

# 2013 Annual Report

Limestone Coast's Community Foundation



### Our Vision Giving for lasting impact

### **Our Mission**

Encourage philanthropic giving to provide grants and scholarships which benefit Limestone Coast Communities

### **Our Values**

### Inclusiveness

Engaging our community and its diversity through leadership in all aspects of our work

### Collaboration

Facilitating partnerships that add value to Stand Like Stone and the community

### Accountability

Being open, transparent and accountable in all aspects of Stand Like Stone's operations,
to be cost effective and sustainable, adhering to proper corporate governance and
funds management principles

### Responsiveness

Valuing and respecting our donors, funding partners and applicants

### Empowerment

Strengthening our community by increasing the capabilities and resilience of individuals, groups and organisations

# Life is mostly froth and bubble, Two things stand like stone, Kindness in another's trouble, Courage in your own.

Adam Lindsay Gordon's poem Ye Wearie Wayfarer was the inspiration for the Foundation's name. The poem encompasses the objectives of the Foundation.

# Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities of the Stand Like Stone Foundation over the past year. The Board has been working to implement our new Strategic Plan released in Penola in July 2012.

There have been changes to the legislation governing charities and ancillary funds over the reporting period. The newly constituted Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission has been formed and we are now registered with that body and required to report to them. The Government believes that this should simplify the reporting responsibilities and give the public a clearer indication of the structure and running of bodies such as ours.

Our signature event, Swinging with the Stars was an outstanding success this year and we are extremely grateful to our stars, their partners and Kate English who trained them. The excitement of the night and the wonderful dancing performances coupled with the bright costumes, fuelled a very enthusiastic audience and the evening was an outstanding financial success. In recognition of their amazing enthusiasm, we appointed all our dancers as Ambassadors for Stand Like Stone. Their fundraising efforts have resulted in two further Named Funds and this is becoming a popular way of directing funds to particular areas of the region.

Our second Tattoo was held in November 2012 and we are very grateful for the enthusiasm of our local bands and musicians in the organising and staging of this remarkable event. Plans are well in hand for the third Tattoo in November this year, which will feature a wider variety of bands and explore the music of the differing cultural backgrounds which make up our community.

We welcomed our new Executive Officer, Georgie McKay into her role at last year's AGM and she has guided us skilfully through this year, keeping things running smoothly when it must at times have appeared overwhelming. Thank you Georgie, for your wonderful "can do" approach, your great skills at solution finding and your ability to involve the community in all facets of the Foundation. Sally Bailey is now a valuable part of the team, providing support in the maintenance of our records and back up operations for the Foundation.

# Chairman's Report cont.

We are on the countdown to achieving our first million dollars invested, making Stand Like Stone sustainable well into the future, and we will continue our strong history of grants and educational scholarships, along with our "Back to School" vouchers and the Stay at School support we offer to the young people of our region.

We were sad to accept the resignation of Janet Allen our director from Keith. Janet gave very generously of her time and expertise and was responsible for growing the footprint of Stand Like Stone in the Keith area. She frequently made the long trip to attend board meetings and was always on the end of the phone if she could not get to the meetings. Her wise counsel will be sorely missed and we wish her well in her new endeavours.

My thanks are extended to all our Directors who regularly attend Board meetings and ensure the smooth operation of the Foundation with generous donations of precious time. Our thanks are also expressed to our long term sponsor, Noel Barr Toyota, who as well as financial support, provides sound advice and assistance in the provision of event supervision and space. Wepar Nominees have continued their generous support and sponsorship and for this we are most grateful.

Sue Charlton Chairman

The Koonara Wines marquee at the Mount Gambier Gold Cup where over \$9000 was raised for the Stand Like Stone Foundation.



# **Executive Officer's Report**

### It is with pride that I write my first Executive Officer's report for the Stand Like Stone Foundation and reflect upon what has been achieved in the last 12 months.

Over the past nine years due to the dedication of the Board and the support of the community, Stand Like Stone has grown its corpus to \$919,456.66 and has secured key sponsors to support its operational funding. The Limestone Coast community can be confident that Stand Like Stone has grown into a sustainable and successful organisation that will continue to serve and deliver benefits to the region, both now and in the future. We are well on the way to achieve the Foundation's goal of reaching \$1,000,000 by June 2015 and plans are in place to build the excitement and map our progress towards the achievement of this goal.

The continued growth of our trust funds enables a parallel growth in the amount available to grant back to the community and we are pleased to announce that in the last year our total distributions since 2004 reached over half a million dollars; comprised of \$219,674 of grants, \$28,075 of educational scholarships and Back to School vouchers of \$263,000 - a total of \$510,749.

The Limestone Coast Tattoo was held in November, with the coming together of bands and dance groups to create an evening of unprecedented success. With a 600 strong audience, musical groups from around the Limestone Coast wowed the audience with pitch perfect notes, precision drills and a visual spectacular. The event has gone from strength to strength and would not be possible without the representatives from each of the bands who play key roles in pulling the night together.

This year has seen the launch of Stand Like Stone in the social media with the creation of a Facebook page. The social media provides a platform to extend our reach into the community and allows a responsive and current platform to engage with many community groups, as well as younger stakeholders. We have also seen the re-design of our website and recognise the generosity of HelloFriday in ensuring a fresh modern look and a smooth transition to the new site.

The year has brought a renewed focus on visiting the towns of the Limestone Coast and reminding people of the good work of the Foundation.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston S. Churchill

It has been some years since Stand Like Stone has done this and our first initiative was a "Froth & Bubble" evening for the Naracoorte and Lucindale communities at the Naracoorte Hotel. The event was well received and was attended by those who were already familiar with our activities, as well as people who wanted to learn more about the Foundation and the benefits of creating a Sub Fund for their area.

In May, we were approached by Koonara Wines to be the beneficiary of their fundraising activities at the Mount Gambier Gold Cup Carnival. What resulted was a mutually beneficial partnership and a brilliant day, which led in beautifully to the "Swinging with the Stars" and created an outstanding opportunity to introduce our "stars" to the greater community. The event was an overwhelming success with around \$9,000 being raised and an increased awareness and understanding of the Foundation's work in building sustainable communities in the Limestone Coast. We thank Koonara Wines for their support and look forward to the continuation of this productive partnership in the future.

Swinging with the Stars was again held in June and thanks to the commitment and dedication of our hard-working committee and the enthusiasm and camaraderie of our eight amazing stars, it came together beautifully and has been touted as "the most successful one yet."

I am proud that we have achieved so much in the last 12 months and thank my predecessor, Sally Klose, for her ongoing support and advice along the way. I also thank Sally Bailey in her role as Administration Assistant for her solid work ethic, sound advice and commitment to getting the job done. The Foundation's Directors are steadfast in their ongoing and tireless contribution and support throughout the year and their level of engagement is very much appreciated. I look forward to the year ahead and our renewed focus on getting out into the Limestone Coast community to meet donors and sponsors and experience first hand their generousity, willingness and desire to help other people and to further grow the Limestone Coast's Community Foundation.

In the words of Aristotle, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" and with Stand Like Stone as the vehicle, lets come together and make a positive difference to our communities both now and into the future.

Georgie McKay Executive Officer

# **Grants Given**

During 2012-2013 Stand Like Stone maintained its practice of conducting two grant rounds annually, focusing on Community Wellbeing and where possible spreading its support across the Limestone Coast region and to a diverse range of charitable projects.

# During 2012-2013, sixteen charitable projects shared \$14,489 bringing the total granted by Stand Like Stone to \$219,674. Successful grants for the thirteenth and fourteenth grant rounds were:

Mount Gambier City Band Inc received \$1000 for the Limestone Coast Symphony Orchestra. The

newly formed Limestone Coast Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Angus Christie, held their inaugural performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in June of this year.

The Penola War Memorial Hospital received \$339 to purchase a Nintendo Wii and associated programs for use by residents in the aged care facility. Activities on the Wii can be adapted to suit the physical and cognitive abilities of each individual and can be integrated into rehabilitation programs.

The Mount Gambier Toy Library received \$1000 for their project, "Access to educational toys for community benefit". The funding enabled the Toy Library to upgrade their educational toys and provide greater access to the library to disadvantaged families in the area, through subsidised memberships.

The Miracle Babies Foundation Ltd received \$750 to run a St John Caring for Kids First Aid for the Mount Gambier Nurture Group. The funding enabled the members of the Mount Gambier Nurture Group to undertake a first aid course and enable greater confidence in providing care for these children with specialised needs.

The Millicent Men's Shed received \$1000 to purchase tools and equipment for use in their newly created facilities. The Men's Shed forms part of the Millicent Community Hub, which includes the Art & Craft Centre, Community Garden, Lions/Lioness Club, Rotary Club, Shooting Starz Guide Unit, the Road Safety School and other community services.



Residents at the Penola War Memorial Hospital enjoy activities on the new Nintendo Wii



Stand Like Stone Director, Brian Page, is pictured with Millicent Men's Shed Vice President, Trevor Hutchesson

#### Focis on Youth Sub Fund

### The Focis on Youth sub fund provides grants to projects with educational outcomes. During 2012-2013 the Focis on Youth sub fund gave the folloiwng grants:

The Naracoorte Uniting Church received \$1000 for their "Transforming Lives through Literacy" project. The grant enabled specific students to undertake a specialised reading program and offered potenital far reaching community benefit.

# Grants Given cont.

The Naracoorte Child Day Care Centre received \$750 to assist them to run a Positive Parenting workshop for the benefit of parents and guardians from Naracoorte and surrounding areas.

The Penola Festival Association received \$1000 for their "Our Community Puppet and Grafitti Show" project The funding was for use in the creation of the puppets and staging used in the "Our Community Puppet & Graffiti Show".



A lively puppet show drew in the community at the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival. A grant of \$1000 was provided by Stand Like Stone for use in the creation of the puppets and staging used in "Our Community Puppet & Graffiti Show".

The Mount Gambier High School received \$1000 for the She Girls Talk project. The project aimed to improve self-esteem and self-acceptance in vulnerable and disadvantaged youth.

The Naracoorte High School received \$1000 for the Operation Flinders Project. The funding allowed for the purchase of suitable hiking boots to enable disadvantaged youth in the area to take part in the Operation Flinders program.

#### Agri-Links Sub Fund

### The Agri-Links sub fund, was established to give grants that raise awareness of Mental Health throughout the Limestone Coast. The following projects were funded by the Agri-Links sub fund in 2012-2013:

Millicent Green Fingers received \$1000 to contruct a greenhouse/glasshouse for use in the Community Garden, The Community Garden forms part of the Millicent Community Hub, which includes the Art & Craft Centre, Men's Shed, Lions/Lioness Club, Rotary Club, Shooting Starz Guide Unit, the Road Safety School and other community services.

South East Community Access Radio Inc recived \$1000 to replace a key operations computer at the station, to assist with programing and ensure the smooth operation of the radio station.

The South East Junction received \$650 for their literary and exercise project, "On the Move". The project aimed to improve literacy and develop a physical exercise program with potential benefits for mental health.

#### The following project was partly funded by the Agri-Links sub fund:

One Voice Network Incorporated received \$1000 to use in their Pain Management through Mindfulness program. Mindfulness meditational strategies which support people with mental health issues in the development of sound mental health and a general sense of well being. Participants were able to improve their management of pain, overall wellbeing, happiness and stress management skills.

#### **Balnaves Family Sub Fund**

The Balnaves Family Sub Fund is used to give grants to charitable projects that benefit the greater Penola Coonawarra region. The following projects were funded by the Balnaves Family Sub Fund during 2012-2013:

The Penola War Memorial Hospital received \$1000 for its iPad's, Apps & Bringing the Outside World into Aged Care. Ipad applications are selected to suit the physical and cognitive abilities of each individual and can be integrated into rehabilitation programs.

The Penola War Memorial Hospital via the Penola War Memorial Hospital Auxilliary received \$1000 for The Pinchunga Residents" Digital Television Project. The project was needed as the exisiting televisions were not compatible with didgital technology. The grant helped to facilitate the purchase and installation of new televisions providing disadvantage residents with access to digital television.



In Grant Round 12 Nangwarry Museum and Community Hall received funding to aid in the preservation of forestry equipment. The funds were used to repair, clean and repaint historical forestry equipment that would otherwise due to the extensive degradation of the items have been lost. The items are housed in and around the museum which collects and preserves machinery and equipment used in the timber industry - one of the significant industries in the Limestone Coast.

# **Educational Scholarships**

Stand Like Stone's Educational Scholarship Fund, established in 2007, provides money for scholarships, bursaries or prizes which promote the recipients education in a recognised pre-school, primary, secondary or tertiary course and is awarded on merit or for reasons of equity.

In 2012 Stand Like Stone offered its fourth round of scholarships for students studying in 2013. Scholarships were awarded for: approved curriculum and courses being studied at Australian educational institutions and for related living and boarding costs.

#### In total \$7,525 was awarded as follows:

#### L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship

The L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) provides scholarships to assist young women to undertake a nursing career and was awarded to Danielle Przbilla to study a Bachelor of Nursing.

#### Focis on Youth Scholarship

The Focis on Youth Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.

The Focis on Youth Scholarships were awarded to:

- Taylor Miles to study a Bachelor of Education
- Jarred Earl to study a Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Maths and Computer Science
- Jade Maynard to study medicine and
- Samantha Galpin to study a Bachelor of Oral Health/Bachelor of Science



"The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it"

#### L T O'Connor Music Scholarship

The L T O'Connor Music Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) provides scholarships based on merit in the area of music to students to further their experiences and knowledge in music. This scholarship was awarded to Tom Walsh to study at the Generations in Jazz Academy.

The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship (a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) was awarded to Meghan Fitzpatrick to study a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice. The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarships are awarded for reasons of equity to primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.

The Kingston Community School, Keith Area School and Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarships (sub funds of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) are awarded to students attending or enrolling at the respective schools. These scholarships were awarded to:

- Nicole Finch to attend Keith Area School
- Monique Homes to study a Bachelor of Health Sciences and a Bachelor of Education

#### Stand Like Stone Scholarships

Stand Like Stone Scholarships provide scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses. Stand Like Stone Scholarships were awarded to:

- Bryden Weston to study a Bachelor of Nursing
- Monique Martin to study a Bachelor of Early Childhood
- Cara Kilsby to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science

Scholarships were assessed by an Advisory Committee consisting of members of the community and were awarded on merit and reasons of equity. The Board was impressed by the strong candidates who applied to the Educational Scholarship Fund.

All candidates were highly rated and the final decision on who to select to receive scholarships was difficult. Since 2009, forty-two students have shared in \$28,075 worth of scholarships.

# 2013 FRRR Back to School Program

Local families received back to school relief thanks to an initiative delivered by the Stand Like Stone Foundation. To help reduce the burden of costs associated with the commencement of a new school year, 750 fifty dollar vouchers were distributed, in partnership with local schools.

The schools allocate vouchers in the most appropriate way to assist families and children with the greatest need. The program is unique, in that recipient families can choose what they actually need for their children.

This was the ninth year Stand Like Stone issued vouchers, through the Back to School Program, to help students with the purchase of uniforms, books or other equipment needed to get students back to school. Over nine years 5,260 students have been given vouchers throughout our region, resulting in a cash boost of \$263,000 supporting education.

Stories from schools show that families are very appreciative of this helping hand at the start of the school year. Children start the year with the right new school clothes, pencils, pens and other school needs. At the same time, local families know that our community cares about them and their children and wishes them well.

"This is an excellent example of the active support given by Stand Like Stone to our region. It's great to know that children can return to school better prepared", Stand Like Stone, Chairman, Sue Charlton said.

Funds from FRRR and the Sidney Myer Foundation provided a grant of 550 vouchers to Stand Like Stone, while funds for an extra 200 vouchers were received from the Mount Gambier and District Community Bank, Kimberley Clark, other individual donors and funds raised from Swinging with the Stars, 2012.



Carol Koch, Director Stand Like Stone, presents Back to School Vouchers to Naracoorte based school principals, Marie Riddle, Kym Grant and Anna Young. Photo: Naracoorte Herald

# Stay at School Program

Thanks to a partnership between Stand Like Stone, the Wyatt Benevolent Institution and the Naracoorte and Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centres forty students received \$500 gifts to help them complete their SACE. The gifts were distributed through Stand Like Stone's Stay at School program which is funded by the Wyatt Benevolent Institution.

The Stay at School Program assists students aged between 16 and 24 studying the SACE at the Independent Learning Centres. The aim of the gift is to help the students stay at school by alleviating some of the financial pressure associated with studying.

To receive a gift students must be attending the Independent Learning Centre in year 11 or 12 and be in receipt of independent status conferred by Centrelink. With the support of the Independent Learning Centres, Stand Like Stone representatives met with recipients to explain the program, to discuss with them how they will use the gift to help them stay at school and to let them know that there are people in the community who care and have a desire to help them complete their education.

"The Stay at School program is a most worthy one. All of these disadvantaged young people fully deserve any assistance that can be provided to them. And through the shaking of hands, they all are receive our sincere trust, that they know best how to spend these funds wisely. We do not direct in any way how they use these funds . Simply saying, that 'we believe in you and we trust you', is much appreciated. Words of praise are often rare in their lives. The words of Adam Lindsay Gordon's poem resonate in these acts of kindness that we provide" Stand Like Stone Director, Brian Page said.



"A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world."

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Naracoorte ILC student, Lisa Sykes, receives her Stay at School cheque from Stand Like Stone Chairman, Sue Charlton.



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# Swinging with the Stars

The 6th annual Swinging with the Stars was held at the Barn, Mount Gambier, on June 22nd. Over 400 people witnessed eight amazing locals and their partners dance the waltz, cha-cha and the highly anticipated disco.

The line-up of local identities included:

- Grant High School teacher Laura Mancuso, whose graceful moves caught the eye of the judges early in the competition, dancing with Bronson Pfeiler.
- Bellum Hotel owner Simon Livingstone, who donned eye-catching, skin-tight maroon flares for the disco, dancing with Tayla Kovaleff.
- Penola's Tom Edwards, crowned the King of the Cha-Cha as he swayed with partner, Claire Judd.
- Speech Pathologist, Rosanna Barson, who teamed pink leg warmers and a black afro as she "knocked on wood", with partner Luke Forster.
- Mount Gambier High School music teacher Tom Hart, who found his inner "Swayze" and wowed the crowd with his sense of rhythm, dancing with Tamara Kovaleff.
- Landmark Merchandise Manager Amy Young, a stunning disco debutant in paisley Lycra, dancing with Matt Bryant.
- Beauty Therapist and Real Estate Agent Tahlia Gabrielli, crowd favourite and eye stopping in gold glitter, dancing with Callum Unger.
- Morton Simmental Stud Owner Scott Davidson, who channelled his inner Elvis as he got down & boogied with partner, Kahlia Prelc.

Judges, Alan Richardson, Kim Cella and Rhett McDonald had trouble separating the competitors and requested an additional dance to assist them with their deliberations. In a hotly contested final cha-cha, Tom Hart & Tamara Kovaleff took out the coveted title and were crowned as the winners of the 2013 Swinging with the Stars, closely followed by runners-up Laura Mancuso & Bronson Pfeiler.

People's Choice winner (awarded to the Star who raises the most funds for the Stand Like Stone Foundation) was awarded to Scott Davidson & runner-up was Simon Livingston. The combined fundraising total for all 8 stars was \$28.751, which is the largest amount raised in the history of Swinging with the Stars!

### Thankyou 2013 Swinging with the Stars' Major Sponsors:







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Guests took to the dance floor as vocalists Elijah Maddern and Natasha Weatherill crooned, backed by the big notes of the Generations in Jazz Academy Band. Thanks must go to Ben Treloar for his deft performance as Master of Ceremonies and Peter Brookman for creating a lasting record of beautiful photographic images from the evening.

"We'd like to thank all the Stars and their dedicated dance partners for their commitment to this years Swinging with the Stars. All the dancers looked fantastic and this year in particular wowed the audience with the incredible lifts, the costumes and the friendly rivalry. Dance instructor Kate English did a marvellous job in pulling together a show-stopping performance", Stand Like Stone Chairman, Sue Charlton said. "There are so many generous local contributors that make Swinging with the Stars such a success. From our major sponsors, J&M Shanks Engineering and the Mount Gambier branch of the Bendigo Community Bank, through to the assistants that help with costume changes; it is your contribution that makes this event so special."

With the proceeds of the charity auction, silent auction and some generous donations received during the course of the evening, another record was set with the total funds raised from the event amounting to \$53,383.

### Thank you Swinging with the Star's supporters:



# Limestone Coast Tattoo

Toes were tapping to the stirring music of brass, string, jazz and marching bands and pipes and drums as some of the community's finest musicians performed at the Limestone Coast Tattoo on 24 November at the Icehouse, Mount Gambier.

The following bands featured at the Limestone Coast Tattoo: Mount Gambier City Band, RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band, Mount Gambier City Concert Band, South East Show Band, Tenison Woods Big Band, Tenison Woods Drum Corps, StringBeans and the Penola and District Caledonian Pipe Band. Dance groups, including Ardlair Dancers, Margaret Cleves school of dance, Maryke Dance Studio and MJ Dance joined the bands to provide an exciting visual element to the music. Vocalists Luke and Johnny, performed with the Penola and District Caledonian Pipe Band, and added an extra element to the show.

Proudly sponsored by DeGaris Lawyers, the Tattoo was set up and run for the charitable purpose of providing educational scholarships in the area of music through the L T O'Connor Music Scholarship, a sub fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation. The L T O'Connor Scholarship provides scholarships for reasons of merit in the area of music to people identifying with the Limestone Coast to further their experiences and knowledge in music.

We thank Alan Richardson for his stellar performance as Master of Ceremonies, Tom Williams for setting up and operating the lighting for the show and Beth Searle from the IceHouse for her invaluable input and assistance. As a result of the Limestone Coast Tattoo \$5,772 was donated to the L T O'Connor Scholarship sub fund.

Thankyou to the 2012 Limestone Coast Tattoo Sponsor





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# Financial Report year ending 30/6/13

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What Stand Like Stone Earned					
Events Income	40,408.00	-	-	-	40,408.00
Administration Fee	17,407.60	-	-	-	17,408.00
Interest	4,292.11	10,366.00	11,762.08	16,755.02	43,175.00
Sponsorship	14,600.00	-	-	-	14,600.00
Dividends Received	-	2,120.22	831.60	782.10	3,734.00
	76,707.71	12,486.22	12,593.68	17,537.12	119,325.00
Gifts & Donations Received	15,000.00	30,341.00	47,270.70	63,001.46	155,613.00
Less Administration Costs	88,158.78	5,018.93	4,792.34	7,240.34	105,210.00
Surplus Before Grants	3,548.93	37,808.29	55,072.04	73,298.24	169,728.00
Grants & Scholarships Paid	-	13,343.50	24,289.00	7,525.00	45,158.00
Surplus	3,548.93	24,464.79	30,783.04	65,773.24	124,570.00
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,575.73	-	-	-	2,576.00
Cash & Short Term Deposits	106,140.17	215,451.54	238,242.67	368,900.80	928,735.00
Sundry Debtors & Other Receivables	4,986.00	1,159.12	1,238.82	6,415.00	13,799.00
Shares in Listed Companies	-	50,623.95	30,494.91	40,606.99	121,726.00
What we Own	113,701.90	267,234.61	269,976.40	415,922.79	1,066,836.00
What we Owe	3,203.13	3,969.64	6,649.60	16,793.15	30,616.00
Net Assets (including Administration Account)	110,498.77	263,264.97	263,326.80	399,129.64	1,036,220.00

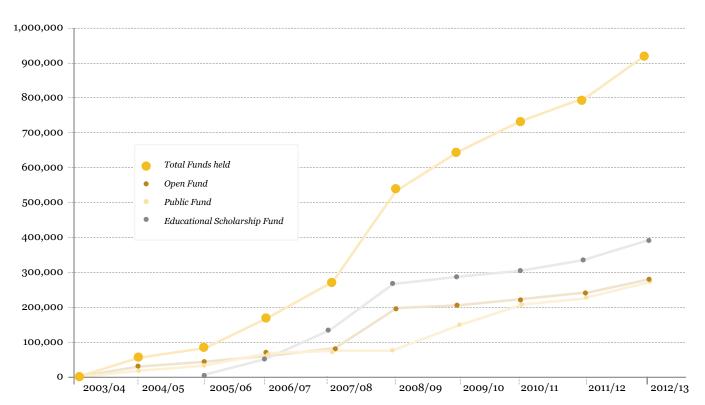
# Trust Funds Growth

Stand Like Stone's goal continues to be to build substantial permanent funds from which grants are made to local charitable projects and educational scholarships are given. These funds function like a permanent community savings account (the corpus) which distributes the earnings back to the community. Stand Like Stone has three trust funds: the Public Fund, the Open Fund and the Educational Scholarship Fund where gifts to Stand Like Stone are held.

The Educational Scholarship Fund has net assets of \$395,361.77 and provides money for scholarships, bursaries or prizes which promote the recipients education in a pre-school, primary, secondary or tertiary course and is awarded on merit or for reasons of equity. Donations to the Educational Scholarship Fund receive a tax deduction.

The Public Fund has net assets of \$260,704.55 and gives grants to organisations that have deductible gift recipient status (DGR) for example hospitals, health promotion charities and cultural organisations. Donations to the Public Fund receive a tax deduction.

Gifts not requiring a tax deductible receipt are invested in the Open Fund which has net assets of \$263,390.34. Grants from the Open Fund are given to charitable projects and can be given to a wider number of organisations, not just those with deductible gift recipient status. The following graph shows trust fund growth:



### Trust Funds Growth

# In Memorium

Families can choose to recognise their loved ones through the support of the Stand Like Stone Foundation. We recognise the following families for their generous donations.



### Margaret (Mig) Joan Brookman

13/9/952 - 2/6/2010

Mig was born at Ranfurly, on the south island of New Zealand. Born, bred and raised on a farm, she had a love of traveling which led her to travel the world, including Australia. She met her partner, Peter, in a wool shed at Marcus Oldham College. As a 'past trainee', Peter was organising the induction for the 'incoming' trainees. Mig had come along for a look, and that was the 'beginning of the end' of the wanderings of this 'Kiwi bird'.

Mig and Peter settled in the sand hills (that were once bare) at "Cairndale" Keith where they raised two beautiful girls, Anna and Kate. Mig was a well-respected and passionate member of the Keith community and a driving force in anything she was involved in, including hockey, Pony Club with her daughters, and the Keith Golf Club.

Mig was heavily involved with St. Johns and later SA Ambulance, serving the Keith community for 23 years. She was a highly respected and valued team member. Another legacy left by Mig is lots of trees. She spent many years seed collecting, growing 1000's of trees at home and at the school, teaching children to propagate trees, and then take them out planting around the town, along the roads and in farmer's paddocks.

Mig was a tireless supporter of the Keith Hospital and wanted to be sure that it would never close. She poured thousands of hours into the hospital and was the brains and labour behind many of its improvements. Even in the final stages of lung cancer, just weeks from her death, the 57-year-old could be found up a ladder, with her oxygen tank on hand, painting the roof of the hospital.

Mrs Brookman's legacy to the hospital, where she also set up a mini-farm and outdoor area for patients, was to launch a Future Fund (as a Sub Fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation), "Mig's Vision" - to make sure it could sustain itself for future generations.

The fund was launched just four days before Mrs Brookman died and currently has a balance of over \$78,000, the majority of which Mig was instrumental in raising or was donated in her memory.



## Steven John Noble

8/12/1985 - 1/4/2013

Steven was a well respected member of the Port MacDonnell and Allendale East community, growing up on a family Dairy Farm in Allendale East and attending Allendale East Area School during his schooling years. Small communities create close relationships and Steven will always be remembered in the Port MacDonnell and Allendale East community as a friendly, outgoing, loyal and caring person who always put others before himself and had a smile that would light up the room.

A talented sportsman Steven was a successful senior footballer with the Port Mac Donnell Football club. Sadly missing out on his 150th game by only two games, Steven played football for the Port MacDonnell Football Club from junior level right through to being the Premiership Captain of the PMFC team in 2012. Steven's father Chris Noble (dec) was well also respected in the Kongorong community, playing for the Kongorong Football Club for many years.

The Steven Noble Memorial Fund (a Sub Fund of the Stand Like Stone Foundation) has been established in Steven's memory and will support the local communities of Port MacDonnell, Allendale East and Kongorong. The Sub Fund represents what Steven was as a person, someone who was always willing to give everything he had to assist and support other people.



### Gennaro (Jimmy) Di Rito

21/11/1928 - 3/3/2010

Gennaro DiRito (Jimmy as he was known by many) immigrated to Australia in 1951 eventually settling in Mount Gambier.

Jimmy's first job was as a tree feller in the south-east area, where he lived in a bush camp and made weekly visits to Mount Gambier for provisioning and outings.

He married Lucia in 1962 and they had two children, Melena and Leo. Jimmy and Lucy settled in Moorak in 1968 to establish their farm, where they raised pigs and had a dairy herd. They later ran beef cattle where they were well known for the quality of the bullocks they produced.

Jimmy loved to have a chat, a game of bocce and a glass of wine with his many friends and neighbours in the area. He was a long term member and supporter of the Mount Gambier Italo Australia Club.

He had a great pride in the region and strongly supported the Stand Like Stone Foundation in his lifetime. His family continued that support by encouraging donations in his memory.

# **Community Awareness**

#### Website

Our website is a powerful and important tool in raising community awareness of the work of Stand Like Stone Foundation. We have invested significantly in our website over the last 12 months, and with the generosity of HelloFriday have seen the re-design of our website to a fresh modern look, with clearer access to information and forms. We look forward to further advances in the website in the coming months and are aiming to enable on-line donations in the near future. **UNIQUE WEBSITE VISITS (JULY – JUNE) 4988** 

#### **Social Media**

This year has seen the launch of Stand Like Stone in the social media with the creation of a Facebook page in April. The social media provides a platform to extend our reach into the community and allows a responsive and current platform to engage with many community groups, as well as younger stakeholders. Our Facebook community has grown to 196 people in the three months since its creation and we communicate with them on a regular basis, posting messages of community interest and updates on our events, grants and scholarship programs. During Swinging with the Stars, our posts were reaching up to 3000 Facebook users.

#### FACEBOOK LIKES 196

#### **Public Relations - Media**

Over the past 12 months Stand Like Stone featured in 37 print media stories, averaging just over 3 stories per month. Images accompanied the majority of these stories making the stories more likely to be read. We appreciate the support given by local radio and print media in providing a solid foundation to increase community awareness across the Limestone Coast in the coming years. **PRINT MEDIA STORIES 37** 

#### **Public Relations - E-Newsletter**

Our e-newsletter has been distributed on a bi-monthly basis over the last 12 months, with additional notifications in the lead-up to major events. The e-newsletter has been expanded to include photographs, diary dates and a quote of the week and has been well received by our 500 strong subscriber list.

#### **Public Relations - Froth & Bubble Events**

The year has brought a renewed focus on visiting the towns of the Limestone Coast and reminding people of the good work of the Foundation. Our first initiative was a "Froth & Bubble" evening for the Naracoorte and Lucindale communities at the Naracoorte Hotel. The event was well received and was attended by those who were already familiar with our activities, as well as people who wanted to learn more about the Foundation and the benefits of creating s Sub Fund for their area. The year ahead will involve more of these events, as we focus on visiting the Limestone Coast community to meet donors and sponsors and experience first hand their generousity, willingness and desire to help other people and to further grow the Foundation.

# Structure & Governance

### The Stand Like Stone Foundation is:

- A Public Company Limited by Guarantee
- Endorsed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as a Charitable Institution and is exempt from income tax

Donations to the Foundation are held in the appropriate Trust Fund. Each fund is established and governed by a separate Trust Deed. The public company, the Stand Like Stone Foundation, is the trustee of the:

- Open Fund
- Public Fund (to which tax-deductible donations can be given)
- Educational Scholarship Fund (to which tax-deductible donations can be given)

The trustees are responsible for:

- Investment decisions
- Ensuring that income is distributed in line with the purposes in the trust deeds

### Stand Like Stone's Constitution provides governance requirements and states that Stand Like Stone is not for profit and that its income will be applied to public charitable purposes.

Stand Like Stone is governed by a Board of Directors made up of unpaid representatives from the Limestone Coast who meet the Australian Tax Office's (ATO) definition of having 'community responsibility'.

Stand Like Stone has Grant Making, Finance, Donor and Fund Raising advisory committees, which make recommendations to the Board.

The directors are assisted by an Executive Officer, who is employed three days a week. The Stand Like Stone Foundation has a small office in Mount Gambier.

# History & Context

The Stand Like Stone Foundation, a community foundation, is an independent philanthropic organisation working in the Limestone Coast. Stand Like Stone is part of a network of Community Foundations across Australia and works closely with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), Australian Community Philanthropy and Philanthropy Australia.

Stand Like Stone's origins lie in the leadership of a group of visionary people who wanted to initiate a community foundation for the lasting benefit of the Limestone Coast. As a result in October 2004 the Stand Like Stone Foundation was officially launched to serve the Limestone Coast.

The Stand Like Stone Foundation is the leading community foundation in South Australia. Stand Like Stone operates as follows:

- Stand Like Stone collects donations, which are pooled to form a capital base (corpus).
- This capital base (corpus) is invested and kept in perpetuity and its income is used to fund educational scholarships and community projects, which are charitable and benefit the community.
- Stand Like Stone funds educational scholarships and charitable projects in the Limestone Coast by giving grants which focus on community health and well being, community development, environmental and cultural projects.



### Stand Like Stone is unique for a number of reasons:

- The benefit of all donations stays in the Limestone Coast.
- Decisions on which projects receive grants are made by local people.
- The grants Stand Like Stone gives meet local needs.
- The original donation is never spent; it keeps on giving.
- No more than 2% per annum of average capital is used to support Stand Like Stone's activities.

#### The Limestone Coast

The Stand Like Stone Foundation embraces the Limestone Coast, located in the South East of South Australia. The Limestone Coast consists of the following local governments:

- District Council of Grant
- Wattle Range Council
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- Tatiara District Council
- City of Mount Gambier
- Robe District Council
  - Kingston District Council

# **Organisational Directory**

### Board of Directors

Mrs Susan Charlton (Chairman)
Mr Brian Page (Public Officer)
Dr Ruth Schubert (Secretary)
Mr Graham Carter
Mrs Annette Balnaves
Mr Thomas Rymill
Mrs Carol Koch
Mr Robin Ellerman
Mr William DeGaris
Mrs Janet Allen
Mr Greg Duver
Mr Robert Mock

April 2004 to present April 2004 to April 2006 November 2004 to present July 2005 to present December 2006 to present June 2009 to June 2013 April 2012 to present April 2012 to present

#### Alternate Directors

Mrs Kathryn Facy	Alternate for Susan Charlton	November 2009 to present
Mr Graeme Earl	Alternate for Graham Carter	August 2010 to present
Mrs Penny McGorm	Alternate for Carol Koch	April 2011 to present
Mr Peter Brookman	Alternate for Janet Allen	August 2011 to June 2013
Ms Donna Edwards	Alternate for William DeGaris	August 2011 to present
Mr Rhett McDonald	Alternate for Annette Balnaves	March 2012 to present

#### Patrons

Mr Ray Scott

#### Advisory Committees

Grant Making Mr Graham Carter (Chairman) Mr Brian Page Ms Karen Olive (Bendigo Community Bank) Ms Barbara Cernovskis (City of Mount Gambier) Ms Abigail Goodman (Agri-Links) Mrs Annette Balnaves Mr Rhett McDonald

Educational Scholarship Mrs Sue Charlton (Chairman) Mr Brian Page Dr Ruth Schubert Mrs Janet Allen Ms Barbara Cernovskis (City of Mount Gambier) Mr Rhett McDonald

July 2009 to present

July 2006 to present July 2006 to present April 2010 to present April 2010 to present April 2012 to present December 2012 to present December 2012 to present

November 2009 to present November 2009 to present November 2009 to present November 2009 to June 2013 November 2010 to present December 2012 to present *Finance* Mr Brian Page (Chairman) Mr Graham Carter Mr Robin Ellerman Mr Greg Duver Mr Robert Mock

Fund Development – Swinging With The Stars Mrs Sue Charlton (Chairman) Mrs Mary Ellerman Mrs Kate Facy Ms Tania Von Stanke Mrs Alex Evans Mrs Carol Koch Mrs Annette Balnaves April 2004 to present April 2004 to present July 2005 to present December 2012 to present December 2012 to present

February 2007 to present February 2010 to March 2013 February 2010 to present May 2012 to present February 2011 to present December 2012 to present December 2012 to present

Fund Development – Limestone Coast Tattoo Mrs Sue Charlton (Chairman) Mr Craig Wood (Mount Gambier City Band) Mrs Helen Wood (Mount Gambier City Band) Mr Barry Ward (RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band) Mr Jans Rambout (South East Show Band) Ms Jennie Matthews (StringBeans) Mr Grant Harrington (Penola and District Caledonian Pipe Band) Ms Janet Bellinger (Penola and District Caledonian Pipe Band) Mrs Penny McGorm

September 2011 to present May 2012 to present August 2012 to present December 2012 to present

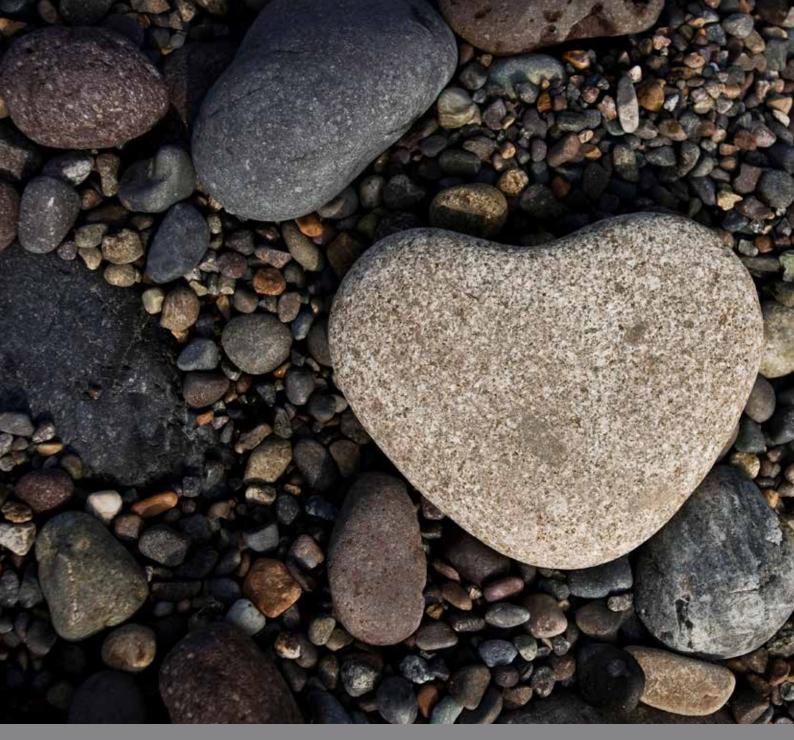
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- Bianca Gillin Multimedia
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#### Key Advisors

Auditor	Galpin Engler Bruins and Dempsey, Accountants	
Accountant	R Y Ellerman and Co Pty Ltd	
Legal	Freehills Solicitors and W S DeGaris and Co	
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