



## THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE

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### **THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE** **REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

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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 (Secretary; Head of Philanthropy Partners, ANZ Trustees Ltd)  
Ms Trisha Broadbridge (Manager, Philanthropy Partners, ANZ Trustees Ltd)

#### **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 presentation 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**

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

Over the past century, community attitudes and expectations have gradually changed in respect of philanthropic trusts and bequests. Increasingly, there is a view that they should be more open about their activities. Accordingly, the Felton Bequests' Committee has pleasure in submitting its first Report, this covering its activities for the Year ended 30 June 2007.

It is proposed that this Report, and those in the future, can be made available to those applying for grants, to the philanthropic community and to other interested parties.

Though far less well known, the charitable side of the Felton Bequest has become more focused over recent years with 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 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 she is assisted by Ms Trisha Broadbridge.

#### **Grants made during the Year**

During the year under review, income available for distribution totaled \$2 million, from which an amount of \$820,000 was committed to the charitable sector, with the balance reserved for existing multi-year commitments.

Details are set out elsewhere in this Report. Of special significance is the 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. Information about other projects is set out elsewhere in this Annual Report.

### **Future Directions**

Because of the ever-escalating cost of works of art, the Felton Bequests' Committee has resolved to accumulate funds for several years so that a major work of art can be acquired 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.

During the year, there was a significant review of grant priorities to the charitable sector with a view to improving the Bequests' effectiveness in the future. This is covered in more detail elsewhere in this Report.

### **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**

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.

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.

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.

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 2006/2007 YEAR**

### **Flagship Grants**

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

This project is the establishment of a Chair (5 year professional 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 Humphrey has been appointed to the inaugural Alfred Felton Chair in Child and Family Welfare at the University of Melbourne.

- Berry Street Victoria (\$136,000) **Flagship Project**  
\$68,000 for two years: 2006, 2007,  
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 (\$71,908) **Flagship Project**  
Multi year funding, 2006-2007, first instalment,  
The delivery of collaborative therapy through health and community in Victoria

The Mental Health Research Institute monitors psychiatric service use in Victoria. This is a two year grant totalling \$147,687 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 will build the delivery of Collaborative Therapy in health and community services.

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

Multi year funding (total amount \$300,000)  
2005-2007  
Second 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.

## Major Grants

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (\$75,000) **Major Grant**

\$25,000 each year for 3 years: 2006, 2007, 2008  
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.

- Banksia Palliative Care (\$75,000) **Major Grant**

\$25,000 each year for 3 years: 2005, 2006, 2007  
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. The funding is to support the establishment of a Learning Centre to provide education and training for professional and personal up-skilling in palliative care.

- Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services (\$20,000) **Major Grant**

\$10,000 for two years: 2006, 2007  
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. This is a two year grant with the total funding equalling \$20,000 which 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.

- Family Access Network (\$58,104) **Major Grant**

Multi year grant (2005-2007)  
Second instalment, total funding \$175,274  
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. The Early Childhood Development 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.

- Yellow Ribbon Foundation (\$35,000), **Major Grant**

Multi year funding, 2006-2007,  
First instalment,  
SpiritWest Services School Based Programs

The project is a partnership between the Yellow Ribbon Foundation and Spirit West Services (SWS). Yellow Ribbon Programme is a school based, peer led, early intervention programme that aims to educate youth so they feel comfortable about asking for help when they face typical teenage challenges arising from family issues, drug and alcohol issues, depression etc. SWS is a division from the Western Bulldogs Football Club, which has strong links with schools in western Melbourne. This funding will resource a project manager who will work with SWS to develop the capacity of the organisation to deliver the Yellow Ribbon harm reduction/ suicide prevention program in forty schools.

- ARDOCH Youth Foundation (\$30,000) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding 2005-2007  
LINCS project

Ardoch's first LINCS (Learning and Involvement Network, Creating Support) Project was launched in 2005. The Ardoch LINCS project involves replicating Ardoch's work with networks of schools, providing direct benefits to the schools and additional learning support to students by creating opportunities for community and corporate volunteer's engagement.

- St Kilda Youth Services – **Major Grant**

HEAT (\$80,000)

The HEAT program is for young people 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 whom can be defined as ‘at risk’ as they have significant reasons why they are the invisible statistic. The young people do not have the support systems in place and there is a very real chance that this could be their one and only opportunity. The HEAT program is a 12 week hospitality course for 16-20 year olds. 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 infancy which was 6 years ago, when it was just an idea. The Felton Bequest has granted \$80,000 in 2005, 2006, and the final instalment of \$80,000 in June 2007.

- Murdoch Children’s Institute (\$59,155) **Major Grant**

Multi year funding; 2006-2008; Second instalment

Understanding consent in paediatric research: The ethical issues

The Murdoch Children’s Institute includes a broad range of child health research and conducts medical and community health research to help prevent and treat conditions that affect babies, children and adolescents. 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 for the use of researchers in the area.

- Safety Around Farms Education (SAFE) Ltd (\$60,000) **Major Grant**

Farm Safety is Fun Program

SAFE educates children between three and ten years of age, teachers, parents and health professionals about farm safety, through innovative and unique children’s program called “Farm Safety is Fun”. The program covers – people safety, water safety, machinery safety, animal safety and chemical safety.

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

Multi year funding (total funding \$60,000); 2005-2007

Second 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.

- Menzies Inc (\$30,000) **Major Grant**

Sages Cottage Farm:

Pilot program for Disadvantaged Young People using Animal Assisted therapy

Menzies Inc assists abandoned children and is a service provider for children, with several educational, therapeutic and community based activities. Menzies Inc purchased a 34 acre farm to engage with the community in Frankston and to pilot therapeutic/intervention programs for disadvantaged children using Animal Assisted Therapy.

- Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda Inc (\$18,600) **Major Grant**

Trial Project: Creative Ways to Building Life Skills

Sacred Heart Mission provide support for people who are homeless or living in poverty, especially with women who are involved in street prostitution in St Kilda. The trial project aims to empower women to address their barriers to employment, housing and socialisation by improving their communication skills. The program will be run by a life coach in three phases including building effective communication skills, group project and follow up.

### **Small Grants**

- Broadmeadows Uniting Care (\$7,500) **Small Grant**

Hume Koori Baby Book

This funding was used to support the printing costs for a baby book for Aboriginal women in the Hume region, produced in collaboration with a local Aboriginal women's group.

- Samaritan Catholic College (\$7,000) **Small Grant**

Multi year funding (total amount \$13,406)

2005-2006

Second and final instalment

Shared stories

An anthology containing personal writing and visual representations of the experiences and adolescent memories of parents and grandparents from young people, celebrating cultural diversity. This is a joint project coordinated by teachers across six diverse Melbourne schools.

- UCA – Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project (\$5,000) **Small Grant**

#### Asylum Seeker Basic Living Assistance Program

The Basic Living Assistance Program assists Asylum Seekers in critical situations by providing \$30 per person per week for bare essentials, including food, transport and emergencies.

## **6. CONTACT DETAILS**

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