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Our Donor stories

Personal, In Memorium, Bequests,
Groups and Company Sub Funds within the
Geelong Community Foundation



Ken Stott
1922-2005
Founding Donor



Geelong Community Foundation

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Our story

The Geelong Community Foundation was established in 2000.

The idea of establishing a Community Foundation in Geelong was first considered in 1997 through United Way Geelong (now Give Where You Live). The United Way Board felt that there could be support in Geelong to develop a significant fund with a permanent capital base, which if invested well, would grow substantially.

A portion of the annual income could then be used to make charitable grants. It was felt that a fund would be of great benefit to the Geelong Region.

Geoff Neilson, who at that time was a partner of Day Neilson, was requested to head up a committee to investigate the Community Foundation concept both in Melbourne at the Melbourne Community Foundation and overseas in North America and Europe. After due consideration and community discussion it was decided to proceed and form the Geelong Community Foundation to cover the City of Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast and Golden Plains Shires and the Borough of Queenscliff.

The Foundation was publicly launched in December 2000 and a number of those on that initial Committee became Board Members with Geoff Neilson being the founding Chairman. Andrew Lawson, previously a campaign chairman for United Way and a Past Chairman of the United Way Board, was asked to assist with starting the foundation as Executive Officer.

In those early years, it was known that Ken Stott, a local, wished to ensure that his assets stayed in the Geelong community. He wanted his money to be able to give people a hand when they needed help. Geoff Neilson offered Ken Stott the opportunity to become a donor to the fledgling Foundation and Ken responded by making an initial donation of \$2 million.

Following that first donation he made further gifts and since that time his fund with capital growth has increased to around \$11 million. Ken passed away in October 2005 and his name will live on forever as the inaugural and a major named fund donor in the Foundation. The Foundation, and the community in general, are very thankful for Ken's great initiative.

The Geelong Community Foundation is one of the first community foundations established in Australia and now one of the top three in terms of funds held and grants.



L to R: Founding Donor, Ken Stott and Founding Chairman, Geoff Neilson

Our role

The Geelong region has needs which are not being met from other funding sources. The Geelong Community Foundation encourages individuals, families, corporates and other organisations to make donations to meet these needs, now and in the future. These donations are retained as capital by the Foundation to build a perpetual and substantial fund for philanthropic purposes, with only the income from this capital used to make local community grants.

Our mission

The Foundation engages new and existing donors to increase the corpus. Grants are given on the basis of community need, pathways and delivering behavioural change – delivering relief, resilience and self-sufficiency. Due diligence is undertaken in all decisions.

Our donors

The Geelong Community Foundation has over 160 sub funds, most in our donors' names. On the following pages are some of those stories.

We invite you to read their stories and consider adding your own.

For a full listing of fund sizes and more details please refer to our current Annual Report and website: www.geelongfoundation.org



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Our Bequests

More and more people are choosing to leave part or all of their estate to the Geelong Community Foundation.

Bequest donations make up a third of our assets and have helped us give nearly \$10 million in grants since we started in 2000.

It is a misconception that only “rich” people leave money to charity in their wills. The reality is, many bequests are made by every-day, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference in their community and to other people’s lives.

Some are not able to give as freely during their lives as much as they might like to, so leaving a bequest is their final gesture of generosity and thanks to their community.

We invite you to consider including the Geelong Community Foundation in your will. Leaving a gift in your will to the Foundation is a great way to support the community after you are gone, with your gift working forever.

Our Personal Named Sub Funds

Many individuals, and/or families, have started their own named sub fund within the Geelong Community Foundation. Each year we welcome new donors to our Foundation.

We offer an easier way of giving, that is tax deductible and carefully managed. By consolidating, investing and growing donations, we are building long-term, reliable funding streams for our community.

We invite everyone who is able, to consider opening a named sub fund. This way you can make a bigger impact with your donations. You can add to it at any time. We aim to make grants only from the income, ensuring your generosity will have lasting benefits, now and forever. You can open your own Sub Fund within the Foundation and watch it grow each year. Contributions are tax deductible and it will directly help the community where you live and/or work.

Sub funds can carry the name of the donor, company name or the donor’s family. The name may honour someone or preserve the memory of a family member, friend or outstanding citizen.

Your contributions will automatically grow in line with the Foundation’s investment portfolio’s performance. However, you can contribute to your Sub Fund as often as you like, to accelerate its growth.

Our Scholarship Named Sub Funds

The Foundation has a separate tax deductible Fund for donors who are interested in supporting education. Donors can establish an Education Scholarship Sub Fund that can support individuals in general education or a particular field of education studies such as agriculture, horticulture and engineering.

The Foundation advertises its scholarships at the beginning of the year and interviews applicants to determine need and best placement of the scholarships that are available. Donors can choose to be involved in the interview and decision making process.

Our Group Named Sub Funds

The Foundation provides the opportunity for Group Sub Funds to be developed. It might be a community group like a service club or a group that relates to a geographic region, a particular group of people or a particular impact area that the Foundation supports.

In the past we have been able to support organisations or entities that have folded but have reserves in their financial accounts. The establishment of a Sub Fund in this instance means that the organisation’s name and a description of the work it has undertaken will live on forever even though the entity no longer exists.

Our Company Named Sub Funds

The Geelong Community Foundation has a number of company named sub funds. On the following pages are some of those stories. For a full listing we invite you to refer to our website www.geelongfoundation.org

More and more businesses are taking an interest in corporate social responsibility and choosing to give back to the local community. Participating in social good is increasingly important to the community, customers and staff.

There are many companies already doing great things in the Geelong Region. Setting up a Sub Fund through the Geelong Community Foundation provides an easy way to join them.

You can open your own Sub Fund within our Foundation, in your Company’s name and watch it grow every year, directly helping the community where you operate. It will have all the benefits of your own company foundation, without the workload.

Your contributions, which are tax deductible, will automatically grow in line with the Foundation’s investment portfolio’s performance. However, you can contribute to your Sub Fund as often as you like, to accelerate its growth. This can be done through direct contributions or by creating linked service or product revenue streams, at your discretion.

Philanthropy 500

Over 180 individuals are part of the P500 group, including many younger business people wishing to get involved in philanthropy.

Philanthropy is for everyone and everyone should have the opportunity to create positive social change in their community. Philanthropy 500 (P500) was established in 2017 to engage new donors who are keen to support our community and experience first hand the high impact of collective giving.

The P500 collective giving program is a powerful mechanism that pools the \$500 donations of a group of like-minded people that will make a lasting difference in the Geelong region through an annual grant to a community organisation. At the same time, we are building the P500 Endowment Fund for the future from which the interest generated is added to the P500 grant annually.

Fred and Pauline FLANAGAN Estate

In 1964 Pauline De La Perrelle, married Geelong Football Club legend Fred Flanagan and they took up residence at Torquay.



Fred a former Wool Classifier and Hotelier and Pauline a nurse, built a successful petroleum distributorship, after Fred was appointed Fuel Agent for Neptune Oil Company. This venture became a key fuel distributor for the region.

The Flanagans retired from business in 1981 and turned their attention to helping others through Geelong Legacy. Fred was a WWII veteran and was President of Geelong Legacy and Legacy Foundation of Victoria.

Fred was also a trustee of the Geelong Cats Sports Foundation. Fred was named in the Geelong Football Club Team of the Century and inducted in AFL Hall of Fame in 1998. Fred passed away in January 2013 aged 88 years. Pauline passed away in March 2015 aged 90 and her Estate provided a number of legacies to not for profit organisations, including the Foundation.

Howard HITCHCOCK Estate

The Hitchcock family, led by George, his wife Annie, his son Howard and his wife Louisa, were instrumental in establishing many charitable, religious and educational bodies. Howard's greatest contribution to Geelong came when he entered local government and became Mayor.



Howard's leadership as mayor is still evident today in Geelong's amenity and infrastructure in Johnstone Park, the Eastern Beach, the Geelong Hospital, Moorabool Street bridge, the Peace Memorial Foyer, Kardinia Park Football Stadium, and the Barwon River Rowing Course. He initiated the building of the Great Ocean Road and chaired the project fund raising committee for many years. He established a substantial bequest fund so that his, and his family's values could be perpetuated in Geelong.



A grant from this estate helped fund the iconic "The Diggers" sculpture, unveiled by the Hon. Bruce Billson MP Minister for Veterans' Affairs on April 13th, 2007. It was commissioned in honour of the Australian returned soldiers and sailors of the First World War who built the Great Ocean Road as a memorial to their fallen comrades. This memorial was funded by the Geelong Community Foundation in association with Great Ocean Road Marketing Inc, Department of Veteran Affairs, Surf Coast Shire and Vic Roads.

Harold LEIGHTON Estate

Harold was born in 1905 and lived on Walker Street in North Geelong where he lived for 90 years in the same family home, which his father built. From 1927 he worked at Ford for 22 years where he became the Foreman of the Body Building – Upholstery section. He liked Ford cars and purchased his last new one when he was 92.



Harold Leighton died in 2004. He was known as a good man, friend and neighbour. He lived with his sister Venie and was supportive of her during her life. Harold's wish was that his estate be used to help people in the Geelong region and part of it has been given as a gift to the Foundation.

Kenneth Neil STOTT Fund (Founding Donor)

The generosity displayed by Ken Stott to the Geelong Community Foundation gave it the essential start that was needed to make it the success it has become today. He grew up in Geelong and worked for most of his life at Ford. He became an astute investor in property and shares.



Whilst alive, Ken set up a substantial Named Sub Fund within the newly formed Foundation. After he passed away in 2005 aged 83, he also made a very generous bequest to the Foundation of another very large sum of money.

These generous gifts to the Foundation continue to generate significant income which is used to assist meeting the needs of the Geelong community. Ken's legacy as such will live on forever, making a difference in our Community

Lesley Yvonne TAYLOR Estate

Lesley Taylor B.A. Dip APA, Dip Ed, Cert. Hospital Administration, came to Geelong with her family when her father came for work. He had been appointed the role of Manager at the Geelong Gas Company and the family settled in Drumcondra. Lesley's mother was a nurse and she followed her mother into the field of healthcare.



Lesley attended Melbourne University before returning to Geelong where she worked with Mrs Barnard in the T and G building. Lesley moved on to the Geelong Hospital where she worked in the Physiotherapy Dept where she finally became Head of the Department in late 1949. She retired from this position in 1974.

After retirement from the Hospital, Lesley taught English for some years at the Gordon Technical College.

She was a founding member of the Geelong Field Naturalists Club and was very active in the 1960's.

Lesley also had a great love of animals and had a long term involvement with the Geelong Animal Welfare Society.

Lesley died in 2011 aged 88 years. Her wish was that her estate be used to support people and animal welfare in the Geelong region. As a result, a significant part of her estate has been entrusted as a gift to the Foundation.

ADAMBRAY Fund

Co-founded by the Adamson and Braybook families, life-long friends Isla Adamson and Laurie Braybrook established this Fund to provide philanthropic support to the community.

A Councillor of the Royal Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society since 1991, Isla Adamson is involved in mixed farming and agricultural pursuits, especially the poultry industry. A supporter of tennis clubs, mothers clubs, school councils, scouts and churches, Isla has been active in the Country Women's Association since 1949.

Laurie Braybrook chaired the Victorian Apiarists Library Trust for 17 years and was recognised internationally for his apiary work by "Apimondia" (IFBA). He has been a Councillor with the Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society since 1997.

ANTONY Family Fund

Brian and Barbara Antony have been residents of Geelong for 32 years following their move from Melbourne in the 1970's. Their four children and six grandchildren all live in the Geelong area. Brian's career was in banking with the Westpac Bank where he worked for 36 years. After some years as the Geelong Regional Credit Manager and Senior Commercial Manager he was promoted to the position of Executive Manager at the Westpac Private Bank in Collins Street Melbourne. He retired from this role in 1996.

Brian and Barbara are very keen supporters of many local charities and Brian has been a member of Rotary for many years. They have done considerable work in Sri Lanka with the Rotary Club of Panadura where Brian's great work has been recognised by his appointment as an Honorary Member of the Club.

BAILEY Family Fund

Will Bailey grew up in Melbourne's South East. His father was a tradesman and his mother a devoted and strict housewife. He learned important values – work hard and help others.



Dorothy was born in country Victoria and as both her father and mother had died before she was 21, she received support from Legacy as she grew up. Will and Dorothy met at the Anglican Church in Murrumbidgee. He was a banker and she a school teacher. Their marriage produced three daughters.

Due to his career development as a banker, Will's family moved around with him and they lived in two States, New Zealand and the UK. After retiring as CEO of the ANZ Bank, Will and Dorothy decided to "put something back into the community". They established a Charitable Bequest through ANZ Trustees and co-founded a drop in centre for street people and the marginalised in Melbourne. Upon relocating to Geelong they decided to support the Geelong Community Foundation. Will was a Director of the Foundation from 2002 to 2009.

Will died on August 13, 2020. He is survived by Dorothy, their daughters Alison, Robyn and Merryn, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

BELL Family Fund

Mother and son, Linda and Cody Craven, established this Fund to acknowledge the wonderful contribution to the community of their late family members Patricia, Kevin, and William Bell. All worked tirelessly to improve their local community of Portarlington on the Bellarine

Peninsula where they resided their entire lives. They held positions on local council, health and aged care, and many local committees. Both Linda and Cody have a real desire to help those in their community and regularly put the needs of others above their own. With the establishment of this Fund, they hope to be able to give back similarly as their family has and that this Fund will continue to reflect the family's contributions to the community.

Yvonne BERNATH Fund

This is a tragic story, but one of love and faithfulness. While knowing she had weeks to live, due to cancer, Yvonne attended to the affairs of her friend of over 35 years, Dietmar (or Max), to ensure his ongoing care with dementia. Yvonne died in April 2013 and this perpetual Fund was set up and added to by relatives and friends of Yvonne and Dietmar, including Dietmar's sister in Germany.



Yvonne was born to Morva and George Bernath in Colac in January 1943 and grew up in a farming environment. Her schooling was in Apollo Bay and Geelong. She taught at Manifold Heights Primary School for the whole of her working life. Her mother and Yvonne were keen Geelong Cats supporters. They loved the Melbourne Flower Show and from her contribution to the Geelong Herb Society, she was made a Life Member. The proceeds of this Fund are recommended for cancer and dementia research and care.

Geoffrey and Betty BETTS Family Fund

Geoffrey (Geoff) and Betty Betts arrived in Geelong in 1949 with their son, Richard. Two more sons, Peter and Michael joined the family in 1950 and 1951 respectively.



Geoff's involvement with community organisations started at The Geelong College, which he served in a number of roles from the mid-1950's. During the 1960's he became a member of the Rotary Club of Geelong, which lasted over 50 years, including serving as Chair of Australian Rotary Health. Geoffrey was awarded AM for his service with The Geelong Hospital Board, The Gordon Technical College Board and Chair of the Eastern Beach Restoration Appeal. He was awarded MBE for services as Chair of the Australian Services Canteen Organisation. The Geelong Advertiser named Geoffrey one of the 100 most influential citizens of Geelong in the twentieth century.

Whilst predominantly supporting her husband by raising their family, Betty shared Geoff's strong commitment to helping those less fortunate. She maintained an active role in Meals on Wheels and was a long term volunteer in the Brotherhood of St Laurence Opportunity Shops in Geelong. Geoffrey passed away in 2015 and Betty in 2016.

Lino and Marina BISINELLA Family Fund

When 10-year-old Lino Bisinella arrived in Melbourne in 1954, never in his wildest dreams would he have envisaged that half-a-century later, his name would be well-known throughout Geelong as a successful businessman.



Lino attended school in Little River and Norlane and, on leaving, he began a five-year apprenticeship as a plasterer at F C Walker and Sons, Geelong. After three years, Lino's ambition led to him beginning his own plastering business in 1965, doing renovation work and cycling around West Geelong to his jobs. In 1973, L Bisinella Plasterers bought a small firm distributing Gyprock products in Melbourne. A large new warehouse was built at Heales Road and the firm again expanded and became the largest stockist of plaster in Victoria.

In the 1980's, Lino diversified into property development at various locations around Geelong as new sub-divisions and developed warehouse properties in the northern Geelong areas. Lino sold L Bisinella Plasterers to Pioneer in 1994 and concentrated on property development, becoming the major developer in the Lara area and a leader in the field in Geelong.

But life wasn't all hard work and business deals. In 1967 Lino met Marina Giurco, who had immigrated to Geelong with her family from Trieste, also in northern Italy. Two years later in 1969 they married and lived in Norlane before moving to Lara in 1979. Lino and Marina have four children – Michelle, Bernard, Richard and Matthew all work in the family business.

Lino's story is a wonderful example of what can be achieved with dedication to hard work and a commitment to providing good service and quality work to clients. Through the Foundation, Lino, Marina and family are now giving back to the community which they have played such an important role in building and has supported their businesses.

BROCKMAN Family Fund

John and Patricia Brockman established a Named Sub Fund, simplifying their giving process as their generosity led them to become supporters of many charitable organisations.

Pat moved to Melbourne following her winning of the ABC's "Concerto and Vocal Competition" where John was the organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

John and Pat were the driving forces behind the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's ongoing presence in Geelong and were instrumental in securing the continuance of MSO concerts in Geelong .

John and Pat raised four daughters, all musicians: Miranda, Cecilia, Rosalind and Katharine. John had three children from his first marriage; Stephen, who passed away in 2020; Francine and James, both of whom pre-deceased him. John passed away in July 2013.

COLTMAN Family Fund

Dr Kay Coltman was born in Ballarat and first came to Geelong to complete his secondary schooling. He then graduated in Medicine at Melbourne University. He did his postgraduate training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Melbourne and London.

After establishing his practice in Geelong, Kay considers himself to have been privileged to be part of a specialist team of doctors and administrative personnel, who helped change The Geelong Hospital from a large country Base Hospital to a fully recognised and accredited Teaching Hospital, associated first with Monash, then Melbourne and now Deakin Universities.

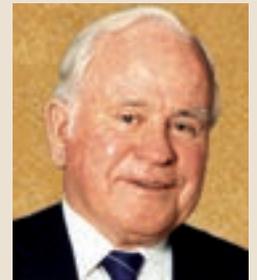
It now has responsibilities for teaching in all clinical areas of undergraduate training and the ongoing postgraduate training of medical graduates in several specialties of Medicine.

Barbara, Kay's wife, who grew up in North-Eastern Victoria, originally trained as a General Nurse at the Alfred Hospital, and as an Obstetric Nurse at the Royal Women's Hospital. She later graduated at Melbourne University and then completed postgraduate qualifications in Educational Psychology.

Barbara became the first Student Counsellor and later Head of University Community Services at the newly established Deakin University. Barbara and Kay maintained an ongoing interest in Education and the people, at all levels, who engage in its various fields. Barbara passed away in 2020.

Les and Trevor COLE Fund

Les Cole was born in Moolap West, Geelong in 1914. After leaving school he worked for W Egans followed by Cheetham Salt Works, until he was 21. In 1936 he became a driver for F H Tucker and Sons, a funeral firm established in Wycheproof, country Victoria in 1883. When Charlie Tucker died in 1954, Les took over the day to day running of Tuckers.



Since then the name of Les Cole has become synonymous with family funeral care in Geelong and thanks to Les' pioneering work, bereavement care has become a family tradition. His son Trevor partnered with his father before taking over the business and continuing the commitment to providing not only funeral services but also bereavement care and support for all members of the family which has attracted community recognition.

Les spent over 60 years of his life supporting members of the community in their time of need. Les Cole died in 2001. Trevor took the initiative of developing a Fund in the Foundation as a memorial to Les and also a celebration of the work that Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Service does today. Trevor Cole passed away on 15th February 2019

This Fund, with emphasis on the support of family welfare and aged care, will continue the work and name of Les and Trevor Cole in perpetuity.

Ed and Sharon COPPE Fund

Returning to Geelong in 1995, Sharon and Ed have become wonderful contributors to the Geelong community, giving time and donations to community organisations.

Working for Mars Incorporated, Ed's career took him around the world, having senior roles in finance, planning and more. Sharon studied Psychology at both Deakin University and London's Open University, and achieved her PHD in Psychology in 2001. Today Sharon is working as a Clinical Psychologist.

Ed has become very involved in the Geelong community, being a member of the Committee for Geelong in 2001, a Councillor and Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, and has served on numerous Geelong community boards and committees.

CORLESS Family Fund

Having lived in the local community for decades, Ed and Win established their family Fund to "give something back" to the community, being members of service organisations all their adult lives.

Together, Ed(gar) and Win(some) Corless have shared the management of a hardware store, built another, built a supermarket premises, established a Plant Nursery, a Wildlife Park, cake shop, liquor stores and a health food store. Wallington Rural and Garden Supplies, Kingston residential estate in Ocean Grove, and Ocean Grove Real Estate are the current focus of the family companies.

Ed passed away in 2018 and his family are determined to keep up his legacy of supporting the community.

Frank and Shirley COSTA Fund

A life-time resident of Geelong and passionate family man, Frank has demonstrated his support for the community through many acts of generosity to charitable causes across the region.



In 1959 the Costa brothers took over the family fruit and vegetable operations and commenced wholesaling with Frank at the helm. The organisation today turns over more than \$1 billion pa, employs over 7,000 people and is the largest, privately owned grower and exporter Frank and Shirley of fresh fruit, vegetables and grains in the Southern Hemisphere. Today Frank continues his involvement in an advisory capacity.

Frank has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal, an Officer of the Order of Australia, the Australian Sports Medal and the Centenary Medal. Deakin awarded Frank the hon. degree Doctor of Laws.

When it comes to donating to charitable causes, one of which is the Foundation, Frank says that he is grateful for the success he has had in business and in his family life. It gives him pleasure therefore to be able to "give back to the community" that has been so supportive of him. He encourages others to do the same, adding "it is only when you give that you receive".

Neville and Dianne CRANE Family Fund

Neville received his Diploma in Accounting from the Gordon with part time study and then went on to achieve his degree from Deakin University as one of its first graduates. In 1989 Neville moved into Financial Planning with National Mutual and in 1997 he merged his business with Errol Smith into the Planwell Financial Group. He retired from this business in 2010.

He has had a lifelong interest in playing Football and Cricket and served the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club as President.

Neville is married to Dianne, who taught at East Geelong and Corio Primary Schools. Dianne retired from teaching and while bringing up two children she worked in the Planwell Business with Neville. They now have two children and one grandchild.

From their work, they have seen first hand the needs that many less well off people have in our community today.

Dianne and Neville have a very real interest in contributing back into the community in which they have worked and live.

Alan and Sheila DAVID Family Fund

Alan David OAM (1913-2005) and wife Sheila were committed to the Geelong and highly regarded for their community service.

Alan was recognised for his voluntary work with the posthumous naming of Alan David Lodge (McKellar Centre/Barwon Health) in 2009; the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the community in 1988; Geelong Performing Arts Centre Gold Pass for life and the Geelong and District Community Award in 1977.

Alan was the inaugural Secretary of the Geelong Citizens Co-op Housing Societies in 1945, co-found the Fyans Permanent Building Society and assisted in establishing Grace McKellar House. He was integral to the establishment of GPAC and was an Honorary Secretary of the Geelong Art Gallery. Both Alan and Sheila helped establish the Art Gallery Silverware collection. Alan was an inaugural/life member of Geelong Apex Club, member of the Geelong Rotary Club, St David's Uniting Church, Newtown and a member/master of the Geelong

Freemasons Lodge. Sheila was a volunteer for the Association for the Blind, delivered Meals on Wheels and served on the Grace McKellar Ladies Auxiliary. The four David children are all involved with the Foundation respect for Alan and Sheila's community service.

DEAM Family Fund

Always having a keen interest in philanthropy, the Deam Family have found that having a Named Fund makes it easy to follow your donation and provides an on-going interest when watching where it is invested to help the people of Geelong and its region.

Their relatively short time with the Foundation has given them a wonderful insight into all the great work being done around the Geelong Region.

Their advice to anyone wanting to start a Fund is to keep donating consistently. They have found that a consistent donation enables a Fund to build up to a surprising sum much sooner and much larger than you imagined.

EF and W DIMMICK Fund

Edwin Dimmick was born in 1938 in Queensland and grew up at Boonah. After attending Ipswich Grammar, his tertiary education began at the Gordon Institute of Technology in Geelong, completing a course in textile technology and a part time science course at the University of Queensland.



In 1961 he married Wendy Philbrick and in 1970 they moved to Geelong where bought the RS & S Mill and founded Geelong Textiles where as Managing Director he built a strong business that continues operating today.

In 1995 when Fletcher Jones was about to be closed, Ted felt that it was a business that could continue as a successful one and with his great knowledge of the textile industry, he and partner Peter Pausewang stepped in to rescue it. While there were many difficulties at various times, Fletcher Jones under Ted's drive and strong leadership survived as a successful retail chain.

Ted died on June 26, 2008 and was described by one of the eulogists at his funeral as "The last of the merchant venturers" and "a man who took great risks, but was extraordinarily well balanced". He always had time for family and friends and enjoyed when he could leave work behind for "just a small time" at Eastern View and the Sunshine Coast.

He was a generous donor to the Geelong Art Gallery Fletcher Jones art prize. Ted started the Dimmick Fund in the Foundation in 2005 and his name and legacy of support for the Geelong Region which became his home in 1970 will live on and grow over the years to come.

DOWLING Family Fund

Michael and Lynne have contributed to many charitable and community organisations and hope that by contributing to the Foundation, they can assist existing organisations programs and that worthwhile new initiatives can be undertaken in Geelong.

Lynne taught in Geelong area schools and practiced as a psychologist. Michael has been Chairman of both GMHBA Limited and the Victorian Regional Channels Authority and is actively involved in significant agricultural and agribusiness enterprises.

Over the last forty years Michael has devoted much of his time to local organisations including the Geelong Gallery, the Geelong Chamber of Commerce, St Mary of the Angels Parish, The Geelong College, St John of God Hospital, Karingal Inc. (GenU), Deakin University, Samaritan House Geelong and Marcus Oldham College.

DRAPER Family Fund

George and Anne Draper migrated separately from Ireland to Australia where they connected and became married. They resided between Australia and New Zealand depending on where the Civil Construction Opportunities prevailed at the time, ultimately settling in Australia.

The growth of George's business, Draper's Civil Contracting Pty Ltd has mirrored the growth of Geelong and the surrounding areas, and as a Family are very grateful for the opportunity provided by that growth. Benefiting directly from this, the Draper family felt compelled to put back into the local community to support those that have perhaps been less fortunate.

The Foundation provides that opportunity to give back to the Community, and we are proud to be a supporter.

EMBRACE Awareness Fund

Chelsea Dolby is the founder of the Embrace Awareness Gala Dinner, raising awareness and funds around the issue of domestic violence. This organisation was born out of passion. Her inspiration to start this event came from being a survivor of domestic violence herself and wanting to make a difference in the Geelong community by standing up, and helping others affected by this issue.

This Named Sub Fund is a part of the Gala Dinner to provide financial assistance for families in crisis who can't afford for their children to participate in recreational activities such as sport or music. They advocate that all children, no matter their circumstance should have access to these activities.

FAGG Family Fund

Bert and Ruth Fagg were both passionate supporters of the Geelong community, both in their active involvement in many organisations and in their financial support.



Bert Fagg, who was born in 1917, grew up and was educated in Geelong. He trained as a carpenter/joiner and went on to become a Director and then Chairman of the family timber and hardware business Fagg Bros., one of the oldest family businesses in Australia.

Bert worked with the company for 67 years, retiring when he was 82. Bert's community work was extensive, including involvements in building projects and serving on committees over the years with the Belmont Kindergarten, 1st Highton Scouts, Rotary Club of Belmont, Wesley Uniting Church and other community organisations.

Ruth spent much of her childhood in country towns in Victoria, including a period in Geelong. After training as a secondary teacher, Ruth settled in Geelong when she and Bert married in 1945. Ruth taught in a number of schools in Geelong and has had a lasting influence on her many students.

Ruth has been an enthusiastic and caring worker within the community over many years, including school parent associations, Heartbeat, Community Aid Abroad (now Oxfam), Wesley Uniting Church and Probus. Bert and Ruth also took a very active interest in many families who have newly immigrated to Australia. Bert and Ruth combined their 'hands on' involvement with significant philanthropic support for a myriad of charitable organisations.

Their support of the Foundation has become a significant part of this effort. Their sons Barry and Keith Fagg are continuing that support.

FISHER Family Fund

Helen and Lindsay established their Fund as they were impressed with the effective way the Foundation is administered, as well as the method by which the programs are assessed and funds distributed.

Growing up in country Victoria they both completed teacher training and then taught at metropolitan and country schools, in Principal and Head Teacher positions, as well as working in regional offices. This period included three years (1978-80) both teaching at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) School in Penang, Malaysia.

From 2001-5 they lived in Singapore working for a Singapore based education company administering tuition centres, preschools and providing tertiary courses for Australian Universities.

They have two daughters with Taryn and her family now living in Geelong (after nineteen years in London) and Verity and her family (residing in Werribee). The family have supported education and health programs in Nepal, Cambodia, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe and on their return to Geelong they became involved with the Foundation.

They are aware that for a community to operate comfortably everyone needs to contribute and they have been actively involved in community organisations, supporting education, advocacy, the arts and sport.

GEORGE Family Fund

During her younger years Alison George and her family lived at Apollo Bay. She attended "Morongo" Presbyterian Girls College in Geelong before commencing nursing training at the Alfred Hospital, Prahran, where she rose to the position of Deputy Director of Nursing (Education). In 1991 Alison left nursing and four years later she purchased a protea farm at Marcus Hill which she ran until 2011.

Now living in Ocean Grove, Alison is involved with Rotary International and enjoys gardening and playing Bridge. She believes that, by contributing to the Foundation through her Named Fund, her earnings will help local organisations and community services but with a minimum of overhead expense.

GOLDSWORTHY DAVEY Family Fund

Allana Goldsworthy and Paul Davey are honoured to have a Named Fund with Foundation. The decision to contribute to the Foundation was an easy one.

Firstly, the Foundation fits the criteria for collective giving creating powerful results. Our Fund joins others to provide a large corpus that can achieve so much. Secondly, the Foundation was borne out of the efforts of a few local people taking steps to provide an avenue for people to participate. Our Fund is well managed, and it is rewarding to see the many various recipients each year. Thirdly, it creates a Fund that our family will contribute to as well. Teaching our children about philanthropy in a practical way.

Louise GOURLAY Fund

Louise knows that due care and thought are given to granting decisions made by the Foundation so for this reason she decided to become a contributor to the good work that has been achieved in the region.

Louise's broad charitable sector experience enables her to attest to the fact that the various community foundations throughout Victoria and beyond have made and are making a significant contribution to the lives of those in various situations of need. She maintains that bringing together a community to work towards a positive outcome is not an easy task but observes that this has been achieved in Geelong through the hard work of the staff and volunteers of the Foundation.

J and C GULLI Family Fund

Catherine was first introduced to the Foundation in her role at Sacred Heart College. Catherine was asked to co-ordinate and assist in the implementation of the Schools in Philanthropy program. It was during this time that Catherine saw the valuable work that the Foundation does for the Geelong region. Jim and Catherine were both raised in families that believed in helping others. They have both supported charitable organisations throughout their married life, but see the Foundation as an effective way of distributing financial support to worthy organisations within the Geelong community. They know that the Foundation has a better understanding of the needs of people within this region, and can ensure their donation is used most efficiently.

HENDERSON Family Fund

From building up Vogue Shoes, pioneering embryo transfer techniques in the cattle industry, Barry Henderson had always been an innovator. Barry joined his father Reg, who was in partnership with Arch Collier, in Vogue Shoes. By 1979, Vogue Shoes had become one of the top five independent shoe retailers in Australia.

In 1960, Barry married Janet Gordon and purchased land at Ceres. Farming became serious for Barry. A few years later, Barry introduced Poll Herefords to the herd. With access to embryo transferring and to the best genetics world-wide, 'Studbrook' Poll Hereford Stud was amongst the best in Australia. Geelong gave great support to Barry and his family, they are pleased to give back through the Foundation.

Gary & Jenny HODGSON Family Fund

Over forty years ago Gary and Jenny saw a need for passengers to travel between Geelong and Melbourne Airport. They founded The Gull Airport Service to meet this need, and have grown the business to operate over 25 services per day between multiple departure points in Geelong and a dedicated hub curbside to the major terminals at Melbourne Airport. The Gull provides other services including charter operations, school bus services and a door-to-door VIP service.

Gary and Jenny have always taken great pride in the Gull being a Geelong owned and operated business and supporting local staff and suppliers. Since Gary's untimely passing in 2016, Jenny has been supported in maintaining and growing her family's business interests with the support of her sons, Robert, Tim and Mitch.

HUDSON Family Fund

Peter and Judy were attracted to the long-term community asset that the Foundation provides with donations responsibly and ethically managed in perpetuity. Sadly, Peter passed away in 2020.

Peter had a long history of community involvement, including 10 years as CEO of United Way Geelong, Chairman of both the Geelong Springing Festival and the Geelong Food Bank. He served as Regional Chairman of the Australian Institute of Management, was a member of the Deakin University Animal Ethics Committee and the Rotary Club of Highton and was a Director of the Foundation from 2007 to 2014. Judy completed her general nursing training at the Alfred Hospital, her midwifery at the Queen Victoria Hospital and worked at St John of God Hospital, Geelong.

WH and A HUFFAM Family Fund

William Huffam was born in Geelong, attended the Geelong College, graduated in medicine at Melbourne University completed specialist orthopaedic training at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne, Children's Hospital Melbourne and in London. With his wife Anne, Bill returned to Geelong in 1963 and established a specialist orthopaedic clinic at the Geelong hospital, served on the Committee of Management of

the Geelong hospital and the Geelong College. Anne has also been involved in community affairs including a term as chairman of the Geelong and District Nursing Association (before this was merged into Barwon health). They still live in central Geelong and take an interest in community affairs.

Dr Hazizul HUSSAIN-YUSUF Fund

Dr. Hazizul Hussain-Yusuf is a Microbiologist at a private research laboratory within the Geelong Hospital. He has worked in his current role since 2007 following completion of an MBA at Ballarat University.

Haz is no newcomer to Geelong as he first came here to study at Geelong Grammar School in 1980 and following completion of his VCE he attended Melbourne University for four years. He came back to work in Geelong after completing his Masters Degree and PhD in Microbiology at the University of Kogoshima in Japan. He has a wide range of interests with some being the current President of the Geelong Salsa Club along with being a registered reptile collector.

ILLINGWORTH Family Fund

Ross and Simon Illingworth are the great-great-grandsons of Charles Henry and Mary Smith. Mary was one of Geelong's earliest pioneers arriving in 1852. Mary took a great interest in the District and the City and was a generous philanthropist. Charles Henry was one of the oldest fellmongers in the district, and was a practical engineer and inventor of agricultural machinery.

W H Smith was elected to the Committee of Geelong Hospital, Chairman of the House and Finance Committee, President of the Geelong and Western District President Orphanage, member of the Geelong City Council, Special Magistrate of the Children's Court, and Chairman Torquay Public Reserves Committee.

Pete JOHNSTON Fund

Pete joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Junior Recruit [16 yrs old] necessitating a seven day train trip to HMAS Leeuwin in WA, with the thought of becoming an officer in the RAN, however after a visit from the SAS, decided war was for him. Pete had two combat tours to Vietnam, upon returning took advantage of a Government education program to attend RMIT to study Audio Visual Engineering.

He then settled in Geelong over forty years ago and loves the place. He thanks his family for teaching him to be community minded, as well as his military service giving him a strong sense of community.

Michael and Louise KING Family Fund

Michael has a strong involvement in the community, being a former Board Member of Cricket Victoria, Chairman of Geelong T20 lobbying group, Chairman of Lord's Taverners Geelong and the inaugural President of the Geelong Cricket Club. He was Deputy Mayor of the City of Geelong and Chairman of Barwon Water.

He has served on other community boards such as the Gordon TAFE, Enterprise Geelong, Anam Cara House and St. Laurence Community Services. Louise has been involved with many community organisations and is a Life Member of the Nursing Mothers' Association. She was President of St. Joseph's Parents and Friends Association. Her career in the funeral service began in 1995 with the establishment of Louise King Funerals by Women.

KITSON Family Fund

The late Rob Kitson was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He went to Geelong College in 1959 and subsequently worked for Price Waterhouse for 23 years. Following this, he became company secretary for Cheetham Ltd. Group and then moved to Huyck. He was Treasurer of United Way (now Give Where You Live)

for 13 years and is a Life Member. He was married to Chris (dec.) for 39 years and has three children and six grandchildren. Chris was involved in many community groups including Pony Club, the Geelong Show Council, Riding for the Disabled and the Barwon Hunt Club. He subsequently married Barb. The Fund is now administered by Chris and Rob's children.

LOCKE Family Fund

Board Member Andrew Locke's involvement with the Foundation dates back to his time with Adroit Insurance and Risk. He created a Community Investment Strategy aimed at making a real and tangible difference through the provision of support to the communities in which the Adroit team work and live. This strategy led to the establishment of the Adroit Golf Day Fund in 2006, and the Adroit Golf Day Capital Grant in 2017. In 2018 Andrew and his wife Sally established the Locke Family Fund. Andrew and Sally, along with their children Fraser, Hunter and Remy are proud residents of Torquay and have a real ambition to support a happy and healthy community.

Darryn LYONS Family Fund

Born and educated in Geelong, Darryn first worked as a photographer for the Geelong Advertiser. In 1987 he moved to London with only \$500 and a determination to make it internationally. This determination saw him take on the role of freelance photographer at the world renown newspaper, the Daily Mail. Darryn started as a war and journalistic photographer and between 1991 and 1992 he completed two tours of Sarajevo. His role led him to be kidnapped in Bosnia and cover revolutions in both Romania and Czechoslovakia. He also covered the fall of the Berlin Wall, an achievement which landed him the coveted Press Photographer and Best News Photographer awards.



Mr Paparazzi himself is in high demand amongst the media in Europe and Australia. Coming 6th in 'Celebrity Big Brother' in the UK, Darryn donated his winnings to the Foundation. In 2012 he donated the winnings from his time in the Australian TV show, Excess Baggage.

Despite all of his travels and business ventures, Darryn still believes there is no greater place than home. As an International Ambassador for Geelong, he is proud to say he is from Australia where his vision started all those years ago. Darryn is pleased to give back to his hometown through a Named Sub Fund with the Foundation. He has continued to support Geelong, which he is proud to call home.

MCMANUS Family Fund

Tony McManus established a family Fund due to concern for the gap between resources available for community support in the Geelong area and the needs of disadvantaged within the community.

Tony developed a strong interest in mental health after his brother Mick took his own life and actively supports Beyond Blue. He successfully lobbied for Geelong and Hawthorn football clubs to compete in the annual "Beyond Blue Cup" to help create awareness and reduce the stigma associated to depression. Tony's appointment to the Board of the Barwon Health Foundation, his role in establishing the Bendigo Community Bank in Lara and role as Chairperson of Headspace Barwon, are examples of his desire to help our community. Tony joined the Foundation as Development Manager in 2018.

H and M MUNDAY Fund

Both Harvey and Michele have lived in Geelong all their lives. Harvey Started Des Munday and Son with his father in 1971 distributing

Engineering Supplies to local industries. Michele opened 'Michele's' fashion boutique in 1995. Together they thrive on hard work and family time.

The Munday family have been known for their generosity over many generations dating back to James Munday in the late 1800's. It is incredibly important for both Harvey and Michele that they continue to support the Geelong Community through their Named Sub Fund.

Geoffrey NEILSON Fund

The children of the Foundation's first Chairman, Geoff Neilson, established this Fund to honour his contribution to the Geelong community.



Geoff played a fundamental role in the creation of the Foundation. The first Board meeting was held at Day Neilson, on the 15th of December 1999. Geoff was elected Chairman. Geoff also brought one of the Foundation's Founding Donors, Mr. Ken Stott, who showed interest and provided the founding contribution of two million dollars. Over the next few years Ken donated several million dollars more.

Geoff continued as Chair until 2005 and as a Board member until 2012. Geoff played a very important role in the Geelong community and was involved with many Philanthropic and Not for Profit organisations. Geoff's involvement in the Foundation is best summed up in the words of our Founding Board member, Val Lawrence - "Without Geoff's wisdom, drive and enthusiasm the Foundation would never have become the successful and respected Foundation that assists so many charities in our Geelong Region."

Geoff will be sadly missed in many circles in the Geelong community. The Board of the Foundation thank Geoff for his committed service to the Geelong Community.

SS and J NEVILLE Fund

As a qualified physiotherapist, the late Jane Nevile worked for the Victorian Health Department in the Poliomyelitis Division. Later she continued her physiotherapy career with the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Department. Jane and her late husband Sandford had three children. Sandford was involved in the textile industry and managed Port Phillip Mills. At the time of his death in 1982, he was Head of the International Wool Textile Organisation. In 1971 the family moved to Darrwill near Geelong and in 1994 Jane moved to Sutherlands Creek.

Jane was instrumental in the establishment of Riding for the Disabled and a great supporter, making her properties available for horse riding activities. She supported a range of charitable causes over the years including the Foundation.

Mark and Kathryn OSBORNE Fund

This Fund is in honour of Robin and Marjorie Gray who would be aghast at the thought of having a Fund created in their names, because they were humble people and did not like fanfares. They were typical of the everyday mums and dads who serve the community quietly, without raising any attention to themselves.



It is partly for this reason that this Fund has been established by their daughter and son-in-law, in recognition of the people in the community

who weather the storms of life, maintain honesty and integrity and faithfully serve their family and community behind the scenes.

Many decades ago Robin and Marjorie lost their nine month old daughter Julie-Anne in a motor vehicle accident, but no bereavement support was available for such losses in those days. Thankfully, today we live in a society that does recognise and respond to the needs of those impacted by such loss.

The Mark and Kathryn Osborne Fund has therefore been established to assist and support those who face a similar journey.

QUARRELL Family Fund

Brian Quarrell's employment with the Bank of New South Wales and later Westpac, took him to many country towns around Victoria. But Geelong was where the old St Joseph's College pupil decided to make his home. In 1972 he married Helen and the couple have two children, Prue and Jarrod. The Quarrell family moved to Papua New Guinea where Brian worked at the Westpac Popondetta branch.

Returning to Geelong, Brian spent two further years with the bank before joining Wheelers Investment Advisors in 1989, later to be sold to Bendigo Bank in 2013. Brian is a former President/member of the Geelong Business Club. Brian is putting back into Geelong through the Foundation and was a Board Member of the Foundation from 2009-18.

RAMIA Family Fund

The late Ray Ramia was well-known around Geelong as the owner of the iconic Sphinx Hotel. In 1997, Ray and George decided it was time to update the Golf View Hotel and embarked on a major rebuilding program, including re-naming. They added the 15-metre-high replica of Egypt's world-famous "The Sphinx" and renamed the complex as the Sphinx Entertainment Centre of Geelong. The venue is still owned and operated by the Ramia family after 38 years. George, who studied Business at Deakin University, worked for his father at the Golf View as a teenager. Then at 21, took over management of the entertainment side of the family's interests. George has started and operated a number of very successful entertainment venues in Geelong.

REILLY Family Fund

Tony and Sue Reilly were born in the same hospital in Geelong a week apart. They attended school in Geelong and then spread their wings attending Universities in Melbourne, travelling and pursuing careers in Chemical Engineering and Speech Pathology respectively. Tony and Sue met in their early 30's, married and settled back into Geelong! With their two young children they then spread the family wings, moving to Corowa NSW and then Melbourne for a total of 10 years. Home territory drew them back and in time for secondary school education for their children, Tony and Sue moved to the Bellarine.

Always mindful of the good fortune they had experienced in their lives, Tony and Sue had endeavored to give fairly to a range of charities. As time went on, this task became more difficult, with an overwhelming number of mailouts, phone calls, emails and text messages, reminding them about ongoing support or asking for more!

Whilst acknowledging the importance of looking at needs of people living distantly, Tony and Sue turned their sights closer to home. They had already become involved in the work of Cottage by the Sea, with Sue recently reaching the 20 year milestone on the Bellarine Branch. The Geelong Community Foundation was the perfect fit for their focus.

Bruce and Rosemary ROBINSON

Rosemary and the late Bruce Robinson were inspired to set up a Fund with the Foundation and to also provide a portion of their Estate as a Bequest after a meeting with Val Lawrence, the former Chair of the

Foundation. Their personal values of caring about and helping others, especially the underprivileged, made the establishment of their Fund a logical way of supporting those in need in the Geelong Community. Bruce was an architect/small acreage farmer, while Rosemary was a microbiologist and later a teacher for a few years.

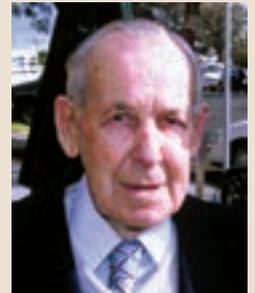
T and H SANTALUCIA Family Fund

Born in Sicily in 1926, the ninth of 11 children, Tom Santalucia migrated to Geelong in 1955 where hard work has seen him become a successful Geelong businessman. Tom settled into Geelong from Sicily, working briefly at the Ford Motor Company, a foundry in Melbourne and back-breaking cane cutting in North Queensland. In 1957, Tom met his wife Hildegard and they had a son and daughter.

Tom and Hildegard managed a supermarket and for the next 25 years, and the pair began acquiring commercial freehold properties across the Geelong region. This continued through to 1997 when Hildegard passed away. In 2002, Tom retired from significant active participation in the company's affairs focusing more on his six grandchildren.

Kenneth Neil STOTT Fund

The generosity displayed by Ken Stott to the Foundation gave it the essential start that was needed to make it the success it has become today. Ken grew up in Geelong and attended Newtown and Belmont State Schools. He began his working career as a carpenter with builder R.J. Gunn. He also developed his drawing talent into the design of house plans.



Early in World War 2, his drawing skills were recognised by Lou Bandt and he was offered a job in the advanced design office at Ford where he worked for 30 years. While at Ford he studied metallurgy and mechanical drawing at night at the Gordon Institute of Technology. He also studied and became a skilled investor in property and the stock market. After retiring in 1970, Ken continued to invest in stocks with considerable success. Ken died in 2005.

Ken was a modest, self effacing and pragmatic man who was generous in spirit and deed. He dedicated his gifts to the Foundation, to generate income which can assist people who are in difficult circumstances and need help to enjoy a better life.

SUN Family Fund

Matthew Sun and his wife Min, have multiple businesses in retail, IT, importing and a property development business - BCC Group Australia. Most recently, they completed the "Mercer" project, the first residential apartment tower over 15 stories in Geelong.

Matthew and Min are both active in community work including being the past and present President of the Chinese Assoc. in Geelong. They have also been a sponsor of the PAKO festival for the past 20 years. The pair chose the Foundation to give back to a community that has supported them. They know their contributions will accumulate over time, with only the investment return on the Fund distributed to community organisations, ensuring the Foundation will last generation after generation.

Ross and Jan SYNOTT Family Fund

Ross and Jan Synott have been actively supporting a range of Geelong's charitable, community and sporting organisations for more than 50 years. Ross was educated at the Geelong College, qualified as an accountant and joined Grace McKellar Centre which became the passion of his working life.

An accomplished artist, Jan is the owner of the “Art is. Studio & Gallery” in Geelong. Jan and Ross met while working for the Country Roads Board in Geelong. Their partnership has been one where each supports the other’s interests. Ross’s role at Grace McKellar Centre reinforced his strong community support beliefs. Jan was a great support to Ross in his CEO role and a source of sound advice.

TORNEY Family Fund

From teaching to financial planning, Hayden and Sally Torney have been successful high achievers, who still manage to find the time to be active contributors to their



community. Education is one of their main interests and they also support organisations focusing on youth and the disadvantaged.

While teaching at Oberon High, Hayden met Sally Moir, of Beaumaris. As well as teaching, Sally was a very talented sportswoman who represented Australia as a hurdler at the Christchurch Commonwealth Games in 1974. Following their marriage in 1982, Hayden and Sally moved to Jan Juc. Hayden has been a long term and active member of the Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club since joining in 1973, serving many years on the committee including terms as Club Captain, Club President and has been honoured as a Life Member. Sally has been active on the School Council of Torquay Primary School, Torquay Golf Club and is a volunteer with Very Special Kids, Torquay.

In 1989, Hayden left teaching and with Sally, started Muirfield Financial Services Pty Ltd. They have built Muirfield into a very successful financial planning organisation specialising in meeting the needs of clients over 55. From two original employees, the organisation has grown to twelve who service clients in superannuation, Centrelink matters, aged care issues and retirement income streams.

They have three married children. Andrew and Matthew are both Certified Financial Planners and joined Muirfield Financial Services in 2016 and 2014 respectively as Hayden approached retirement. Georgia has embarked on a career in teaching at Geelong College.

Hayden has been a Board Director of the Foundation since 2014 and is the current Chairman.

Justin VAN LAAR Memorial Fund

The van Laar family has established a Memorial Fund in the name of Justin, who died at a young age from cancer.



This family Fund has as its primary aim the support of projects and programs related to cancer research and support of those being treated for cancer in all its forms. Justin’s elder brother, Ryan, works in cancer research and is the founder of Geneseq Biosciences. This company is based in Melbourne, developing breakthrough genomic tests for early and accurate cancer diagnosis.

The entire family supports the Foundation and has made provision accordingly in their Estate. The father, Barton, has been actively engaged in the Foundation from the start, is a current Director and encourages everyone who can, to open a Named Sub Fund and contribute regularly. The main reasons for his involvement are: the long-term approach of the Foundation; its performance and independence; the low-cost of its administration; and the need to give back to the Community.

WILLIAMSON and BAULCH Families Fund

The families of Charles Baulch and Ben Williamson have come together to give to the Geelong Community.

Charles and Ben own Morgans Financial Geelong. Morgans Financial has been in existence for over eight years in Geelong, providing trusted private wealth management services to local, regional and interstate clients. They enjoy developing long-term relationships with their clients to achieve their financial goals.

In addition to their contribution to the Foundation, the pair have also sought the support of The Morgans Financial Foundation, matching Ben and Charles’ gifting and is directed to specific local charities. Morgans Financial Geelong is proud to be locally owned and operating in Geelong and feels it is important to regularly give back to the Greater Geelong community.

G WOOD Family Fund

Graeme Wood was born in Geelong in 1940, and has since started up his own plumbing business alongside wife Joan. Together, they had three daughters and a son. Since Joan’s passing, Graeme has continued running G J and J F Plumbing, which still operates today.

Graeme is a great contributor to the community through his 23 year membership of Belmont Rotary. He has worked on twelve Rotary community building projects in Australia, New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu. Graeme is also a member of the Combined Probus Club of Belmont Central.

To add to his community work to date, he has established a Fund in the Foundation which will continue to give permanent support for our community in the years ahead.

Brian and Elizabeth WOOD Fund

Brian and Elizabeth Wood have lived in Geelong for over 40 years. Brian grew up near Warrnambool and boarded at Geelong College, following which he began his career in agribusiness taking him throughout Western Victoria and Melbourne.

Elizabeth grew up in Melbourne and Seymour. After qualifying as a secondary school teacher, serving in Terang, Hamilton and other centres, she has worked as a volunteer for “Uniting” for over 20 years.

Both have benefited from community support and want to assist where there is a need. Through the Foundation, they want to make a small contribution toward making a difference, and are interested in the “Capital Fund” concept whereby their contribution can provide ongoing funds for worthwhile causes. Brian passed away in January 2021.

Gary and Heather WORK Family Fund

Gary and Heather Work established their family Fund to fulfill their desire to support children and youth services programs and projects.

Gary attended Deakin University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce and was employed at Grace McKellar Centre in Finance and Senior Management for 18 years.

Heather graduated from Geelong Teachers College in 1976 and taught at Grovedale West Primary School.

Gary and Heather are involved in various community organisations in Geelong in their retirement, following the sale of their Optus World franchises at the Westfield Waurn Ponds and Corio Shopping centres.

Gary is a committee member of Bravehearts (Geelong), while Heather is a committee member of Make a Wish (Geelong) and the co-ordinator for wish granting in Geelong.



ADROIT Insurance and Risk Fund

A strong community value has always been at the heart of Adroit and they are well known within their local communities for the work they do. Beginning with the passion of their founder and embedding itself into the hearts of their people they are proud of what they have accomplished. They will continue to strive to make a real difference in the areas where they live and work.

Adroit created a company Mantra – to be the most recognised insurance partner within their communities – to show how they pride themselves on the extensive work they conduct with the respective communities within their regional networks. Their Community history has achieved many milestones including raising over \$2 million from their own and co-organised events, and countless hours of volunteering by their people.

All these efforts would not have been possible without the true passion of their people living the Adroit Community trademark value, or the clear direction gained from their dedicated Community Strategy. It was this strong community focus and a real desire to make a difference and provide support to the communities where they work and live that led to the development of this fund in 2006. By establishing this Fund, it gave Adroit a sustainable method of giving back to the Geelong community that would have a positive impact on generations to come.



ADROIT Insurance and Risk Golf Day

Since its inception in 2002 the Adroit Insurance and Risk Charity Golf Day has raised much needed funds for the Geelong Community. The event is unrivaled, noted as one of the

most prestigious golf days in the region.

Since 2006 Adroit has partnered with the Geelong Community Foundation as the beneficiary of the funds from the day. The aim is for money raised to fund sustainable capital projects that will see a lasting effect on the community, any remaining monies are placed into a Perpetual Fund to be distributed via the Foundation's annual grant round.

In 2017 the Adroit Charity Golf Day Grant was launched, with the opportunity for all community organisations in the Geelong region to apply for a \$100,000 capital grant. The grant was developed to ensure the funds from the day made a lasting impact via a capital project. This not only allowed Adroit to go from being reactive to proactive in sourcing a cause but allowed local charities to plan ahead and realise a project that potentially would have been out of reach may now become a reality. To date the event has raised over \$1m.



ADVISORY Partners Fund

The team at Advisory Partners are pleased to support our local community through the Geelong Community Foundation. We are thrilled to be Foundation's 100th Named Fund as our staff have a genuine passion to live our social responsibility. We are a young and dynamic group of advisers providing integrated tax, business and financial services. We enjoy being part of the Geelong Community Foundation and its meaningful contribution to the people of Geelong.



APCO Fund

APCO have been part of the Geelong community for almost 40 years. Owned by Margaret and Ron Anderson and run by their sons Peter and Robert Anderson. APCO have always supported the communities around their sites. Ron and Margaret say they have been very lucky in life and always take the opportunity to give back when they can.

The Geelong Community Foundation was a very effective way to do that. APCO's commitment to the Geelong community was very apparent when they began their own APCO FOUNDATION in 2013. In this way APCO will be able to continue to contribute in a valuable and worthwhile way to the Geelong community.



BACKWELL IXL Fund

Over the last 160 years, Backwell IXL Pty Ltd has grown from a blacksmiths shop in Geelong West to a diversified Australian manufacturer and distributor of domestic appliances, pressed and roll-formed metal products and metal castings.

Today, the Backwell IXL group manufactures in Geelong and distributes the IXL Tastic and Tastic Neo bathroom heat vent and light products, the IXL Fresco outdoor heat and light product, Cannon gas log fires and other IXL and Cannon branded domestic appliances. It is also the Australian and New Zealand distributor for iRobot robotic vacuum cleaning products and Blueair air purifiers.

The Backwell IXL group also manufactures cable and pipe support systems, a broad range of metal castings and framing systems for large-scale solar power plants.

The Backwell family started the Backwell IXL Fund in support of the Foundation's objectives to assist people in need in our community, with a specific focus on improving educational opportunities.

CORIO COMMUNITY Contact Fund

For a number of years Vital Link Geelong was involved with supply of emergency pendant alerts which allow people to continue to live independently at home. The development of this programme had support from councils, service clubs and many individuals and it operated as a small business linked in with a major provider of these services from interstate. Part of the programme was supply of services to people who could not afford the equipment.

When the contract for provision of these services was moved to a Ballarat provider it was decided that Vital Link Geelong be wound up. As surplus funds had been generated from donations and operations in the Geelong region, the Directors desired that funds released should be available, where possible, for projects in the community that would support the aged to continue living in their own homes.

It was decided that the Foundation would be the best organisation to hold the funds and make appropriate grants. At the wind up, \$380,000 was gifted to the Geelong Community Open Fund and some of the income from these funds is being used to provide pendant alerts to those unable to afford this equipment.

FINDEX Geelong Fund

Findex is one of Australasia's leading providers of integrated financial advisory and accounting services. Findex is passionate about ensuring clients are provided access to the very best expertise and robust financial solutions.

With a history dating back over 60 years, Findex has over 100 offices throughout Australia and New Zealand. Locally, offices are in Geelong, Werribee, Ocean Grove, Torquay, Colac, and Camperdown.

Findex is committed to giving back to its connected communities not only in Western Victoria but across Australia and New Zealand. In 2018, Findex launched a Findex Community Fund, with a vision to create equal access to opportunity for those isolated by location or circumstance in the areas of health, education and entrepreneurship.



LAKE IMAGING Fund

Established in 2002, Lake Imaging is an independent radiology group providing quality services throughout Geelong. Lake Imaging has been responsible for bringing many new radiology services to regional Victoria. The partners also bring specific medical expertise in neurology, oncology, musculoskeletal or sports radiology, breast and general radiology.

Over recent years the group has raised and donated over \$100,000 to various charities with its focus being the support of communities in which its radiology services are being provided.

It is for these reasons that Lake Imaging decided to establish a Fund within the Geelong Community Foundation, thereby enabling even more support to be provided to eligible charitable organisations across the region.



LBW Business and Wealth Advisors Fund

LBW Business and Wealth Advisors has been providing a professional and comprehensive service offering within the financial sector, to both individual and commercial clients for over 30 years. They have grown to be one of the largest accounting firms in regional Victoria. The Firm has over 50 staff employed and 7 acting Principals across their Geelong and Melbourne offices.

LBW specialises in providing expert audit and assurance services, business advisory services, business valuations and forensic accounting, estate planning, family office services, self-managed superannuation fund services, succession planning and taxation services to its clients.

LBW principals and staff have a passionate and strong focus on being involved with the community. The Named Sub Fund within the Foundation has been established as a natural extension of this community service focus.



MCHARRY'S Buslines Fund

Since the 1930's, McHarry's buses have been transporting people around Geelong. From small beginnings when John McHarry started with a single bus transporting Ford workers and winning a tender from Victorian Railways, McHarry's Buslines is now the biggest bus company in Geelong with a fleet of over 200 buses.

Over the years, McHarry's was also successful in tenders for several Education Department school services.

A new depot site with plenty of expansion room was purchased at Breakwater in 1988. McHarry's purchased Bellarine Buslines and Advance Coaches in 2000, adding a further 49 buses and increasing the fleet to 125.

John's two children Ashley and Lisa are the fourth generation family members and they joined the business in the 1990's. Ashley is now the General Manager and Director while Lisa works in Administration. Today, McHarry's operates 206 buses; employs 300 staff and plans to remain a proud family owned and operated business for many years to come. They have served the people of Geelong very well with their transportation needs over the past 86 years and are also serving those who are in need in our community through their Named Sub Fund.



MUIRFIELD Financial Services Fund

A leading Geelong-based financial planning firm, Muirfield Financial Services (MFS) is focused on providing specialised advice for those aged over 55 and has been helping pre-retirees and retirees enjoy a better lifestyle for over 25 years.

Business partners Hayden Torney, Melinda Planken, Matthew Torney and Andrew Torney decided to establish their MFS Named Sub Fund to facilitate their support for the local community through philanthropic contributions each year. MFS chose to focus heavily on supporting the local region. This approach enables MFS to give back to the community that has supported the business so well.

The Named Sub Fund has proven to be a great way for the business and its staff to be involved in supporting the Geelong community.



TREVOR HOMES Group Fund

Ben and Julia Fabretto, and family, are proud to be active supporters of the Geelong Community Foundation. Ben is a devoted family man and is genuinely pleased to be teaching his two sons the act of generosity and community support, and proud to call Geelong home.

Through their multiple companies, they are leading the way in building and property development in Geelong with integrity and passion. Trevor Homes have won multiple awards from the HIA and MBA of Victoria for their projects here in Geelong.

With a long family history in real estate, building and land development of over 50 years, the Fabretto family have completed many large multi-unit developments and land subdivision projects in Geelong.

Our COMPANY donor stories

WHEELER Financial Services Fund

Established by W E (Pat) Wheeler in 1964, Wheeler Financial Services was one of Geelong's longest standing businesses providing financial advice and services with the highest degree of integrity.

All advisors were members of the Financial Planning Association of Australia with tertiary qualifications, years of training and experience.

Advice was provided for clients in finance and investment, financial planning, superannuation planning and investment, social security and aged care advice along with finance, insurance and estate planning.

As a long term and very successful business supported by clients across our region and interstate, Wheelers was pleased to put back into our community through a Named Sub Fund.



WHYTE, JUST and MOORE Fund

The legal practice of Whyte Just and Moore dates from 1877 when T N Whyte established his practice in Geelong. In 1904 Messrs Just and Moore acquired the practice and the firm has served its clients in Geelong and district from its office at 27 Malop Street ever since.

The firm supports a wide range of community, educational and charitable organisations with pro bono advice as well as direct financial support. The firm's practitioners have considerable experience as trustees of private trusts established for charitable purposes. Whyte Just and Moore is proud to support the Geelong Community Foundation.



Wightons Lawyers Fund

Wightons Lawyers is one of the longest serving legal practices in Geelong, established in the 1890's, when James Wighton first started practising law here.

Wightons Lawyers has played a major role in the history of Geelong, dealing with various commercial and individual legal cases over the last century. Offices are located in Geelong, Corio, Winchelsea and Ocean Grove .

The Wightons Lawyers Directors and Staff are involved with the Geelong community in many ways and believed that a Fund with the Geelong Community Foundation would be a good way to continue to support our local community. Through hard work and commitment we are in the lucky position of being able to "give back" to where we live through this vehicle.

Our SCHOLARSHIP donor stories

ALLSTAR Youth Basketball Scholarship Fund

GCF has linked Geelong United Basketball Association and Barwon Child Youth Family Services (BCYF) to enable a fund supporting BCYF clients to play basketball in an opportunity that may not have been available in the past through a scholarship grant.

Mark Neeld CEO of Basketball Geelong says "we are thrilled to provide an opportunity to Geelong youth to be involved with community sport and be afforded all the positives that come with this." Julia Ladgrove Fundraising Manager at BCYF says "The scholarship is a pathway to connect a family or young person to basketball which can make positive social changes such as building self-confidence, promotion of good mental health and wellbeing."

The actual program will commence in 2021-22 with the first scholarships being awarded. If you would like to join the already existing donors to this sub fund, mark your deposit for the AllStar Youth Basketball Scholarship Sub Fund.

Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund

After doing various jobs around his home town of Blighty, James (Tom) sought a career in the RAAF. When the war ended and while working at Dunlop Rubber Company, Tom studied motor mechanics and this consolidated much of what he had learnt about engines in the Air Force. Later he joined TAA as an aircraft mechanic working at various airports around Australia.

In 1950 Tom and his wife Irene moved to Geelong and joined J B Scott. When J B died in 1961, Tom inherited the J B Scott business. Business was not easy in the ensuing years and making a home for Irene, bringing up a family of three and running a business (7 days a week in the Harvest Season) with lots of after hours calls certainly had its challenges. However, with the help of Irene and hard work, the business survived.

Today J B Scott Pty Ltd is a successful business with branches at Lismore and Colac and has the John Deere franchise for Geelong and the Western District. The business was managed by Tom's son Andrew before being sold.

Tom was always involved in the Geelong community, supporting his three children's school activities. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Geelong and the Knights of the Southern Cross, Treasurer of the Barwon Rowing Club and member of the Machinery Dealers Division of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce. He was also a very keen Geelong Football Club supporter.

Tom also supported local youth by offering apprenticeships to many keen, would be Diesel Mechanics. This interest in young people is perpetuated by the family providing the corpus of funds to establish The Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship.

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