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Our Donor stories

Personal, In Memorium, Gifts in Wills,
Groups and Company Sub Funds within the
Geelong Community Foundation



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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 Queenscliffe.

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 \$13 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: Ken Stott and 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 196 Sub Funds, most in our donors' names. On the following pages are some of these donor 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 Annual Report and website: www.geelongfoundation.org.

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Our Gifts in Wills

More and more people are choosing to leave part or all of their estate to the Geelong Community Foundation. Gifts in Wills donations make up a third of our assets and have helped us give nearly \$12 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 gifts in wills are made by everyday, 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 gift in their will 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.

We also provide a great potential option for community members who do not have any children or beneficiaries.

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 230 individuals are part of the P500 group, including many younger businesspeople 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, originally of Canterbury, Kent, England, married Geelong Football Club legend Fred Flanagan and they took up residence in Torquay.

However, there was no time for a honeymoon as Fred had just been appointed by the Shell Oil Company as fuel agent in Geelong for its subsidiary, Neptune Oil Company, where he built a successful petroleum distributorship business. The Flanagans retired from business in 1981 and turned their attention to helping others through Geelong Legacy. Aply supported by Pauline, Fred held several positions with Geelong Legacy, including President, and was inducted into the Legacy Foundation of Victoria as President.

After 12 years of enjoyable residence at the Abervale Retirement Village in Grovedale, 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 \$200k to the Geelong Community 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 gift in his will 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 Veterans' 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

The generosity displayed by Ken Stott to the Geelong Community Foundation well and truly 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. From carpentry he graduated to joinery at R.J. Gunn and also developed his drawing talent into the design of house plans for builders, banks and home owners.

After five years, Ken moved to the joinery department at J.C. Taylor & Sons Pty Ltd while continuing to develop his drafting business. Early in World War II, 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. He also studied and became a skilled investor in property and the stock market. He retired in 1970 and died in 2005. Ken was a modest, self-effacing and pragmatic man who was generous in spirit and deed.

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 Department 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 long-term residents of Geelong following their move from Melbourne in the 1970s. 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.

BALAAM Family Fund

The Balaam Family Fund was established to recognise three generations of Balaams in Geelong and the ways they have contributed to this community and will continue to assist those in need. "Knowing the importance of philanthropy and how it can transform lives, there's just so much need", shares Andrew Balaam. "And the people you connect with that do give are happier."

"That's an important message to any community to see where the joy lies in giving and helping others." Inspired by his parents' philanthropy, Andrew has been involved with many community organisations. He was Frank Costa's Personal Assistant and Advisor for 17 years, is Joint Founder and Deputy Chair of Samaritan House Geelong and is the Advisor/Special Projects at Cottage by the Sea.

BAILEY Family Fund

Will Bailey grew up in Melbourne's Southeast. 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 schoolteacher. 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 have established this Fund to acknowledge the wonderful contribution to the community of their late family members Patricia, Kevin and William Bell. They 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, as well as many local committees, and regularly put the needs of others above their own.

Linda and Cody have a true desire to help those in their community. They hope their Sub Fund will be able to give back similarly as their family has and continue to reflect the family's contributions to the community long term.

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 from Sydney with their son, Richard. Two more sons, Peter and Michael, joined the family in 1950 and 1951. Married in 1942 in wartime Australia, as a result of a blind date, a partnership of over 72 years was created until Geoff's death in 2015 and Betty in 2016.



Geoff had always found time to devote to community organisations. He served in a number of roles at Geelong College from the mid-1950s until the turn of the century when these tasks were taken over by his sons. During the 1960s, he became a member of the Rotary Club of Geelong for over 50 years and served Rotary in many ways including as Chair of Australian Rotary Health. For this and other community service, including The Geelong Hospital Board, The Gordon Technical College Board and Chair of the Eastern Beach Restoration Appeal, Geoff was awarded an AM. This added to a previous award of an MBE for services

as Chair of the Australian Services Canteen Organisation. On 31st December 1999, Geoff was recognised by the “Geelong Advertiser” as one of the 100 most influential citizens of Geelong in the 20th century.

Geoff and Betty’s strong community values have inspired a deep sense of community involvement by their sons and now into the third generation of the Betts Family.

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.

BOLAND-SPEIGHT Student Support Fund

The Fund was created from a residual Union members account, following closure of Geelong International Harvester in 1982, to address a need for targeted, direct assistance to certain Geelong TAFE students. It has been built continuously by the Boland and Speight families, principally Kevin Boland and Ernie Speight, with contributions from the wider Union, Business, Education and philanthropic communities. The Boland-Speight Student Support Fund assists worthy students who require one-off limited financial assistance to complete their studies at The Gordon.

This Scholarship Named Sub Fund with the Geelong Community Foundation provides financial support to local students in the following areas:

- Payment towards course fees at the Gordon.
- Course books and materials that are required for students in their chosen course.

- Vouchers for essential items such as food and transport costs.
- Annual Scholarships named as ‘Joanne and Kevin Boland Scholarship’ and ‘Marion and Ernie Speight Scholarship’ – a number of scholarships annually and their value will be directed by the Boland Family and Speight Family Representatives.

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 considered 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 and Kay passed away in 2021.

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 been 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

Ed was born in Geelong in 1958. He was educated in Geelong, completing his B. Com at Deakin University. He joined Mars in Ballarat as a financial accountant. Ed and Sharon met in 1984 and got married in 1988. Ed’s career enabled him and Sharon to travel around the world together. In 1995, they returned to Geelong with their children James and Alex.

Sharon was born and educated in Ballarat. She began working life as a dental nurse, but boredom led her to start a psychology degree at Ballarat University. Sharon works as a psychologist with Barwon Health, Lewis & Lewis in private practice, and as a lecturer at Deakin University.

Ed operates Strategic Investment Management and is very involved in community life. 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 including the Geelong Community Foundation Board.

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, the late Frank Costa has demonstrated his support for the community through many acts of generosity to charitable and other causes across the entire region.



Frank was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 1997, in acknowledgement of his service to youth and the community.

In 2015, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the Geelong Community.

When it came to philanthropy and donating to charitable causes, one of which is the Foundation, Frank said that he was grateful for the success he has had in business and in his family life. It gave him pleasure to be able to “give back to the community” that had been so supportive of him throughout his life. He encouraged others to do the same. Frank passed away in 2021.

Neville and Dianne CRANE Family Fund

Neville Crane was born in Pinnaroo, which is just over the Victorian border in South Australia. His early life was on the family’s wheat farm north of Murrayville in the Victorian Mallee. He moved to Geelong in 1961, where Neville gained a Diploma in Accounting from the Gordon and later a degree from Deakin University as one of its first graduates.

In 1989, Neville moved into financial planning with National Mutual and in 1997 merged his business with Errol Smith into the Planwell Financial Group. He retired from this business in 2010.

Neville 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 have two children and one grandchild.

Neville and Dianne are conscious of the needs of less fortunate people and have a real interest in trying to make a difference.

CRITTENDEN Family Fund

Mark and Meredith Crittenden came to Geelong from Melbourne in 1979. Mark came to work on the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) project as the leader of a small group of engineers who designed the computer control systems which play a critical part in the security of the laboratory. Meredith came from nursing at the Alfred Hospital to be appointed as charge sister for the St John of God theatre suite.

In 1984 when the AAHL project was completed, Mark and Meredith, loving Geelong, established their own professional engineering company – Industrial Control Technology P/L (ICT). Over the next three decades, Mark and Meredith, together with their staff, completed many large and innovative projects until the company was sold in March 2020.

Over the years, Mark has served on:

- Deakin University Engineering Advisory Board including Chair.
- Engineers Australia (EA) Accreditation Board, retiring in 2021.
- International panels for accreditation system reviews of Peru, Mexico and recently Bangladesh.

Meredith has served as a Director of the Association of Biosafety for Australia and New Zealand.

Mark and Meredith were inspired to create a Sub Fund with the Geelong Community Foundation because the funds are well managed and carefully distributed to worthwhile projects. They also saw the Foundation as a way of helping the community to face the looming challenges of climate change.

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-founded 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.

DEAM Family Fund

Michael and Glenys Deam moved to Geelong in 2010. On discussion with Adam Blennerhassett, their broker from JB Were, he told them about the Geelong Community Foundation, where he was involved as an advisor at the time. After a meeting with Andrew Lawson, the Deam Family Fund was born.

Michael and Glenys have attended a few presentations from the Foundation and have always been pleasantly surprised at the wide variety of causes it becomes involved with. You get out of it more than people realise, particularly if you attend a grant night and see/talk to people about the projects and what the gift from the Geelong Community Foundation means to them and their organisation.

Having a Named Fund gives you some focus to your giving and an ongoing interest in watching where the donation is invested to help the people of Geelong and its region. Donating to the Foundation since 2015 has given Michael and Glenys a wonderful insight into all the great work being done around the Geelong region. Sadly, Glenys passed away in 2022.

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 he bought the RS & S Mill and founded Geelong Textiles, where as Managing Director he built a strong business that continues today.

In 1995 when Fletcher Jones was about to be closed, Ted felt that it was a business that could continue successfully 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 26 June 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. Wendy died in 2021.

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 organisation 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. In 2017, Michael was appointed as a Member of The Order of Australia (AM) for his significant service to the community of Geelong.

DRAPER Family Fund

George and Anne Draper migrated separately from Ireland to Australia, where they met and got married. George was offered a contract in 1970, which was the beginning of the business that now trades as Draper's Civil Contracting Pty Ltd. This contract resulted in George, Anne and their four children moving to Torquay. Continued work in the Geelong region, supported by a second generation of family, has seen steady growth of the business to the size it is today.

The growth of the business has mirrored the growth of Geelong and the surrounding areas. The Draper family is very grateful for the opportunity provided by that growth. When a business/family benefits directly, it feels compelled to put back into the community

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 Sub Fund will ensure children have access to a sport or activity while recovering from the trauma of domestic and family violence by providing funds to cover registration, game fees, uniforms and other required resources. We are currently partnering with BCYF who will facilitate the funds to local families in need.

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 several 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

The Fisher Family 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, thus supporting Geelong people to live happy, fulfilled lives.

Growing up in country Victoria Helen and Lindsay 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 2001-2005 Helen and Lindsay lived in Singapore working for a Singapore-based education company administering tuition centres, preschools and providing tertiary courses for Australian Universities.

Helen and Lindsay 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

Alison George was born in Queensland, although her ancestry in the Geelong region dates back to 1842. During her younger years, Alison 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 successfully until 2011.

Now living in Ocean Grove, Alison is involved with Rotary International and enjoys gardening and playing Bridge. She believes that her Named Fund 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 and privileged to have a Named Fund with the Geelong Community Foundation.

Allana is a Barrister, and Paul a General Practitioner. They have lived in Geelong for almost 40 years. Their three children were all schooled in Geelong, and have returned to live in Geelong with their partners and families.

After many years of contributing in other ways to the Geelong community, by way of community service, and engagement and involvement with other community organisations, it was a natural progression to consider leaving a legacy to the region. They commend the Geelong Community Foundation and endorse its wonderful work.

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 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. Barry passed away in 2017.

Gary and Jenny HODGSON Family Fund

Over 40 years ago, Gary and Jenny saw a need for passengers to travel between Geelong and Melbourne Airport and founded The Gull Airport Service to meet this need.

Gary and Jenny have always taken great pride in the Gull being a Geelong owned and operated business and supporting local staff and suppliers, and over the years have supported many local sporting and community groups and not-for-profits through sponsorships and

donations. Since Gary's untimely passing in 2016, Jenny has been supported in maintaining and growing her family's business interests with the support of their sons, Robert, Tim and Mitch. Jenny and her family support the Foundation's operating model of long-term funding for the region's community needs.

John HOLMES Family Fund

The Holmes family has been involved in several businesses around Geelong over the last 50 years. Previously, the family was the proprietor of Aus Pits, which was a custom pre-cast company that supplied the major infrastructure companies on some of the largest construction projects in Australia. The business has recently been acquired by an international company. The family continues to be involved in various smaller businesses in Geelong.

The Holmes family remains interested in organisations that can deliver assistance almost directly to recipients in the most effective way, and thus were happy to support the Geelong Community Foundation.

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 Springding 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 and attended the Geelong College. He graduated in medicine at Melbourne University and completed specialist orthopaedic training at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne, Children's Hospital Melbourne and in London.

With his wife Anne, they returned to Geelong in 1963 and he established a specialist orthopaedic clinic at the Geelong Hospital, serving 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 Chair of the Geelong and District Nursing Association (before merging 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 Master's Degree and PhD in Microbiology at the University of Kagoshima 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 Smith (1846 to 1940) was one of Geelong's earliest pioneers. Mary took a great interest in the district and the city and was a generous philanthropist. Charles Henry Smith (1847 to 1908) was a practical engineer and inventor of agricultural machinery.

Charles Smith went into partnership with Charles Shannon (wool broker) and Godfrey Hirst (woollen manufacturer) for the defunct Barwon Woollen Factory in July 1890, renaming it "Excelsior Number One Mill". After the death of Charles Henry in 1908, the business was incorporated as Godfrey Hirst and Co Pty Ltd. Mary Smith assumed Charles Henry's interest in the Excelsior Woollen Mills.

JAMES Family Fund

Peter and Madelyn James are long-term Lara residents with three children and five grandchildren. Peter's local business Lara Electronics is well known throughout Australia as a Radio Communication Equipment & Service Provider. Peter previously worked as a Senior Technical Officer in the Department of Defence. Madelyn has recently retired after a long career in Public School Administration and is now an enthusiastic Thermomix Consultant.

Peter and Madelyn felt that the nine impact areas of the Foundation ensure that the needs of the community are being supported. They have confidence in the expertise of the Foundation to ensure the grants provided are targeted and high impact. They appreciated how the Foundation reacted to the impact of the pandemic in areas such as food relief and homelessness

Pete JOHNSTON Fund

Pete was from Crocodile Dundee country, hence attended boarding school from age 5. It was a fabulous upbringing, breeding resilience, curiosity and wonderment.

Pete joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Junior Recruit at 16 years old. Pete had two combat tours to Vietnam. Upon returning, he took advantage of a Government education program to attend RMIT to study Audio Visual Engineering.

He settled in Geelong 40 odd years ago and loves the place. Both his maternal and paternal family members were community minded, and military service had a strong community bearing on him. Pete is active in the veteran community and Lions.

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.

Michael and Louise King are community-oriented people. Having established this Named Sub Fund, they now hope that others will follow their lead.

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 the 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.

A and A LAWSON Family Fund

Andrew Lawson completed his secondary education as a boarder at Geelong College in 1958. Later, while studying at the Gordon Institute of Technology, he first became involved in fundraising campaigns for Geelong organisations. He worked on the Residential Campaign, which in those days was part of the annual Community Chest Campaign. After working in Sydney, Andrew returned to work in Geelong at Huyck Australia and during these years he was a Loaned Executive and Campaign Chairman for Community Chest.

After returning to Geelong from working overseas, he joined the Community Chest Board and was Chairman at the time when the name was changed to United Way. Following his retirement from Huyck in the late 1990's, Andrew was approached by Geoff Neilson to assist in setting up a Community Foundation in Geelong. He became the first Executive Officer of the Geelong Community Foundation and held this role until he retired in 2016. He was also made a Life Governor of the Foundation in 2016 and is still helping as a volunteer on the Foundation's Donor Committee.

With the support of so many generous people forming named Sub Funds during his time as Executive Officer, in his retirement, Andrew decided he should take the advice he had given to so many supporters over the years and start the Andrew and Alison Lawson Family Fund.

LOCKE Family Fund

Andrew Locke's involvement with the Geelong Community Foundation dates back many years while Partner and Managing Director of Adroit Insurance & Risk. He created a Community Investment Strategy for the business, which led to the establishment of the Adroit Golf Day Fund in 2006 and the Adroit Golf Day Capital Grant in 2017.

In 2017, Andrew joined the Board of the Foundation. 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 an ambition to support a happy and healthy community. They support the Foundation's role in providing assistance to achieve smarter, sustainable, substantial and collective giving for the Geelong region.

Nick and Emma LORD Family Fund

Nick and Emma Lord are proud to be able to support the Geelong Community Foundation. Both of their families have a strong connection with the Geelong community. Emma's grandmother, Ailsa Pearce, was one of the integral founding members of Christian College in Highton. Nick's great grandfathers, Solomon Jacobs and Morris Jacobs, were Geelong's City Mayor and his father Alistair Lord played football for the Geelong Cats. As a family and through their business, Maxwell Collins

Real Estate, they support many Geelong charities. They chose to donate to the Geelong Community Foundation because of the sustainable nature of the Foundation and the broad range of recipients that receive grants annually.

Darryn LYONS Family Fund

Darryn Lyons, past Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, lives by one simple philosophy: "think big". Coming sixth in 2011's *Celebrity Big Brother* in the UK, Darryn donated his winnings to the Foundation through the Darryn Lyons Named Fund. In 2012, he also donated the winnings from his time on the Australian TV show, *Excess Baggage*.



Darryn is pleased to give back to his home town through a Named Sub Fund with the Foundation.

Phil and Mary MAXSTED Fund

Philip Charles Maxsted and Mary Eileen Maxsted (nee Webb) met at Cheetham Salt Limited and were married in 1951.

Phil was born on January 29, 1928. "He was born in Geelong, educated in Geelong, worked in Geelong and, in the end, spent his last days and hours in Geelong," shares their son Lindsay. Phil worked at Cheetham for 38 years and then joined R G Farrow and Co, which evolved into a role for Pyramid Building Society, and worked there until 1990. Phil passed away on April 15, 2020.

"Mum, either in her own right, or alongside my father, was extremely generous and community-minded," shares Lindsay. Mary, in addition to raising two children, Lindsay and Beverley, worked part time for many years running the office at Ivorson's Produce Store in Newcomb. Mary passed away on March 3, 2016.

MCMANUS Family Fund

Tony McManus was inspired to establish a Family Named Fund due to his concern at the gap between the resources available for community support in the Geelong region and the needs of local disadvantaged.

Tony is the Development Manager at the Geelong Community Foundation. He promotes his strong interest in mental health and the solution of social connection via his Facebook page "Connect 2 Grow". He is also a sought-after Ambassador and Speaker for Beyondblue and RUOK? Day.

H and M MUNDAY Fund

Both Harvey and Michele have lived in Geelong all their lives. Harvey Started Des Munday & 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 1800s. It is incredibly important for both Harvey and Michele that they continue to support the Geelong Community through their Sub Fund.

Max and Nancy NEAGLE Family Fund

Max moved to Geelong from Ballarat as a child, and later qualified as a pharmacist. He met Nancy at church youth group. After a long courtship, Max and Nancy decided to marry and open a pharmacy in an

area of need. So, they moved to Lara and opened the Lara Pharmacy. Nancy became the shop assistant. Once children came along, Nancy continued to fill that need when there were staff issues. Together, they built the business, established connections and friends in the community and supported various groups and charities in the area and were active members of the Lara UCA. In retirement, they returned to live in Geelong.

Max died in 2020 and Nancy decided to establish this Fund to continue their support of the community.

Geoffrey NEILSON Fund

The children of the Foundation's first Chairman, Geoff Neilson, established this Fund to honour his contribution to the Geelong community. Dr Heather Neilson is a Senior Lecturer in English and Media Studies at UNSW Canberra. She is married to a fellow academic and is the mother of Geoff's grandson, Quinn. Timothy Neilson is a commercial lawyer and special counsel at Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills, specialising in taxation. Susan Neilson and her husband are retired, however Susan remains actively involved in performing and visual arts around Melbourne.



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 along 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

The late Jane Nevile was born in Malvern, Victoria and was the youngest child of Essington Lewis the great Australian industrialist and wartime director of munitions, who built BHP into one of the most efficient steel companies in the world.

Jane attended primary school in Melbourne before moving to Woodend, where she completed her secondary education. She qualified as a physiotherapist and worked for the Victorian Health Department. Jane and her late husband Sandford had three children and settled in Research. At the time of his death in 1982, he was Head of the International Wool Textile Organisation. In 1971 the family moved to Darrivill near Geelong and in 1994 Jane moved to Sutherlands Creek.

Jane was instrumental in the establishment of Riding for the Disabled and was a great supporter, making her properties available for horse-riding activities. She generously supported a range of charitable causes over the years and utilised the resources of the Foundation to manage her philanthropic distributions.

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.

John O'SHANNASSY Fund

John O'Shannassy's introduction to the Geelong Community Foundation was via P500, firstly by way of a \$500 donation and attending the end of year grant award evening. From there, he joined the P500 Committee, learning about the many charitable organisations in and around Geelong but also importantly meeting the people who work and volunteer their time to make these organisations successful.

Wanting to donate locally, he sees the Geelong Community Foundation as an excellent way to reach and distribute funds to many charities throughout the area.

O'SHANNASSY Family Fund

Brian and Jen O'Shannassy moved to Russells Bridge in the mid 1970s, where they have raised four children and ran a successful country veterinary clinic from their home, eventually relocating the practice to the Midland Highway. Brian has invested in property development in the local area, which has aided the ability to contribute to the philanthropic community within the Geelong area.

Brian and Jen have recently played a significant part in bringing the newly built Anam Cara House at Deakin University to life. They enjoy meeting the many diverse, inspiring and passionate people who contribute to the management and direction of charitable organisations.

PAPALIA (PLANKEN) Family Fund

"My husband and I have a three-year-old boy, so we think it's important for younger generations to be involved at such an early age—that exposure to giving back. Having been exposed to the good work of the Geelong Community Foundation, you realise how much it's needed in our community. We can often get caught up in our own worlds of wants and desires, but the reality is that we're very fortunate – we've got everything we need. So then to be able to give back, that's really critical. I work at Muirfield Financial Services, so that was my original introduction to the Foundation. Then from there, starting up with P500 and being involved with the P500 Committee up until this year." Melinda Planken



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 arrived in Geelong in 1947 as a 21-year-old for a short visit to see his aunt, who was in ill-health and planned to return with her to Lebanon. She refused to leave Geelong, so Ray stayed to look after her. Ray developed a passion for Geelong and created the Golf View Hotel in 1971 to diversify his business interests. In 1997, Ray and son 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 several very successful entertainment venues in Geelong. Ray's Grandson James Ramia is also a P500 donor.

REILLY Family Fund

Tony and Sue Reilly (nee West) were born in the same hospital in Geelong a week apart. During what has been described as a "romantic gap", they each attended school in Geelong and then spread their wings attending universities in Melbourne, travelling and pursuing careers in Chemical Engineering and Speech Pathology respectively. Somehow the "gap" was bridged when Tony and Sue in their early 30s met, married and settled back in 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, moving to the Bellarine Peninsula.

Always mindful of the good fortune they had experienced in their lives, Tony and Sue had endeavoured 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!

While 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. The Geelong Community Foundation was the perfect fit for their focus. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different organisations supported by the Foundation and particularly like the involvement of younger supporters via the P500 and the Schools and Philanthropy programs. It is an honour to be able to give back in the Geelong region in the immediate and short term as well as far into the future. They thank the hard-working Board and staff who ensure that the Fund is like the "magic pudding" that keeps on giving.

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 Gift in their Will 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.

Ralph SACKS Memorial Fund

It is a long way from Marlborough College England to country towns in Australia. Further still from Cambridge University and St Bartholomew's Hospital to country hospitals across Queensland and Victoria. But all these establishments were home to Dr Ralph Sacks before he came to Australia.

On completion of his compulsory military service, Ralph continued in the RAAF before taking up General Practice. His years in the Air Force had given him a thorough grounding for the diverse nature of general practice, especially in country Australia in the 1960s. Ralph's final practice was in Geelong.

Why the Foundation? Because of the wide-ranging nature of the donations; the commitment to low overheads; and the educational process with schools in the region. Ralph is lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

T and H SANTALUCIA Family Fund

Born in Sicily in 1926, the ninth of 11 children, Tom Santalucia migrated to Geelong in 1955 and has become a successful local businessman. Geelong benefits from Tom's success as he has decided to give back to his local community through the Foundation.

In 1957, Tom met his wife Hildegard and together they operated a small retail shop and developed their business experience, later acquiring a local supermarket. The young couple had two children, Tim and Lisa. Tom and Hildegard also acquired commercial freehold properties across the Geelong region, through to 1997 when Hildegard passed away.

In 1992, Tim took on various roles within the family companies and was joined by Lisa, in 2001. In 2002, Tom retired from most company duties to focus on his six grandchildren. He was always involved in the Geelong community, supporting school activities, as a member of the Rotary Club of Geelong and the Knights of the Southern Cross.

SOUTH WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION Fund

Not only does golf bring people together, it's also a catalyst for giving back. This philosophy is at the heart of the new partnership between the South Western Golf Association (SWGGA) and Geelong Community Foundation (the Foundation).

SWGGA's desire to support the community, has led to the development of a Named Sub Fund with the Foundation that will assist with funding grants to community organisations into the future. "We want it to be a long-term ongoing commitment to the Foundation," says Georgie Sanders, SWGGA President.

SWGGA was formed following the amalgamation of the Geelong and District Golf Association and the South Western District Ladies Golf Association in 2016. With values of accountability, equality, participation and teamwork, its vision is to be a united voice representing and celebrating golf as "the game for life", providing opportunities across genders, age groups and abilities in Victoria's south-west region.

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.

Alfred SWAN Fund

After obtaining his Bachelor of Education, Alf had a long and successful career in education from 1949 to 1986. He moved to Geelong in 1973 and attended St Luke's Uniting Church, where he served as an elder, choir member and organist. Alf joined the Highton Rotary Club, later to become President, then a District Governor. He was also Chairman of the Board of Concern, while managing its local Opportunity Shop in Highton. During his retirement, he gave time to the Glastonbury Child and Family Services, serving on the Board of Directors. Alf dedicated much of his time to community service to support the many young people he encountered. Alf chose the Foundation because of its alignment with his community and educational ideals.

Ross and Jan SYNOTT Family Fund

Ross and Jan Synot have been actively supporting a range of Geelong's charitable, community and sporting organisations for more than 50 years. Ross is a fourth generation Synot in Geelong, his great-grandfather John arriving in 1848.

Ross was educated at Geelong College, qualified as an accountant and joined Grace McKellar Centre, its former Chief Executive where he held senior positions for 28 years. Ross is the Founder of Bravehearts in Geelong and Founder and past President of the Barwon Sports

Academy. Jan's early years were in Numurkah before coming to Geelong as a teenager with her family. An accomplished artist, Jan is also the previous owner of the "art is...studio & gallery" in Geelong.

Dr James and Dr Jane TIERNAN Family Fund

For Vets of Geelong, nail clipping isn't just about animal welfare, it's also a way to support the community. This is what inspired veterinarian husband-and-wife duo Dr James and Dr Jane Tierman, owners of Vets of Geelong, to create a Sub Fund with the Foundation. "As a vet, we're involved with families –with their pets –and the natural progression was to support the community," shares James.

With clinics in Highton and Geelong West, Vets of Geelong takes a hands-on approach to donations by putting all the proceeds from their nail clipping service into their Sub Fund. "We've typically donated funds from the nail clippings to various charities, and now all the proceeds go to the Geelong Community Foundation."

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 community-based organisations focusing on youth and the disadvantaged. Hayden and Sally give generously to the Geelong Community Foundation.

Hayden completed his secondary schooling in Maryborough and completed a BEcon. and a Dip.Ed at Monash University. He taught economics and legal studies at Oberon High for 12 years and five years at North Geelong High School.

While at Oberon, Hayden met Sally Moir, of Beaumaris, who had completed her Higher Diploma of Teaching – Physical Education at Melbourne University. After teaching in Melbourne, Sally was appointed to Oberon in 1978, teaching Phys Ed for four years.

Following their marriage in 1982, Hayden and Sally lived in Jan Juc. Hayden has been an 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 started Muirfield Financial Services with Sally. They have built Muirfield into a very successful financial planning organisation. Hayden and Sally have three children – Andrew, Matthew and Georgia – who are actively involved in giving back to the community. Andrew and Matthew are both Certified Financial Planners and joined Muirfield Financial Services in 2016 and 2014 as Hayden approached retirement.

Georgia completed her Early Childhood Development degree and like her parents, has embarked on a career in teaching.

Hayden has been a Board Director of the Geelong Community Foundation since 2014 and is the former Chair.

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. Ben and Charles are business owners of Morgans Financial Geelong, which is Australia's largest full-service stockbroking and wealth management network.

Morgans Financial Geelong is proud to be locally owned and operating in Geelong and feels it is important to give back to the Geelong community.

Ben and Charles are pleased to be able to contribute to improving the lives and support the diverse needs of the community in which their young families are being raised. In naming the Fund after their families, the hope is all members will have an involvement in developing the Fund over time.

G WOOD Family Fund

Graeme Wood was born in Geelong in 1940 and educated at North Geelong Primary School and the Geelong Junior Technical College in Moorabool St. Graeme obtained a plumbing apprenticeship with W C Dunn and Son where he worked for eight years before moving to Quick and Fowler Plumbers.

After four years at Q & F, Graeme moved to P J Hatwell Builders for two years before starting his own plumbing business as a partnership with wife Joan in 1970.

Sadly, in 1984 Joan died and since then Graeme has continued operating G J & J F Plumbing. Graeme is a great contributor to community through his 23 year membership of Belmont Rotary. To add to his community work, 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 lived in Geelong for over 40 years. Brian grew up near Warrnambool and boarded at Geelong College. He then embarked on a career in agribusiness in Western Victoria and Melbourne.

Elizabeth grew up in Melbourne and Seymour and after qualifying as a secondary school teacher served in Terang, Hamilton and other centres, and has volunteered for "Uniting" for over 20 years.

Brian and Elizabeth grew up in caring families with a strong social conscience. They have benefited from community support and were keen to assist where there is a need.

Through the Geelong Community Foundation, they identified that they could make a small contribution towards making a difference, and they were particularly attracted to the "Capital Fund" concept. Brian passed away in 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 Waurm 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.

Freda and Graham WRIGHT Fund

In 1970, Freda graduated from Cambridge University. She taught mathematics in the UK, NZ and Australia. In 1971, she met Graham, a carpet designer at Brintons Carpets UK, and emigrated to Geelong in 1977.

Freda's passion is education, working at Matthew Flinders GSC for 45 years in student welfare, student management and careers. After Graham's death in 2014 from dementia, she became a Rotarian, serving as President and Secretary. She is passionate about changing the lives of young people by creating growth opportunities.

Freda believes that "more creates greater opportunities" and sees the Geelong Community Foundation as an example of that, planning to assist in her retirement.

YEAMAN Family Fund

Robyn grew up in Lara and worked at Lara Travel, which she later purchased and managed. She met Chris, a young doctor from Burwood, who wanted to work in a rural setting. They married, and Chris moved to Lara, and continued his GP training in Werribee and Corio before settling at Lara Medical Centre.

He continues to practice in Lara. He also cares for patients in aged-care facilities in the Northern suburbs of Geelong.

Together, they have served on boards and committees, and provided leadership for various organisations including school, kinder, church, charity and healthcare.

They have two boys, who have left home to continue their education. Chris and Robyn created this Fund to ensure that the Geelong community would benefit from their gift in perpetuity. They intend to continue to contribute over time.



ADROIT Insurance & 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 & Risk Golf Day Fund

Since its inception in 2002 the Adroit Insurance & Risk Charity Golf Day has raised much needed funds for the Geelong community. The event is

unrivalled, 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 Golf Day Capital Grant was launched, with the opportunity for all community organisations in the Geelong region to apply for the \$75,000 - \$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 and realise a project that potentially would have been out of reach may now become a reality. To date the event has raised over \$1million.



ADVISORY Partners Fund

The team at Advisory Partners are pleased to support our local community through the Geelong Community Foundation. We were thrilled to be the 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.



DAVIDSONS Fund

Established in 1905, Davidsons Accountants and Business Consultants has been providing specialist accounting, tax and advisory support to our clients for over 100 years. Located in Geelong and Torquay, our 50 team members are passionate about building trusted relationships with our clients and making a positive difference to their financial success.

Our services include audit and assurance, bookkeeping, business advisory, business succession and transition, taxation services for business and individual clients and self-managed superannuation administration. Family and community is a core value we advocate.

We're committed to making a difference to the communities in which we operate through providing honorary work, participation, partnerships and sponsorships. The Named Sub Fund within the Foundation was an opportunity to continue this commitment across Geelong.



DENNIS FAMILY ASHBURY Community Fund

Dennis Family Corporation (DFC) is a family-owned business, which has created more than 30,000 new homes and welcomed thousands of people to their residential communities in Victoria and South-East Queensland. DFC is currently developing the Ashbury Estate within Armstrong Creek, which comprises of 1,450 lots set over 107 hectares with planned amenities to include a primary school, local retail amenity and a community complex.

The Geelong Community Foundation has been committed to making a difference in the Geelong region for the past 21 years, working to deliver long term sustainable estates. By partnering with the Foundation via Ashbury Estate, DFC aims to support residents in Ashbury and the wider Geelong area as part of their ongoing commitment to foster and grow local communities.

FINDEX 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.



GEELONG GALVANIZING Fund

The desire to make a significant contribution to the community was the catalyst for Geelong Galvanizing to create a Sub Fund with the Foundation.

"We've been a successful business in the community for a while, and even though we've had scholarships and support other clubs around the area, we thought we could make a more significant contribution to the community," explains David Chaston, General Manager at Geelong

Galvanizing. "it's just another way that we can contribute and help." Synonymous with Australian manufacturing, the Furphy group of companies owns Geelong Galvanizing. Geelong Galvanizing has been around since 1991 and operates their galvanizing plant in Corio. Starting with just eight staff members, the company now employs 70 people, with a significant number of employees from the Corio area. "We employ a lot of the locals, which is good," adds David.

In addition to giving back to the community through their Sub Fund with the Foundation, Geelong Galvanizing has also been involved with the Gordon Scholarship Program for the past 12 years. In this program, they support students who are experiencing financial or family hardship and give up to five scholarships a year.

HAMLAN HAMLAN HOMES Fund

Hamlan Homes was born out of the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983, originally assisting in rebuilding cedar-clad homes in Anglesea and along the Surf Coast. With nearly 40 years' experience building homes in the local market and a proud history etched along the Great Ocean Road, Hamlan has played a substantial role in the evolution of Geelong and the Surf Coast region. Today, Hamlan is Geelong's largest locally owned and operated builder renowned for their architectural designs, with expertise building coastal homes, split-level homes, custom builds and everything in between.

Hamlan is genuinely passionate about the community in which they operate and supporting members of their community. They have formed strong partnerships with various local community groups, including the Geelong Community Foundation and hope this support enables the Greater Geelong community to flourish.



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.

Our COMPANY donor stories

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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.

MANN LEGAL Fund

Founded by Peter Mann in 1995, Mann Legal has established itself in the Geelong and Surf Coast region as a firm with a goal of continuing to develop relationships with the community based on trust, understanding and practical advice. Mann Legal values every client and strives for professionalism, knowledge and innovation to provide clients with top quality legal expertise in the areas of conveyancing, property law, Wills and estates, commercial law, hospitality and accommodation.

We chose the Geelong Community Foundation as we were encouraged by its geographic focus in the region, as well as the retention of capital to establish a long running commitment to meet needs in the area and the ability to be dynamic with a secure funding base.

MCHARRY'S Buslines Fund

Since the 1930s, 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 years to come.

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.

QEST Infrastructure Group Fund

Commencing in Geelong in 2003, QEST Infrastructure offer a range of specialised Environmental, Industrial, Geotechnical and Underground Asset Management Services on major projects throughout Victoria.

QEST have a strong history of supporting local interests and are proud to be a part of the Geelong Community Foundation. We chose the Foundation due to the emphasis on funds being invested to grow, the broad reach of programs and the quality of people involved.

ST. QUENTIN Community Fund

Established in the mid-1980s, St Quentin Consulting has provided town planning, land surveying and engineering services to the Geelong region for longer than any other provider. It has served many community organisations with financial support, free or subsidised advice and services, sponsorship and assistance. St Quentin Consulting is proud to have served the community, as individuals and collectively as an organisation, and looks forward to continuing to do so.

St Quentin Consulting has chosen Geelong Community Foundation firstly because it takes its responsibility to contribute to the community seriously, and secondly because it acknowledges the history, capability and effectiveness of the Foundation as a key support to so many organisations seeking to effect change.

TREVOR HOMES Group Fund

Ben and Robert 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.

Value ADE (McColl) Fund

Value ADE was established in 2017 to provide independent business valuation services to small and medium businesses. Lachie McColl, a born and bred Geelong resident, started the business to help business owners about measuring and monitoring the wealth that may be trapped in their private business.

Lachie learned about the Foundation in his previous employment working alongside the gentleman of Geelong, Geoff Neilson. He has been Treasurer of the foundation since 2013 and committed to allocating a fixed percentage of Value ADE's profits to the Foundation to support long-lasting community giving. Lachie and Kirsty also support P500, giving their children to chance to learn about philanthropy and be part of the grant giving.

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 & MOORE Fund

The legal practice of Whyte Just & 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 & Moore is proud to support the Geelong Community Foundation.

WENDY BROOKS & PARTNERS Fund

Wendy and Rod Brooks were born and grew up in Geelong and have a multi-generational family connection with Geelong and the district. After studying in Melbourne and living overseas, Wendy and Rod returned to Geelong to bring up their four children. Wendy and Rod now live in Fairhaven and Catherine (eldest daughter) and her family live in Belmont.

They are passionate about supporting the community of Geelong through their family and business philanthropy and through their community service. Geelong Community Foundation provides an excellent platform for them to make an enduring commitment to Geelong and the district.

WIGHTONS Lawyers Fund

Wightons Lawyers and its Directors & Staff are involved with the Geelong community in many ways and the current Directors believed that a Fund with Geelong Community Foundation would be a good way to continue to support our local community.

Through hard work and commitment, they are in the lucky position of being able to "give back" to where they live and this vehicle provides them with the ability to do so.

Our SCHOLARSHIP donor stories



NORTHERN BAY COLLEGE Scholarship Fund

Northern Bay College, through our philanthropic champions The NBC Challenge Committee, proudly awards a number of Year 7 and 8 Scholarships each year within the four pillars of:

ACADEMIC

- Includes all core curriculum of English, Maths, Languages Other than English, Humanities, as well as other learning experiences

SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Includes Science (e.g. chemistry, physics, biology), STEM/STEAM, digital technologies and Technologies (e.g. Wood, Food, Textiles, Robotics, Mechanical)

SPORT, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- Incl. interschool & community sport, Physical Education & health

THE ARTS

- Incl. Music, Dance, Dramatic Arts, Visual Arts, Media, Graphics

In July, Year 6 students at Northern Bay College are invited to apply for a three-stage process. This begins with a written application, then a number of applicants are shortlisted for interview after which scholarships are awarded.

The Scholarship commences when Year 7 and 8 studies begin. It aims to assist students as they progress towards the Goldsworthy Years 9-12 Campus, guiding them as they work towards completing Year 12 and preparing for life beyond secondary school.

The 2023-24 Year 7 and 8 Scholarships are tailored for each scholar and the scholarship pillar, providing benefits at the College to the value of approximately \$4,000.

- Scholars, with support of a parent/carer, meet with college staff to identify the areas of support that would assist them the most.
- The support aims to provide access to opportunities and resources that can include materials and support to enhance potential e.g. specialist equipment, books, and materials, specialised development opportunities e.g. leadership development, public speaking, coaching/mentoring/tutoring, accelerated learning, guest speakers, conditioning programs, excursions
- Membership / Registration support up to \$200 per year

ALLSTAR Youth Basketball Scholarship Fund

The Foundation 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.”

The actual program commenced 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 and Irene CLEARY Memorial Scholarship Fund

After doing various jobs around his hometown 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.

J and C GULLI Scholarship Fund

Agata (Aggie to her close friends) was born in 1943 in the city of Messina, Sicily, in Italy. At 12 years of age, she and her family moved to Geelong in the hopes of a better life. Aggie went to school until she was 14 but was then forced to begin working at the Geelong Mills to help with the family expenses. She always regretted her lack of education and

was determined that her own children would be given the best education possible. Aggie married and had four children. She and her husband saved hard to ensure their children were given a Catholic education at local Catholic schools.

At age 46, Aggie's friend informed her of a cleaning position at Sacred Heart College (SHC) where she currently worked. Aggie applied and was successful, and this began her 16-year journey at SHC. Aggie became manager of the cleaning department and continued in this position until she retired at 62.

Aggie's Gift is the J & C Gulli Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is a high achiever and demonstrates a commitment to the Mercy values of SHC and to her studies in hospitality

Allison MURPHY Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Allison Murphy Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Allison (Alli) Murphy. It is a tangible memorial to the life and contribution of Alli whose prevailing passion, along with her family, was the community of Geelong. In Alli's honour, the Scholarship will give women from the Geelong region the opportunity to follow in Alli's footsteps and study at Deakin University majoring in political studies, media or marketing.

Ron THOMPSON Scholarship Fund

This scholarship honours the memory of Ron Thompson, a local man with a passion for teaching, and for seeing young people achieve their full potential. The scholarship provides a grant to students in their final years of secondary school at Oberon High School, with the aim that those students will be able to take up opportunities otherwise unavailable to them or be better able to concentrate on their studies due to reduced economic stress.

Ron was raised in Heathcote, central Victoria, and was one of only two students from his local primary school who went on to secondary schooling. He then studied teaching at university, under a government program which provided free tuition, an opportunity which otherwise would not have been available to him. Shortly after graduation he gained a place at Oberon High School, where he remained until retirement. Ron loved teaching and engaged readily with students. Known as Thommo throughout the school he would be enthusiastically hailed by many students in the local area when out and about, whether current students or those who had graduated twenty years previously.

Ron was killed in a cycling accident in 2009, his untimely death inspired family and friends to set up the Scholarship Fund.



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