

# The Kemvan Trust

## **Benefactor history - Sidney Keith Trevan: 1915 - 2005, Maria 'Mary' Rosa Trevan: 1927 - 2000**

Keith Trevan was one of a rare breed of successful intuitive investors.

His passion for investing was strong and his style aggressive. He read the financial press widely and used his income and borrowings against residential real estate with a high degree of success.

His passion for shares was only acquired after moving to Sydney in his early 30s, but became his obsession from then until he died. While he had early training as an accountant, he spent little time poring over company financial records, preferring to focus on the quality and identity of company management.

Keith grew up in South Africa, having left Australia at an early age to live with his uncle and aunt who were childless and adopted him as a son. The family was extremely wealthy and well connected. Indeed, their land holdings were so extensive that they had their own army regiment.

Keith received the very best classical education and looked set for a place in government or the judiciary, had he stayed in South Africa. However, Keith returned to Australia at 18, training in accountancy while working for a Wool Broking firm in Melbourne and later moving to Queensland, where he met his wife Mary.

Keith and Mary first met at a Hospital in Townsville where she worked as a nurse. She was 'smitten' at the sight of this elegant man in a Henry Bucks double breasted suit. Mary was a talented person in her own right, with outstanding skills in dress designing and interior decorating.

She conducted periodical interior decorating assignments for the late Harry Seidler. A passionate gardener and original environmentalist, Mary also created a beautiful garden on their property at Scone, working closely with the Sydney Botanical Gardens to grow many rare species of plants. The Charitable Trust name 'Kemvan' is a derivative of Keith and Mary and stems from earlier pastoral activities close to their hearts, which form a substantial part of the asset base of the Trust.

## **Beneficiaries**

The Kemvan Charitable Trust was established in 2005, a combination of Keith and Mary's legacies. ANZ Trustees was chosen to manage the charitable foundation as a continuation of the Trevans' banking relationship with ANZ.

The Kemvan Charitable Trust is now ANZ Trustees' largest nondiscretionary charitable trust. At just over \$60 million it is the fourth largest charitable trust of which ANZ Trustees is a trustee.

The Kemvan Charitable Trust has two beneficiaries, Vision Australia, and Guide Dogs of NSW/ACT. The choice of the two charities reflects Keith and Mary's interest in vision impairment, based on their friendship with a visually impaired family.

Grants amounting to just over \$2.3 million were made to the beneficiaries in November 2007, representing the first full year of operation of the Kemvan Trust. These are the largest individual, annual grants made from any foundation at ANZ Trustees.

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ANZ Trustees is the trustee and provides governance, investment, and granting services for The Kevman Trust.

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