



\$1.5 Million Grant for Leadership and Social Impact

The largest grant in the Trust's 56 year history

The Trustees are proud to announce a grant of \$1.5 million to establish the Helen Macpherson Smith Chair of Not-for-Profit Leadership at the newly created Asia-Pacific Centre for Leadership at the Melbourne Business School of University of Melbourne.

This is the largest grant in the Trust's 56 year history. The trustees anticipate it will have major long term impact on capacity building in the not-for profit sector, and will enhance the advancement of philanthropy in Australia.

The Chair is the first of this type in Australia and is one of only a few in the world. As such it will become a focal point for research and leadership teaching across the community in the areas of welfare and community, environment, health, arts, and education.

In announcing the endowment, Mr Darvell M Hutchinson AM, Chairman of Trustees, said "the Trust sees this opportunity to engage with the third sector in a very strategic way, by leveraging resources through partnerships that will provide long term benefit to the sector". Mr Hutchinson said that "the time was right for significant investment in developing strong leadership capability in the third sector".

The focus on social impact provides an opportunity for unprecedented alignment between governments, philanthropists, corporations, business schools and third sector organisations. CEOs from the not-for-profit sector across Victoria have welcomed the opportunity for greater access to high quality leadership and management development opportunities.

Dean of Melbourne Business School, John Seybolt, highlighted the significant opportunity to create a

powerful focus on the third sector with this endowment. "Our support for the third sector is symbolic of the School's recognition that it has a crucial role to play in the creation of a civil society through its core educational and research offerings in leadership".

This is the first major philanthropic investment towards the new Centre. Melbourne Business School has committed its own matching investment of \$1.5 million to the new Chair and will seek a further \$3 million to endow the Chair in perpetuity.

As well the School will seek further philanthropic investment to fund all elements of the Centre including Visiting Fellowships, and scholarships for Masters, PhD, entry level and executive education programs for people working in the not-for-profit sector.

The MBS Chair will complement the role of the National Centre for Social Impact, headed by Professor Peter Shergold - which is a powerful collaboration with the business schools of UNSW, University of Melbourne and Swinburne University. Melbourne Business School created the Asia-Pacific Centre for Leadership for Social Impact in 2007. The Centre is a first in the Asia Pacific and is one of a few in the world.

Dr Karen Morley, Executive Director of the Centre has indicated that the Centre's vision is based on a long-term perspective, and through "innovative programs and research will aim to break new ground in the understanding of leadership especially in our region, and will ensure more mindful approaches to leadership for the 21st Century". ■

New Grants Executive for the Trust



Photo by Dale Mann

The Trust was recently pleased to welcome Mr Chris Wootton as the Trust's new Grants Executive. Chris has had extensive experience in the not-for-profit and university sectors. He has previously worked with the RACV Foundation, WaterAid Australia, and the University of Melbourne amongst others.

We are sure that you will join with us in welcoming Chris to the Trust and, in return, he looks forward to working with many of you on future projects.

Chris' appointment follows the departure of Liz Gillies who, after five years with the Trust, left to pursue other interests.

Liz made a significant contribution to the Trust's grantmaking role, assisting the Trustees in shaping the strategic direction of the Trust's grantmaking during a period of sound growth for the Trust.

Her work resulted in the fruition of many notable grant projects and collaborative partnerships for which the Trust is very proud.

Other news

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership is currently looking for its next two Emerging Leaders. For further details including the selection criteria please go to: www.indigenousfellowship.net.au

Spotlight on:

Aged Care

Enhancing independence

The Trust has made a grant of \$25,000 towards the cost of a pilot project which is a joint initiative of Southern Cross Care and Uniting Aged Care.

As its title suggests, the Enhancing Independence project aims to enhance and/or maintain the wellbeing, strength, mobility and independence of older people and people with a disability through the provision of ongoing learning, support, encouragement and assistance to undertake activities of daily living and in-home rehabilitation activities. Specifically, in addition to current support services, a 'Rehabilitation Support Worker' will be available, where the emphasis is on doing things *with* rather than *for* individuals.

The Enhancing Independence Project builds on the success of the Home Independence Program undertaken by the Silver Chain organisation in Western Australia which identified that clients on the program achieved lower levels of dependency, increased levels of morale and confidence over a 12 month period.

The Pilot will be undertaken over a six month period and will be evaluated to ascertain if it is a viable model that can potentially be applied more broadly within existing services and funding frameworks.

www.southern-cross.org.au

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Supporting regional festivals

In it's 15th year *artsmildura's* 2007 Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival attracted over 23,000 people to 45 events featuring 75 artists.

To further develop this significant regional arts festival, the renowned Australian and international festival director, Robyn Archer, will be formally engaged

to provide strategic professional development and mentoring for a 12 month period.

This project will not only boost *artsmildura's* current capacity and capability, but will provide a solid foundation for ongoing skills transfer within the local community. Robyn will be involved in site visits, forums and workshops, ongoing mentoring, experiential learning and the documentation of the project issues, outcomes, seminars and workshops.

The Trust has made a grant of \$20,000 towards the cost of the project.

www.mwaf.com.au

Disability Care and Support

Rags to riches!

GV Centre Disability Services operates a number of businesses to provide supported employment and/or vocational training options for adults with a disability. These include a plant propagation nursery, retail plant nursery, lawn mowing, maintenance and landscaping service, flower delivery service and catering/school canteen service. Nonetheless, the current businesses have limited options for those that have high support needs and a relatively lower level of ability.

This project will provide an additional 30 employment and training places for adults with a disability through the production of a variety of rags for cleaning and trades purposes. The various stages of production will provide for varying abilities of employees from grading of cloth/clothing, removing buttons and zips, cutting, weighing, packing and delivery of the end product. Currently this program only operates one day per week, but through the purchase of equipment they will now be able to operate five days per week.

The Trust has made a grant of \$25,000 towards the cost of the project.

www.gvcentre.com.au

Education

Kinder +

The Trust has made a grant of \$15,200 towards the Kinder + project in the Boroondara area. Launched in December 2007, it seeks to address barriers to kindergarten attendance and involves Foundation Boroondara in partnership with Camcare, the Rotary Clubs of Hawthorn and Balwyn, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Boroondara Council.

The project will provide a subsidy scheme for eligible 4 year old kindergarten children. A Project Officer will be appointed to facilitate the introduction of the program to ensure that all children in Boroondara have access to 4 year old kindergarten. They will also improve the links between Boroondara support agencies and kindergartens to facilitate referrals for families experiencing multi-layered social and family issues.

It is envisaged that the evaluation of the project will lead to information sharing with other Councils.

www.camcare.org.au

Employment and Vocational Training

Dairy employment pathways

The Australian Dairy Entry-level Employment Pathway project involves a partnership between Dairy Australia, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia to recruit and train disadvantaged people into the dairy industry.

The Trust has had a long term involvement with the development of this project through funding the feasibility study in May 2005. The Dairy Industry faces a critical skill-gap at the assistant farm level and there are a high number of disadvantaged workers or unemployed persons in the local district who are seeking work and would be prepared to participate in the pilot project.

A demonstration project will commence in the Shepparton/Kyabram district during the second half of 2008 which intends to place approximately 20 disadvantaged job seekers into ongoing employment on local dairy farms or related dairy and farm work by the end of 2009.

The Victorian Government will contribute \$150,000 towards the project - \$50,000 from the Victorian Government Workforce Participation Partnership funding. Dairy Australia have committed \$50,000 toward the project.

The Trust has made a grant of \$120,000 over two years to support the project.

www.bsl.org.au

Environment

Victoria Naturally

Victoria Naturally is an alliance of eight peak environment groups hosted by the Victorian National Parks Association with the Victorian National Parks Association, Australian Conservation Foundation, Environment Victoria, Greening Australia, Invasive Species Council, Bush Heritage Australia, Trust of Nature and The Wilderness Society.

Victoria Naturally aims to solve Victoria's biodiversity crisis where:

- 70% of State has been cleared, making Victoria the most cleared State in Australia
- Victoria's landscapes are most stressed in the country
- 44% of plants and 30% of Victoria's native animals are either extinct or threatened
- 78% of Victoria's bushland types are threatened
- 75% of Victoria's waterways are degraded
- 35% of wetlands are totally lost

The Trust funded the establishment of this program and over the next three years the project will involve

the implementation of regional engagement work, research and policy development work including contribution to the White Paper process and new work on the role of ecological processes in maintaining biodiversity and on-ground implications.

The Trust has made a grant of \$125,000 over three years to support the project.

www.victorianaturally.org.au

Health

Supporting survivors of sexual assault

The Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, a Centre of Excellence at the University of Melbourne, is working in partnership with the Centres Against Sexual Assault (CASA) to develop an effective model for building sustainable workforce capacity for the treatment of posttraumatic mental health problems resulting from sexual assault. The model will be trialled at two pilot sites of CASA and if successful, could be implemented across all 16 sites in Victoria.

The main goal of the project is to ensure that people who have developed posttraumatic mental health problems as a result of sexual assault have greater access to evidence-based treatment in a timely and sustainable manner. The project involves extensive consultation to ensure that both the individual needs of staff and the organisational needs of the CASA sites involved will be taken into account.

The National Institute of Clinical Studies will contribute \$120,000 to the project. The Trust has made a grant of \$42,748 to support the project.

www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au

Grants approved April 2008

Grant Statistics

Grants Approved Round 2:
April 2008

Total number of applications received: 84

Total number of grants approved: 36

Total amount granted: \$2,925,298
(includes amounts payable in future years)

Grants approved by Sector

Aged Care

6 grants totalling \$293,400

Arts, Culture & Heritage

5 grants totalling \$323,050

Community Support

9 grants totalling \$1,725,000

Disability Care & Support

7 grants totalling \$160,900

Education

1 grant totalling \$15,200

Employment & Vocational Training

4 grants totalling \$205,000

Environment

1 grant totalling \$125,000

Health

3 grants totalling \$77,748

Aged Care

Cobaw Community Health

www.cobaw.vic.gov.au

Development of Business Plan & Concept Drawings
for an Aged Care Overnight Respite Facility
\$15,000

Deakin University

www.deakin.edu.au

Design and evaluation of a seamless, flexible service
model for community-based aged care
\$200,000

Koroit and District Memorial Health Services Inc

Koroit Health Service Building Extension

\$20,000

Neerim District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

Equipment up-date across four areas of the facility to
assist with safer effective care of residents and
improved efficiency of operation.

\$8,400

Southern Cross Care (Vic)

www.southern-cross.org.au

Enhancing Independence Project

\$25,000

Wintringham

www.wintringham.org.au

Eunice Seddon Home - support to build a 60 bed
nursing home for homeless people in Dandenong

\$25,000

Arts, Culture & Heritage

artsmildura

www.mwaf.com.au

artsmildura - Robyn Archer Project

\$20,000

Heide Museum of Modern Art

www.heide.com.au

Heide Collection, Conservation, Access and Strategy
Project

\$40,000

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Pty Ltd

www.mso.com.au

Remote Music Education Project

\$54,050

Monash University

www.monash.edu.au

Monash University Museum of Art at Caulfield

\$200,000

Polyglot Puppet Theatre

www.polyglotpuppets.com.au

Production of The Big Game - a Carlton High Rise Estate community arts project

\$9,000

Community Support

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Inc

www.asrc.org.au

Foodbank: Food Security for Asylum Seekers Program

\$10,000

Centacare Catholic Family Services

www.centacaremelbourne.org

Early Intervention Counselling and Therapy Service for Families with Children between 0 and 8 years of age living in the Barwon Region

\$20,000

Family Focus Counselling

Counselling support for 2008

\$5,000

Habitat For Humanity Australia (Victoria) Inc

www.habitat.org.au

Building a Home with a Drought-Affected Family in Shepparton

\$5,000

Melbourne Business School

www.mbs.edu

Endowment of the Helen Macpherson Smith Chair of Third Sector Leadership

\$1,500,000

Melbourne Citymission Inc

www.mcm.org.au

Youth Voice Social Enterprise

\$50,000

St Paul's Drug Prevention, Rehabilitation and Aftercare Program

Drug Prevention Program in 2008

\$5,000

Victoria University

www.vu.edu.au

Research Project: Evaluation of the Mentoring and Capacity Building Initiative Regional Coordination Projects

\$50,000

Windermere Child & Family Services Inc

www.windermerecfs.com.au

Service Benchmarking Proposal Phase II: Refining and Testing Measures for Enhancing Quality and Cost Effectiveness in the Child Welfare Sector

\$80,000

Disability Care & Support

Arts Access Victoria

www.artsaccess.com.au

The Other Film Festival 2008

\$12,000

Bendigo Access Employment Inc

www.accessemployment.com.au

PepperGreen Farm Recycled Water Connection Project

\$6,000

Brunswick Industries Association Incorporated

www.brunswickindustries.org.au

Planning for the Future - Phase 1

\$15,000

GV Centre Disability Services

www.gvcentre.com.au

Rag program

\$25,000

National Disability Services - Victoria

www.nds.org.au

Research Project: Aged care, disability services and HACC interface barriers: Impediments to ageing in place for Victorians with disability

\$31,000

Victorian Council of Social Services

www.vcross.org.au

Accessible Transport Watch Project - Phase 2

\$33,900

Wesley Mission Melbourne

www.wesley.org.au

Research Project: Supporting the journey through older age for people with lifelong disabilities

\$38,000

Education

Camcare

www.camcare.org.au

Kinder + Program

\$15,200

Employment & Vocational Training

Brotherhood of St Laurence

www.bsl.org.au

Australian Dairy Entry-level Employment Pathway

\$120,000

Djerriwarrh

www.djerriwarrh.org.au

Employment Retention and Advancement Pilot for very long term unemployed

\$50,000

Future Employment Opportunities Inc

www.feo.net.au

Expanding literacy Skills - for disadvantaged job seekers

\$10,000

Victorian YMCA Youth & Community Services

www.victoria.ymca.org.au

An Independent Evaluation of the YMCA Victoria's 'The Bridge Project' Workplace Participation Program

\$25,000

Environment

Victorian National Parks Association

www.vnpa.org.au

Victoria Naturally Alliance Program

\$125,000

Health

Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health

www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au

Research Project: Promoting the use of evidence-based treatment of trauma for survivors of sexual assault

\$42,748

Ballan and District Soldiers' Memorial Bush Nursing Hospital & Hostel Inc

www.bdhc.com.au

Ballan Community Hospital Upgrade Project

\$25,000

Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc

www.cfv.org.au

Emergency Accommodation Assistance

\$10,000

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