

# **THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE** **REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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## **1 THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE**

### **Members**

Sir Andrew Grimwade CBE (Chairman)  
Mr Bruce Bonyhady  
Mr Rupert Myer AM  
Mr Allan J Myers AO QC  
Professor Sally Walker

### **Secretariat**

Ms Teresa Zolnierkiewicz (Head of Philanthropy Partners, ANZ Trustees)  
Ms Trisha Broadbridge ( to 31 January 2008)  
Ms Sarah Hayes and Ms Karen Robinson (from 1 February 2008)  
(Managers, Philanthropy Partners, ANZ Trustees)

## **2 ALFRED FELTON (1831 – 1904)**

In the words of his biographer, Professor John Poynter: “Alfred Felton was a man of the nineteenth century. Born in England, and arriving in the Colony of Victoria in 1853, he made a fortune as a merchant and manufacturer over a wide field in the developing colony” from pharmaceuticals to chemicals and glass. He was a lifelong bachelor and an avid art collector.

When Felton died in 1904, he left the bulk of his fortune to the creation of a charitable foundation, known as The Felton Bequest. In his Will, he instructed that his Bequest be placed in the care of a Committee and a Trustee. One half was to make annual distributions to selected Victorian charitable organisations (particularly those that benefit women and children).

The other half was to purchase works of art for donation to the National Gallery of Victoria. At the time, it provided the National Gallery of Victoria with access to funds greater than those of London's National and Tate galleries combined. It is still the most valuable gift ever made to the fine arts in Australia.

### **3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **Overview**

It is with pleasure that The Felton Bequests' Committee submits its Annual Report on its activities for the year ended 30 June 2008.

One of the aims of this Annual Report is to provide an openness on the stewardship of the Committee. The Annual Report may also be of interest to those applying for grants, to the philanthropic community and to other interested parties.

Founded in 1904, the Felton Bequest is Australia's first great philanthropic trust. For over 100 years, in accordance with the wishes of the Will of Alfred Felton, its income has been divided equally between two separate Bequests.

One half has been devoted to the purchase of works of art for donation to the National Gallery of Victoria, works that today have an estimated market value over \$2 billion. The other half has been directed to a range of charities in Victoria with preference to those benefiting women and children.

In recent years, the charitable side of the Felton Bequest has become more focused upon a strategic approach to giving. Currently, whilst several important flagship projects are selected from time to time, grants are also directed to smaller projects that may have an innovative and catalytic effect within the philanthropic sector.

#### **Governance**

Under the terms of the Will of Alfred Felton, responsibility for the distribution of income rests with the Felton Bequests' Committee which has five Members. There are three Continuing Members and two Nominated Members.

The three Continuing Members of the Committee are currently Sir Andrew Grimwade (Chairman), Mr Rupert Myer AM and Professor Sally Walker. The nominee of the National Gallery of Victoria is currently its President of Trustees, Mr Allan Myers AO, QC, and the nominee of ANZ Trustees Limited is currently its Chairman of Directors, Mr Bruce Bonyhady.

The financial affairs of the Felton Bequest and the investment of its funds, are the responsibility of the Trustee, ANZ Trustees Limited, which also provides the Secretariat. Ms Teresa Zolnierkiewicz is Secretary of the Felton Bequest and during 2008 she was assisted by Ms Trisha Broadbridge, Ms Sarah Hayes and Ms Karen Robinson.

When perceived conflicts of interest arise, these are declared in the proceedings of the Committee and recorded in the Minutes of meetings.

#### **Grants made during the Year and Commitments**

During the year under review, income generated totalled approximately \$2 million. Approximately \$920,000 was distributed for general charitable purposes during the year. Multi-year funding allocations mean that there is a further \$1.2 million in commitments over coming years. Income in the works of art fund was reserved.

Continuation of the annual grant of \$150,000 towards the \$750,000 Centenary commitment to establish the Alfred Felton Chair of Child and Family Welfare within the University of Melbourne has enabled its inaugural Chair, Professor Cathy Humphreys, to be hugely successful in raising \$2,250,000 of additional funds for the important research work of her Department.

### **Future Directions**

Because of the ever-escalating cost of works of art, the Felton Bequests' Committee has continued its decision to accumulate funds for several years so that a major work of art can be purchased to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the National Gallery of Victoria, which anniversary will occur on 24 May 2011.

As a result of last year's review of grant priorities, the Committee is constantly trying to improve the Bequests' effectiveness and this is referred to in more detail in the grants that were approved during the year.

### **New Edition of *Mr Felton's Bequests***

The 2008 year saw the publication of a new edition of Professor John Poynter's *Mr Felton's Bequests*. This expanded edition covers the main events of the celebrations of the Centenary of Alfred Felton's death in 1904 and includes illustrations of art works presented to the National Gallery of Victoria by the Felton Bequest between 2003 and 2005.

*Mr Felton's Bequests* is a fascinating and monumental account of Felton's life and philanthropy. It was published with assistance from The Felton Bequest, the National Gallery of Victoria and The Miegunyah Press of Melbourne University Publishing.

### **Thanks**

The Felton Bequests' Committee expresses its thanks to the Secretariat and the staff of ANZ Trustees Limited for their considerable help during the year. We also thank all those recipients of grants who have worked so tirelessly to advance the cause of philanthropy.

## **4 CURRENT CHARITABLE PRIORITIES**

### **Current Priorities**

The Felton Bequest is giving priority to proposals from charitable organisations in Victoria that explore new ideas and involve projects which can act as catalysts to benefit the well-being of women and children, including projects such as:

- Projects for vulnerable children and young people needing supported education and training pathways;
- Projects focused on indigenous groups and communities;
- Projects located in rural and regional areas;
- Early intervention projects and prevention programs designed to tackle the causes of disadvantage;

- Helping meet the needs of women and children in health care and access to health care.

### **Preferred Characteristics**

The Bequest will favourably consider funding projects that show all or some of these characteristics:

- They aim to bring about change, particularly beyond the immediate project target group and/or organisation;
- They have made plans for sustainability;
- There is the potential to leverage additional funding from other sources;
- They will build the capacity of the organisation to better respond to need;
- They are not eligible for, or suitable for, government funding from existing government programs.

### **Preferred Organisations**

The Bequest will favourably consider applications from organisations that:

- Respond to new or emerging needs of the community;
- Show deep commitment to the groups that they serve and support;
- Have the passion and capability to undertake new projects and developments;
- Encourage volunteer participation in their organisation;
- Display enthusiasm and are able to evaluate the project and to learn from the findings;
- Collaborate and share knowledge with other organisations and groups in order to achieve the best outcomes for the community at large.

### **Small Projects**

In addition to supporting catalytic projects, the Bequest also wishes to allocate some small grants under \$10,000 to special projects that will alleviate a pressing need.

## **5 GRANTS MADE DURING THE 2007/2008 YEAR AND COMMITMENTS**

### **Flagship Grants**

- University of Melbourne (\$150,000) **Flagship Project**  
Multi year funding (total \$750,000); 2006-2010; Third instalment due  
The Alfred Felton Chair in Child and Family Welfare

This project is the establishment of a Chair (5 year professorial appointment) to be co-located at University of Melbourne and at the Children's Welfare Association Victoria. This position provides the nucleus for an integrated research team, and aims to be a critical component in an evidence-based reform strategy in Australian child welfare. An evidence based model of child protection will be developed and disseminated.

Professor Cathy Humphreys has been appointed to the inaugural Alfred Felton Chair in Child and Family Welfare at the University of Melbourne.

- University of Melbourne (\$63,060) **Flagship project**

Multi year funding (total \$194,460); 2008-2010; First instalment due  
Nursing & social work capacity building for the Alfred Felton Research Program

This funding supports the rapid growth of the Alfred Felton Research Program, which has secured \$2,250,000 in research grant funding, by providing it with important infrastructure and administrative support over the next three years. A full-time administrator will ensure that research programs are delivered in a timely fashion and meet all accountability requirements.

- St Kilda Youth Services (\$80,000) **Flagship project**

Multi year funding (total \$400,000); 2005-2009; Third instalment  
HEAT

The HEAT program is for young people 16-20 years who can be defined as the 'invisible statistic', who are not engaged in traditional education or employed or receiving government benefits. The young people come to the program through referrals from social welfare organisations; they are young people 'at risk' without current employment or training engagement and with other disadvantages such as homelessness. HEAT is a 12 week hospitality course. Participants have the opportunity to gain industry specific and life skills training, a qualification (Certificate II in Hospitality), work experience, personal and group support, and post-program support, advice, referral and advocacy. The Felton Bequest, along with the Buckland Foundation supports the HEAT program. ANZ Trustees have been involved with the HEAT program since its infancy which was six years ago, when it was just an idea. The Felton Bequest funded this project for its first three years and has now agreed to extend this funding for a further two years to help the program develop long term sustainability.

- Berry Street Victoria (\$50,000) **Flagship Project**

Multi year funding (total \$118,000); 2006-2007; Final instalment  
Educational Strategic Directions Project

Berry Street Victoria (BSV) was established in 1877 to assist vulnerable children, young people and families. The Felton Bequest has made a major investment in BSV's shift to becoming an education provider with particular support going towards the BEST Centre. At this centre young people in residential care use the environment and trust relationships to engage in activities that promote learning. This funding is for a new senior position bringing significant education knowledge and experience that will lead BSV's educational initiatives and support managers currently participating in education projects.

- Mental Health Resource Institute (\$75,779) **Flagship Project**

Multi year funding (total \$147,687 for 3<sup>rd</sup> stage); 2006-2007; Final instalment,  
The delivery of collaborative therapy through health and community in Victoria

The Mental Health Research Institute monitors psychiatric service use in Victoria. Funding is for the development of collaborative therapy for families and carers of people with a mental illness. The Felton Bequest funded the first and second stage of this project which included a literature review, a series of consultations with carers and family intervention. The third stage builds the delivery of collaborative therapy in health and community services.

- Mission Australia (\$100,000) **Flagship Project**

Multi year funding (total \$300,000); 2005-2007; Final instalment,  
Pathways to Prevention (6-16 years)

Mission Australia is one of Australia's leading non-denominational Christian community services organisations with a focus on helping families and children, young people, homeless people, communities, providing employment services and training. Pathways to Prevention 6-16 will provide 'at risk' young people and their families living in a disadvantaged area with the support they need to develop positive pathways in life and prevent anti social behaviours such as crime, drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues such as depression and youth suicide.

- The Butterfly Foundation (\$50,000) **Flagship Project**

Multi year funding (total \$150,000); 2004-2006; Final instalment,  
Publicly funded day centre for early intervention for adolescents with eating disorders

Funding was provided for this 3-year pilot program to establish a (publicly funded) day centre providing holistic treatment for adolescents with eating disorders. This day centre seeks to fill the gap in existing services, providing increased access to effective early intervention, treatment and ongoing support for adolescent sufferers and their carers. It seeks to reduce the number of people requiring acute care and provide a model for best practice for treatment of eating disorders.

## Major Grants

- Centacare Catholic Family (\$60,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$180,000); 2007-2009; First instalment  
Cool2b@school School Refusal Program

This is an early intervention program for students (primary and secondary) showing the first signs of school refusal, such as unexplained absences, social isolation or withdrawal, low motivation and other signs of depression. The program involves counselling for students and their parents, parent education and training for school administrators and teachers. The Felton Bequest has provided funding to consolidate

the program and make it available across the metropolitan area in Catholic, government and independent schools.

- Family Access Network (\$59,557) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$175,274); 2005-2007; Final instalment  
Early Childhood Development Project

The Family Access Network is a community based organisation providing direct case managed support to young people aged 16-25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This project is to fund a worker to assist young homeless parents through training in parenting; fostering good relationships with their children and assisting with behavioural needs of children.

- Murdoch Children's Institute (\$60,928) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$177,517); 2006-2008; Final instalment  
Understanding consent in paediatric research

This project investigates the ethical issues relating to consent in paediatric research, that is, it seeks to generate a clear understanding of the ethical and conceptual issues of consent, proxy consent and child assent and dissent. The main project outcomes will be educational resources on consent for the use of child health researchers.

- Mallee Family Care (\$30,106) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$59,561); 2007-2008; First instalment  
Mildura early learning centre

The Felton Bequest has provided funding to Mallee Family Care to help it and its partners, Mildura Primary School, Mildura Aboriginal Corporation, Sunraysia Mallee School's Network and the Mildura Rural City Council, to establish an early learning centre. The initial two year pilot program will operate for 2.5 days per week and will be located at the Mildura Primary School. It aims to facilitate the transition of children to school and to begin positioning the school as the hub for child and family health and community services for the local community. The project is based on supporting learning and development in the early years of life as the basis for competence and coping skills later in life. This includes school performance, health and employment outcomes and examples are playgroups incorporating Aboriginal culture including development of special materials and links with services such as toy libraries.

- The Sunrise Foundation (\$57,960) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (Total \$133,829); 2007-2009; First instalment  
Headsmart

The Headsmart project is a three year depression education and awareness program partnering The Sunrise Foundation with a local community education and/or sports provider and with ORYGEN Youth Health. It aims to enable young people to recognise and seek help for depression. The project will be delivered to 250 youth aged between 14 and 20 years.

- Victorian Arabic Social Services (\$38,000) **Major Grant**  
Multi year funding (total \$60,000); 2007-2008; First instalment  
Health, fitness and wellbeing program

The Victorian Arabic Social Services addresses the welfare needs of the Arabic community and aims to improve access to services, decision-making and civic participation by the Arabic community. This project seeks to improve the health and well-being of Arabic speaking women through practical strategies, including a weekly exercise regime and educational workshops, together with presentations on health and nutrition, workshops on self esteem and body image, social outings and activities. It will also form the basis of development of a culturally sensitive health promotion strategy for the Arabic speaking community.

- Monash University (\$33,462) **Major Grant**  
Developing literacy pedagogy for refugee youth with disrupted schooling

Monash University is partnering with the Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture and the Adult Migrant Education Service to develop a model for best practice in literacy teaching and learning to engage refugee students, including materials development. Funding has been provided for a small-scale pilot project seeking to improve the literacy pedagogy for refugee youth aged 15-20 years with disrupted schooling in Victoria. The project will investigate two programs (one at a high school and one at TAFE) designed to assist students make the transition from initial language classes to mainstream education. The project's steering committee comprises of education and welfare agencies, and representatives from the Department of Education and the participating schools.

- YMCA Victoria (\$25,000) **Major Grant**  
Work readiness and financial skills program

The YMCA currently delivers the Bridge Project, which is a pilot work placement program for youths exiting custody. Funding has been provided to trial a 6-week soft skills training which includes personal hygiene, presentation at work and time management to help best prepare these youth for their work placement and improve their chances of securing employment upon release from custody. This new project has been developed in response to feedback from employers involved in the Bridge Project.

- Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services (\$10,000) **Major Grant**  
Multi year funding (total \$20,000); 2006-2007; Final instalment  
Standpoint Project – Research Project

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services provide a wide range of services to women, children, young people and families across Melbourne. Funding will contribute to the costs of conducting an action based research project to identify ways in which schools can support and encourage students from low income families to participate in learning activities that enhance their learning outcomes.

- Save the Children (\$20,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$60,000); 2005-2007; Final instalment  
Mobile Playbus

Save the Children helps disadvantaged children in Australia and abroad. The Mobile Playbus Program offers isolated and economically disadvantaged families in the community access to playgroups, games and toy library services. It gives young children the chance to socialise and interact with other children and adults, with parents being involved in the children's activities. It also provides a good opportunity for parents to talk and share common experiences as well as providing broader information and support for parents. It will be an ongoing 4-day a week free service in Maribyrnong, Collingwood and Fitzroy.

- Beolite Village Limited (\$50,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$100,000); 2006-2007; Final instalment  
Home for the aged in north-east Victoria

Funding has contributed to the establishment of a secure, community owned village in the Mansfield region and helped the organisation to secure other loans for further funding. This facility will build and operate independent living accommodation for the aged in necessitous circumstances in rural Victoria.

- Banksia Palliative Care (\$25,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$75,000); 2005 – 2007; Final instalment  
Banksia Palliative care Service Learning Centre

Banksia Palliative Care Service includes specialist nurses, social workers, volunteers, therapists as well as staff delivering art, music and massage therapy, bereavement counselling and programs to empower individuals prior to bereavement and prevent personal or family breakdown. Funding will support the establishment of a Learning Centre to provide education and training for professional and personal upskilling in palliative care.

- Abbotsford Convent Foundation (\$50,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$53,850); 2006 and 2007; Final instalment  
Abbotsford Convent Foundation

This funding forms part of the Abbotsford Convent Foundation's restoration of the Rosina theatre complex, which forms part of the Abbotsford Convent arts, culture and education precinct. An initial grant was provided in 2006 to prepare a disability access master plan. This year further funding was provided to develop an all-of-site landscaping plan and budget for landscaping works to build a single, consistent landscape which is sympathetic to heritage structures already in place and ensures equal and active community participation may occur.

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (\$25,000) **Major Grant**  
Multi year funding (total \$75,000); 2006-2008; Second instalment pending  
Support of CEO Position

The organisation was established in 2001 and is an independent non-government funded charity that cares for 2,000 asylum seekers from 60 countries. The services include the provision of free material aid and services, food; advocacy for legal and policy reform of unjust laws that marginalise asylum seekers. The funding is to support the CEO Position in order to retain knowledge, vision and leadership within the organisation.

- Yellow Ribbon Foundation (\$35,000), **Major Grant**  
Multi year funding (total \$59,750); 2006-2007; First instalment pending  
SpiritWest Services School Based Programs

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a school based, peer led, early intervention program which aims to educate youth so they feel comfortable about asking for help when facing typical teenage challenges arising from family issues, drug and alcohol issues, depression etc. This funding is intended to resource a project manager to work with a partner organisation to develop its capacity to deliver the Yellow Ribbon harm reduction/suicide prevention program in schools. The project has not yet commenced and is subject to a partnership establishment process.

- University of Melbourne (\$14,305), **Major Grant**  
Multi year funding (total \$55,466); 2004-2006; Final instalment pending  
Assessment of motor function in infants and young children

Funding has been provided for studies which seek to validate the Alberta Infant Motor Scale as a reliable measure of infant motor performance within norms for Australian babies. This in-turn aims to provide a tool to identify delays in motor development in babies born prematurely and through this to assist with management through early intervention.

## **Small Grants**

- Assistance Dogs Australia Limited (\$15,410) **Small Grant**  
Companion Dog for Victorian Child with a Disability

Assistance Dogs Australia trains dogs to enhance the quality of life and improve the level of independence for people with physical disabilities. In 2005 the organisation became the first fully accredited assistance dog organisation in the southern hemisphere. Funding has been provided for the complete costs of acquiring and training one companion dog for a Victorian child.

- Dingley Village Community (\$2,304) **Small Grant**

Positive parenting

The Positive Parenting Program will be run in Terms 2, 3 and 4 in 2008 for parents of infants and children up to 12 years of age. Funding has been provided so the program can be run free of charge, making it more accessible for needy families.

- Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project (\$10,000) **Small Grant**

Basic living assistance for asylum seeker families

The project provides emergency financial relief to asylum seekers living lawfully in the community without work rights, income support or medicare. This grant will help towards the approximately 66 families, which includes 133 children under the age of eighteen years of age, supported by the program.

- Project Respect Inc (\$5,000) **Small Grant**

Women speak about the health effects of being trafficked into Australia for prostitution

Funding is provided for a series of interviews with trafficked women to provide an account of the health effects of their trafficking experience in their own words. The project aims to provide information on how best to support trafficked women in Australia.

- Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) (\$5,000) **Small Grant**

World Indigenous People Conference on Education (WIPCE)

VAEAI is the peak body for indigenous education in Victoria and is hosting the WIPCE, which is expected to attract over 3,000 indigenous people from across the world to share education best practice. VAEAI also aims to showcase Victoria's Koorie community, and to build and enhance an awareness of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and tradition.

- Kangaroo Flat Community Group (\$5,335) **Small Grant**

Multi year funding (total \$24,842); 2007-2009; First instalment  
A ripple in the pond

The Kangaroo Flat Community Group operates near Bendigo in north-west Victoria. Funding has contributed to the costs of establishing and operating parenting classes, playgroups for young children and their parents and a drop in centre over three years in an Office of Housing Estate in an area characterised by high unemployment and high numbers of single parent families. The programs aim to support parents to develop positive parenting skills, provide affordable respite for parents and to provide opportunities for children to develop their social skills. The Felton Bequest hopes to help the organisation increase the capacity of the local community to support its young families and to promote community connectedness.

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