

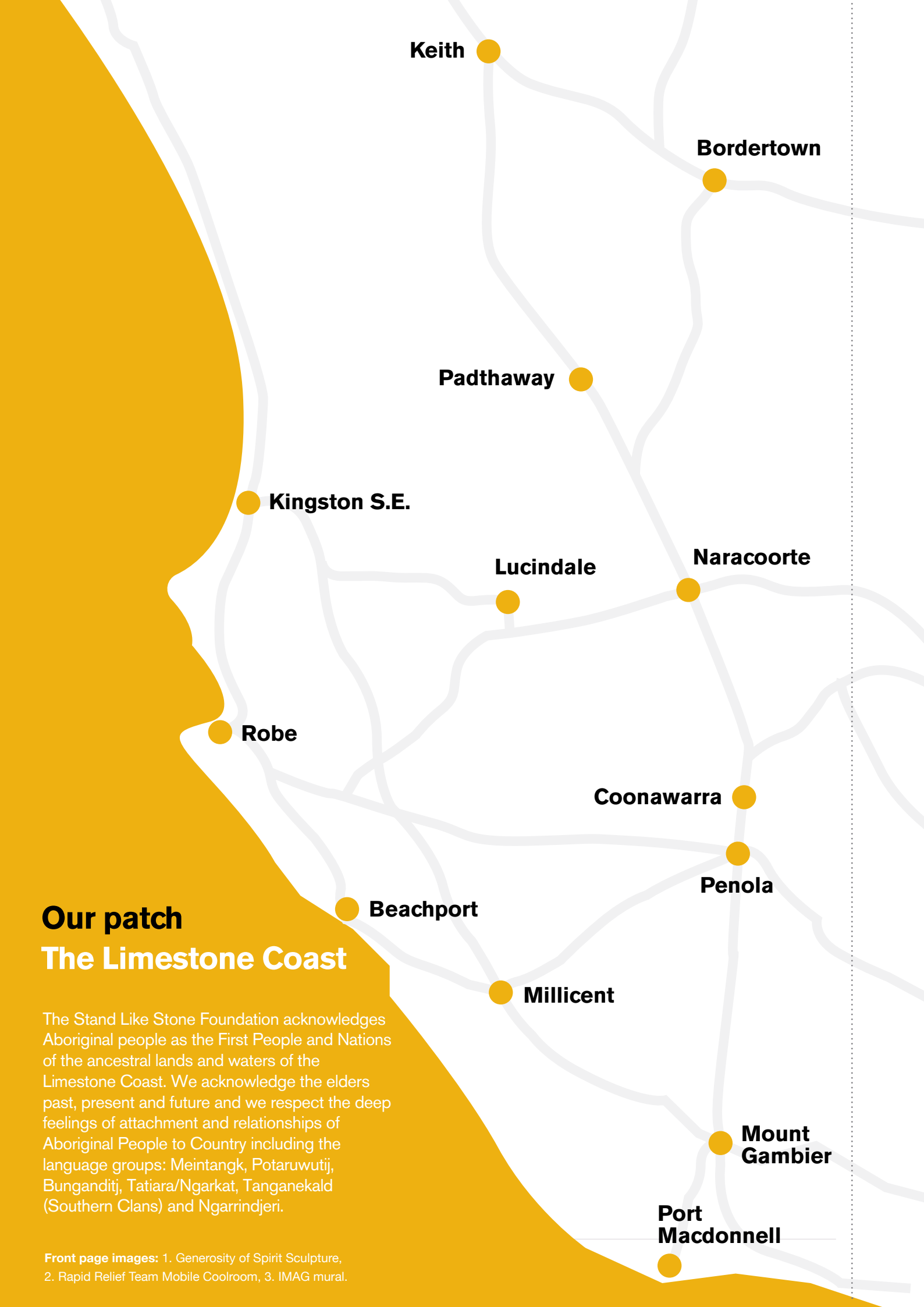


# Annual Report 2022/2023



**Stand Like Stone**

Inspiring kindness and courage



**Keith**

**Bordertown**

**Padthaway**

**Kingston S.E.**

**Lucindale**

**Naracoorte**

**Robe**

**Coonawarra**

**Penola**

**Beachport**

**Millicent**

**Mount  
Gambier**

**Port  
Macdonnell**

## **Our patch** **The Limestone Coast**

The Stand Like Stone Foundation acknowledges Aboriginal people as the First People and Nations of the ancestral lands and waters of the Limestone Coast. We acknowledge the elders past, present and future and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationships of Aboriginal People to Country including the language groups: Meintangk, Potaruwutij, Bunganditj, Tatiara/Ngarkat, Tanganekald (Southern Clans) and Ngarrindjeri.

# Our year of giving

In 2022/23 Stand Like Stone has provided **\$241,225** in grants, scholarships, programs and fundraising support to the Limestone Coast.



**29**

local students supported with \$70,500 in educational scholarships



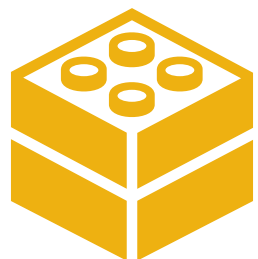
**1000**

\$50 FRRR Back to School vouchers to 40 local schools totalling \$50,000



**12**

local charitable projects supported with \$68,225 in annual small grants



**5**

charitable projects supported with \$50,000 from the OneFortyOne Community Grants



**1**

Community assisted with fundraising support



**1**

FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant auspiced (continuation from prior year)



**\$2.5k**

Friends of Stand Like Stone 'Champion' Grant

## Welcome

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Join us in celebrating a year of kindness and courage with the people and projects of the Limestone Coast.

## Our Vision

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To inspire community kindness and courage.

## Our Mission

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To build on the generosity of spirit within our community and promote investment in the Limestone Coast for lasting impact.

We know how much the people in this region love the Limestone Coast as we share that passion.

We believe it takes teamwork, innovation, passion, courage and kindness to achieve lasting impact. Each year, and in partnership with our community, we help local students and families return to school with dignity, we help local students realise their dreams, we help local volunteers and not-for-profit groups find ways to help more people in their communities.

As the Limestone Coast's only community foundation, we are proud to help ignite the potential of local people and local projects now and forever. At Stand Like Stone, we believe in **finding courage in our own troubles, and giving kindness in another's.**

**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.





## From our Patron

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**“Two Things Stand like Stone - Kindness in another’s Trouble, Courage in our Own”**

**In the world of today little seems more appropriate than our motto.**

There is much unrest about the World, but I believe that as individuals we cannot hope to alter much of the fighting, world food insecurity, poverty, lack of housing, and general health worldwide. What we can do is work to alleviate some of these things in the Limestone Coast community. This is the great benefit of a community foundation such as ours. Imagine if a community foundation existed across all communities in Australia, and then worldwide, the effect this would have on ameliorating some problems.

We must encourage our community to find ways to work together to keep the Limestone Coast at the forefront in providing a hand-up in some of these situations. Together that will form part of the world reaction to world worries.

The Stand Like Stone Foundation was formed by public agreement, with a steering committee established to deal with its establishment. Thomas Rymill lawyer was an integral member of the steering committee, and it is to him that we owe our distinctive name with apologies to Adam Lindsay Gordon. He was a founding board member and was responsible for proposing our now familiar name.

He was instrumental in the formation of the “Rolling Stones”, a group of past board members and friends wishing to continue their association with the Foundation. We were saddened by his death in September this year. He will long be remembered for his wisdom and wit.

Our Foundation has continued to grow in the challenging times we are all facing. Community strength took a backward step over the isolation and recovery following Covid and we are still feeling the effects of that. We are deeply grateful to all who

have supported us. We are constantly reminded of the generous community in which we live and work. We look forward to hearing your ideas of ways that the Limestone Coast can work to strengthen our community with kindness and courage through the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

**Dr Sue Charlton AM**

**Patron**



Dr Sue Charlton AM

## From our Chair

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**A steady and progressive year has enabled Stand Like Stone to assist our Limestone Coast communities whilst also building our corpus to a new level.**



Robert Mock, Chair

The modest growth has been possible with the assistance of JB Were and Warakirri Asset Management and notably with the donations and support from the community, especially with the amazing support from our dancers at Swinging with the Stars.

Our sponsors are integral to our success and noted throughout this report. Also of great assistance to our efforts are the pro-bono contributions made that reduce our slim overheads. Once again, we have been strongly supported by both OneFortyOne and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, which has enabled Stand Like Stone to continue to provide for community projects as well as the important 'Back to School' vouchers for families across our region.

The 'Friends of Stand like Stone' concept is gaining momentum and will be a focus for the near future to gain increased ownership and assistance from our citizens.

Thank you to our staff for their dedication and thoroughness throughout the year, Roger Babolka, Sally Bailey and Carissa Buhlmann. Stand Like Stone is somewhat complicated in the way we do business with many funding streams and sub-funds, but our staff do the tasks very competently.

The Board of Stand Like Stone has an impressive range of skills enabling our community foundation to grant substantial funds and yet build the funds that we manage in a secure and reputable manner. The Board composition is often changing and this year is no exception, Georgie McKay is a welcome new member of great experience in community foundations across the country and a previous EO of Stand Like Stone. Retiring since the last years report is Sam Densley from Keith, and announcing retirement from this time is Rhett McDonald and Peta Crewe. These retiring Directors have made a magnificent contribution to the foundation and will be missed. I will also be leaving the

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foundation at the end of this year, and after 12 years feel satisfied with my role over that time.

The board will be actively seeking some new members to fill skills gaps and geographic areas within the Limestone Coast.

It is sad to note that we have lost one of our founding Board members with the passing of Tom Rymill and our condolences go out to the family.

Thank you to all those who have helped this foundation throughout the year and I wish Stand Like Stone all the best for the long future this community foundation is bound to have.

**Robert Mock**  
Chair

## From our CEO

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**There is no doubt in my mind that the Limestone Coast has got a lot to be proud of and thankful for. Whether it's our productive and innovated industries going from strength to strength, or the way the community comes together in times of need, it's truly amazing and comforting to witness.**



Roger Babolka, CEO

I'm pleased to say that, once again, the Foundation has been supported by many individuals, community groups, industry, and government over the last 12 months. A special thanks must go to Damian Thornhill and the team at Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management who have come onboard as our new major sponsor. It's because of people like Damian and our many other supporters that we were able to continue to provide needed assistance across the Limestone Coast through our scholarships, community grants, and 1,000 FRRR 'Back to School' vouchers to 40 schools across the region.

Our major annual fundraising event Swinging with the Stars was once again a roaring success. With over 570 attending the Barn in June to watch the 8 local stars and their dance partners from Hype Studio strut their stuff, it was once again a very clear reflection of the tremendous dedication and efforts by many, wholeheartedly supported by the local community.

As you may be aware, last year we lost a valued contributor to the Foundation, our inaugural donor, long term supporter and Patron Mr Brian Page. Although never far from our thoughts over the last 12 months, the Board were keen to ensure the name Brian Page remains prevalent within the Foundation and the Limestone Coast community. Subsequently, and after many discussions with key stakeholders, the Board approved the renaming of an established sub fund to the 'Brian Page Focus on Youth Sub Fund'. This specific fund was originally established to assist youth who identify with the Limestone Coast with both educational scholarships and charitable projects. Supporting the region's youth was always a passion of Brian, and we know that he would be chuffed with the decision of the Board.



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Financially, the year was a mix of good net asset growth, nearly 10% on the 2021/22 period, but impacted by increased operational costs, reduced distributions and dividends. We must however thank our two external investment advisory firms for their guidance and support throughout the year.

Finally, it's important to take this time to thank all those who have contributed to the operation of the Foundation over the last 12 months. So, to all our Board members, the dedicated staff Sally Bailey and Carissa Buhlmann, our funding partners, our fantastic financial and in-kind sponsors, all those who have donated to the Foundation during the year, and the many supporters who help us spread the good word, thank you.

We know that what we do is relevant, beneficial, and clearly needed, so be assured that our vision of inspiring community kindness and courage will continue to be reflected in everything the Foundation undertakes.

**Roger Babolka**  
Chief Executive Officer

## A tribute to Thomas Rymill 19/2/1950 – 3/9/2023

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**It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Mr Thomas Mark Rymill.**



The late Mr Thomas (Tom) Rymill

Mr Rymill was instrumental in the establishment of Stand Like Stone, as an integral member of the initial steering committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a community foundation in this region.

It is to him that we also owe the name of the foundation, which encompasses part of Adam Lindsay Gordon's poem *Ye Wearie Wayfarer*. He was also a founding board member, holding the position from 2004 through to 2005.

Mr Rymill was also instrumental in the formation of the "Rolling Stones", a group of past board members and friends wishing to continue their association with the Foundation.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have had such a strong community minded individual as part of the Stand Like Stone community, he will be sadly missed by all.

Vale Thomas Rymill.

## How we work

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**As one of the leading community foundations in Australia, and the only community foundation in the Limestone Coast, we have proudly supported the region through our charitable grant making, programs and educational scholarships since 2004.**

Today, we continue to work in partnership with donors, local organisations, and community leaders to strengthen communities within our region, increasing their opportunities, and responding to the immediate and long-term needs of our Limestone Coast community.

As a philanthropic community foundation, we want to involve more people in giving, help to tackle some of the toughest problems we face, and assist more people realise their potential.

We will continue to work with our partners in the Limestone Coast to accomplish this in our role as funder, enabler, capacity builder, advocate, and agent for change.

## Our Values

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### **Inclusiveness**

Engaging with our community in all its diversity



### **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; being 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

## Our Community Granting Programs

### Annual Small Grants

This year our small grants injected \$68,225 back into the Limestone Coast supporting 12 projects.

These projects have been made possible thanks to the generosity of people who have established, or donated to, one of our sub funds, as well as the community groups and organisations who have delivered these projects to benefit our region.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sub funds that funded the small grants this year, as well as applaud and celebrate those groups who delivered the projects.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	SUB FUND	AMOUNT
Penola Coonawarra Music Gathering Association Inc.	Awarded to provide infrastructure to facilitate necessary hygiene management.	Penola/Coonawarra Wellbeing Lorry Humphreys Memorial	\$900 \$4,100
Penola Terra Rossa SACWA	Awarded to purchase a suitable marquee.	Penola/Coonawarra Wellbeing	\$2,148
Imagine Millicent (IMAG)	Awarded to create a mural on a blank wall in Devenport Street, Millicent.	Lorry Humphreys Memorial	\$5,000
Mil-Lel Memorial Park Inc.	Awarded to assist with the costs of installing new heating for the hall.	Stand Like Stone General	\$10,000
Mount Gambier City Band Hall	Fund assisted with the cost of reroofing the hall.	Lorry Humphreys Memorial Stand Like Stone General	\$3,400 \$6,600
The Tatiara Men's Shed Inc.	Awarded to assist with improving their current workshop facilities by installing sliding doors	Stand Like Stone General Limestone Coast Agri-Links Mental Health	\$1,929 \$1,680
Mount Gambier Cancer Support Group Inc.	Awarded to assist with purchasing wigs and turbans for the Mt Gambier Oncology Unit to gift to cancer clients.	Stand Like Stone General	\$1,798
Millicent United Soccer Club Inc.	Awarded to renovate & upgrade the disabled toilets.	Stand Like Stone General	\$7,460
Rapid Relief Team (RRT) Ltd.	Awarded to purchase a mobile cool room to help with delivery of emergency catering.	South East Disaster Relief Stand Like Stone General	\$2,390 \$7,610
Millicent High School Pathways	Awarded to support students and help the Centre tailor personalised and alternative education outcomes.	CCW Memorial	\$807
Keith & District Hospital	Funding to support the Keith Hospital Future Fund.	Keith & District Hospital Future Fund	\$2,403
Fringe Mount Gambier (Auspiced by City of Mt Gambier)	Awarded to support the "Fringe OUTReach" arts program to engage aged community members living regionally.	Lorry Humphreys Memorial	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$68,225</b>







## Our Community Granting Programs (continued)

### OneFortyOne Community Grants

We are proud to continue working with OneFortyOne, and thanks to their generous funding, we have been able to provide another \$50,000 in grants to a variety of regional projects.

This is the 10th year of our partnership with OneFortyOne, which has resulted in supporting a further 5 important projects, taking the tally of these grants to \$380,000 over the 10 years.”

OneFortyOne is a major forest growing and saw milling company, employing over 350 people in the Limestone Coast region. The Jubilee Sawmill is one of the most modern and progressive sawmills in Australia, manufacturing a range of timber products such as structural timber, decking and posts, which are used in the construction and agricultural sectors.

OneFortyOne operations are an integral part of our regional communities and continues to invest in supporting the local environment and local people.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Tatiara District Council	Awarded to assist with the establishment of 'The Social Kitchen' which will provide coordination expertise and ingredients for a monthly meal to be cooked by the Social Group youth team. This meal provides opportunities to build relationships, connections and understanding across the dinner table for the youth of the Tatiara district.	\$6,720
Naracoorte District Men's Shed Inc.	Awarded to enable the construction of a new garage/workshop for historic engine rebuilding and general engine maintenance work. This new facility will accommodate the members that are currently required to undertake these tasks off-site due to the lack of suitable facilities.	\$7,280
Substance Misuse Limestone Coast	Awarded to support a regional summit investigating the gap in the services provided for alcohol and other drugs users that have a co-occurring mental health condition. The event aims to obtain relevant data about the interface between alcohol and other drug users and mental health services that serve people in the Limestone Coast.	\$19,000
#matessavingmates Inc.	Awarded to assist with the costs of operating a community bus for the Padthaway township community. This program will also include raising awareness of the effects of drink driving in small communities.	\$7,000
Open Space Contemporary Arts	Awarded to support the Kingston Weaving Community Art Project by three Boandik artists. Funding will support the weaving and yarning workshops to be held in Kingston and aims to raise awareness of the natural environment by embedding First Nations knowledge back into the local community.	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>



Naracoorte District Men's Shed

## Auspiced Grants

### **FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants**

We were again delighted to continue to support a group of young Limestone Coast leaders, auspicing funds on their behalf as part of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program.

The “Let’s talk about (Dis)ability” project is a program targeting Year 4 to 10 students in the Limestone Coast and involves a presentation by speakers with lived experience as well as disability-related simulations. The project is aimed at raising awareness and an understanding that just because this person has a certain illness or disability, it does not mean they are confined to that as an identity.

We are thrilled to continue to support such a fabulous group of young people who want to raise awareness and educate others on disability, accessibility and inclusion in the Limestone Coast.



The “Let’s talk about (Dis)ability” Team

## Community Fundraising Support

### **Penola Town Square**

Over the past two years the Stand Like Stone Foundation has supported the Penola and Coonawarra community in raising funds for the ‘Generosity of Spirit’ sculpture, which was erected in the Penola Town Square. This project was undertaken in support of the national call for greater representation of women and girls in sculptures in public places.

The Penola Town Square Committee approached Stand Like Stone in seeking support to enable tax-deductible donations from the local community, to commission a sculpture celebrating the women of the Penola and Coonawarra Community.

The Penola and Coonawarra community were able raise the funds required to create the sculpture, and on Sunday 21st of May 2023, the ‘Generosity

of Spirit’ sculpture was officially unveiled by Wendy Hollick, in front of community members and guests as part of the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival.



Generosity of Spirit Sculpture

## Our Educational Support Programs

### Educational Scholarships

**This year we have provided \$70,500 to 29 students through educational scholarships. The scholarships are awarded on merit or for reasons of equity. Our scholarships provide financial support to assist students with the costs associated with their education.**

STUDENT	SUBFUND
Ella Cresp	Balnaves Fdn and Millicent High School
Madeline Davenport	Balnaves Fdn
Luke Bald	Brian Page Focis on Youth
Reuben van Eyk	Brian Page Focis on Youth
Emily Schutz	Cornerstone
Jude Schutz	Cornerstone
Eamon Peisley	de Nys Family Memorial
Caitlin Letizia	Grant High School
Connor Perry	Keith Area School
Holly Wilson	Keith Area School
Erika Watson	Kingston Community School
Kate Parker	Kingston Community School
Jess Tresidder	LE & NC Myers
Abbey Dyson	LM Woodruff
Taylor Fatchen	LM Woodruff
Isabella Schroder	Lorry Humphreys - Arts

These scholarships have been made possible thanks to the generosity of people who have established, or donated to, one of our sub funds.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sub funds that funded scholarships this year, as well as congratulate the following students.

STUDENT	SUBFUND
Makinlee Fitcher	Lorry Humphreys - Arts
Amellia Thompson	Lucindale Area School
Beth Schubert	Lucindale Area School
Maya Tarrant	Millicent High School
Hayden Crowe	Mount Gambier High School
Clayton Nicholls	Rackhams
Kelsie Wilkinson	Rackhams
Sally Sapiatzer	Rackhams
Sarah Dally	Rackhams
Stella Glynn	Penola/Coonawarra Vititec
Christine Jachmann	SA Rural Women's Gathering
Fiona Black	SA Rural Women's Gathering
Kirsty-Jane Wodson	SA Rural Woman's Gathering & Stand Like Stone General

## Our Educational Support Programs (continued)

### **Keith RSL Hardships of War Scholarships**

This scholarship was established following a generous bequest from a Keith RSL member's estate and is awarded annually to Year 7 students at the Keith Area School.

In the early 2000s, the ever-dwindling WW2 members of the Keith RSL Sub-Branch donated \$10,000 to Stand Like Stone. The income generated from the donation funds an annual award for Year 7 students at the Keith Area School to research family service history.

We are honoured to continue partnering with the Keith RSL sub-branch to allocate the funding and were able to provide \$321 towards the scholarships this year.



Keith RSL Hardships of War Scholarship

### **FRRR Back to School Program**

Thanks to a funding partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), as well as a contribution from generous private donors, we have been able to support many local families right across the region with the costs of going back to school.

This year we have distributed 1,000 x \$50 vouchers to 40 local schools across the Limestone Coast. Families use these vouchers to help with the costs of purchasing uniforms, books, stationery or whatever supplies might be needed for a new school year.

We know this program is one of our most meaningful ones, making a real difference to families right across the region. It is more than just a \$50 gift. It's a way for every child to return to school with dignity, to fit in with their peers and have the same sense of excitement that comes with a new backpack, a pair of shoes, or pencil case and drink bottle at the start of a new year.



FRRR Back to School Program presentation - Noel Barr Toyota



# Community kindness and courage in action

The Rackhams Educational Scholarship Sub Fund was established in 2019. This Sub Fund supports 2 x \$10,000 scholarships to students each year from the Wattle Range Council area, and 1 x \$10,000 scholarship to a student with a connection to the Limestone Coast. Additional funds are also donated annually for the purpose of enabling scholarships in perpetuity.

One of this year's successful recipients is ex Mount Gambier High School student Sarah Dally whose application embodied the very essence of Stand Like Stone, inspiring courage and determination whilst overcoming life's challenges.

Sarah has shown a great deal of determination throughout her schooling whilst also dealing with a family tragedy in recent years. Her determination to succeed in her chosen sport and community activities is an inspiration to all.

The scholarship from Stand Like Stone will provide Sarah with financial support for her living and accommodation expenses whilst studying an Honours Degree in Psychology, specialising in Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of South Australia in Adelaide.

Stand Like Stone scholarships are all about giving local students the opportunity to thrive so that they, in turn, can make great contributions to our community in the future.



“Upon completing my Honours degree in Neuroscience, I aspire to use my knowledge to support rural education and return to Mount Gambier to share my experiences with the next generation. My ambition is to undertake research into the effect of competitive sport on children’s brain development and initiate an education program to support students in Mount Gambier and beyond”.

~ Sarah Dally



## Friends of Stand Like Stone

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**The Stand like Stone Foundation wants to encourage and help more people become a local philanthropist for the Limestone Coast community. As a result, the Foundation established the 'Friends of Stand Like Stone' Program which enables any individual or organisation to support the Foundation on a number of levels.**

A key aspect of this initiative is the ability to not only enable the local community to support the on-going operations of the Foundation, but also enable a grant to be given out each year, called the 'Friends of Stand Like Stone Champion' grant.

So, for as little as a \$500 donation each year, you can become a Friend of Stand Like Stone knowing that 100% of your donation stays in the Limestone Coast, helping the community you love today as well as leaving money for tomorrow.

### **Inaugural "Champion" Grant**

This year the Inaugural 'Friends of Stand Like Stone Champion' grant was awarded to the Riddoch Business and Community Association, with \$2,500 going towards the Riddoch Leaders Program.

This program was aimed at developing social and emotional capabilities while increasing personal accountability, self-leadership, resilience, and well-being to enable the young participants to thrive across all areas of their lives.



## Our Sub Funds

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**As the Limestone Coast's community foundation, we are here to serve the needs and philanthropic aims of donors who wish to advance their community, now and in the future.**

We believe a named fund is a great way to get involved in philanthropy and make a real difference to the community you love.

## Our New Sub Funds

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### **Beth McKay Memorial Sub Fund (Open Fund)**

We were delighted to announce earlier in the year the establishment of a new sub fund, which not only had a focus of supporting those with an interest in the choral and vocal arts, but at the same time recognised the efforts and commitment to the vocal arts by local devotee Beth McKay. Sadly, Beth passed away in August 2019.

We were extremely pleased that the Foundation had been given this opportunity to assist in establishing the Beth McKay Memorial Sub fund, after we were approached late last year by members of the not-for-profit Limestone Coast Choral and Vocal Showcase Group, an organisation that was originally established by local residents of Mount Gambier. Beth was one of the original committee members and became the mainstay of the Showcase Group.

### **Poppy Crozier Memorial Sub Fund (Educational Scholarship Fund)**

In June 2023 the Foundation was approached by Asha and Charlie Crozier who were dealing with the sudden loss of their daughter Poppy. The family were seeking support to establish a memorial fund, which would assist students undertaking agricultural related

Every one of our funds has been set up for different, very personal reasons, with varying initial donation amounts. We have funds ranging from a few thousand dollars to hundreds of thousands, helping to make philanthropy possible for everyone.

studies and who identified with the Limestone Coast, with a preference to the Tatiara district.

The Foundation was pleased to assist and support the family and friends of Poppy during this difficult time. The resulting response to the establishment of the sub fund by the community has been truly amazing, and is a reflection as to the impact on the local community from this sad loss.



Poppy Crozier

SUB FUND	FUND FOCUS – GRANTS GIVING
<b>Stand Like Stone</b>	Charitable projects benefiting the Limestone Coast.
<b>Limestone Coast Agri-Links Mental Health</b>	Charitable projects raising awareness of mental health.
<b>Annette Balnaves</b>	Established by the Balnaves Family, and renamed in memory of Annette Balnaves, for charitable projects benefiting the greater Penola Coonawarra region.
<b>Beachport</b>	Charitable projects benefiting the Beachport area.
<b>Beth McKay Memorial</b>	Established by the Limestone Coast Choral & Vocal Showcase in honour of the late Beth McKay, for charitable projects that will benefit youth developing skills in choral, vocal or performance arts with an emphasis on music.
<b>Caroline Barr Animal Rescue</b>	Charitable projects benefiting animal welfare and rescue support.
<b>CCW Memorial</b>	Charitable projects and activities that assist disadvantaged students, or supports the Millicent Flexible Learning Centre and its students.
<b>Brian Page Focus on Youth</b>	Charitable projects with educational outcomes focusing on youth.
<b>Keith &amp; District Hospital Future Fund</b>	Established by Mig Brookman, for charitable projects benefiting and future proofing the Keith Hospital.
<b>Lorry Humphreys Memorial</b>	Established by an estate bequeathed by local artist, Lorraine Humphreys, for charitable projects benefiting the Arts and Trades.
<b>Naracoorte &amp; Districts</b>	Charitable projects benefiting the greater Naracoorte region.
<b>Penola / Coonawarra Wellbeing</b>	Charitable projects benefiting the greater Penola Coonawarra region.
<b>South East Disaster Relief</b>	Established following the winding up of the South East Relief Trust, for charitable projects to assist with disaster relief in the region, and/or funding education to disaster proof the Limestone Coast.
<b>Steven Noble Memorial</b>	Established in memory of Steven Noble, for charitable projects benefiting the communities of Allendale East, Port MacDonnell and Kongorong.
SUB FUND	FUND FOCUS – EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
<b>Stand Like Stone Foundation</b>	General scholarships assisting students with a connection to the Limestone Coast.
<b>Balnaves Fdn</b>	Established by the Balnaves Foundation, scholarships assisting students, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and/or Indigenous communities.
<b>Barrie Holmes Memorial</b>	Established in memory of Barrie Holmes, scholarships assisting students with a focus on sports and athletic development.
<b>Cornerstone</b>	Scholarships assisting students identifying with the greater Bordertown area.
<b>de Nys Family Memorial</b>	Scholarships assisting students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.
<b>Brian Page Focus on Youth</b>	Scholarships assisting students identifying with the Limestone Coast at any level of education.
<b>Grant High School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Grant High School.
<b>Keith Area School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Keith Area School.
<b>Kingston Community School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Kingston Community School.
<b>LE &amp; NC Myers</b>	Scholarships assisting young people under, or previously under, the guardianship of the Minister to achieve their goals in vocational and/or tertiary education.
<b>LM Woodruff Memorial</b>	Established in memory of Lyndsay Madeline Woodruff, scholarships assisting young women undertake a nursing career.
<b>Lorry Humphreys Memorial</b>	Established by an estate bequeathed by local artist, Lorraine Humphreys, scholarships assisting people seeking a career in a Trade and/or Arts.
<b>LT O'Connor</b>	Scholarships assisting students further their experiences and knowledge in music.
<b>Lucindale Area School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Lucindale Area School.
<b>Millicent High School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Millicent High School.
<b>Mount Gambier High School</b>	Scholarships assisting either past, current, or future students at Mount Gambier High School.
<b>Penola / Coonawarra Vititec</b>	Established upon the winding up of Vititec, which aimed to increase grape growing and viticultural knowledge, scholarships assisting students with a connection to the greater Penola Coonawarra Region.
<b>Poppy Crozier Memorial</b>	Established in memory of Poppy Crozier, with a preference to assist people identifying with the Tatiara District Council region with their tertiary studies relating to agriculture.
<b>Rackhams</b>	Scholarships assisting students with a connection to the Wattle Range Council area.
<b>SA Rural Women's Gathering</b>	Established by a donation from the Mount Gambier SA Rural Women's Gathering, and supported by Women in Business & Regional Development, with scholarships assisting women in pursuit of their educational goals.



## Fundraising – Swinging with the Stars

**Stand Like Stone** were delighted to, once again, host the annual charity fundraiser at **The Barn in June**. With over 570 people attending this year’s event, the crowd danced the night away supporting their local Stars, whilst also raising just over \$110,000 for the **Stand Like Stone Foundation**. We can’t thank our community enough for getting behind the Stars and this premier event.

The money raised from the night, and of course the fundraising activities held by the Stars over the months leading up to the big night, assists the Foundation in providing a critical range of community support across the region.

Our 8 local “stars” spent many, many hours learning three dance routines under the superb tutelage of Kim Cella, and Jazmyn Bowd at Hype Dance, all while raising important funds for the Foundation. Kim again choreographed the dances for the night, and we know everyone was blown away with the standard of the three routines this year, with the Judges finding it extremely difficult to decide on the eventual winners. They were all just so good.

However, a winner has to be chosen on the night, and the Swinging with the Stars winner for 2023 was announced as Kellie Nobes and her dance partner Jayden Green. We also announced the People’s Choice Award for 2023 for raising the most money, and this year it was won by Penola’s, Chicago Smith.

The support this event receives from a range of local businesses and individuals year after year is unbelievable and goes a long way in making the whole night the success it’s always been.

There is no doubt the 8 stars and their dancing partners are truly amazing individuals. Performing in front of more than 570 people, all while raising funds for their community takes very special people to do that, and we can’t thank them enough.

### 2023 Stars

- Mount Gambier High School’s drama teacher, **Nic Tubb**, raised money for the Mount Gambier High School Sub Fund.
- **Kellie Nobes** raised money for the Limestone Coast Agri Links Mental Health and Stand Like Stone General Sub Funds.
- **Olivia Magarey** raised money for Stand Like Stone General Sub Fund.
- Owner and basketball skill trainer of KT Hoops Mount Gambier, **Kyle Tipene** raised money for the Stand Like Stone General Sub Fund.
- Mount Gambier’s **Luke Thomson**, raised money for the Stand Like Stone General Sub Fund.
- Penola’s **Chicago Smith** raised money for the Penola/Coonawarra Wellbeing Sub Fund.
- Millicent’s St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School leader, **Liza Couzens** raised money for the Barrie Holmes Memorial Sub Fund.
- Founder of the fantastic local organisation ‘Spare ya Change 4 Kids’, **Don Pratt** raised money for the Brain Page Focus on Youth Sub Fund.

### Event Sponsors

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| The Barn Palais                     | Country Attitude  |
| HelloFriday                         | Dzina Stem        |
| Exchange Printers                   | Penola Foodland   |
| Redgum Country                      | She’s Apples      |
| Hype Dance                          | Tania von Stanke  |
| Video Live                          | Commonwealth Bank |
| With Love Photography               | myvenue next-gen  |
| Vanity Makeup Bar and Beauty Lounge | point of sale     |
| Red Ivie                            | Redgum Country    |
| Balnaves of Coonawarra              |                   |

### Event Supporters

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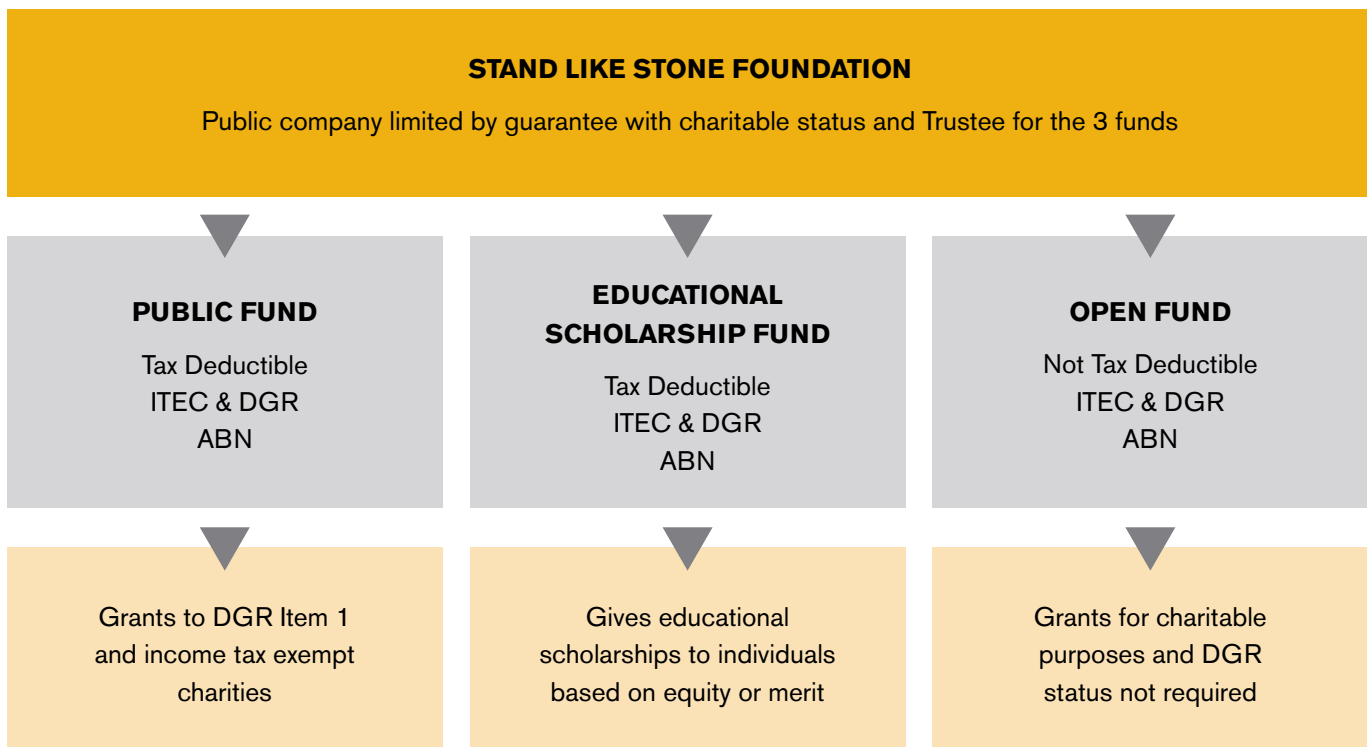




## Our Financials

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**We were established in 2004 by a group of visionary local leaders who wanted to create a permanent endowment fund for the lasting benefit of the Limestone Coast. As a philanthropic community foundation, we operate three funds for the benefit of the community, providing flexibility for organisations and peoples personal giving preferences.**



**DGR: Deductible Gift Recipient Status.**

A DGR is an organisation that is entitled to receive income tax deductible gifts and deductible contributions

**ITEC: Income Tax Exempt Charity.**

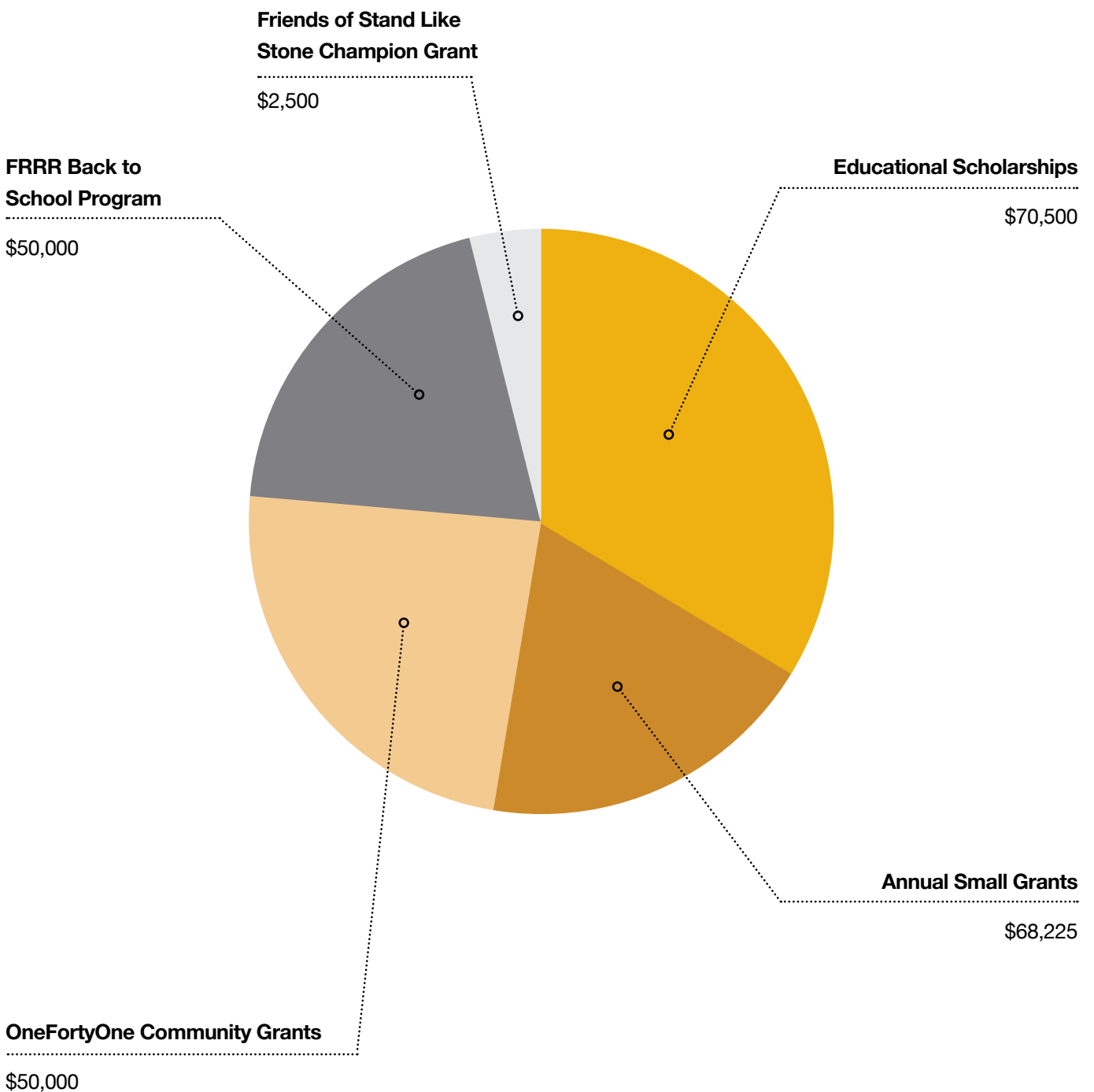
Registered charities must be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office to be income tax exempt.

## Our Financials (continued)

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### **Community giving**

In 2022/23 we have provided \$241,225 in grants, scholarships, programs and fundraising support to the Limestone Coast.



	Public Fund	Open Fund	Educational Scholarship Fund	Administration Fund	2023 Total	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>						
<b>Cash &amp; Short Term Bank Deposits</b>	91,088	270,745	224,311	202,935	789,079	637,689
<b>Receivables</b>	3,405	58,354	68,965	44,507	175,231	31,434
<b>Listed Shares, Units and Managed Funds - At Market Value</b>	423,970	2,284,942	1,852,037	-	4,560,949	4,330,189
<b>Furniture, Equipment &amp; IT</b>			-	600	600	703
<b>Our Total Assets</b>	<b>518,463</b>	<b>2,614,041</b>	<b>2,145,313</b>	<b>248,042</b>	<b>5,525,859</b>	<b>5,000,015</b>
<b>Our Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(25,630)</b>	<b>(112,276)</b>	<b>(96,816)</b>	<b>(45,596)</b>	<b>(280,318)</b>	<b>(188,843)</b>
<b>Stand Like Stone - Net Assets</b>	<b>492,833</b>	<b>2,501,765</b>	<b>2,048,497</b>	<b>202,446</b>	<b>5,245,541</b>	<b>4,811,172</b>
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>						
<b>Community Support Received</b>						
<b>Gifts &amp; Donations Received</b>	62,457	167,361	125,330	14,274	369,422	272,106
<b>Events Income</b>	-	-	-	69,912	69,912	58,896
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	-	-	-	606	606	672
<b>Sponsorship</b>	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	10,000
<b>Council</b>	-	-	-	18,000	18,000	18,000
<b>Investment Income Earned</b>						
<b>Distributions Received</b>	7,462	47,295	39,456	-	94,213	117,651
<b>Dividends Received</b>	8,310	39,538	23,786	-	71,634	90,592
<b>Franking Credits Refunded</b>	6,604	36,276	29,064	-	71,944	30,051
<b>Interest</b>	802	7,502	5,139	1,854	15,297	3,320
<b>Profit/Loss on Disposal of Investments</b>	(1,212)	(8,766)	(3,251)	-	(13,229)	54,039
<b>Other Income</b>	-	-	-	-	-	20,775
<b>Less our Community Granting &amp; Scholarships</b>	<b>(52,851)</b>	<b>(146,954)</b>	<b>(70,376)</b>	<b>(4,454)</b>	<b>(274,635)</b>	<b>(180,129)</b>
<b>Less our Net Administration Costs</b>	<b>(11,548)</b>	<b>(60,078)</b>	<b>(47,037)</b>	<b>(126,560)</b>	<b>(245,223)</b>	<b>(199,419)</b>
<b>Other Movement in Corpus</b>	<b>(41,687)</b>	<b>(96,858)</b>	<b>(109,649)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(248,194)</b>	<b>(218,585)</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(21,663)</b>	<b>(14,684)</b>	<b>(7,538)</b>	<b>(6,368)</b>	<b>(50,253)</b>	<b>77,969</b>

### Investment Performance

Our funds continue to be professionally managed by two leading investment companies, JB Were and Warakirri.

JB Were is Australia’s leading provider of investment management and philanthropic services for the “for-purpose” sector, with in excess of \$3.6B in funds under management. Working with and servicing “for-purpose” organisations is a cornerstone of the JB Were business. In 2001, JB Were established a dedicated Philanthropic Services team to provide specialist services to the firm’s “for-purpose” clients, such as community foundations.

Warakirri was established in 1993 with a view to providing charitable and tax-exempt investors with an investment vehicle to managed specifically their tax-exempt status. Stand Like Stone is invested in the Warakirri Ethical Australian Equities Fund which seeks to provide investors with access to an actively managed portfolio of between 25-40 Australian companies with an ethical overlay managed by Warakirri and focused on

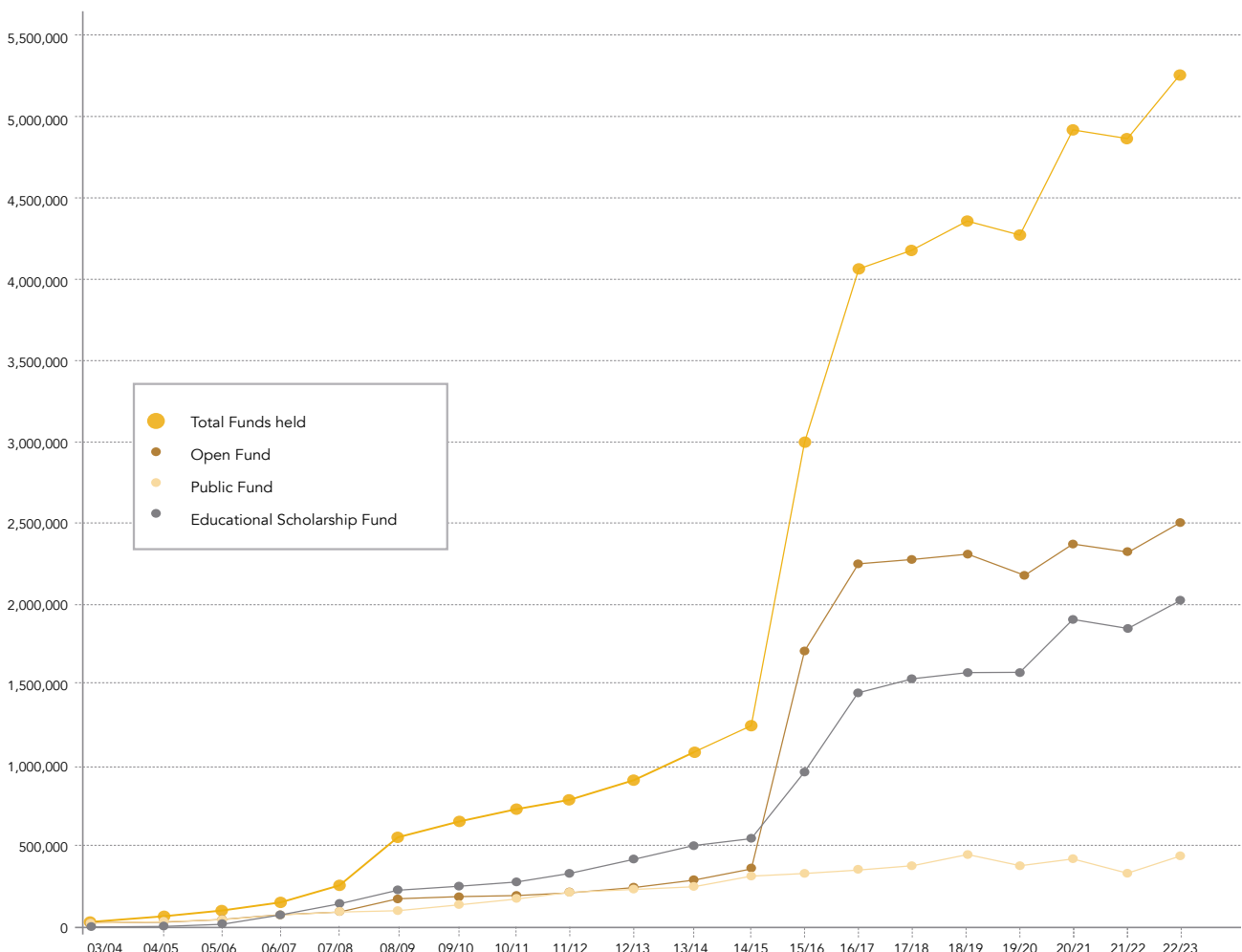
investing in sustainable businesses that exhibit sound environmental, social and governance practices.

Overall, the year was a mix of good net asset growth, but impacted by reduced distributions and dividends. During the year it was deemed appropriate to address some market exposures, and with the advice of JB Were, we reduced our exposure to hybrid securities and lifted our position in higher quality fixed interest assets.

A consolidated return of around 8.5% for FY23 was pleasing and sees the long term returns of the funds back near the long term target of CPI+2.5%.

Like all trading entities, significant increases in basic operational overheads over the last 12 months has also impacted on the bottom line, which clearly emphasises the need for strong ongoing sponsorship support from the community.

Our sincere thanks again to the hard work and support of JB Were and Warakirri as they continue to support the mission and growth of Stand Like Stone.





## Sponsor Partners

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**Sponsor partners play a critical role in helping with our operational costs so that we can ensure more money from donations goes directly back into the local community.**

We are privileged to be supported by a wide range of people and organisations through their financial and in-kind support.

We'd like to thank the following FY 22/23 sponsor partners.

### **Financial Sponsors**

Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management  
City of Mount Gambier Council  
Noel Barr Toyota  
Ray Scott Pastoral Company  
Tatiara District Council  
District Council of Robe  
District Council of Grant  
Kingston District Council  
Wattle Range Council  
Naracoorte Lucindale Council

### **In-kind Sponsors**

Sinclair Wilson, Accountants & Business Advisors  
Galpins, Accountants, Auditors & Business  
Consultants  
Hello Friday  
Herbert Smith Freehills  
Green Triangle Electronics  
Aussie Broadband  
R.W & D.D Gabriel Electrical Contractors

### **Granting and Program Partners**

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal  
OneFortyOne



Damian Thornhill, Managing Director

### **Sponsor Profile**

## **Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management**

In April of 2023 the Stand Like Stone Foundation was very pleased to announce that Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management had come on board as a major supporter of the Foundation. Trans Australian Freight Managing Director, Damian Thornhill approached one of Stand Like Stone's Directors to discuss options available for them to support the Foundation, and after meeting with Foundation's CEO, Roger Babolka, and consulting the businesses Directors, Damian offered for Trans Australian Freight to become a major sponsor.

Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management is a Lucindale based business that commenced operations back in 1986. Since then, it's continued to develop into an operation that has facilities throughout South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. It's range of services has also expanded over that time to now include livestock transport and general freight, fresh produce transport, bulk haulage, warehousing and regional distribution activities.

Damian Thornhill said, "We've known about Stand Like Stone for some time now and have always been impressed by what they've been able to achieve for the Limestone Coast. Trans Australian Freight has always supported its local community in various ways since the very beginning, but with supporting the Foundation, we're now able to do more for the whole Limestone Coast. It's our way of giving back to the community which has supported us over our journey"

There is no doubt that Damian Thornhill and Trans Australian Livestock and Freight Management are passionate about the Limestone Coast and by sponsoring the Foundation they are able to continue to make a meaningful difference in the community they love. We certainly look forward to continuing this valuable association in the years to come.

## Our People

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### **Management Team**

Roger Babolka, Chief Executive Officer January 2022 to present

Sally Bailey, Accounts and Grants Coordinator August 2010 to present

Carissa Buhlmann, Administration and Governance Officer Jun 2019 to present

### **Board of Directors**



**Robert Mock (Chair)**  
April 2012 to present



**Donna Jaeschke  
(Company Secretary &  
Public Officer)**  
April 2012 to present



**Sally Klose  
(Deputy Chair)**  
November 2017 to present



**Rhett McDonald**  
July 2015 to present



**Kathryn Facy**  
November 2017 to present



**Steve Duldig**  
July 2019 to present



**Peta Crewe**  
November 2020 to present



**Jeanette Emery**  
November 2020 to present



**Ann Aldersey**  
June 2021 to present

## Our People (continued)

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### **Retired Directors**

Robin Ellerman, Jul 2005 - Sept 2020  
William DeGaris, Dec 2006 - Nov 2020  
Ruth Schubert, Apr 2004 - Nov 2020  
Benjamin Hood, Nov 2017 - Mar 2021  
Willie van Niekerk, Nov 2020 - Aug 2021  
Janet Brodie, Oct 2019 - Nov 2020  
Brian Page, Apr 2004 - Mar 2021  
Susan Charlton AM, Apr 2004 - Jul 2021  
Carol Koch, Nov 2004 - Jul 2021  
Grant Fensom, Sept 2020 - Jul 2021  
Di Ind, Jun 2020 - Feb 2022  
Sam Densley, Nov 2020 - Nov 2022

### **Patrons**

Susan Charlton AM, Feb 2015 - present  
Doug Balnaves, Nov 2020 - present

### **Founding Donors**

Brian and Sue Page

### **Grant Making**

Rhett McDonald (Chair), Dec 2012 - present  
Kathryn Facy, Dec 2017 - present  
Peta Crewe, Dec 2020 - present  
Jeanette Emery, Dec 2021 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - Present  
Barbara Cernovskis (Community Member), Apr 2010 - present  
Rodney Summers (Community Member), Apr 2015 - present

### **OneFortyOne Grants**

Susan Charlton AM, Feb 2014 - present  
Rhett McDonald, Feb 2021 - present  
Jeanette Emery, Dec 2021 - present  
Nigel Boyd (OneFortyOne), Feb 2022 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - Present

### **Educational Scholarship**

Ann Aldersey (Chair), Dec 2021 - present  
Jeanette Emery, Dec 2020 - present  
Rhett McDonald, Dec 2019 - present  
Barbara Cernovskis (Community Member), Nov 2010 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - present

### **Investment Advisory**

Steve Duldig (Chair), Jul 2019 - present  
Robert Mock, Dec 2012 - present  
Ann Aldersey, Dec 2022 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - present

### **Fund Development (Swinging with the Stars)**

Donna Jaeschke (Chair), Dec 2014 - present  
Kathryn Facy, Dec 2022 - present  
Lauren Fox, Mar 2015 - present  
Tahlia Gabrielli, Sept 2017 - present  
Kim Cella, Feb 2011 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - present  
Grant Fensom, Sept 2017 - Dec 2022

## Our People (continued)

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### **Fund Development (Sponsorship)**

Peta Crewe, (Chair), Dec 2020 - present  
Robert Mock, Dec 2022 - present  
Sam Densley, Dec 2020 - Nov 2022  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - present

### **Board Nominations**

Robert Mock, (Chair), Dec 2020 - present  
Kathryn Facy, Dec 2021 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - present  
Kirsty Balnaves (Independent), Dec 2022 - present

### **Audit & Risk**

Sally Klose, (Chair), Dec 2020 - present  
Steve Duldig, Dec 2020 - present  
Ann Aldersey, Dec 2021 - present  
Roger Babolka (CEO), Jan 2022 - Present



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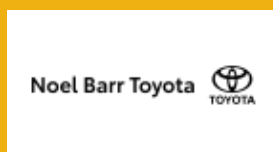
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