie McKay, Executive Officer

*“No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.”*

Aesop

Rock Solid: Stand Like Stone Swings with the Stars

Q&A undertaken for Generosity Magazine July 2, 2015, www.generositymag.com.au

Community foundation Stand Like Stone is dancing to a different beat, bringing lasting impact to South Australia's Limestone Coast communities, one foxtrot at a time. Stand Like Stone has been an unstoppable force for positive social change on the south-east coast of SA since its establishment in 2004.

To date, the foundation has distributed more than \$748,000 in grants for charitable projects and educational scholarships to benefit the local community which, like many other regional centres in Australia, faces a range of challenges. Here Executive Officer Georgie McKay shares Stand Like Stone's inspiring story:

Priority grantmaking areas/Overview of grant programs:

"Stand Like Stone Foundation provides grants for charitable purposes to benefit communities in the Limestone Coast. We support community projects and retain broad grant eligibility guidelines to enable maximum responsiveness to the needs of our community. We currently offer two small grant rounds (up to \$2000) and one large grant round (up to \$20000) annually. Stand Like Stone also provides educational scholarships to students with a connection to the Limestone Coast to assist them to achieve their educational goals. We partake in the FRRR/Sidney Myer "Back to School" program and are in partnership with The Wyatt Trust to deliver the "Stay at School" program, which assists disadvantaged students within our community to achieve their South Australian Certificate of Education."

Total value of grants made since establishment:

"Stand Like Stone has distributed over \$748000 in grants for charitable projects and educational scholarships since establishment. Over \$165000 has been shared between 140 charitable projects that benefit communities in the Limestone Coast. 85 students have shared in over \$59500 of scholarships in the last 6 years. \$335000 has been distributed via the FRRR/Sidney Myer "Back to School" Program and \$152500 via the Stay at School Program in partnership with The Wyatt Trust. A further \$36000 has been leveraged into our community through mutually beneficial partnerships with external funding partners."

What are the greatest challenges facing your local community?

"The Limestone Coast covers a broad geographic area encompassing over 21000 square km. We are a rural community that boasts broad primary industry based activities including viticulture, forestry, dairy, livestock (beef, sheep meat and wool), aquaculture, grains and pasture, fresh and processing potatoes and vegetable seeds. Increasing economies of scale and mechanisation in various sectors has resulted in a decline in workforce requirements over the past 10 years. Our smaller rural towns are struggling to retain and maintain services and infrastructure, as centralisation and rationalisation becomes more prevalent. Employment statistics in Mount Gambier show a clear trend to decreasing full time employment in the region. Mt Gambier currently has the highest official unemployment rate in the region, sitting above both state and federal rates. Increases in unemployment rates are attributed to increasing unemployment in the timber and farming sectors. Youth (15-24) and jobless families are experiencing the greatest disadvantage, with issues of homelessness and drug use being prevalent."

What impact does Stand Like Stone hope to achieve in both the short and long term?

“Stand Like Stone seeks to support the communities of the Limestone Coast through encouraging philanthropic giving to provide grants and scholarships that benefit our region. We seek to engage our community and its diversity through leadership in all aspects of our work. We provide grants to address community issues and promote sustainability within our region. We collaborate with other organisations and facilitate partnerships that add value to Stand Like Stone and the community. We seek to strengthen our community by increasing the capabilities and resilience of individuals, groups and organisations. In the medium term we seek to influence Government to enable a more collaborative environment with Private Ancillary Funds in our region. The application of DGR Item 1 status to community foundations would enable Private Ancillary Funds to utilise our structures and networks more easily and in turn strengthen the impact that we can collectively have on social issues in our region. It would increase the likelihood of monies staying in our region to address the needs of communities and allow the community and beneficiaries to have real impact on these issues together.”

What’s been the most surprising thing you’ve learnt as EO at a community foundation?

“The most surprising thing for me has been how much of a difference a small grant or scholarship can make to a community or an individual. It is heart-warming when you hear stories of the impact that small amounts can make. The FRRR Sidney Myer Back to School Program provides \$50 vouchers to assist students with the costs incurred at the start of the school year. We often hear stories from the school Principals and counsellors about how much of a difference this small amount can make in a child’s life. A new school jumper or a new lunch box that this funding provides can mean the difference between fitting in or being left out – it’s much more than a \$50 voucher, it’s about social inclusion and can have long-lasting impact in a child’s life.”

You guys seem to have a lot of fun at your events—tell us how ‘Swinging with the Stars’ came about and how it works.

“Swinging with the Stars is a phenomenal success for Stand Like Stone. It has been running for 8 years and is loosely based on Channel 7’s Dancing with the Stars. We source 8 community



Left to Right: Swinging with the Stars participants for 2015; Charlie Legoe and Rebecca Hann.

“stars” from our broad geographic region and they are partnered with a “professional” to learn several dance styles. The “stars” not only raise funds for Stand Like Stone, but also raise awareness of our community foundation through their activities in the lead up to the big night. It culminates with a live performance in front of a 400+ strong crowd at The Barn Palais in Mount Gambier. In recent years Swinging with the Stars has raised around \$70,000 annually for Stand Like Stone and has gone from strength to strength. It’s the culmination of the generosity of many local businesses and individuals who donate products and their time to make this event a success. It is this generosity that ensures that maximum benefit is given to the community. It’s an incredible event that harnesses so many of our values. The “Stars” become ambassadors for Stand Like Stone, raise funds that are added to our corpus and spread the word of the good work that we do in the community. It’s a night full of energy, excitement, camaraderie, community spirit and fun! We’re all exhausted at the end of it, but it is well worth the effort!”

What do you love most about the Limestone Coast community?

“The Limestone Coast community is one where everyone pulls together to make things work and happen. We live in a culture where you have to “put in” to “get back”. So many individuals from so many different walks of life come together in our community and volunteer their time, expertise or energy to provide basic things that individuals that live in larger populations take for granted, such as tennis lessons for our children, social occasions for our elderly or mindfulness for those struggling with mental health issues. We live in a community where people regularly give to assist other individuals and their community as a whole and this teaches our children the value of giving. Rural and remote communities promote a philanthropic culture by the nature of what we need to do on a daily basis. I love it that my children are growing up in this wonderful community and learning these lessons through just being part of a generous and understanding community.”

Would you like to mention key donors and what their support has meant to the Foundation over the years?

“Stand Like Stone couldn’t operate without our key donors and sponsors. They are invaluable to us and provide expert advice, financial assistance and ongoing support for our annual programs and activities. Brian and Sue Page are the founding donors of the Stand Like Stone Foundation and continue to generously support our work on a regular basis, both with their time and financial support. Our sponsors include Noel Barr Toyota, Mount Gambier City Council, Scott Group of Companies, Wepar Nominees, Tatiara District Council and Robe District Council. In kind sponsors include Green Triangle Electronics, Grant District Council, RY Ellerman & Co, helloFriday and Bianca Gillin Multimedia. Project sponsors include OneFortyOne Plantations & the Mount Gambier Branch of the Bendigo Bank. Sponsorship funds the majority of Stand Like Stone’s operating expenses and means that we can cap the administration fee to 2% of corpus funds. We value our sponsors and are extremely grateful to be part of ongoing, productive, mutually beneficial partnerships with these individuals, business and organisations.”

What role do you think community foundations can play in effecting positive social change in Australia?

“A community foundation provides a means for a community in a geographic area to build a collection of endowed funds from many donors in the community. They can address social issues in communities where funding or resources may be limited for various reasons. Community

foundations become a conduit or a “go to” organisation to assist with social issues and effect social change. They often provide the framework for a network of individuals and organisations to address social issues and make an impact. It is local people bonding together to improve the community in which they live. Legislative change to allow community foundations to attain DGR Item 1 status would allow the opportunity to work more collaboratively with Private Ancillary Funds and strengthen the ability to achieve positive social change, particularly in rural and regional Australia where DGR 1s are scarce.”

Biggest grant making lesson learned? Advice for anyone thinking of starting or getting involved with a community foundation?

“Never underestimate the value of small grants to a community. It is often the smaller amounts that have the most impact and long-lasting effect. The only advice I would give is to “jump in, boots and all” and you’ll never look back. Community philanthropy is valuable and rewarding and has the potential to make a real difference over time.”

Which of the Foundation’s achievements are you most proud of?

“Stand Like Stone has reached so many milestones in the last 18 months. We’ve reached 10 years of age, received the donation which took the corpus to over \$1 million held in trust for our community and distributed over \$700000 in scholarships and grants for charitable projects. Its difficult to pinpoint just one achievement, but our relationship with other organisations and the ability to draw flow through funds into our community is something that makes me proud. Stand Like Stone has a corpus of \$1.2 million, yet benefits totalling over \$700k have been delivered to the Limestone Coast community. That’s an incredible strike-rate in my book and speaks volumes of our ability to build and maintain relationships for the benefit of our community.”



Left to Right: Kate Hill and Andrew Lockwood; Katherine Miller and Ben Hood, 2015 winners of Swinging with the Stars.

Annual Small Grants Given

During 2014-2015 Stand Like Stone maintained its practice of conducting two small grant rounds annually, focusing on community wellbeing and where possible spreading its support across the Limestone Coast region and to a diverse range of charitable projects. Thirteen charitable projects shared in \$18,321 worth of small grants in the past financial year. Successful grants for the seventeenth and eighteenth grant rounds were:

Mount Gambier North School received \$1500 for the North Gambier School Community Hub Parent Engagement Program project. This project seeks to promote and maintain positive relationships with ESL and humanitarian refugee parents in the school community. It will allow an avenue to break down barriers and for parents to engage with the activities of the school and their children in a non-threatening, community focused, activity based environment. The project involves regular activities with a qualified social worker.

Naracoorte South Primary School received \$900 for the Breakfast Club project. The Breakfast Club project recognises the pivotal role that a sound breakfast plays in the ability to learn and retain information at school. The Breakfast Club offers a nutritious breakfast to those who sometimes go without and promotes the benefits of healthy eating and sound nutrition. The funding provides for equipment to sustain the Breakfast Club into the future, whilst food and perishable supplies are sought through donations from local business and individuals.

National Trust of SA Mt Gambier Branch received \$1000 for the Blades of Glencoe project. Blades of Glencoe provided the Limestone Coast community with a rare chance to see blade shearing, as it occurred circa 1880, in a traditional woolshed. Forty blade shearers from across Australia demonstrated their skills at the Glencoe Woolshed. The public learned about techniques such as wool handling, wool-baling techniques and blade shearing as it was done in days gone by.

Glencoe Central Primary School received \$1500 for their project Keyboards to Promote Learning. Keyboards to promote learning enables access for disadvantaged students to keyboard tuition and is based upon sound research supporting the advantages to education and learning that is achieved through the learning of a musical instrument. The project targets education and a reduction of disadvantage in the community. It allows access to specialised music lessons in a small rural school community and will provide a sustainable ongoing school based music program including weekly theory and keyboard activities.

Australian Breast Feeding Association (SA/NT) received \$1440 for SA/NT Conference 2015 'Conquering Mountains' Overcoming Breast Feeding Challenges. This funding allowed eight local volunteers from Mount Gambier to attend the 'Conquering Mountains' Overcoming Breast Feeding Challenges conference. The learnings gained at the conference will then be used to assist mothers, from the Mount Gambier region, in need of assistance with breast-feeding.

Miracle Babies Foundation received \$1500 for the Mount Gambier Nurture Group to run a St John Caring for Kids First Aid Course to benefit the members of the Mt Gambier and surrounds "Mums of Premature or Sick Newborns" group.

Focis on Youth Sub Fund

The Focis on Youth sub fund provides grants to projects with educational outcomes. During 2014-2015 the Focis on Youth sub fund gave the following grants:

Bianca Gillin Multimedia received \$1316.70 for her project “Let’s learn the alphabet and count to 20”. This project involved the production of alphabet and counting posters for distribution to foster care families with young children in the Limestone Coast region. Bianca Gillin Multimedia partnered with ac.care to ensure that the posters could be distributed confidentially through the ac.care foster care, homelessness and family services network. The foster care families received custom posters that were personalised with the child/children’s name and featured illustrations tailored to the family.

Mount Gambier North R-7 School received \$2000 for the New Arrivals String Program. This program seeks to provide access to the advantages to education and learning that is achieved through the learning of a musical instrument. The project targets new arrivals in our community and assists with integration into the community through music.

The following project was jointly funded by the Agri-links and Focis on Youth sub fund:

Acacia Kindergarten received \$2000 for their Sensory Needs project. The sensory needs project provides for the purchase of sensory toys to assist with the specialised learning needs of specific kindergarten aged children at Acacia Kindergarten.

Agri-Links Sub Fund

The Agri-Links sub fund, was established to give grants that raise awareness of mental health throughout the Limestone Coast. The following projects were partly funded by the Agri-Links sub fund in 2014-2015:

The South East Junction, Mental Health received \$2000 for their “Education as a Tool” project. This project supports individuals suffering from mental health issues and forms part of the ongoing work of The South East Junction in providing sustainable support in this field. It also raises awareness of mental health issues in the Limestone Coast region.



Bill DeGaris, Bianca Richardson and Anne Hinkly-Tyler with the posters from Bianca’s project, ‘Lets Learn the Alphabet and count to 20’ (photo: Caitlin Kennedy, The Border Watch).

Balnaves Family Sub Fund

The Balnaves Family Sub Fund is used to give grants to charitable projects that benefit the greater Penola Coonawarra region. The following projects were funded by the Balnaves Family Sub Fund during 2014-2015:

Penola & District Medical Support Group received \$1565 for provision of irrigation to the garden beds at the Penola & District Hospital. The irrigation will be used to sustain the sensory gardens for benefit of the elderly residents of the Pinchunga Aged Care facility and ensure their enjoyment all year round.

Penola Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Fund

The Penola Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Fund is used to give grants to charitable projects that benefit the greater Penola Coonawarra region. The following projects were funded by the Penola Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Fund during 2014-2015:

Penola War Memorial Hospital Incorporated received \$600 for the Pinchunga Pets, Fish & Aquarium, project. The project will see the installation of an aquarium, filled with fish in the Pinchunga Aged Care Facility. The aquarium provides the opportunity for easy-care pets to be introduced into the centre for the enjoyment of both the residents and their families, as well as broader hospital community.

The following project was jointly funded by the Balnaves Family and Penola Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Funds

The Penola Primary School received \$1000 for their Junior Primary Natural Learning Space project. The Junior Primary Natural Learning Space involves the incorporation of a natural learning space into the playground areas and will include a digging corner, wet and dry rock creek bed, planter boxes, discovery benches, fire pit and teepees. It allows the students to engage outside a traditional learning environment.



Above: Students from Mount Gambier North Primary who are involved in the 'New Arrivals Strings Program' (photo: The Border Watch).

OneFortyOne Plantations Community Capacity Building Grants



The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building grants are made possible through a funding partnership between the Stand Like Stone Foundation and OneFortyOne Plantations. In its second year, the partnership provides funding of \$20,000 for a three-year period, to be granted to charitable projects that build capacity within Limestone Coast communities.



Left: Owen Trumper, OneFortyOne Plantations and Stand Like Stone Director, Fiona Pulford with the Mount Gambier Children's Centre for Early Childhood and Development Action Group trailer supported through the project, 'Play, Engage, Connecting Families'; Right: Children playing with the natural and recycled material from the Play on Wheels van.

In 2015, the OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building grants delivered a further \$20,000 into the community, with the following projects receiving support:

The Mount Gambier Children's Centre for Early Childhood & Development for the Mt Gambier AEDC Action Group received \$10,000 for their project titled Play, Engage, Connecting Families. This project sees the design, build and set up of a trailer that holds natural and recycled material for creative play use by families in parks and public spaces around Mount Gambier. The trailer will be manned by volunteers and will promote a shift away from entertaining our children to engaging with them and their families, away from commercial, pre-purposed and pre-fabricated toys and playgrounds to natural environments and activities. The facilitated mobile play trailer in use in outdoor spaces will assist in building the confidence of families to regularly access these spaces and to learn to play and interact in the environment available to them.

A further \$10,000 was earmarked for the Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centre Mount Schank Hall Development Project. This project began in 2014 and involves the renovation of the Mount Schank Hall into a family home. It allows for a real life learning experience for students at the Independent Learning Centre, as they progress towards achieving their SACE. The project builds community capacity through growing the students' skills via instruction in trades, literacy, numeracy, as well as cultural, physical and mental development. The project grows the community of Mt Schank, resulting in an additional family home and introduction of people into the community. It is anticipated that the monies received from the sale of the completed hall will then be channelled into further projects to benefit students at the Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centre.

Educational Scholarships

Stand Like Stone's Educational Scholarship Fund, established in 2007, provides money for scholarships, bursaries or prizes which promote the recipients education in a recognised pre-school, primary, secondary or tertiary course and are awarded on merit or for reasons of equity.

In 2014 Stand Like Stone offered its fifth round of scholarships for students studying in 2015. Scholarships were awarded for: approved curriculum and courses being studied at Australian educational institutions and for related living and boarding costs. Since 2009, eighty-five students have shared in \$59,565 worth of scholarships.

In total **\$17,990** was awarded as follows:

The L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) which provides scholarships to assist young women undertake a nursing career was awarded to both **Abbey Minion** and **Lillie Scott**.

The Focus on Youth Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses. The Focus on Youth Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Alicia Gartner** to study a Certificate 3 in Educational Support
- **Jemma Richards** to study a Diploma of Graphic Design
- **Brittany Case** to study a Bachelor of Creative Arts

The **L T O'Connor Music Scholarship** (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) provides scholarships based on merit in the area of music to students to further their experiences and knowledge in music. The scholarships were awarded to **Meagan Pfeiler** to study a Diploma of Musical Theatre and **Michael Jackway** to study extended Music at Mt Gambier High School.



“A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.”

Mohammed

The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) was awarded to **James Wilson** to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science. The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarships are awarded for reasons of equity to primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.

The **Kingston Community School, Keith Area School and Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarships** (sub funds of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) are awarded to students attending or enrolling at the respective schools. These scholarships were awarded to:

- **Astrid Victory** to support her secondary schooling at the Kingston Community School
- **Brodie Johnson** to study a Bachelor of Applied Science
- **Connor Evans** to study a Bachelor of Engineering
- **Chelsea McKinnon** to study a Bachelor of Law
- **Genna Geddes** to study a Bachelor of Medicine or similar
- **Ryan Horrigan** to study Computer Science

Stand Like Stone Scholarships provide scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses. The Stand Like Stone Scholarship was awarded to:

- **Anna Malthouse** to assist with her studies in Year 12 at Keith Area School

The **SARWG Scholarship** was first offered in 2014 and was established to provide scholarships to benefit rural women identifying with the Limestone Coast in the pursuit of their educational goals. The inaugural recipient was **Alexandra Williamson** and will assist with her studies in a Certificate 3 of Early Childhood Education.

The **Cornerstone Scholarship** was first offered in 2014 and was established to provide scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Bordertown area. The inaugural scholarship was offered to **Wade Fisher** to assist with his primary schooling.

Vititec Scholarships were awarded to the following students in 2014:

- **Emma Tregoweth** to support her Honors Degree
- **Eerin Wilson** to study Foundation Studies
- **Nikki-Lee Lucas** to study a Bachelor of Media Arts
- **Codie Decaux** to assist with studies in Secondary School at Kingston Community School
- **Tahlia Troeth** to assist with studies in Secondary School at Kingston Community School
- **Ashlie Gibbs** to study a Bachelor of Social Work
- **Narelle Probert** to study a Bachelor of Social Work

FRRR Back to School Program

Local families received back to school relief thanks to an initiative delivered by the Stand Like Stone Foundation. To help reduce the burden of costs associated with the commencement of a new school year, 700 fifty dollar vouchers were distributed, in partnership with local schools.

The schools allocate vouchers in the most appropriate way to assist families and children with the greatest need. The program is unique, in that recipient families can choose what they actually need for their children.

This was the eleventh year Stand Like Stone issued vouchers, through the Back to School Program, to help students with the purchase of uniforms, books or other equipment needed to get students back to school. Over ten years 6,710 students have been given vouchers throughout our region, resulting in a cash boost of \$335,500 supporting education.

This program makes an enormous difference to the lives of many children around our region. This is much more than a \$50 gift, it is about social inclusion, fitting in and building morale in children at the start of a school year. Stories from schools show that families are very appreciative of this helping hand and that the gift can make a real difference to their children.

Funds from **FRRR** and the **Sidney Myer Foundation** provided a grant of 500 vouchers to Stand Like Stone, while funds for an extra 200 vouchers were received from the Mount Gambier and District Community Bank, private donors and funds raised from Swinging with the Stars, 2014.



Executive Officer, Georgie McKay with Lucindale Area School Principal, Adrian Maywald; Principals from around the Limestone Coast with Bill DeGaris, Chairman, at the Back to School Voucher presentation held at Noel Barr Toyota.

Stay at School Program

Thanks to a partnership between Stand Like Stone, The Wyatt Trust and three Independent Learning Centres in the Limestone Coast, sixty students received \$500 gifts to help them complete their SACE. The gifts were distributed through Stand Like Stone's Stay at School program which is funded by **The Wyatt Trust**.

The Stay at School Program assists students studying the SACE at the Independent Learning Centres. The aim of the gift is to help the students stay at school by alleviating some of the financial pressure associated with studying.

To receive a gift students must be attending the Independent Learning Centre in year 11 or 12 and be in receipt of independent status conferred by Centrelink or of low income. With the support of the Independent Learning Centres, Stand Like Stone representatives met with recipients to explain the program, to discuss with them how they will use the gift to help them stay at school and to let them know that there are people in the community who care and have a desire to help them complete their education.

This is the fifth year that the program has run and 2015 saw the introduction of a third independent learning centre into the program. Thanks to The Wyatt Trust, the Stay at School program has supported over 285 students and has injected \$152,500 towards supporting Limestone Coast students to achieve their SACE.



“The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it”

William James

Swinging with the Stars



Swinging with the Stars

The 8th annual Swinging with the Stars was held on Saturday 20th June at the Barn, Mount Gambier. A packed house of over 420 people witnessed 8 amazing locals and their partners dance the jive, foxtrot, quickstep and tango.

The line-up of local identities included renowned Lucindale artist **Karen Burow** dancing with Callum Unger, Grant High School teacher **Josh Praolini** with partner Kahlia Prelc, Mount Gambier's **Lauren Holmes** dancing with Tanner Neale, Naracoorte's international travel expert **Charlie Legoe** with Rebecca Hann, energiser bunny **Ellie Wilson** with partner Darcy Ryan, **Ben 'Robin' Hood** of the dynamic helloFriday duo wowing the crowd with partner Katherine Miller, **David Fox** of Hyland Fox fame finding his inner Swayze with partner Paris Ackland and Mount Gambier journalist **Kate Hill** making headlines with partner Andrew Lockwood.

Judges, Gretel Sneath, Kym Lindner, Tom Hart and Derek James narrowed the field to four final couples, including stars Ben Hood, Lauren Holmes, David Fox and Ellie Wilson. In the hotly contested final jive, all couples impressed the judges, but it was Ben Hood and Katherine Miller who took out the coveted title and were crowned winners of the 2015 Swinging with the Stars.

Ben Hood, co-owner of creative agency helloFriday and co-creator of "George the Farmer" was thrilled to be awarded the coveted title. "Swinging with the Stars was one of the most amazing experiences of my life ... There is seriously nothing better than a good dance to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face, and to do it all while helping out a foundation like Stand Like Stone just makes it all the more worth while," said Ben.

People's Choice winner (awarded to the star who raises the most funds for the Stand Like Stone Foundation) was awarded to Lauren Holmes, whose individual fundraising total was \$16,195, the largest amount raised in the history of the event.

"I was very fortunate to have had the support that allowed me to win the People's Choice award", said Lauren. "It is a credit to our local businesses and people who were so willing to support my fundraising endeavors, knowing that they were contributing to the community in which they live. It has been an uplifting and overwhelming experience and I thank everyone for their support," said Lauren.

Kim Cella and the team from **Hype Dance** did an amazing job of preparing the dancers and pulling together a show-stopping performance. Guests took to the dance floor until the early hours of the morning, as Sydney based artists **Roxane LeBrasse**, (placed 9th in the third season of Australian Idol) and **Glen Cunningham** (2012 season of 'The Voice') took the stage, accompanied by The Barn 7 piece band, a combination of some of Mt Gambier's and Melbourne's finest musicians.

Thanks goes to **Jase Scheidl** the Master of Ceremonies for the event and to **Christy Radford**, from With Love Photography, and **Marcus Jones** for creating a lasting record of stunning photographic and video images from the evening.

"Swinging with the Stars is the culmination of the generosity of so many who donate products and their time to make this event a success. It's an incredible event and we would

like to particularly thank The Barn and the community for their ongoing support,” said Stand Like Stone Chairman, Bill DeGaris.

With the proceeds of the silent auction, ticket sales and monies raised by the stars, another record was set with the total funds raised from the event amounting to over \$76,400.

Thank you Swinging with the Star's supporters



- Jase Scheidl
- Roxane LeBrasse
- Mount Gambier Telstra Store
- Woolworths Mount Gambier
- Chapman's Newsagency
- Coonawarra Grape & Wine Inc
- It's a Celebration
- Tania & Paul Von Stanke
- Gretel Sneath
- Tom Hart
- The Jackson Family
- The Bayley Family
- The Ryan Family
- Lah de Dah

- The Barn 7 piece Band
- Glenn Cunningham
- Commonwealth Bank
- Steve Mullan Sound and Lighting
- Melbas Chocolates
- Craig Maria
- Baxter Hire
- Derek James
- Kym Lindner
- Mini Jumbuk
- Keith Butcher
- Murray Jones
- Canopy Interiors
- The Johnson Family

Limestone Coast Tattoo

The stirring music of brass, strings, jazz, marching bands, pipes, drums and vocalists once again brought the house down at the IceHouse for the Limestone Coast Tattoo on 29 November.

The Tattoo brings together a cast of over 180 performers from around the Limestone Coast, providing an opportunity for bands to come together to share the achievements of local musicians and celebrate their contribution to the community in a combined public performance.

A highlight of the 2014 event was the introduction of the Cockatoo Valley Song Group and the Portland Citizen's Brass Band, as well as a surprising and entertaining appearance by the Waawor Band. Vocalist Saiyon Phelan brought the IceHouse to a standstill with her stunning rendition of Time to Say Goodbye (Con Te Partiro).

Proudly sponsored by DeGaris Lawyers, the Tattoo was set up and run for the charitable purpose of providing educational scholarships in the area of music through the L T O'Connor Music Scholarship, a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation. The L T O'Connor Scholarship provides scholarships for reasons of merit in the area of music, to people identifying with the Limestone Coast. to further their experiences and knowledge in music.

We thank Alan Richardson for his stellar performance as Master of Ceremonies. We also thank Jason Flint Lighting and Gino Margiotta for the provision and operation of the lighting for the event and Baxter Hire for their generosity in providing equipment to enable the lighting set up. Thank you also to the Mount Gambier Lioness Group for their assistance in ushering and to Beth Searle from the IceHouse for her invaluable input and assistance. The 2014 Limestone Coast Tattoo resulted in just under \$5000 being donated to the L T O'Connor Scholarship sub fund.

Thankyou 2014 Limestone Coast Tattoo Sponsor:



One Enchanted Evening of Opera

Thanks to the efforts of Chris Judd, Valentines Day was extra special for Stand Like Stone this year, with a one-off operatic performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

A captive audience welcomed Italian Soprano, Michelle Buscemi and Baritone, Mattia Campetti, accompanied by pianist Dario Tondelli.

Proceeds from the night were donated to benefit the Stand Like Stone Foundation and the Lucca Opera Festival. It is hoped that this will become an annual event with ongoing benefits to the region and the field of operatic singing.

We congratulate Chris for her efforts in bringing this event together and attracting international artists of this calibre to the Limestone Coast. It is anticipated that the event could provide funding for a scholarship to assist aspiring vocalists from the Limestone Coast region to receive operatic training.



Clockwise from top left: Bill DeGaris, Chairman, Chris Judd, Michelle Buscemi and her nephew, with Mattia Campetti; Italian Soprano, Michelle Buscemi and Baritone, Mattia Campetti perform at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Koonara Wines Platinum Marquee

For the third year running Koonara Wines named Stand Like Stone as their charity partner for funds raised at the Platinum Marquee at the Mount Gambier Gold Cup Carnival.

Despite the races being a washout, the marquee was a fabulous success with patrons being treated to delicious food, stunning wines and an array of magnificent auction items. Activities from the day raised over \$6400 for the Foundation, bringing the total raised in the last three years through this event to over \$25,000! We are grateful to Dru and Niccole Reschke and the professional team at Koonara Wines for their ongoing support and incredible hospitality. Put it in the calendar for next year – it's an event not to be missed!



Clockwise from top left; Rebecca Seears, Heidi Kain and Jane Thring; Zoe Pohlne, Kate Hill and Kristi Leamey; The beautifully set marquee; Dru and Nicole Reschke of Koonara Wines; Simon Livingstone and Talia Johnston; Simone Kain and Bianca Richardson; Silent auction items available and; Ben Hood.

Sue Charlton AM appointed as Patron of SLSF

Sue Charlton was the inaugural Chairman of Stand Like Stone and held this position for 10 years, announcing her retirement from the Chair in December 2014.



Sue Charlton AM (Patron of Stand Like Stone Foundation), right with daughter and Alternate Director Kate Facy.

Under her leadership, the foundation celebrated it's 10th anniversary and achieved several significant milestones including; surpassing \$1 million held in trust for the Limestone Coast community, distributing over \$300,000 in Back to School vouchers, distributing over \$80,000 in Stay at School gifts, distributing over \$123,000 in grants for charitable projects, distributing over \$41,000 in educational scholarships and leveraging a further \$53,000 in grants into the region. In total over \$600,000 was distributed to the Limestone Coast community during Sue's period as Chairman.

Stand Like Stone has formally recognised Sue's commitment, contribution and achievements as the inaugural Chairman of the Stand Like Stone Foundation by appointing her as Patron of the Foundation alongside Ray Scott. Mr Scott has welcomed the decision to appoint Sue as a Patron of the organisation and looks forward to continuing in the role as Patron of Stand Like Stone with Sue. Sue will continue to serve as a Director of Stand Like Stone in addition to her new role as Patron.

"I am honoured to accept this appointment and am thrilled to be working with Ray to assist and support the good work of Stand Like Stone in my new role as Patron," Mrs Charlton AM said. "People are regularly choosing Stand Like Stone as their charity of choice, as they know that every dollar that they donate will remain in our region for the benefit of our communities, both today and in the future. As Patron I look forward to sharing this message and further growing our community foundation," she said.

In Memoriam Donations & Bequests

Families can choose to recognise their loved ones through the support of the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Stand Like Stone is able to facilitate donations in memoriam and in consultation with the Foundation, families can choose how they would like their loved ones recognised.

A bequest to the Stand Like Stone Foundation is a meaningful way that an individual can benefit the Limestone Coast Community. After providing for loved ones in a Will, an individual may choose to make a gift of money, stock or property to the Foundation. Bequests will be carefully managed by the Board to benefit the Limestone Coast's communities in perpetuity.

If you are considering making a donation in memorium or a bequest to the Stand Like Stone Foundation, we recommend you contact the Foundation in the first instance.



Clockwise from top left: Diane Roach and Beachport Primary School Principal, David Hodges, receiving Back to School vouchers; the Limestone Coast Tattoo; Poster from Bianca Gillin's 'Let's learn the alphabet and count to 20' project funded by the Focus in Youth Subfund; the Limestone Coast Tattoo.

Trust Funds Growth

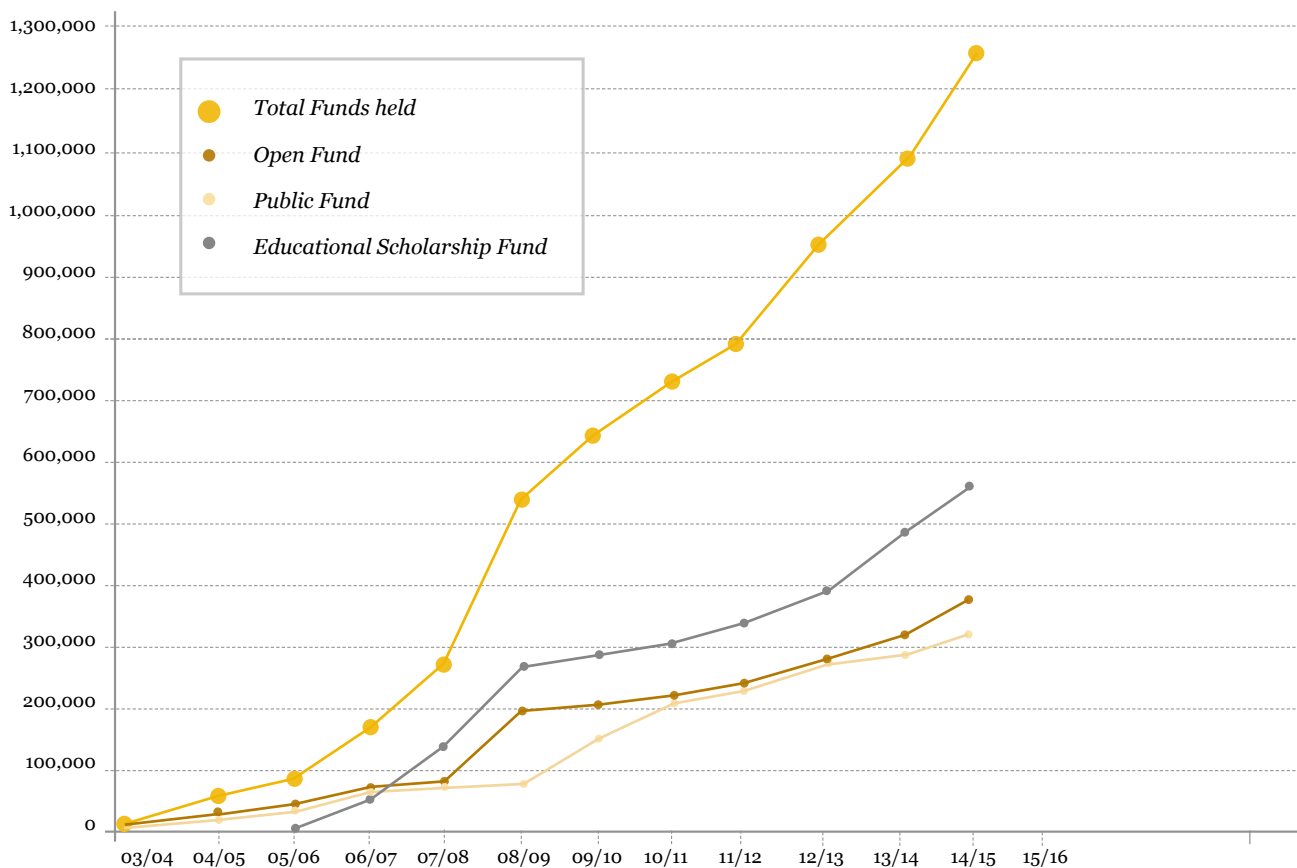
Stand Like Stone's goal continues to be to build substantial permanent funds from which grants are made to local charitable projects and educational scholarships are given. These funds function like a permanent community savings account (the corpus) which distributes the earnings back to the community. Stand Like Stone has three trust funds: the Public Fund, the Open Fund and the Educational Scholarship Fund where gifts to Stand Like Stone are held.

The Educational Scholarship Fund has net assets of \$557,781.82 and provides money for scholarships, bursaries or prizes which promote the recipients education in a pre-school, primary, secondary or tertiary course and is awarded on merit or for reasons of equity. Donations to the Educational Scholarship Fund receive a tax deduction.

The Public Fund has net assets of \$314,101.14 and gives grants to organisations that have deductible gift recipient status (DGR) for example hospitals, health promotion charities and cultural organisations. Donations to the Public Fund receive a tax deduction.

Gifts not requiring a tax deductible receipt are invested in the Open Fund which has net assets of \$374,565.07. Grants from the Open Fund are given to charitable projects and can be given to a wider number of organisations, not just those with deductible gift recipient status. The following graph shows trust fund growth:

Trust Funds Growth



Financial Report

Abridged Financial Report year ending 30/6/15

| | ADMIN A/C | PUBLIC | OPEN | EDUCTL SF | TOTALS |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| What Stand Like Stone Earned | | | | | |
| Events Income | 47,593.00 | - | - | - | 47,593.00 |
| Administration Fee | 23,042.15 | - | - | - | 23,042.00 |
| Interest | 2,948.93 | 7,767.95 | 8,130.03 | 12,751.72 | 31,599.00 |
| Sponsorship | 11,000.00 | - | - | - | 11,000.00 |
| Dividends Received | - | 4,103.18 | 4,422.66 | 7,256.33 | 15,782.00 |
| Franking Credits Refunded (2013) | - | 1,408.00 | 1,069.00 | 1,523.00 | 4,000.00 |
| | 84,584.08 | 13,279.13 | 13,621.69 | 21,531.05 | 133,016.00 |
| Gifts & Donations Received | 10,781.55 | 37,969.40 | 112,910.32 | 68,591.21 | 230,252.00 |
| Less Administration Costs | 114,986.63 | 5,906.87 | 6,824.89 | 10,384.03 | 138,102.00 |
| Surplus Before Grants | 19,621.00 | 45,341.66 | 119,707.12 | 79,738.23 | 225,166.00 |
| Grants & Scholarships Paid | - | 16,963.05 | 59,221.70 | 17,090.00 | 93,275.00 |
| Surplus | 19,621.00 | 28,378.61 | 60,485.42 | 62,648.23 | 131,891.00 |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 3,453.27 | - | - | - | 3,453.00 |
| Cash & Short Term Deposits | 103,904.53 | 247,794.35 | 296,529.57 | 382,841.14 | 1,031,070.00 |
| Sundry Debtors & Other Receivables | 2,381.00 | 294.00 | 1,544.00 | 262.00 | 4,481.00 |
| Shares in Listed Companies - At Cost | - | 70,623.95 | 88,131.87 | 164,975.53 | 323,731.00 |
| Units in Listed Companies - At Cost | - | - | - | 24,973.72 | 24,974.00 |
| What we Own | 109,738.80 | 318,712.30 | 386,205.44 | 573,052.39 | 1,387,709.00 |
| What we Owe | 13,003.49 | 3,124.40 | 9,800.62 | 12,548.78 | 38,477.00 |
| Net Assets (including Administration Account) | 96,735.31 | 315,587.90 | 376,404.82 | 560,503.61 | 1,349,232.00 |

Community Awareness

Website

Our website is a powerful and important tool in raising community awareness of the work of Stand Like Stone Foundation. We continue to invest in our website and are grateful for the ongoing support and generosity of helloFriday in hosting and maintaining this resource for Stand Like Stone.

UNIQUE WEBSITE VISITS (JULY – JUNE) 10238

Social Media

Stand Like Stone continues to interact with the community on social media. Social media provides a platform to extend our reach into the community and allows a responsive and current platform to engage with many community groups, as well as younger stakeholders. Our Facebook community has grown to 1302 people and we interact with them on a regular basis, posting messages of community interest and updates on our events, grants and scholarship programs. During Swinging with the Stars, our posts were directly reaching well over 10,000 Facebook users, with an extended reach of over 30,000 users, as the sharing of photographs and comments from the event reached an all-time high. Twitter has been a useful tool in keeping abreast of philanthropic action in the sector and increasing our reach around the region.

FACEBOOK LIKES 1302

TWITTER FOLLOWERS 260

Public Relations: Media

Over the past 12 months Stand Like Stone featured in 57 print media stories, averaging just under 5 stories per month. Images accompanied the majority of these stories making the stories more likely to be read. We appreciate the support given by local radio and print media in providing a solid foundation to increase community awareness across the Limestone Coast in the coming years.

PRINT MEDIA STORIES 57

Public Relations: e-Newsletter

Our e-newsletter has been distributed regularly over the last 12 months, with additional notifications in the lead-up to major events. The e-newsletter has been expanded to include photographs, diary dates and a quote of the week and is well received by our 500 strong subscriber list.

Public Relations - Froth & Bubble Events

The “Froth and Bubble” tradition has continued this year, with a visit to Keith in November 2014 and Beachport in March 2015. The Foundation will continue to hold these events, as it allows a unique opportunity to meet donors and sponsors and experience first hand their generosity, willingness and desire to help other people and to further grow the Foundation.

The Keith event was held at Henry & Rose and was well supported by the Keith community. The event provided an opportunity for recently appointed Stand like Stone Director Lucy Ryan to address the community in her new role and a chance for the community to learn more about

Stand Like Stone and the benefits provided to the Keith community via the two Sub Funds established for this area.

The Beachport Froth & Bubble was held in March at the Beachport Hotel. Dianne Roach acted as the coordinator of this event and attendees included a broad cross section of the community. The Beachport Sub Fund was created several years ago and it is hoped that the community will grow this Sub Fund to provide ongoing and significant benefits to the area. We thank Dianne for her efforts and look forward to supporting the Beachport community to grow this resource.

Public Relations: South East Field Days

As part of our community relations strategy, Stand Like Stone attended the South East Field Days in Lucindale in March. This presented a fabulous opportunity to mingle with people from the Limestone Coast and have conversations about the Foundation and our activities. Bottles of bubbles were distributed to local children, along with bookmarks and many raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win the gorgeous hampers full of donated goodies. Directors manned the site in the Lifestyle Pavilion and good feedback was received from the event. There were high levels of social media interaction over both days, including twitter conversations and postings on both our facebook page and the SE Field Days facebook page.



History & Context

The Stand Like Stone Foundation, a community Foundation, is an independent philanthropic organisation working in the Limestone Coast. Stand Like Stone is part of a network of Community Foundations across Australia and works closely with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), Australian Community Philanthropy and Philanthropy Australia.

Stand Like Stone's origins lie in the leadership of a group of visionary people who wanted to initiate a community foundation for the lasting benefit of the Limestone Coast. As a result in October 2004 the Stand Like Stone Foundation was officially launched to serve the Limestone Coast.

The Stand Like Stone Foundation is the leading community foundation in South Australia. Stand Like Stone operates as follows:

- Stand Like Stone collects donations, which are pooled to form a capital base (corpus).
- This capital base (corpus) is invested and kept in perpetuity and its income is used to fund educational scholarships and community projects, which are charitable and benefit the community.
- Stand Like Stone funds educational scholarships and charitable projects in the Limestone Coast by giving grants which focus on community health and well being, community development, environmental and cultural projects.

Stand Like Stone is unique for a number of reasons:

- The benefit of all donations stays in the Limestone Coast.
- Decisions on which projects receive grants are made by local people.
- The grants Stand Like Stone gives meet local needs.
- The original donation is never spent; it keeps on giving.
- No more than 2% per annum of average capital is used to support Stand Like Stone's activities.

The Limestone Coast

The Stand Like Stone Foundation embraces the Limestone Coast, located in the South East of South Australia. The Limestone Coast consists of the following local governments:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ● City of Mount Gambier | ● District Council of Grant |
| ● Kingston District Council | ● Naracoorte Lucindale Council |
| ● Robe District Council | ● Tatiara District Council |
| ● Wattle Range Council | |

Structure & Governance

The Stand Like Stone Foundation is:

- A public company limited by guarantee
- Endorsed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as a charitable institution and is exempt from income tax

Donations to the foundation are held in the appropriate trust fund. Each fund is established and governed by a separate trust deed. The public company, the Stand Like Stone Foundation, is the trustee of the:

- Open Fund
- Public Fund (*to which tax-deductible donations can be given*)
- Educational Scholarship Fund (*to which tax-deductible donations can be given*)

The trustees are responsible for:

- Investment decisions
- Ensuring that income is distributed in line with the purposes in the trust deeds

Stand Like Stone's Constitution provides governance requirements and states that Stand Like Stone is not for profit and that its income will be applied to public charitable purposes.

Stand Like Stone is governed by a board of directors made up of unpaid representatives from the Limestone Coast who meet the Australian Tax Office's (ATO) definition of having 'community responsibility'.

Stand Like Stone has grant making, finance, donor and fund raising advisory committees, which make recommendations to the board.

The directors are assisted by an Executive Officer, who is employed three days a week and an Executive Assistant, who is employed 1.5 days a week. The Stand Like Stone Foundation has a small office in Mount Gambier.

Retiring Directors

We thank you for your commitment and service to Stand Like Stone:

Mr Graham Carter (2004-2015), Alternate Director Mr Graeme Earl

Mr Greg Duver (2012 - 2015)

New Directors

Stand Like Stone welcomes new members to the Board, Mrs Lucy Ryan, Ms Donna Edwards, Mr Rhett McDonald and Ms Fiona Pulford. Ms Julie Forgan was appointed as Alternate Director for Dr Ruth Schubert and we welcome her in this role.

Lucy Ryan

Lucy Ryan joined Stand Like Stone Foundation in May 2014 representing the Keith District. She lives on a family farming property near Keith. Lucy works part time with the School Dental Service in Bordertown as a Senior Dental Therapist and as such, has regular involvement with many young families throughout the Tatiara. Lucy has previously held the position of Chair of the Keith & District Hospital Auxiliary and has been involved in extensive fundraising activities. Lucy's interest in Stand like Stone goes back to when our dear friend Mig Brookman was such a passionate advocate for philanthropy in our small communities, especially when "Mig's Vision" was launched as a Stand Like Stone Sub Fund for the Keith Hospital. Lucy is also keen to see the Sub Fund for the Keith Area School grow and increase awareness of Stand Like Stone in and around the Keith District.

Donna Edwards

Raised in Mount Gambier, Donna moved to Adelaide to undertake her Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice before returning to Mount Gambier to take up a position at DeGaris Lawyers in 2010. Donna is now an Associate Partner of the Firm and heads up the criminal law practice, as well as practicing in Commercial Law, Civil Litigation, Wills and Estates and Victims of Crime Compensation. Donna is actively involved in sport throughout the region and is the current Secretary and A Grade Coach of the Glencoe Netball Club as well as being actively involved with the Mid South East Netball Association. Donna became involved in Stand Like Stone as an Alternate Director for Bill DeGaris, was a dancer in the 2012 Swinging with the Stars and became a Director in her own right in 2014.

Rhett McDonald

Rhett McDonald is a Therapeutic Counsellor/Case Manager working with Families and Young People in the Limestone Coast. Rhett has extensive experience working in the international and humanitarian sector with a number of years spent on assignments in Africa, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe in the field of children's health, training & development and safety & security. Rhett returned home to the Limestone Coast in 2007. Through his strong community involvement Rhett was awarded the Penola Riddoch Ward Australia Day Citizen of the year award in 2012 for his contribution to the local community. As an advocate for youth, community wellbeing & the arts Rhett has held a number of roles in local community committees and organisations.

Fiona Pulford

With over 20 years experience in the early childhood development sector Fiona is a passionate advocate for supporting carers involved in the education of others. As an Educator she has developed a large range of innovative community parenting programs. A community Development Worker Fiona also has experience with Family Day Care Coordination, Long Day Care and the coordination of Child Protection Curriculum Delivery in schools. She is ardent in her determination to open pathways for marginalised people to engage them in accessing existing services, which can strengthen their parenting and their confidence. Fiona has been an advocate for reducing the significant gap in AEDC witnessed in Mount Gambier, mobilising wide level multi sector support to do this. She was involved in conceiving, building and advocating for the Mount Gambier Children's Centre, and as the first employee has spent the past 5 years embedding community development practices from this base.

Organisational Directory

Board of Directors

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr William DeGaris (Chairman) | December 2006 to present |
| Mr Brian Page (Public Officer) | April 2004 to present |
| Dr Ruth Schubert (Secretary) | April 2004 to present |
| Mrs Susan Charlton AM | April 2004 to present |
| Mrs Annette Balnaves | April 2004 to present |
| Mrs Carol Koch | November 2004 to present |
| Mr Robin Ellerman | July 2005 to present |
| Mr Robert Mock | April 2012 to present |
| Mrs Lucy Ryan | May 2014 to present |
| Ms Donna Edwards | December 2014 to present |
| Mr Rhett McDonald | July 2015 to present |
| Ms Fiona Pulford | July 2015 to present |
| Mr Graham Carter | April 2004 to February 2015 |
| Mr Greg Duver | April 2012 to December 2014 |

Alternate Directors

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mrs Kathryn Facy | Alternate for Susan Charlton | November 2009 to present |
| Mrs Penny McGorm | Alternate for Carol Koch | April 2011 to present |
| Mr Peter Brookman | Alternate for Lucy Ryan | August 2011 to present |
| Mrs Julie Forgan | Alternate for Ruth Schubert | October 2014 to present |
| Mr Graeme Earl | Alternate for Graham Carter | August 2010 to February 2015 |
| Ms Donna Edwards | Alternate for William DeGaris | August 2011 to December 2014 |
| Mr Rhett McDonald | Alternate for Annette Balnaves | March 2012 to July 2015 |

Patrons

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr Ray Scott | July 2009 to present |
| Mrs Susan Charlton AM | February 2015 to present |

Founding Donors

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|---------------------------|
| Mr Brian and Mrs Sue Page |
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Advisory Committees

Grant Making

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Mr Brian Page | July 2006 to present |
| Mr Rhett McDonald | December 2012 to present |
| Mr Rodney Summers (Bendigo Community Bank) | April 2015 to present |
| Ms Barbara Cernovskis (City of Mount Gambier) | April 2010 to present |

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Ms Amanda Giles (Agri-Links) | August 2014 to present |
| Mrs Annette Balnaves | December 2012 to present |
| Mr Graham Carter | July 2006 to February 2015 |
| Mr Kenneth Stafford (Bendigo Community Bank) | September 2013 to April 2015 |
| Ms Abigail Goodman (Agri-Links) | April 2012 to February 2014 |
| Mr Jon Densley (Agri-Links) | February 2014 to August 2014 |
| Educational Scholarship | |
| Mrs Sue Charlton AM (Chairman) | November 2009 to present |
| Dr Ruth Schubert | November 2009 to present |
| Ms Donna Edwards | December 2014 to present |
| Ms Barbara Cernovskis (City of Mount Gambier) | November 2010 to present |
| Finance | |
| Mr Brian Page (Chairman) | April 2004 to present |
| Mr Robin Ellerman | July 2005 to present |
| Mr Robert Mock | December 2012 to present |
| Mr Graham Carter | April 2004 to February 2015 |
| Mr Greg Duver | December 2012 to December 2014 |
| Fund Development – Swinging With The Stars | |
| Mrs Sue Charlton AM (Chairman) | February 2007 to present |
| Mrs Kate Facy | February 2010 to present |
| Ms Tania Von Stanke | May 2012 to present |
| Ms Donna Edwards | December 2014 to present |
| Mrs Carol Koch | December 2012 to February 2015 |
| Mrs Annette Balnaves | December 2012 to February 2015 |
| Fund Development – Limestone Coast Tattoo | |
| Mrs Sue Charlton AM (Chairman) | September 2011 to present |
| Mr Bill DeGaris | December 2014 to present |
| Band/participating group representatives as required | |
| Board Nominations | |
| Mr Bill DeGaris (Chairman) | December 2014 to present |
| Dr Ruth Schubert | December 2014 to present |

Sponsors for 2014-2015 included:



Key Advisors and Supporters

| | |
|------------|--|
| Auditor | Galpin Engler Bruins and Dempsey, Accountants |
| Accountant | R Y Ellerman and Co Pty Ltd |
| Granting | Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal |
| Legal | Herbert Smith Freehills Solicitors and WS DeGaris and Co |
| Marketing | Bianca Gillin Multimedia and helloFriday |



Left to Right: Paris Ackland and David Fox during Swinging with the Stars; the Limestone Coast Tattoo.



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