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The William Buckland Foundation aims to improve the lives of vulnerable Victorians through grants that support better housing, health, education and employment outcomes and initiatives that build resilience and strengthen rural & regional communities.

Grants Paid in 2016/2017:
\$5,323,825

Since its establishment in 1964,
The Foundation has distributed in excess
of \$105 million for Victorians.



The Founder



The Foundation which bears his name commemorates William Buckland, a highly successful businessman and pastoralist in the middle years of the 20th century. Initially involved in building the fledgling motor parts trade, his business interests expanded to include service stations, finance and investment companies and eventually a string of pastoral holdings in the eastern States and Northern Territory. He realised his great fortune by selling his private companies into public ones.

On his death in 1964, after bequests to his family and some favourite causes, William Buckland left the bulk of his large estate, £4 million, to establish a Foundation, the income of which was to be used in his words “to benefit a wonderful country and a wonderful people. Australia and Australians”. Those interested in learning more of him can obtain a copy of his biography, *William Lionel Buckland* by David T. Merrett from Equity Trustees or public libraries.

The Will which established the foundation left half of the income “to divide... in each year among such public hospitals, public benevolent institutions or public benevolent societies in Victoria... and I hereby indicate to my Trustees my hope that in the division of such income, they will favourably consider charities for children”. The other half he wished to apply to “public scientific or public educational purposes in Victoria”. His attachment to the pastoral sector is indicated in his suggestion that his Trustees, in administering the public educational purposes should “give preference to agricultural and related pursuits”.

Today, with careful stewardship by The Foundation’s Trustees, William Buckland’s legacy generates in the order of \$6.5 million annually which is distributed for charitable purposes. From its establishment in 1964, The Foundation has distributed in excess of \$105 million. As at 30 June 2017, the Foundation’s corpus was valued at over \$128 million.

Chairman's Overview



Encouraging participation, and working collaboratively with other funders and the not for profit sector, have enabled the William Buckland Trustees to implement, successfully, our new granting strategy.

Nobody has all the solutions to the causes of, and the contributing factors to, social and economic disadvantage. But, by having greater engagement with organisations our Foundation supports, and by working beside them over longer periods of time, I believe we have improved our knowledge and our effectiveness.

You will see a list of the organisations we have supported on pages 30-32 of our Report. I draw your attention to the Tomorrow Today Foundation: Education Benalla Program where, working together with a number of other Foundations and Trusts, our goal is to raise the education and training rates of Benalla's 17 to 24 year olds to equal or above the Victorian average. We believe this program is able to be replicated in other Victorian rural communities.

The effectiveness of our funding, and our knowledge has also been enhanced by the tireless work, and the expertise, of our Program Manager, Natalie Elliott who left us in September 2017 to join the Cooper Family Office as CEO. Nat's contribution has been immense, and we will miss her guidance, industry connections, attention to detail, and unfailing good humour.

During the year we farewelled Tabitha Lovett, the Trustee representing Equity Trustees (EQT) and welcomed Ian Westley. EQT continues to provide trustee, advisory, investment management and secretariat services and we thank Stuart McPhee, Stephen Cleugh, Nicole Engelman and the team for their efforts.

My fellow Trustees Jane Gilmour, Graeme Sinclair, Jenny McGregor, and Ian continue to give their valuable time and expertise, both willingly and with great understanding. I am humbled to lead such a Group.

Sandy Clark
Chairman

Trustees

The Trustees of The William Buckland Foundation are:

- Mr C.G. (Sandy) Clark (Chairman)
- Dr Jane Gilmour OAM
- Mr Graeme Sinclair
- Ms Jennifer McGregor AM
- Equity Trustees (represented by Ms Tabitha Lovett until January 2017 and Mr Ian Westley from February 2017)



*Back Row (left to right): Ian Westley, Nicole Engelman, Stuart McPhee
Front Row (left to right): Jane Gilmour, Sandy Clark, Jenny McGregor, Graeme Sinclair*

Management

Equity Trustees provided trustee, advisory, investment management and secretariat services through the following staff members:

- Ms Natalie Elliott, Grant Program Manager
- Ms Nicole Engelman, Granting Manager
- Mr Stuart McPhee, Relationship Manager
- Mr Stephen Cleugh, Portfolio Manager
- Ms Chloe Gill, Philanthropy Assistant

Granting Strategy

The Terms of the Will of William Lionel Buckland that established The Foundation upon his death in 1964 direct that:

“...income derived there from upon the following trusts that is to say as to one half (50%) of such income to divide the same in each year among such public hospitals, public institutions or public benevolent societies in Victoria (being hospitals, institutions and societies which are in law charitable or the purposes of which are charitable) and in such proportions as my Trustees shall in each year determine and I hereby indicate to my Trustees my hope that in the division of such income they will favourably consider charities for children as for example children’s hospitals and orphanages and as to the other one half (50%) of such income to apply the same in each year to or for such public scientific or public educational purposes in Victoria which are in law charitable.”

“...in administering the public educational purposes to which portion of the income from my estate shall be applied as herein before I express the wish that my Trustees shall give preference to agricultural and related pursuits.”

The landscape of philanthropy, like most things, is constantly changing. The evolution of new approaches to grantmaking and the desire to understand the impact of the Foundation’s grant making have been at the forefront of the new granting strategy for the Trustees. The Foundation recognises that vulnerability and disadvantage are influenced by social and economic determinants including, but not limited to, employment, housing, social support, education, health and wellbeing, geography and the environment.

The Foundation seeks to become more networked, engaged and informed in its efforts to understand and overcome the causes and contributing factors to social and economic disadvantage. After a process of reflection and in keeping with the wishes of William Lionel Buckland, the Trustees have determined that the Foundation will achieve the best impact with grantmaking and resources that are focused around four key focus areas.

Our support will be balanced between meeting the immediate and basic needs of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in the community, and more strategic long-term investments in the following ways:

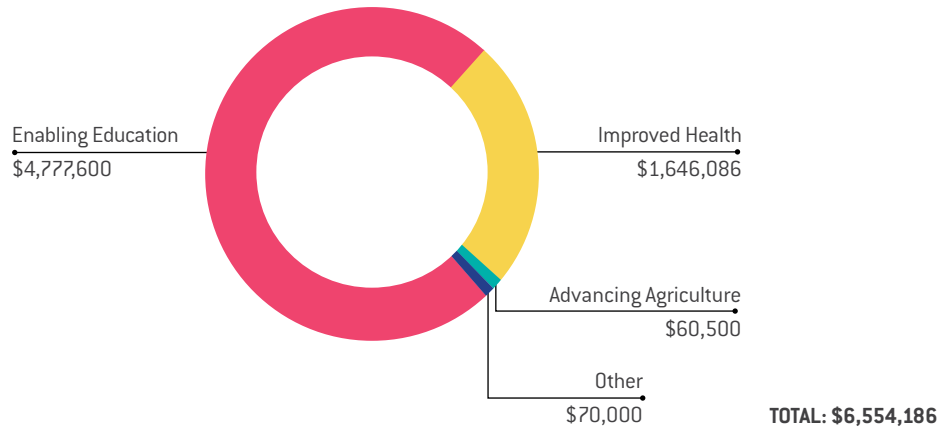
- ▶ **Small Grants Partnership Program**
- ▶ **Major Grants Program** – calls for submissions
- ▶ **Signature Grants** – invitation only
- ▶ **Collaborations** – invitation only

FOCUS AREAS:

In working towards achieving the best outcomes for the Foundation our grantmaking support will have the following key focus areas:

- ▶ **Vulnerable Victorians** – (Housing & Employment)
- ▶ **Improved Health**
- ▶ **Enabling Education**
- ▶ **Advancing Agriculture**

Grants Approved 2016/2017



How We Work





- ▶ Networked
- ▶ Informed
- ▶ Engaged

Value Beyond Grants

- ▶ Collaborate with other funders
- ▶ Drive Participation

Stay Longer

Assist Communities to become stronger

 VULNERABLE VICTORIANS PROGRAM Focus: Housing & Employment	 IMPROVED HEALTH PROGRAM Focus: Children & young people, Rural & Regional Communities
The William Buckland Foundation is focused on improving the lives of vulnerable Victorians through grants that support better housing, health, education and employment outcomes and initiatives that build resilience and strengthen rural and regional communities	
 ADVANCING AGRICULTURE PROGRAM Focus: Strengthening the resilience & capacity of regional & rural communities	 ENABLING EDUCATION PROGRAM Focus: Improved education outcomes for disadvantaged & vulnerable children
COLLABORATIONS The Trustees select and invite organisations to develop and design Collaborations in partnership with the Foundation. It does not accept open requests under this strategy.	
SIGNATURE GRANTS \$250K - \$750K – Moving towards catalytic leadership type grants	
OPEN LARGE GRANTS \$50k-\$150k per annum x 1-4 years	
SMALL GRANTS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS FRRR, Igniting Change and The Norman Wettenhall Foundation	
DIRECTOR GRANTS Small grants allocated at Director's discretions	



Vulnerable Victorians Program

PROGRAM GOAL

Vulnerable Victorians have reasonably paid employment opportunities and safe and stable housing.

Total Grants Paid in 2016/17
\$1,174,500*

*Due to timing of our program rounds, no new Vulnerable Victorians grants were approved in FY 2017



The Vulnerable Victorians Program supports projects which focus on the alleviation of disadvantage and poverty for Victorians. For the next three to five years the Program is particularly focused on contributing to better housing and employment outcomes.

Worktrainers

Geared 4 Careers



Mallory Ross (far left) & Joe Marsters (far right) from Worktrainers with participants of their Geared 4 Careers program.

Founded in 1989, Worktrainers assists disadvantaged people in North East Victoria to break the welfare cycle through employment. They operate a number of social enterprises to generate revenue that is then invested into specialised employment programs to assist the most disadvantaged people in the community.

One such program, Geared 4 Careers, provides support to secondary school students before they exit the education system so that transition to employment is more achievable and the risk of disengagement and welfare

dependency is decreased.

The Foundation approved a three year grant in 2015 to assist the Geared 4 Careers program to expand its push into the greater Shepparton area. Interim results suggest that participation rates and employment targets have been tracking above expectations.

Most pleasing is the year-on-year increase in youth volunteering within the program, which is further evidence that Worktrainers continues to transform lives in regional Victoria.

"With the support of the William Buckland Foundation and our own social enterprises we have been able to fast track our Geared 4 Careers program. We are currently empowering 288 Shepparton youth to create their own futures."

Craig Marshall, CEO, Worktrainers

VACRO

Second Chance Coffee Cart

Established in 1872, the Victorian Association for the Care & Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO) has been at the forefront of creating pathways out of the justice system and reducing the recidivism rate in Victoria.

Emotional and social impacts can contribute towards family violence, breakdown of family connections, loss of self-respect, substance abuse, mental illness and, unfortunately, an increased representation in the justice system. The importance of creating a sense of purpose, empowerment and inclusion through employment for people cannot be underestimated and is therefore a key focus for the William Buckland Foundation's Vulnerable Victorians Program.



VACRO's Second Chance Coffee Cart located outside the Sunshine Magistrate's Court.

Towards the end of their community services obligation, they will be encouraged to take up paid work experience with VACRO's commercial partners, with the aim of building their resume

"We are seeing people exit the justice system return to their families, gain employment, and build positive lives in the community in part because of the opportunities, training, and support we can provide them at Second Chance Coffee. The grant we received from the William Buckland Foundation has enabled us to provide life changing opportunities to those who need them."

Carol Nikakis, CEO, VACRO

In 2015, the Foundation provided funding to VACRO to help establish their social enterprise venture called 'Second Chance Coffee'. Located outside the Sunshine Magistrate's Court, selling coffee and food to the community, the Second Chance Coffee Cart provides offenders released on community orders the opportunity to acquire skills and work experience essential to attaining paid employment. Any profits generated will support the VACRO Children's Foundation.

Participants will undertake accredited safe food handling and barista training. Following training, participants will work four-hour shifts until they have completed their community order.

and moving into ongoing paid employment. The Second Chance Coffee Cart was opened to the public in April 2017. One of the first participants of the Coffee Cart project, Carlos has said that participation in the Coffee Cart program has changed his whole outlook.

At the age of 62, having served 9 years in prison, Carlos is mindful that employment opportunities are hard to come by, but he is committed to looking after his wife and family and starting a small café business. Carlos believes that the support and opportunity of the Coffee Cart experience on his resume will be invaluable.



CEO Kon Karapanagiotidis (far left) with staff and graduates at ASRC's Youth Graduation Night 2017.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

Innovation Hub

Founded in 2001 in a tiny shop front in Footscray, today the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is the largest independent human rights organisation for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.

In 2014, the Foundation supported the establishment of ASRC's Innovation Hub and, specifically two key programs that would be delivered via the Hub: 'Transforming Refugee Lives' and 'Changing the Conversation'. The aim of the 'Transforming Refugee Lives' program is to address the education and future employment needs of young asylum seekers.

The goal of the 'Changing the Conversation' program is to educate young people about the plight of asylum seekers and the benefits of multiculturalism to ensure an informed community that supports tolerance and compassion.

Some of the achievements of this support include:

- Development and implementation of the 'Steps to a Job' program where topics covered include goal setting and time management, public speaking, resumé writing, job interview presentation, and aspects of the Australian workplace, such as employee rights, pay rates, taxes, workplace culture and your rights at work.
- A number of young people established their own working groups which take action in their own community. Two electorate-based working groups (in Wills and Gellibrand) aim to push their local MPs to advocate for refugee rights within their own party and in Parliament.

"The support of the William Buckland Foundation has been profound in providing the foundation, space and opportunities for young refugees to thrive, grow as leaders and know their future is only limited by their imagination not a label. The joy, pride, biggest smiles and sense of belonging (often for the first time) that I have witnessed from the young people, is your legacy"

Kon Karapanagiotidis, ASRC CEO and Founder



Improved Health Program

PROGRAM GOAL

Improved health of disadvantaged children and young people, especially those in rural and regional Victoria.

Total Grants Paid in 2016/17
\$907,177

Total New Grants Approved in 2016/17
\$1,616,086



The Improved Health Program supports a range of initiatives which help produce better health outcomes for disadvantaged young Victorians. For the next three to five years the Program is particularly focused on improving health outcomes for children and young people in rural and regional Victoria who are at risk of or living with physical and mental illness.



(from left) Orygen's Dr Jo Robinson & Professor Patrick McGorry AO with speakers at a forum on youth suicide.

Orygen Youth Health

A Systematic Approach to Youth Suicide Prevention

Orygen Youth Health is a world-leading youth mental health program based in Melbourne.

Orygen has two main components: a specialised youth mental health clinical service, and an integrated training and communications program.

Suicide is the leading cause of death among young Australians, accounting for one-third of deaths in people aged under 25. Many more young people attempt suicide, and more still live with suicidal feelings. These behaviours have a significant negative impact on young

people, their families, friends and wider social network.

This year, the Foundation made a four year commitment to Orygen to fund the development and implementation of a systematic community approach to suicide prevention with an initial focus on the North West Melbourne region. The goal of the project is to increase the knowledge base of suicide, reduce stigma, increase help-seeking, and ultimately reduce rates of suicide-related behaviour in young people.

"The support from the William Buckland Foundation is absolutely crucial. It has helped us bring together lots of smaller pieces of suicide prevention work into a highly integrated and systematic program that we hope will have a significant impact on young people throughout Australia."

Dr Jo Robinson, Senior Research Fellow, Orygen



Participants of Entertainment Assists' Intermission workshop held at Monash University's Student Theatre.

Entertainment Assist - Intermission

Mental Health Support and Prevention Training

Entertainment Assist was established to raise awareness about mental health and wellbeing in the Australian entertainment industry. Research has shown that levels of depression symptoms in the entertainment industry are five times higher than in the general population.

Last year, funding was provided to Entertainment Assist to facilitate a series of training and information sessions to early entrants into the Australian Entertainment Industry (including actors, dancers, musicians, backstage crew, and technicians) aged 18-25 years. These workshops were held at Monash University's Student Theatre, Federation University's Ballarat Campus as well as the Victorian College of the Arts.

The aim of these workshops was to help participants build skills to be more resilient and provide a personal "toolkit" to help identify anxiety and depression (including where to seek support for themselves and their peers) and how to have the mental health conversation.

"This has been an invaluable project with learnings gathered to develop next steps to improve mental health outcomes within the entertainment industry. We are indebted to the William Buckland Foundation for helping us make a difference!"

Susan Cooper, GM, Entertainment Assist

Summer Foundation

NDIS Hospital Liaison Role

Established in 2006, the Summer Foundation strives to change human service policy and practice related to young people in nursing homes. Hundreds of young Australians with disability enter nursing homes every year. These are people who could live in the community if they were provided the right support at the right times.

At a very confusing and traumatic time in a young person's life, it is difficult for any individual and their family to source the correct information urgently required to make an informed choice, and to access the funding and support needed.

This year, the Foundation supported the Summer Foundation over three years to pilot an NDIS Hospital Liaison role within the Barwon, Central Highlands and Western District regions. The aim of the position is to address the gap in knowledge and capacity of hospital staff and change the discharge policy and practice to ensure a pathway back to community or family home without an admission to a Residential Aged Care Facility.

"This funding has enabled us to bring together people from across health and disability services to redesign how people with disability are supported to avoid aged care. William Buckland Foundation's support is building in a safety net, which is stopping young people across regional Victoria from ending up in nursing homes. This is about investing in an enduring systemic solution, rather than a short term band-aid to the problem of young people entering aged care."

Dr Di Winkler, CEO, Summer Foundation



Grants Approved 2016/2017

ORYGEN: A Systematic Approach to Youth Suicide Prevention (over 4 years) **\$600,000.00**

SUMMER FOUNDATION: NDIS Hospital Liaison Role (over 3 years) **\$450,000.00**

ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL MELBOURNE LIMITED: The Rural Aboriginal Youth Transitional Health Program (over 3 years) **\$165,000.00**

VERY SPECIAL KIDS – The Road to Respite (over 2 years) **\$156,908.00**

TASKFORCE COMMUNITY AGENCY: The Hub (over 2 years) **\$175,108.00**

VICTORIAN ARTS CENTRE TRUST: Arts wellbeing collective – pilot program **\$30,000.00**

THE MACFARLANE BURNET INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH & PUBLIC HEALTH LTD: Prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among gay and bisexual men in regional Victoria using a best practice peer-led education and testing model **\$69,070.00**

TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED IN THE IMPROVED HEALTH PROGRAM: \$1,646,086.00



Enabling Education Program

PROGRAM GOAL

Victorian children and young people aged 0 – 25 years, especially those experiencing vulnerability or disadvantage, attain improved educational outcomes.

Total Grants Paid in 2016/17

\$2,489,063

Total New Grants Approved in 2016/17

\$4,777,600



The Enabling Education Program supports initiatives which focus on the benefits of education and learning in a variety of ways.

Zoe Support

Great Expectations: Assisting Young Mothers in Mildura to Complete Education

Mildura-based Zoe Support Australia aims to provide services for disadvantaged and unsupported young mothers to access and re-engage in education, as well as to enhance youth employment pathways.

Recognising the high teen birth rate coupled with the gap in service delivery in the area, the Foundation approved a three year grant in 2015 for Zoe Support's Great Expectations program. The purpose of the program is to provide services and support to improve educational and wellbeing outcomes for vulnerable children and young women in the Mildura region and help to address the complex contextual issues that prevent young mothers from re-engaging successfully.

Of the many achievements that the organisation can be proud of, over two-thirds of young mothers who access Zoe Support have now re-engaged with education and Zoe Support has assisted a number of clients avoid homelessness and transition into the private rental market.



Madalyn (centre) and her two children Kaura and Phoenix. Mady is now in private accommodation, and has completed her first year of university.

"I wept when we heard the news we had been successful in 2015. Our hope had all but gone, but you took a chance on us, and we have had the privilege of working with many young women and now their hope is restored. Through the singular belief that the William Buckland Foundation placed in Zoe Support, at least two generations of lives have been changed and hope restored."

Anne Webster, Executive Director, Zoe Support

Anglicare Victoria

TEACHaR Program

It has been widely established that children and young people in out of home care (OHC) often experience disastrous educational outcomes, much worse than the general population. Formed in 2012, Anglicare Victoria's TEACHaR program aims to improve the education

opportunities and outcomes of children and young people living in OHC and to develop an education support model for children in OHC that is programmatically and financially sustainable. The program achieves this by employing experienced, registered teachers,

who are embedded within established OHC teams to provide one-on-one classroom and in-home support. TEACHaR educators bring classroom, welfare and senior level teaching experience, together with a range of complementary qualifications and skills, such as special education and social work.

This year, the Foundation approved a two year grant for the program to expand into the Gippsland region where research has revealed significant education-related disadvantage (2015 'Dropping off the Edge' report, Vinson et al).

"The TEACHaR team are extremely excited by the realisation that we have the means, capacity and opportunity to make a real and significant difference in the lives of children and young people in Out-of-Home Care (OoHC). Children and young people residing in OoHC have, for a myriad of reasons, been denied the right to an equitable start in life. From an educational perspective, this may no longer have to be the case"

A TEACHaR Coordinator

Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE)

Social Enterprise in Schools and Beyond: Job Seeker to Job Creator



Founded out of concern for rural young people and the growing disadvantage that rural communities face, ACRE aims to build a thriving rural Australia through igniting entrepreneurship in young people and their communities. Their Social Enterprise in Schools program generates ideas, taps hidden talents, builds on strengths and develops confidence in participants to become job creators in the future. The program also develops students as responsible citizens with greater understanding of social justice and the world around them.

Students set up and manage their own social enterprise—a business with a social purpose. Teachers also benefit from specialist workshops, support and resources to bring entrepreneurship to life in the classroom.

Funding from the Foundation over the next three years will assist ACRE in scaling the program beyond the pilot region in the North East of the state into a further 72 schools in regional Victoria.

Sharna Powell from St. Josephs Primary School, Beechworth participating in ACRE's 'Social Enterprise in Schools' program.

"ACRE has spent the last 3 years piloting and evaluating its enterprise learning programs in rural schools so that students can learn job creator skills for the future. The William Buckland Foundation's philanthropic investment enables us to expand our programs across 75 schools and over 4,500 students. This pioneering commitment will support young people stay or return to rural communities with the mindset, skills and behaviours to rejuvenate their communities and lead fulfilling lives."

Matt Pfahlert, CEO, ACRE



GRANTS APPROVED 2016/2017

MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE:

Share More Music (A Music Education & Accessibility Program) (over 2 years)

\$219,600.00

BANKSIA GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Project REAL (Re-Engagement in Education & Learning) (over 2 years)

\$200,000.00

ANGLICARE VICTORIA: TEACHaR –

Transforming Educational Achievement for Children in Home-based and Residential care (over 2 years)

\$300,000.00

SKILLING AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION: APpeTitE

(Accessible Pathways to Training & Education) for young people aged 17-25 (over 4 years)

\$352,000.00

EDCONNECT AUSTRALIA: Intergenerational

Impact (over 3 years)

\$450,000.00

COUNTRY EDUCATION PROJECT: Rural

Education – Accessible Learning (REAL Project) (over 4 years)

\$400,000.00

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RURAL

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Social Enterprise in Schools and Beyond – Job Seeker to Job Creator (over 3 years)

\$440,000.00

COLMAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Doveton

Baby College

\$35,000.00

BERRY STREET: Morwell Central School

Community Hub: Early Years

Education – Phase 1 **\$119,000.00**

BAPTCARE: Home-Start: Targeting vulnerable

parents with school aged children (over 3 years)

\$75,000.00

POLYGLOT THEATRE: 5678: an artistic

intervention to early school leaving and social isolation in Collingwood (over 3 years)

\$150,000.00

TEACH FOR AUSTRALIA: Enabling Instruction

Leadership Pilot (EILP) (over 4 years)

\$442,000.00

MERRI HEALTH: Ready Set Prep Program

(over 4 years)

\$520,000.00

SHEPPARTON ART MUSEUM: For programming

(over 3 years)

\$500,000.00

KIDS THRIVE: Core organisational support

(over 4 years)

\$200,000.00

DOVETON COLLEGE: The Music Futures

Program: A central program of Our Place

(over 3 years) **\$375,000.00**

TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED IN THE ENABLING EDUCATION PROGRAM: \$4,777,600.00



Advancing Agriculture Program

PROGRAM GOAL

Rural farming communities in Victoria are more resilient to adversity and change.

Total Grants Paid in 2016/17
\$81,500

Total New Grants Approved in 2016/17
\$60,500



The Advancing Agriculture Program supports initiatives which focus on strengthening the resilience and capacity of regional and rural communities.



The Australian Table Grape Association providing assistance to growers in the Sunraysia region.

Foundation for Regional & Rural Renewal (FRRR) Fast Track Ag Innovation Program

In 2014, the Foundation partnered with FRRR to create a three year, invitation-only, pilot grants program called Fast Track Ag. Four farmer groups across four primary industries in Victoria were chosen to address one of their top three production constraints.

The program's objectives were to support the farmer groups to drive the adoption of science & innovation to increase production. This would be achieved by collaborating with researchers to adopt immediate and in-season modifications of technologies and practices

that influence their productivity.

The farmer groups selected were GippsDairy, Riverine Plains Farmer Group, The Australian Table Grape Association and Up2Us Landcare Alliance based in William Buckland's hometown of Mansfield.

Now in its final year, the Fast Track Ag program is focused on evaluating the impact of the program on the farmer groups and disseminating and sharing the learnings of their projects to the community and sector.

"The Fast Track Ag partnership with the William Buckland Foundation has enabled FRRR to support the work of four farmer groups from four industries over a three year period. They have been grappling with some of the numerous challenges Victorian agriculture faces, both now and into the future. All projects are striving to strengthen key elements of agricultural systems and communities, to increase sustainable production and deliver as a global food and fibre contributor."

Natalie Egleton, CEO, FRRR



2017 Nuffield Scholar Daniel Meade during his visit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Nuffield Australia

William Buckland Foundation Farming Scholarship

The Foundation has had a long and fruitful association supporting Nuffield Australia's farming scholarships. The objective of the scholarships is to increase practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques generally. This is achieved by the scholar travelling overseas to study international farming practices and bringing their collected learning home to apply to their local conditions.

In 2017, the William Buckland Foundation Nuffield scholar was Daniel Meade from Garvoc in Victoria's Western District. Daniel is involved in a 125-hectare dairy heifer rearing business in which he and his wife have been involved since 2013. He also works off-farm as a pasture agronomist. Through his scholarship, Daniel will investigate industry representation and the importance of agriculture to rural communities. He plans to closely examine the most successful agricultural bodies in the world and the learning opportunities that may apply to the Australian agricultural sector. His travel will take him to the UK, USA, India, China, Canada and NZ.

"The William Buckland Foundation has supported Nuffield since 2013, assisting to provide scholarships to six Nuffield Scholars in Victoria, who have studied topics including the economic sustainability of vegetable farming, the importance of agriculture to rural communities, industry representation and the ability of Electronic Identification Devices to deliver benefits to sheep farmers. With the support of the William Buckland Foundation, these Scholars have returned to Australia and adopted best management practices. They are better equipped to manage their operations for future growth and have shared these benefits widely and generously with their communities and industries."

Jodie Dean, CEO, Nuffield Australia



GRANTS APPROVED 2016/2017

AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS

NETWORK: Ripe for Change Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity Research Partnership **\$25,000.00**

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL & REGIONAL

RENEWAL: Grant for regional Victorian Women to further their environmental leadership **\$5,500.00**

WESTERN DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE –

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH:

From Inside the Farm Gate: Rural Women's Stories of Thriving and Surviving.

(A partnership grant with the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust)

\$30,000.00

TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED IN THE ADVANCING AGRICULTURE PROGRAM: \$60,500.00

Small Grants Partnership Program

We have selected organisations to develop and design a Small Grants Program in partnership with the Foundation.

The partnerships provide an opportunity to work with respected organisations that have particular expertise to find critical small-scale grass roots projects, or support work in a specialised focus area for the Foundation.

The partnerships are closely managed by Foundation; they are designed and developed to achieve positive community impact in the

Foundation's focus areas and achieve greater reach to communities and audiences it may not normally have reached.

The Foundation has supported over 100 small grants to small community projects in 2017 with our partner organisations.

**Total Grants Paid in 2016/2017:
\$404,500**

Wettenhall Environment Trust Connecting Country

Connecting Country (Mount Alexander Region) Inc is a community-based not-for-profit organisation that aims to increase, enhance and restore biodiversity across the Mount Alexander Shire and surrounds in Central Victoria. Established in 2007, Connecting Country was the first project that the Norman Wettenhall Foundation supported in their community-driven landscape restoration program.

Support this year from The William Buckland Foundation's small grants program to Norman Wettenhall Foundation allows Connecting Country to continue its community engagement program, supporting over 500 members. Such work includes organising and running educational events about biodiversity conservation in agricultural landscapes for a range of land users a cross Central Victoria.

"The grant we gave to the Connecting Country project in central Victoria has enabled them to continue delivering their amazing education program to a large range of landholders – farmers, covenanters, conservationists, lifestyleers and urban dwellers. The education program provides information, skills and resources to land owners to help them protect and restore habitat."

Beth Mellick, Executive Director, The Norman Wettenhall Foundation.



Years 3 and 4 students from Nathalia Primary School during their performance of 'Po-bonk creates a flood'.

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Bardi Gras Frog Festival

The William Buckland Foundation has forged a long term partnership with FRRR, having contributed to their flagship program 'Small Grants for Rural Communities' for over 15 years. The program has provided the Foundation with the ability to fund small projects and activities (of up to \$5,000 per grant) to rural and regional communities across Victoria.

Last year, amongst the many projects supported, funding was provided to the Nathalia and District Development Corporation Inc (NADDCO) for the annual 'Bardi Gras Frog Festival' held annually during Easter.

The contribution was used to develop and present an Aboriginal Dreamtime story ('Po-bonk-I bunyma bapalwa' or 'Po-bonk creates a flood') in both English and Yorta Yorta, increasing community awareness of local Indigenous culture and language, as well as environmental issues.

The performance of the story to the community on Easter Saturday included years 3 and 4 students from Nathalia Primary School and a giant puppet frog created by a local artist.

"Partnerships with long term donors, like William Buckland Foundation who have worked with us on Small Grants for Rural Communities for more than fifteen years, are critical to FRRR being able to support local rural leaders in implementing the projects that they know will make the biggest difference."

Natalie Egleton, CEO, FRRR



Eat Up founder Lyndon Galea with the organisation's new food van.

Igniting Change

Eat Up

Eat Up was created by one young man in response to a local newspaper article highlighting the fact that a number of children don't bring lunch to school each day. Established in 2013, Eat Up now serves over 100 schools in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Volunteers in each region make sandwiches once a fortnight, deliver to schools where they are frozen and used as needed by teachers who identify those students who have no lunch.

Through their partnership with Igniting Change's small grants program, The William Buckland Foundation has this year provided funding to Eat Up to support the running costs of their new refrigerated van which is critical to their operations.

"We were at a critical point when we received \$5,000 from William Buckland Foundation and Igniting Change. This leveraged further support enabling our tiny, volunteer team feeding children in 40 schools to purchase a van and reach 120 schools. We now have 1.5 employees, two vans and hundreds of volunteers reaching 200 schools. We have great momentum built on a strong base provided by our courageous early supporters - thank you!"

Lyndon Galea, Founder, Eat Up

Financial Report

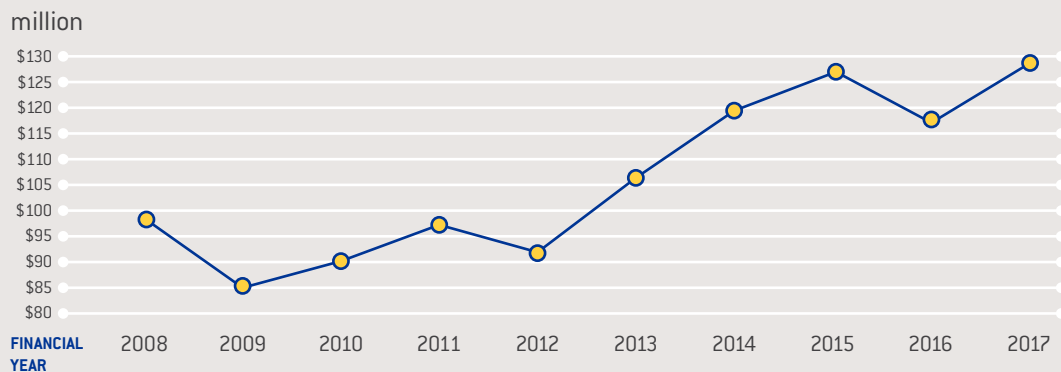
Investment Overview

The Trustees consider that, as the foundation is a perpetual trust, the amount available for distribution to charities will be maximised over time if a relatively high proportion of the corpus is invested in growth assets, particularly equities.

Capital Value

The capital value of The Foundation as at 30 June 2017 was **\$128,678,700** (2016 \$117,001,352)

The Foundation's Capital Value



Investment Management

It is considered prudent to entrust day-to-day management of the funds to professional investment managers, within asset allocation ranges set by the Trustees. The investment managers for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 were:

- Equity Trustees Limited
- Nikko Asset Management
- Warakirri Asset Management Pty Ltd

Impact Investment

During the year the Trustees agreed to commit up to 5% of the Foundation's portfolio to impact investments. To date, two impact investments have been made totalling \$300,000.

Net Income

The portfolio, which has an income bias, generated a net income available for distribution for the year of \$6.2 million (2016 \$6.0 million). Capital Items of \$1.6m (2016 \$0.13m) consisting of such things as the dividends and franking credits relating to off market share buy backs, and tax deferred and capital distributions from investee entities have been removed from income for the year before calculating the amount of distributable income.

Management Expense Ratio

The Management Expense Ratio (MER) is a measure of the level of expenses incurred by The Foundation. The MER, expressed as a percentage of the net assets of The Foundation, includes the administration fees, investment management fees and other expenses. The MER for the year was 1.04% (2016 1.10%)

Concise Financial Report

2016-2017

Statement of Income Available for Granting

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE		
Interest	74,265	112,963
Estate distributions	47,435	34,809
Dividends	2,042,192	1,920,683
Managed investment distributions	3,988,191	2,924,165
Imputation credits	2,346,451	1,774,863
Management fee rebate	186,856	184,182
Other income	32	-
Total Revenue	8,685,422	6,951,665
EXPENSES		
Equity Trustees Limited Fees	551,430	535,691
Co Trustees' fees	4,000	4,000
Investment management & custodian fees	254,957	240,154
Other expenses	26,634	22,439
Total Expenses	837,021	802,290
Net Income for the Year before Grants Paid	7,848,401	6,149,375
Less Transfer Capital Components	(1,607,844)	(130,269)
Distributable Income	6,240,557	6,019,106
Grants Paid*	5,249,000	7,061,392
Net Income for the Year	991,557	(1,042,286)
Retained Earnings at 1 July	7,620,481	8,662,767
Retained Earnings at 30 June	8,612,038	7,620,481

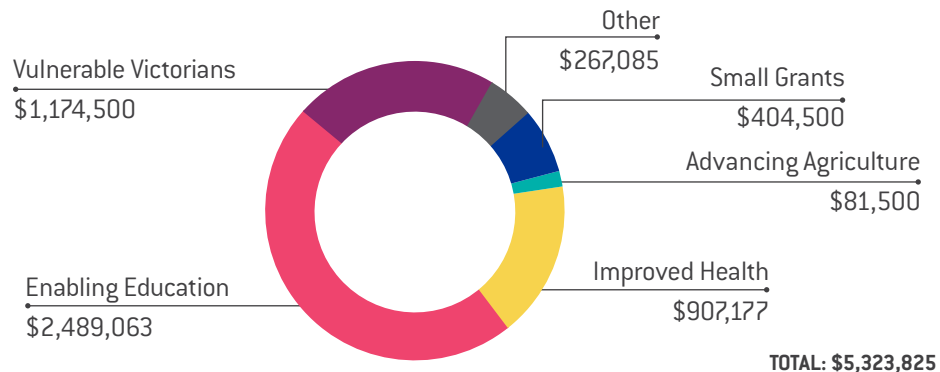
*Note: The difference in the Grants Paid above and the total grants paid on page 32 is due to the return of unspent grants from previous financial years.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,801,230	5,079,122
Receivables	3,899,141	2,902,212
Total Current Assets	9,700,371	7,981,334
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial Assets	119,205,896	109,335,502
Total Non Current Assets	119,205,896	109,335,502
Total Assets	128,906,267	117,316,836
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	227,567	315,484
Total Current Liabilities	227,567	315,484
Total Liabilities	227,567	315,484
NET ASSETS	128,678,700	117,001,352
Represented by:		
Retained Earnings	8,612,038	7,620,481
Capital Funds	120,066,662	109,380,871
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	128,678,700	117,001,352

Grants Paid July 2016 – June 2017



Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network

Ripe for Change Sustainable Agriculture & Biodiversity Research Partnership
\$25,000

Andrew Dean Fildes Foundation

Sustainability & succession planning for The Andrew Dean Fildes Foundation
\$20,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Anglicare Victoria

TEACHaR – Transforming Educational Achievement for Children in Home-based & Residential Care
\$150,000 (1st of 2 instalments)

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Establishment of the Asylum Seeker Innovation Hub
\$150,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship

Social Enterprise in Schools and Beyond – Job Seeker to Job Creator
\$150,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Banksia Gardens Community Services

Project REAL (Re-Engagement in Education & Learning)
\$100,000 (1st of 2 instalments)

Baptcare

Home-Start: Targeting vulnerable parents with school aged children
\$25,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Bass Coast Health

Bass Coast Youth Assist Clinic
\$10,000

Berry Street

Morwell Central School Community Hub – Early Years Education – Phase 1
\$119,000

Castlemaine District Community Health

Learning To Live - A Project of Wellbeing Mount Alexander
\$151,720 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Centre for Multicultural Youth

Pathway to Opportunity
\$75,000 (2nd of 2 instalments)

Colman Education Foundation

Doveton Baby College
\$35,000

Country Education Project

Rural Education – Accessible Learning (REAL Project)
\$100,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

Doveton College

The Music Futures Program: A Central Program of Our Place
\$125,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

GRANTS PAID

July 2016 – June 2017

Dugdale Trust for Women & Girls

Club Respect

\$159,500 (2nd of 3 instalments)

EdConnect Australia

Intergenerational Impact

\$150,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

First Step

First Step marketing & business development

\$95,000 (2nd of 2 instalments)

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

Back to School Project

\$30,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Grant for regional Victorian Women to further their environmental leadership

\$5,500

Small Grants For Small Rural Communities Program (Victoria)

\$150,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Habitat for Humanity Australia (Victoria)

Organisation capacity building

\$70,000

Haileybury Foundation

William Buckland Foundation & Haileybury Scholarship Fund - Scholarships for Indigenous students

\$25,000 (3rd of 4 instalments)

Hands On Learning Australia

Increasing accessibility to Hands on Learning across Victoria

\$197,500 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Homes for Homes Ltd

Homes for Homes (H4H)

\$250,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Igniting Change Foundation

Changing Lives Small Grants Partnership

\$144,500 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Kids Plus Foundation

Kids Plus Foundation organisational capacity building

\$95,790 (2nd of 2 instalments)

Kids Thrive Inc

Kids Leading Local Change

\$70,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Core organisational support

\$50,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

Loddon Mallee Housing Services

The Sidney Myer Haven Program

\$250,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health

Prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among gay and bisexual men in regional Victoria using a best practice peer-led education and testing model

\$69,070

Melbourne Indigenous Transition School

Victorian Indigenous students at the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School

\$80,000 (2nd of 5 instalments)

Melbourne Recital Centre

Share More Music – a music education & accessibility program

\$43,663 (4th of 6 instalments)

Merri Health

Ready Set Prep Program

\$130,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

Nuffield Australia

Nuffield Australia farming scholarship for a Victorian farmer - 2016 to 2018

\$51,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Orchestra Victoria

Orchestra Victoria regional education

\$85,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

GRANTS PAID

July 2016 – June 2017

Orygen

A systematic approach to youth suicide prevention

\$150,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

Penington Institute

Campaign to promote an ice support website for young people and their friends & families

\$100,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Polyglot Theatre

5678: an artistic intervention to early school leaving & social isolation in Collingwood

\$50,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Royal Melbourne Hospital

Lynly Aitken Travelling Scholarship

\$10,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Skilling Australia Foundation

APpeTitE (Accessible Pathways to Training & Education) for young people aged 17-25

\$88,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria)

Volunteer recruitment & training project

\$12,085 (3rd of 3 instalments)

St Kilda Gatehouse

Young Women's Project Dandenong

\$120,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

St Vincents Hospital Melbourne

The Rural Aboriginal Youth Transitional Health Program

\$55,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Summer Foundation

NDIS hospital liaison role

\$150,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Teach For Australia

Enabling Instruction Leadership Pilot (EILP)

\$120,000 (1st of 4 instalments)

Wettenhall Environment Trust

Landscape Restoration Partnership Program

\$110,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

The Salvation Army Australia (Southern Territory)

The Yarrinup Project

\$100,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Tomorrow Today Foundation

Education Benalla Program- Extension

\$200,000 (1st of 3 instalments)

Very Special Kids

The Road to Respite

\$90,732 (1st of 2 instalments)

Vicseg New Futures

Refugee student engagement & support project

\$100,000 (3rd of 3 instalments)

Victorian Arts Centre Trust

Arts Wellbeing Collective— pilot program

\$30,000

Worktrainers Ltd

Geared 4 Careers

\$75,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Yooralla

On the Move – State-wide early functional mobility service

\$104,865 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Zoe Support Australia

Great Expectations – assisting young mothers to complete education

\$220,000 (2nd of 3 instalments)

Total Grants Paid in the 2016-2017

Financial Year: \$5,323,825

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