



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Limestone Coast's Community Foundation



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Our Vision

Investing in our community for lasting impact

Our Mission

Growing funds and building relationships for investment in the strength and wellbeing of our Limestone Coast communities

Our Values



Inclusiveness

Engaging with our community in all its diversity



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; being 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

2015/16 has been an extraordinary year for the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

We have seen a phenomenal growth in our capital funds this year due to two remarkable benefactors. First, SERDE Inc has finally been wound up and the residual funds gifted to Stand Like Stone. The gift of \$1.18 million has now been received and invested. Second, local artist Lorraine Humphreys, left her entire residual Estate anticipated to be valued at \$1.5 million to Stand Like Stone. \$600 thousand has been received to date, plus a considerable body of art works and ephemera. A sub-committee will be established to administer the art works and ephemera received from the Humphreys bequest. Both of these generous gifts have been well publicised in the media.



Bill DeGaris, Chairman

We continue to raise excellent funds from our annual major fundraiser, "Swinging with the Stars." This year the net income from the event exceeded \$100,000. We look forward to the 10-year anniversary of this event in 2017. Our other major fundraiser, "Limestone Coast Tattoo" also continues to gather momentum. Both events are organised by hard working dedicated sub-committees.

The Stand Like Stone Board has undergone important transformations in its activities. We have strengthened our Finance Advisory Committee and streamlined its operation in preparation for our transition to being a more substantial asset holder which needs to maximise its income and minimise its capital losses; a difficult task in the current financial environment. All sub-committees, Finance Advisory, Grant Advisory, Scholarship Advisory, Swinging with the Stars, and Limestone Coast Tattoo, continue to provide excellent advice to the Board.

Our Board members have shown outstanding commitment to the objectives of Stand Like Stone. We conducted intensive training to renew and revitalise our Strategic Plan. All Directors committed to this process, which was devised and run by Dr Geoff Wells. All Directors showed a willingness to commit extra time to promoting the various programs in which Stand Like Stone is involved. Support from the community has increased as community awareness of our activities has improved. For example, the wonderful support of the Beachport community for Swinging with the Stars this year was outstanding. The continued support by the Penola/Coonawarra community is also exemplary. Increased community awareness of Stand Like Stone and its activities is vital.

Our grant programs and educational scholarships are the core reason for our existence. This year we have distributed significant funds in our grants and scholarship rounds. In addition we have facilitated extra grants with the assistance of OneFortyOne Plantations, the Arbonne Charitable Foundation, the Wyatt Trust and FRRR. Our well established "Back to School" and

“Stay at School” programs are valued across the Limestone Coast. With our increased capital base, and, hopefully, increased income, our grants programs will increase, and will have more impact. We have, as a result of the SERDE funds being made available, determined to assist Headspace establish in the Limestone Coast, and have set aside \$200,000 for that purpose. Our Grants and Scholarship Committees have worked hard to advise the Board in these programs.

The amazing dedication and support of our Executive Officer, Georgie McKay, and her small team of Sally Bailey and our recently appointed part-time Finance and Administration Officer, Leonie Fartch, have provided high-quality services to the Board. This has resulted in the development of a full Administration Systems and Processes review for Stand Like Stone. We look forward to receiving the recommendations from this internal review, with a confident transition to a more streamlined business model, and more highly integrated information processing.

I wish to acknowledge the long service and commitment of outgoing Director, Annette Balnaves, whose drive and belief in Stand Like Stone has resulted in the establishment and growth of the Penola Coonawarra Sub Fund. We owe Annette, and her family, a debt of gratitude for their support. I also thank Penny McGorm for her service as Alternate Director to Carol Koch over the years.

Finally, it is important I recognise the ongoing support of our sponsors. Our major commercial sponsor, Noel Barr Toyota, has been a long time valued sponsor. The support of sponsors including Scott Group of Companies, Wepar Nominees and Green Triangle Electronics is valued by the Board. Local Government support from Mt Gambier City Council, Tatiara District Council, District Council of Robe and in-kind support from Grant District Council are all valued highly by the Board. The accounting services supplied by RY Ellerman & Co., and the in-kind support of our auditors, Galpins is recognised, along with ongoing graphic design support from helloFriday and Bianca Richardson. I would also like to thank the media in the Limestone Coast, which continues to publicise and support Stand Like Stone. This is a vital connection between us and our community.

Stand Like Stone is the Limestone Coast’s own Community Foundation. Our capital is invested, and the interest earned is invested in our community. We will continue our drive to raise capital funds, in order to provide significant charitable grants to our community. I thank all the Board and Stand Like Stone staff for their support during the year. I also thank the wider community for its support, including the generosity of individual donors. All of you have contributed to the growing awareness of the importance and value of Stand Like Stone as a significant charitable donor in the Limestone Coast community.

Bill DeGaris

Chairman

Executive Officer's Report

My fourth year as Executive Officer for Stand like Stone has been both challenging and rewarding. We have seen the foundation grow significantly in many areas and have been striving to maintain a balance between minimising operating costs, whilst expanding to accommodate this growth. Growth of the Trust Funds is excellent for this region and places Stand Like Stone in a strong position to service the Limestone Coast community into the future. Growth however brings challenges in redefining and creating structure, systems and processes that can accommodate further growth and meet our future needs. We have been fortunate to secure grant funding through the FRRR Circle Grants, community foundations stream, that has provided the means to critically review our operating structure and systems. I look forward to implementing the outcomes which will ensure that we continue to run a lean and efficient operation that will meet the ongoing needs of our community.



Our small team of staff has also grown this year and I welcome Leonie Fartch in the role of Finance and Administration Officer. I also acknowledge and thank Sally Bailey for her ongoing dedication and commitment to the Stand Like Stone Foundation. Sally has recently been appointed as Grants Partnerships and Governance Officer due to the recent restructure of the administration function, and continues to be instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of our community foundation.

The changes made this year and the systems and processes that will be adopted in the coming months will reap benefits in the years ahead. Although at times it has been challenging, we are positioning Stand Like Stone to ensure that we have the tools to meet community needs in the years ahead, and in turn maximise the returns to the Limestone Coast community.

As always in this unique philanthropic sector in which we operate, there have been many moments throughout the year that have moved my heart. To provide a grant, or scholarship funding, that has the ability to forever change the lives of the recipients is incredibly humbling. It is the reason why Stand Like Stone exists and it is the belief of the Limestone Coast community in Stand Like Stone that has built this wonderful resource, in perpetuity, for our community. I continue to meet people whose generosity astounds me and I feel incredibly lucky to be raising my family in a community culture such as ours.

I thank the Board for their commitment to this wonderful organisation and for their support and confidence in me throughout the year. I look forward to working with our Chairman Bill DeGaris as we continue to grow this amazing resource for the Limestone Coast community.

Georgie McKay
Executive Officer

Annual Small Grants Given

In response to diminishing fixed interest rates and subsequent challenges in equalising income over the two halves of the year, the Board of Stand Like Stone committed to a single small grant round in the 2015-2016 year. Stand Like Stone maintained its focus on Community Wellbeing and where possible spread its support across the Limestone Coast region to a diverse range of charitable projects. Eleven charitable projects shared in \$11,530 and the successful recipients were as follows:

The South East Junction received \$1000 for the April Fools Day Wine & Dine Fundraiser project. This project aimed to raise the profile of the South East Junction, a facility that provides a safe environment and valuable resource for people who experience mental health issues and are often economically and educationally disadvantaged. The Junction does not receive ongoing funding and relies on donations and in-kind support from the community to provide ongoing services and support. The funding provided seed monies to run a major fundraiser for the Junction. The April Fools Day Wine & Dine Fundraiser project aimed to raise funds and awareness of the facility and assisted in creating a sustainable resource for the community.

The Penola Festival Association received \$500 for the SLAM Poetry project which, with approval from Stand Like Stone, was reassigned to a Youth Photography Workshop. Poetry SLAM, was dependant upon the receipt of a larger grant applied for with the Carclew Foundation, which the Festival was unsuccessful in securing. The Festival sought to redirect this money to a Photography workshop/competition for youth, run by Louise Agnew, in the same essence of the Poetry SLAM and addressing the same target group. The photography workshop was run by a professional photographer and Social Worker who is passionate about spreading the word that anyone can be an artist. The workshop explored many issues experienced on a regular basis by our youth, including the development of positive self-esteem, mindfulness and how to exist online in a healthy way. The workshops aimed to raise awareness and promote positive self-esteem in the technological and social media driven world that young adolescents are growing up in today.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals received \$1000 for the RSPCA South Australia's Empathy Education Program. RSPCA has seen a marked increase in the number of animal cruelty reports and ambulance reports in the last three years. Cases of animal cruelty are distressing to the community as most cases can be avoided through increased understanding and acknowledgement of our responsibility to respect and care for animals. Education is vital in reducing animal cruelty cases. This project aimed to educate children in schools and to roll out an Empathy Education Program to selected schools based in Mount Gambier, Millicent, Robe and Beachport.

Keith Area School received \$1500 to assist with accessibility for all Year 7 and 8 students to attend Canberra Camp. The funding enabled families who experience financial hardship access to Canberra Camp by subsidising the cost of the camp. The Canberra Camp is delivered as part of the Society and Environment program and addressed key features of Australia's system of Government and explored how this system aims to protect all

Australians. Students examined the Australian Constitution and how its features, principals and values shape Australia's democracy. They looked at how the rights of individuals are protected through the justice system and explored how Australia's secular system of Government supports a diverse society with shared values. The funding ensured that all students had the option of attending and that individuals were not excluded due to financial disadvantage.

Focis on Youth Sub Fund

The Focis on Youth sub fund provides grants to projects with educational outcomes. During 2015-2016 the Focis on Youth sub fund gave the following grants:

The Mount Gambier Childcare Centre received \$950 for the "Broken Windows" project. The "Broken Windows" project began in 2013 when children at the Mt Gambier Childcare Centre took an interest in the old Mount Gambier Hospital, the reason for its demolition, the purpose of the building in the past and the idea of what might become of the space once the old building was gone. The children embarked upon a journey of construction and deconstruction with regular play activities revolving around this theme. These experiences lead to one common idea from the children, to re-create the old hospital in some way for community to remember it by. The funding enabled the children to create a professionally presented collage of drawings, from the diggers to the broken windows, that will be framed and presented as a gift from the children to the City of Mount Gambier, to create a permanent display and record of the Old Hospital for the people of Mt Gambier to enjoy.

Naracoorte High School received \$680 for the Nepabunna Cultural Awareness Trip (Flinders Ranges). The SWAT team at Naracoorte High School provides proactive and reactive responses to wellbeing within the school community. The Nepabunna Cultural Awareness Trip to the Flinders Ranges allowed nine students the opportunity to explore an indigenous community in Nepabunna, to promote understanding of, appreciation for and education about Indigenous Culture. The program allowed students to develop resilience and teamwork skills, along with improving professional development, strengthening self-esteem, increasing confidence and encouraging greater participation in the community.



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 project was partly funded by the Agri-Links sub fund in 2015-2016:

St John Ambulance SA Mt Gambier received \$1500 for their South East First Aid in Schools PILOT Partnership project. St John is committed to promoting the importance of First Aid in the community and believes that there is no better place to start than in our schools. St Johns aim is to equip young people with the First Aid skills they need if faced with a medical emergency. The project aims to empower primary school children through becoming first aid literate. St John have a First Aid in Schools (FAIS) National program and with this funding, aimed to extend the FAIS program through a regional pilot project with UniSA Mount Gambier students. This project educated students on the importance of First Aid and what to do in an emergency. It provided training for volunteers to deliver the FAIS to five regional schools in the DC Grant, providing sustainable benefits to the region.

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 2015-2016:

Wattle Range Council, Greenrise lake Advisory Committee received \$1000 for the Greenrise Lake Arboretum. In 2003, volunteers and schoolchildren planted 600 native trees from locally grown plants. Today these trees are semi mature and gates and pathways are being constructed to provide a pleasant, educational and informative space for the general public, schools and tourists. The project will see the installation of red gum posts, which display species markers and information to educate visiting students and others interested in learning about native flora. Informative workshops will be run for educational purposes on a regular basis.

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 2015-2016:

Penola Bowling Club received \$600 for Training Equipment for Juniors & Novice Players project. This project sought to provide appropriate equipment aimed at providing accessibility to the sport of bowling to students and older members of the community (for whom cost of entry can be a significant barrier). Enabling accessibility for younger and older members of the community seeks to assist with the social involvement and interaction between local groups and across different sectors of the community, building community health and confidence.

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

The McKay Children's Centre received \$700 for their project Engaging Families with Toileting Young Children. This project seeks to develop sustainable resources and programs that can be used to assist local families with toilet training, as well as provide accessibility to toilet training resources to families experiencing financial disadvantage. Of the families involved in the "Sneaky Poo: Engaging Families in Toileting Young Children program", 50% are low-income families with children at risk. The program provided support for families to manage toilet training of young children, and also enable educators and health professionals to engage with families, opening up opportunities to develop ongoing positive interactions and promote positive parenting styles.

Steven Noble Memorial Sub Fund

The Steven Noble Memorial Sub Fund offers grants to organisations for charitable projects that benefit the communities of Allendale East, Port MacDonnell and Kongorong. The Sub Fund was established in 2013 in memory of Steven Noble and represents what Steven was as a person, an individual who was willing to give everything to assist and support other people. In its inaugural grant, the following project was funded by the Steven Noble Memorial Sub Fund during 2015-2016.

The Mount Gambier and Districts Road Safety Group received \$250 for their project Allendale East Road Safety Calendar. This project is based on the success of a similar project initiated by the Barunga West Road Safety Group (YP) and the Wallaroo Primary School. The calendar engaged a local community through one of its most effective circle of influence, its school community. Students from the Allendale East Area School were engaged in preparing artwork from which 13 images were selected for the calendars cover and months. The calendar also included road safety messages that correspond with local road, cycling and pedestrian safety issues. The project sought to educate road users young and old in adopting safe road behaviours that will lead to improved road safety outcomes. The project was managed by members of the Mount Gambier and District Road Safety Group.

Keith Hospital Future Fund

The Keith Hospital Future sub fund, was established by Mig Brookman a tireless supporter of the Keith Hospital who wanted to be sure that it would never close. She poured thousands of hours into the hospital and was the brains and labour behind many of its improvements. Mrs Brookman's legacy to the hospital, was to launch a Future Fund (as a Sub Fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation), "Mig's Vision" to make sure it could sustain itself for future generations. The fund was launched just four days before Mrs Brookman died and currently has a balance of over \$81,900, the majority of which Mig was instrumental in raising or was donated in her memory. As a result of "Mig's Vision," a grant of \$1851 was provided to the Keith Hospital during 2015-2016.

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. The partnership provides funding of \$20,000 per annum to be granted to charitable projects that build capacity within Limestone Coast communities.

In 2016, the following projects received support via OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants:

The Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre received \$8,000 to create “I Made It”, a craft enterprise program for migrant women. The aim of the project is to give women from African and Burmese background the opportunity to learn how to produce items for the Australian market. The enterprise will assist them to source materials, price items and forge links with networks where the items produced can then be displayed and sold. The project will also teach small business management skills and provide an opportunity to improve the conversational English skills of participants. It will assist migrant women to build their self-confidence and provide the tools and skills to enable a smoother integration in to life in our region.



Zawadi with her sleeping child participates in the sewing project “I Made It” at the Migrant Resource Centre. Photo: ABC South East/ Kate Hill

The Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre received \$12,000 for “Project Abroad.” This is the second time that the OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants have supported this project, with \$10,000 being provided in 2014. This year, twelve students aged between 15 and 74 from the Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre and Naracoorte High School will take part in Project Abroad, which assists students to achieve life-skills, whilst completing SACE credits and culminates in a trip to Cambodia for the participants. The long-term aim of the project is to build leadership capacity and a self-sustainable mentoring group focusing on the wellbeing of youth in the Naracoorte area. Outcomes will include personal growth of participants, including the heightened development of a sense of community spirit and responsibility. This year the project has been expanded to include students from the Naracoorte High School who will utilise this experience as the residential journey of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



*OneFortyOne Plantations Grant Presentation to Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre.
Photo: Naracoorte Herald/Isabella Hood*

OneFortyOne Plantations and Stand Like Stone have agreed to a further three years of funding for the Community Capacity Building Grants Program, which will see \$60,000 injected into the local community over the next three years, extending the Community Capacity Building Grants to 2019. “It is incredibly gratifying to have outstanding corporate citizens in this region. The partnership with OneFortyOne enables funding for projects that grow capacity within our region and is making a real and significant impact on the community,” said Bill DeGaris, Chairman of Stand Like Stone Foundation.

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 2015 Stand Like Stone offered its sixth round of scholarships for study to be undertaken in 2016. Scholarships were awarded for: approved curriculum and courses being studied at Australian educational institutions and for related living and boarding costs. Since 2009, 110 students have shared in \$79,115 worth of scholarships.

This year a **total \$21,100** was awarded as follows:

The **L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship** which provides scholarships to assist young women undertake a nursing career was awarded to **Gabriel Tentye**.

In its inaugural year of funding, the **Grant High School Scholarship** provided scholarships in partnership with other Sub Funds, to the following students:

- **Lauren Vinall** to study a Diploma of Nursing, Enrolled Nursing (jointly funded with the **L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship**)
- **Matt Pratt** to study a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music (jointly funded with the **L T O'Connor Scholarship**)

The **Focus on Youth Scholarship** 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:

- **Nicholas Tonkin** to study Engineering (Electrical & Mechatronic)
- **Charlotte Northam** to study Year 12
- **Lauren Owen** to study a Bachelor of Education (Primary)

The **Kingston Community School Scholarship** provided scholarships, in partnership with the **Focus on Youth** Sub Fund, to the following students:

- **Ellen Lawrie-Read** to study Year 11
- **Lilyana McPhee** to study Year 9

The **L T O'Connor Music Scholarship** 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 **Bronson Pfeiler** to study at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance and **Matt Pratt** to study a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music (jointly funded with the Grant High School Scholarship)

The **de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Laarni Abian** to study a Bachelor of Nursing. 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 **Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarships** are awarded to students attending or enrolling at MGHS. These scholarships were awarded to:

- **Hayley Wakefield** to support her schooling at MGHS
- **Nikki Howard** to study a Bachelor of Nursing

The **Keith Area School (KAS) Student Scholarships** are awarded to students attending or enrolling at KAS. These scholarships were awarded to:

- **Brooke Green** to study Veterinary Bioscience
- **Amy Drabsch** to support her schooling at KAS
- **Darcie McMurray** to study a Bachelor of Medical Imaging or Health Science (jointly funded with the **SARWG Scholarship**)

The **Keith RSL “Hardships of War” Scholarships** are awarded to Year 7 students at Keith Area School. In 2005 Keith RLS Sub Branch in consultation with the then Keith Area School Principal, created a scholarship for year 7 students using a \$10,000 bequest from a member’s estate. The idea was for students to research family histories, and was later expanded and named the “Hardships of War” scholarship. This proved to be very successful with winning students research works ranging from close family tragedies, through to local service people, migrants, boat people, to the horses of World War 1. In 2015 the Keith RSL approached Stand Like Stone to hold the monies in trust for this purpose and provide for these scholarships in perpetuity. The funds are managed as part of the Keith Area School Sub Fund and Stand Like Stone works with the Keith RSL each year to determine the level of funding available to grant. This year the Sub Fund granted **\$400** towards the “Hardships of War” scholarships, which were presented at the Keith Area School Valedictory service.

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 Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Caitlin Grubb** to study a Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- **Brett Slarks** to study a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery
- **Georgia Ey** to study a Bachelor of Commerce
- **Kara Martin** to study a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- **Kim Childs** to study a Graduate Certificate in ECG Interpretation
- **Madison Murdock** to study Year 9
- **Tahlia Troeth** to study Year 11
- **Bailey Stenner** to study Year 10
- **Elizabeth Ray** to study a Bachelor of Arts

The **SARWG Scholarship** was established to provide scholarships to benefit rural women identifying with the Limestone Coast in the pursuit of their educational goals. The recipients were **Meghan Lynch** to study a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and **Darcie McMurray** to study a Bachelor of Medical Imaging or Health Science (jointly funded with the **KAS Scholarship**)

The **Cornerstone Scholarship** 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 scholarship was offered to **Amy Steer** to assist with her schooling Year 10,11 &12 at Hamilton Alexandra College.

The **Vititec Scholarship** was awarded to **Jacinta Jenkins** to study a Graduate Diploma of Viticulture and Oenology.

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, 446 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 twelfth 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 twelve years 7156 students have been given vouchers throughout our region, resulting in a cash boost of \$357,800 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 provided a grant of 200 vouchers to Stand Like Stone, while funds for an extra 246 vouchers were received from the Mount Gambier and District Community Bank, private donors and funds raised from Swinging with the Stars, 2015.



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.

The program is in its sixth year and thanks to The Wyatt Trust, the Stay at School Program has supported over 345 students and has injected \$182,500 towards supporting Limestone Coast students to achieve their SACE.



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

Mohammed

Swinging with the Stars



Swinging with the Stars

A packed house of over 500 people witnessed eight incredible locals and their partners break records and cover new ground at the 9th annual Swinging with the Stars held at The Barn in June.

The line-up of local identities included Mount Gambier Rural Supplies "Work Boot Dancer" Wes Flier dancing with partner Paris Ackland, Grant High School entrant Nicole Flaherty partnered with Cody Smith, Zobel mortgage broker Simon Villani partnered with Katherine Miller, Beachport junior primary teacher Emma Webber dancing with Dylan Blacksell, Mt Gambier High School's Steven Speck partnered with Kahlia Prelc, entrepreneur Ali Villani dancing with Jordan Brennan, Naracoorte Herald journalist Isabella Hood partnered with Tanner Neale and Penola's legal eagle Nick Kidman dancing with Rebecca Hann.

All couples danced the Jive, the Foxtrot, a sizzling Tango and in a Swinging with the Stars first, a show-stopping Hip Hop was performed to Salt'n'Pepa's "Push It". Loosely based on Channel 7's "Dancing with the Stars", the stars had 8 weeks of intensive training at HYPE Dance to teach them the dance routines. Hype Dance's Kim Cella was excited to be given the opportunity to train the stars in the inaugural "Swinging with the Stars" Hip Hop routine, which proved to be the crowd favourite of the night. "I could not be more proud of them all. With each routine they performed, the energy just kept building!" Ms Cella said. The dancers were backed by the Motor City Seven Band, comprised of students from the James Morrison Academy of Music, along with vocalists Mat Noble and Tamara Seeley.

Judges, Selina Green, Tayla Kovaleff and Ben Hood narrowed the field to four final couples, including stars Emma Webber, Simon Villani, Steven Speck and Ali Villani. In the hotly contested final Tango, all couples impressed the judges, but it was Steven Speck and Kahlia Prelc who took out the coveted title and were crowned winners of the 2016 Swinging with the Stars. "When you can't work out which one is the professional dancer and which one is the "star", you've got a pretty good thing going on," said MC Jase Scheidl of Steven Speck and Kahlia Prelc's final performance.

"It's been an absolute joyride and I'm totally flattered and humbled to have come away with a win with my amazing dance partner Kahlia Prelc, especially against such tight competition," said Steven Speck on being awarded the coveted title. "I've been blown away by the atmosphere of excitement and the thrill of performing in front of such a supportive community. There's just nothing quite like it," Mr Speck said.

People's Choice winner (awarded to the Star who raises the most funds for the Stand Like Stone Foundation) was awarded to Emma Webber, whose individual fundraising total was \$19,094.35 on the night, the largest amount raised in the history of the event. Ms Webber's fundraising will be attributed to the Beachport Community Sub Fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation and all income earned from these funds will be used to support charitable projects in the Beachport area. Emma has been overwhelmed by the support of the Beachport community in her fundraising endeavours.

The combined fundraising total for all 8 stars was \$78,277.99. All donations received for Swinging with the Stars are added to Stand Like Stone Foundation's trust funds and are held in trust to benefit Limestone Coast communities. 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 \$100,164.77, the first time in the history of the event that over \$100K has been raised!

Thank you 2016 Swinging with the Star's supporters:



- Jase Scheidl
- Mat Noble
- Mount Gambier Telstra Store
- Coles Mount Gambier
- Chapman's Newsagency
- Coonawarra Grape & Wine Inc
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- Salts of the Earth
- The Jackson Family
- Carlton Football Club
- Koonara Wines
- Bricks & Mortar Coffee Co

- The Motor City 7 Band
- Tamara Seeley
- Commonwealth Bank
- Steve Mullan Sound and Lighting
- Melbas Chocolates
- Craig Maria
- Baxter Hire
- Ben Hood
- Tayla Kovaleff
- Mini Jumbuk
- Keith Butcher
- Hawthorn Football Club
- Banks Thargo Coonawarra

Koonara Wines Platinum Marquee

For the fourth 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.

The marquee was a fabulous success with patrons being treated to delicious food, stunning wines and the Stand Like Stone Charity Wheel. Punters had the opportunity to try their luck on the wheel with a chance to win an array of magnificent prizes. Activities from the day raised over \$3900 for the Foundation, bringing the total raised in the last four years through this event to just under \$30,000! We are grateful to Dru and Nicole 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;
DJ Femme; Nicole and Dru
Reschke; the amazing food
from Presto @ The Main;
Simone Kain; Sam Rothall and
Di Ind; Wendy Richardson
and Lynette Martin; The Cup
home straight; Katie Shelton,
Tahlia Gabrielli and Jasmine
Gabrielli.*

Limestone Coast Tattoo

Mount Gambier's IceHouse Basketball Stadium was again abuzz with brass, string, jazz, pipes and drums at the 2015 Limestone Coast Tattoo.

The theme was "The Joy of Music" and featured for the first time were the Mount Gambier Salvation Army Band, UMOJA drummers and the Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band. A jam-packed program featured some of our favourite bands including, the Mount Gambier City Band, RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band, Mount Gambier City Concert Band, Tenison Woods College Concert Band, Tenison Woods College Senior Drum Corps, Cockatoo Valley Song Group and the African drumming group, Tribal Trance.

The event opened with an impressive Fanfare led by the Mount Gambier City Concert Band, conducted by Penny Mansell. The RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band followed, combined with Adam Hardcastle and the Margaret Cleves School of Dancing, with an impressive opening piece that had the audience in awe with an array of Highland Dancing, featuring tiny tots in full Scottish dancing attire through to experienced seasoned professional highland dancers.



Mount Gambier City Concert Band with Maryke Dancers produced a graceful performance akin to Swan Lake. The Mount Gambier Calisthenics College provided further impressive visuals as they accompanied the Mount Gambier City Band in their performance of a robust marching-band style piece. The Cockatoo Valley Song Group and Ardlair School of Dancing combined for crowd-pleasing performance featuring pirates, jellyfish and all things nautical. The Naracoorte Highland Pipe Band, also featuring Ardlair dancers, provided further traditional Scottish entertainment fit for a Tattoo.

The closing stages of the event included a moving rendition of St Clement performed by the Mount Gambier Salvation Army Band, conducted by John Wright, with the Last Post played by Cameron Horsburgh. Lone Piper, Eddie Coventry of the RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band brought the stadium to a standstill, before a rousing finale led by the RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band.

The inaugural Centacare Catholic family Services trophy for the "Best Community Entertainment" item was awarded to new participants, UMOJA. UMOJA means Unity in Swahili and the band is comprised of students originating from different countries, including Thailand, Africa and Syria. The students are part of the New Arrivals program at Mt Gambier High School. UMOJA provided an incredible display of drumming and integrated the audience into their act, through a series of clapping led by their drum leader. UMOJA added a new dimension to the Tattoo and was recognised by the judges as extremely worthy recipients of the Centacare award. "UMOJA were show-stoppers," said Stand Like Stone Director, Sue Charlton AM. "Their performance was significant from a cultural perspective and celebrated the very essence of the Tattoo, bringing the entire Tattoo community together and integrating the audience into their performance. It was such fun for the crowd to be part of the act and wonderful to see the entire stadium captivated."

The Tattoo is 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 Tattoo is sponsored by DeGaris Lawyers and key contributors volunteer their time to maximise the amount raised for the scholarship. We were pleased to again have the direction of Alan Richardson who volunteered his expertise as compere for the event and recognise the generous contributions of Gino Margiotta in operating the lighting and Beth Searle at the IceHouse. Over 400 people attended the tattoo and just over \$5000 was raised at the event, which has been added to the L T O'Connor Music Scholarship.

Thankyou 2015 Limestone Coast Tattoo Sponsor:



Directions Set in Stone with Strategic Plan

New directions were finalised for Stand Like Stone with the release of a Strategic Plan that will guide the community foundation's direction and growth through until 2019.

The Board and Executive staff undertook an exhaustive strategic planning process under the leadership of Dr Geoff Wells from Rural Communities Australia. All activities of the Stand Like Stone Foundation were examined and evaluated against goals that the Board committed to set for the future. Community needs and standards were examined and realisable goals were set for Stand Like Stone that will assist the Limestone Coast to grow and prosper.

The Strategic Plan for 2016-2019 is ambitious. It aims to be inclusive and to grow networks and relationships across the Limestone Coast. It is innovative in its approach to fundraising and capital contributions and is driven by a passion to provide for a better and more caring community. The Strategic Plan will be the essential driver for the Board and Stand Like Stone Executive and by providing funding for charitable projects and scholarships, Stand Like Stone will grow its reach and positive impact in the region. To obtain a copy of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan visit www.standlikestone.com.au.



The board members of the Stand Like Stone Foundation



New face at Stand Like Stone

When next calling in or phoning the office, you may be greeted by a new face. This year we welcomed Leonie Fartch to the Stand Like Stone team.

Leonie has been appointed as Finance & Administration Officer and will be in the office two days per week. In a restructure of office duties, long-term staff member Sally Bailey has been appointed as Grants, Partnerships and Governance Officer and will continue to work on a part-time basis. The Stand Like Stone office will now be open each week from Monday to Wednesday. We acknowledge the generosity of Gramac Solutions, District Council of Grant, helloFriday and Green Triangle Electronics for their support in making Leonie's transition to Stand Like Stone a smooth one!



Leonie Fartch, Finance & Administration Officer

Establishment of New Sub Funds

The Balnaves Foundation Scholarship

The Balnaves Foundation Educational Scholarship is provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Penola area or the Limestone Coast. The scholarship will be awarded to assist with study, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and indigenous communities. It is preferable (but not essential), to award the scholarship to a student that has an interest in the region and the indigenous history of the area.

Lorraine Humphreys Memorial Sub Funds

Lorraine Humphreys Memorial Sub Funds have been established in the Open Fund and Educational Scholarship Fund in keeping with Ms Humphreys wishes. Scholarships and grant funding will be established to support the development of careers in the Arts and Trades.

\$1.5m legacy from Lorraine Humphreys

Local artist Lorraine Humphreys donated the proceeds of her Estate to Stand Like Stone to establish scholarships and programs for young people seeking to pursue a career in the Arts or trade based career.

Anticipated to be valued at \$1.5 million, Lorry's estate, comprising two properties and her extensive collection of artworks, is the largest individual donation received by Stand Like Stone. \$600 thousand has been received to date, plus a considerable body of art works and ephemera. A sub-committee will be established to administer the art works and ephemera received from the Humphreys bequest. Ms Humphreys' generous donation ensures that her name will not be forgotten and accolades for her distinct abstract artistic style have come both from a local and national level. Ms Humphreys was once named a finalist in the acclaimed Sir John Sulman Art Prize. Stand Like Stone are seeking to hold an exhibition of her works in early 2017. Lorraine Humphreys Memorial Sub Funds have been established in the Open Fund and Educational Scholarship Fund to ensure that Ms Humphreys final wishes are honoured. Scholarships and grant funding will be established to support the development of careers in the Arts and Trades.



*Directors and volunteers
begin the task of reviewing
and cataloguing Ms
Humphreys Art Collection*

SERDE leaves \$1.18m legacy to Stand Like Stone

Stand Like Stone Foundation received a legacy of \$1,180,673.08 from SERDE Inc being the net assets of the South-East Employment Resource Development Enterprise upon voluntary liquidation of the organisation.

The South-East Employment Resource Development Enterprise provided training and education opportunities to the community of Mount Gambier and surrounding areas for over thirty years. A special resolution was passed unanimously at the SERDE Special General Meeting, that the association be wound up voluntarily and that the net assets be transferred to Stand Like Stone Foundation. After many months with the liquidators and obtaining the required clearance from the ATO, the funds were transferred to Stand Like Stone to benefit Limestone Coast communities in perpetuity.

The funds were unencumbered, however the Board of SERDE Inc expressed a preference that \$200,000 be earmarked to resource and retain non-administrative professional services such as counsellors, youth workers, social workers, GPs or other mental health professional services for the region in partnership with Mount Gambier Headspace, the national youth mental health foundation. The SERDE Board also expressed a desire to see a portion of the income earned from the donation used to provide further larger scale grants for the region. The SERDE donation took the Stand Like Stone corpus to over \$3million.

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.

BrandSA Award

Stand Like Stone was proud to receive the Limestone Coast “Community Group” Award in the 2015 BrandSA Regional Awards. Chairman, Bill DeGaris and Executive Officer, Georgie McKay accepted the award on behalf of Stand Like Stone at the Regional Awards dinner held at the Naracoorte Town Hall.



Stand Like Stone congratulates the other worthy finalists, the Millicent Football Netball Club and the Women's Wellness Group, and are proud to be acknowledged for our contribution to the local community.



Trust Funds Growth

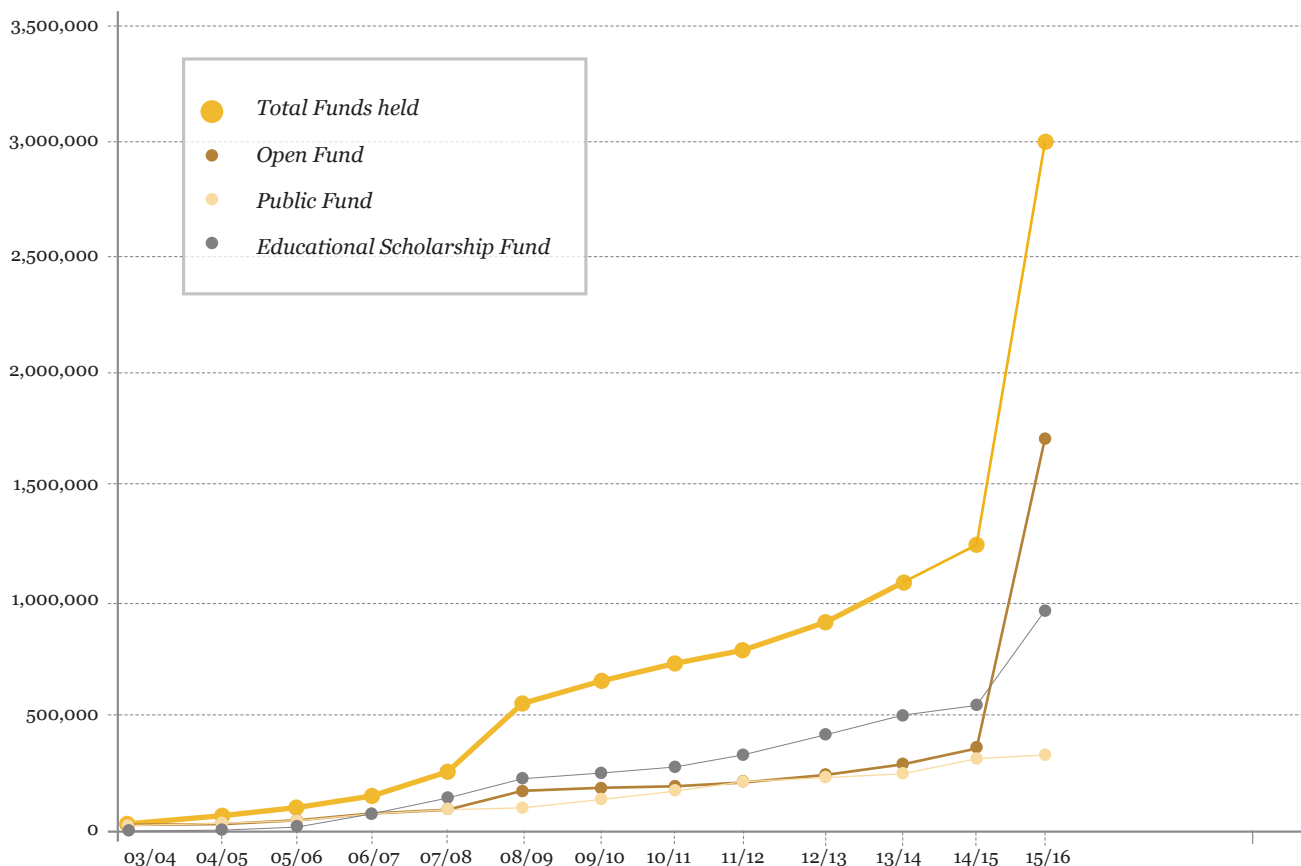
Stand Like Stone's goal continues to be to build substantial permanent funds from which grants are made to local charitable projects and educational scholarships are given. These funds function like a permanent community savings account (the corpus) which distributes the earnings back to the community. 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 \$965,095.19 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 \$331,829.83 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 \$1,712,432.74. 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 30/6/16

	ADMIN A/C	PUBLIC	OPEN	EDUCTL SF	TOTALS
What Stand Like Stone Foundation Earned					
Events Income	63,217.60	-	-	-	63,218.00
Administration Fee	61,115.24	-	-	-	61,115.00
Interest	2,403.59	5,777.42	13,827.44	15,357.13	37,366.00
Sponsorship	11,000.00	-	-	-	11,000.00
Council	11,000.00	-	-	-	11,000.00
Grants Received	18,950.00	-	-	-	18,950.00
Reimbursed Expenses	225.00	-	-	-	225.00
Dividends Received	-	5,109.22	11,681.07	14,595.02	31,385.00
Franking Credits Refunded (2015)	-	1,758.00	1,895.00	3,109.00	6,762.00
	167,911.43	12,644.64	27,403.51	35,315.20	243,275.00
Gifts & Donations Received	10,000.00	29,414.39	1,408,962.38	427,832.33	1,876,209.00
Less Administration Costs	152,414.12	6,457.15	27,313.33	27,206.50	213,391.00
Surplus Before Grants	25,497.31	35,601.88	1,409,052.56	435,941.03	1,906,093.00
Grants & Scholarships Paid	-	13,510.22	65,111.90	21,100.00	99,722.00
Surplus	25,497.31	22,091.66	1,343,940.66	414,841.03	1,806,371.00
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,557.27	-	-	-	2,557.00
Cash & Short Term Deposits	132,150.72	166,382.18	721,468.36	348,530.23	1,368,531.00
Sundry Debtors & Other Receivables	567.00	159.00	4,400.00	1,613.00	6,739.00
Shares in Listed Companies - At Cost	-	175,549.05	1,118,590.39	539,526.88	1,833,666.00
Units in Listed Companies - At Cost	-	-	90,673.83	94,995.56	185,669.00
What we Own	135,274.99	342,090.23	1,935,132.58	984,665.67	3,397,163.00
What we Owe	19,364.08	8,710.66	211,373.61	20,076.44	259,525.00
Net Assets (including Administration Account)	115,910.91	333,379.57	1,723,758.97	964,589.23	3,137,639.00

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) 12583

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 1787 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 1787

TWITTER FOLLOWERS 420

Public Relations: Media

Over the past 12 months Stand Like Stone featured in 62 print media stories, averaging just over 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 62

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 enables us to keep in touch with our community and is well received by our 500 strong subscriber list.

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. The Field Days present a unique opportunity to mingle with people from the Limestone Coast and have conversations around the region, the foundation and our activities. As per previous years, we had bottles of bubbles to give to local children, along with bookmarks and and a “Guess How Many” lolly jar. 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.



Stand Like Stone's 2016 South East Field Days stand.

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:

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| ● 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, Educational Scholarship, Finance, Board Nominations and Fund Development advisory committees, which make recommendations to the Board.

Management of the Stand Like Stone Foundation is overseen by the Executive Officer, who is employed three days a week. A Finance and Administration Officer and Grants, Partnerships and Governance Officer are also employed on a permanent part-time basis. 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:

Mrs Penny McGorm (2011 - 2016), Alternate Director Mrs Carol Koch.

Mrs Annette Balnaves (2004 - 2015)

New Directors

Retiring Director Mrs Annette Balnaves was appointed as Alternate Director for Mr Rhett McDonald. We welcome Annette in her new role as an Alternate Director for the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

Mrs Sally Klose was appointed as Alternate Director for Mrs Carol Koch.

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 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
Mrs Annette Balnaves	April 2004 to December 2015

Alternate Directors

Mrs Kathryn Facy	Alternate for Susan Charlton	November 2009 to present
Mr Peter Brookman	Alternate for Lucy Ryan	August 2011 to present
Mrs Julie Forgan	Alternate for Ruth Schubert	October 2014 to present
Mrs Annette Balnaves	Alternate for Rhett McDonald	December 2015 to present
Mrs Penny McGorm	Alternate for Carol Koch	April 2011 to February 2016
Mrs Sally Klose	Alternate for Carol Koch	June 2016 to present

Patrons

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

Founding Donors

Mr Brian and Mrs Sue Page

Advisory Committees

GRANT MAKING

Mr Brian Page	July 2006 to present
Mr Rhett McDonald (Chairman)	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
Ms Amanda Giles (Agri-Links)	August 2014 to present
Mrs Annette Balnaves	December 2012 to present

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

Dr Ruth Schubert (Chairman)	February 2015 to present
Mr Brian Page	April 2004 to present
Mr Robin Ellerman	July 2005 to present
Mr Robert Mock	December 2012 to present
Mr John Kirby	September 2015 to present

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
Ms Lauren Holmes	March 2015 to present

FUND DEVELOPMENT - LIMESTONE COAST TATTOO

Mrs Sue Charlton AM (Chairman)	September 2011 to present
Mr Bill DeGaris	December 2014 to December 2015
Band/participating group representatives as required	

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Mr Bill DeGaris (Chairman)	December 2014 to present
Dr Ruth Schubert	December 2014 to present
Ms Erika Vickery	February 2016 to present

Sponsors for 2015-2016 included:



In Kind Sponsors for 2015-2016 were:

- District Council of Grant
- Bianca Richardson
- Green Triangle Electronics
- R Y Ellerman and Co Pty Ltd
- helloFriday
- Galpins

Key Advisors and Supporters

Auditor	Galpin Engler Bruins and Dempsey, Accountants
Accountant	R Y Ellerman and Co Pty Ltd
Legal	Herbert Smith Freehills and DeGaris Lawyers
Marketing	Bianca Richardson and helloFriday



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