



THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE **REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED** **30 JUNE 2018**

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1 THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE

Members

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Mr Rupert Myer AO
Professor Emeritus Sally Walker AM
Ms Janet Whiting AM
Ms Alice Williams

Secretariat

Mr Stuart McPhee (Felton Bequest Secretary)
Ms Briar Stevens (Grant Program Manager, Equity Trustees)



(L-R): Professor Emeritus Sally Walker AM, Ms Alice Williams, Sir Andrew Grimwade CBE (Chairman), Mr Rupert Myer AO, Ms Janet Whiting AM

2 ALFRED FELTON (1831 – 1904)

In the words of his biographer, Professor John Poynter: 'Alfred Felton was a man of the nineteenth century. Born in England, and arriving in the Colony of Victoria in 1853, he made a fortune as a merchant and manufacturer over a wide field in the developing colony' from pharmaceuticals to chemicals and glass. He was a lifelong bachelor and an avid art collector.

When Felton died in 1904, he left the bulk of his fortune to the creation of a charitable foundation, known as The Felton Bequest. It became Australia's first great philanthropic gift and remains as a landmark for over a century after its establishment. In his Will, he instructed that his Bequest be placed in the care of a Committee and a Trustee. Of the income, one half was to be used to make annual distributions to selected Victorian charitable organisations, particularly those that benefit women and children.

The other half was to purchase works of art for donation to the National Gallery of Victoria. At the time, it provided the National Gallery of Victoria with access to funds greater than those of London's National and Tate Galleries combined. It is the most valuable bequest ever made to the arts in Australia and the current value of its gifts now exceeds \$2 billion.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Overview

It is with pleasure that The Felton Bequests' Committee submits its Annual Report on its activities for the year ended 30 June 2018. Its aim is to report on the stewardship of the Committee and to inform those in the fine arts, those in the philanthropic community, and those applying for grants.

In keeping with the objective of acquiring only major artworks for the National Gallery of Victoria ("NGV"), and because of the pressure caused by rising art prices, we have continued the policy, previously acknowledged by the NGV Trustees and Director, of accumulating 50% of art income to build a major works of art fund. This has enabled us to build a seven figure sum to be available for significant acquisitions. This year, the Committee agreed to make the first such acquisition, 'MASS' by world renowned Australian sculptor Ron Mueck. This ambitious work of one hundred individual human skull forms was one of the highlights of the NGV's inaugural Triennial Exhibition over the summer.

Requests for support from the charitable sector continue to grow relentlessly, placing huge demands upon available funds. Very careful consideration is given to the many applications for grants; this is necessary because the Felton Bequest usually receives applications for grants that are many times greater than available funds. During the year, we have continued to give much consideration to identifying innovative areas to which philanthropic funds could be best employed.

This year we have continued the ground breaking \$750,000 grant over five years to the University of Melbourne supporting innovative genetic research at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute for young children developing cancer. Led admirably by Centenary Fellow Dr Ian Majewski, this important project, now in its final two years, aims to deliver an advanced testing platform for all children in Victoria diagnosed with leukaemia, which will facilitate more targeted and therefore more effective treatments.



Sir Andrew Grimwade, Chairman of The Alfred Felton Bequest, with Centenary Fellow, Dr Ian Majewski.

We are also in the second year of a \$300,000 grant over three years to Monash University to undertake research to develop further new hormone treatments for peri-menopausal depression. Earlier this year, the Committee had the great pleasure of visiting research lead, Professor Jayashri Kulkarni and her team at the Monash Alfred Psychiatry research centre (MAPrc) where we were given an insight and update on the work they are undertaking to prevent severe depression and suicide ideation in middle-aged women.

In seeking new grants for consideration this year, the Committee chose to focus on the vulnerable aged and the organisations in the sector delivering innovative solutions.

A flagship grant of \$578,303 over five years was awarded to Wintringham for their support program for Angus Martin House in Frankston. The program will fund a single worker for five years to provide intensive outreach support to isolated and vulnerable elderly men and women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Additionally, a major grant of \$149,818 over two years was given to the Royal District Nursing Service (trading as Bolton Clarke). Bolton Clarke aims to address key barriers to accessing health and social services by implementing a new, evidence-based approach to enhancing the wellbeing and independence for older women who live alone, through one-on-one support.

Governance

Under the terms of the Will of Alfred Felton, responsibility for the distribution of income rests with the Felton Bequests' Committee which has five Members. There are three Continuing Members and two Nominated Members.

The three Continuing Members of the Committee are currently Sir Andrew Grimwade (Chairman), Mr Rupert Myer AO and Professor Emeritus Sally Walker AM. One Nominated Member is the nominee of the NGV, usually its President of Trustees and currently Ms Janet Whiting AM. The other Nominated Member is a Director of Equity Trustees Wealth Services Limited, Ms Alice Williams.

The financial affairs of the Felton Bequest and the investment of its funds are the responsibility of the Trustee, Equity Trustees Wealth Services Limited, which also provides the Secretariat. Mr Stuart McPhee, who became Secretary of The Felton Bequest on 1 July 2017, was supported by his colleague Ms Briar Stevens, the Bequests' Grant Program Manager.

Grants made during the Year and Commitments

During the year under review, income totalled \$2,377,861 (last year \$2,215,250) and this was earned from a portfolio with market value at year-end of \$49,581,908 (last year \$46,671,470). As is required, one-half of total income was allocated to General Charitable purposes and one-half to the purchase of Works of Art to be gifted to the NGV.

The Felton Bequest Committee meets at least four times a year, and as required, to consider applications for funding from the charitable sector and new art acquisition proposals from the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria as per the terms of Mr Felton's Will.

In respect of the General Charitable account, a total of \$745,913 (last year \$656,817) was distributed during the year. Multi-year funding commitments mean that there are further charitable commitments which apply to future years. Details are set out elsewhere in this Annual Report.

As highlighted earlier in the report, the reserved income in the Works of Art account that had been built up for future major art acquisitions was accessed this year for the purchase of 'MASS' by Ron Mueck. This artwork was donated to the National Gallery of Victoria, as set out elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Future Directions

The Felton Bequests' Committee has agreed that future major acquisitions will continue to focus on outstanding artworks that build on the existing strengths of the NGV or pioneer important new directions. Advice is regularly sought from the Director of the NGV and from other sources from time to time. As at 30 June 2018, an amount of \$581,178 had been accumulated towards building the major art acquisition fund.

Because the current level of applications for charitable grants vastly exceeds the available funds, sometimes by a factor of ten, much thought continues to be given to achieving the best possible outcomes. In an effort to make life easier for prospective applicants, the grant application process continues to be simplified, particularly for smaller grants.

Appreciation and Thanks

We greatly value the closeness and cordial relationship with Mr Tony Ellwood AM, Director of the NGV. The Felton Bequests' Committee places on record its sincere appreciation for his achievements and those of his staff, in particular his Deputy Director Mr Andrew Clark, and his Assistant Director Curatorial and Collection Management Dr Isobel Crombie.

We express our thanks to the Secretariat of Equity Trustees Limited for their considerable help during the year, in particular Mr Stuart McPhee and Ms Briar Stevens for their continued service to the Felton Bequest.

Finally, we also thank all those recipients of grants who have worked so tirelessly to advance the cause of philanthropy.



Mr Stuart McPhee (Felton Bequest Secretary) and Ms Briar Stevens (Grant Program Manager) from Equity Trustees

4 CURRENT CHARITABLE PRIORITIES

Current Priorities

The Felton Bequest is giving priority to proposals from charitable organisations in Victoria that explore new ideas and involve projects which can act as catalysts to benefit the well-being of women and children, including:

- Projects for vulnerable children and young people;
- Projects focused on early education and Indigenous communities;
- Projects located in, and supporting, rural and regional areas;
- Projects that support the elderly in the community, especially affecting women;
- Early intervention projects designed to tackle the causes of disadvantage;
- Projects to meet the needs of women and children in health care and access to it.

Preferred Characteristics

The Bequest will favourably consider funding projects that show all or some of these characteristics:

- They aim to bring about change, particularly beyond the immediate project target group and/or organisation;
- They have made plans for sustainability;
- There is the potential to leverage additional funding from other sources;
- They will build the capacity of the organisation to better respond to need;
- They are not eligible for, or suitable for, government funding from existing programs.

Preferred Organisations

The Bequest will favourably consider applications from organisations that:

- Have the passion and capability to undertake new projects and developments;
- Respond to new or emerging needs of the community;
- Show deep commitment to the groups that they serve and support;
- Collaborate and share knowledge with other organisations and groups in order to achieve the best long term outcomes for the community at large;
- Encourage volunteer participation in their organisation;
- Display enthusiasm, are able to evaluate the project and to learn from its findings.

Small Projects

In addition to supporting catalytic projects, the Bequest allocates small grants up to \$20,000 to special projects that will alleviate a pressing need.

5 WORKS OF ART APPROVED IN THE 2017/2018 YEAR

Last year, Mr Tony Ellwood AM as Director of the National Gallery of Victoria recommended a highly significant contemporary sculpture to be featured in the inaugural NGV Triennial Exhibition. During the 2017/2018 year, the Felton Bequest was delighted to acquire the following work which it donated to the National Gallery of Victoria.

MASS – Ron Mueck

Inspired by the complex biological structure of the human skull – which the artist considers beautiful and extraordinary – Ron Mueck’s new work Mass celebrates a form that links us as a species. Mass is also a sombre study of mortality. Comprising 100 individual human skull forms, it calls to mind iconic images of massed remains in the Paris catacombs as well as the documentation of contemporary human atrocities in places such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Srebrenica and Iraq.



The skull has been a potent symbol within the art of virtually all cultures and religions, including in Dutch still- life painting and the vanitas painting genre of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, which served as a reminder of the transience of life.

To draw out and contextualise these resonances, this monumental work was placed within the historical collection galleries of NGV International during the Triennial Exhibition. *(Text courtesy of the NGV)*



The Felton Bequests' Committee with artist Ron Mueck at the handover ceremony for 'Mass'

6 GRANTS MADE DURING THE 2017/2018 YEAR

The Felton Bequest receives many expressions of interest and applications for grants each year, but not all are able to be funded. Below is a brief outline of the grants that were approved by The Felton Bequests' Committee and committed to during 2017/18.

Flagship Grants

Fitted For Work Limited (\$75,000)

Multi-year funding (total \$250,000); 2016-2018; Second Instalment
She Works Program

SheWorks is a natural next step which comes from the already established Fitted for Work not-for-profit organisation whose vision is financial independence for women. Since 2005 Fitted for Work has supported more than 23,000 women to put their best foot forward to step out of disadvantage and into work. While Fitted for Work gets women ready for work, the SheWorks enterprise facilitates them getting a job by connecting them to employers.

Fitted for Work's services include a personal outfitting and intensive interview preparation service together with a unique range of life-skills training, transition to work, work experience, mentoring and staying employed programs. SheWorks aims to go one step further, connecting women Fitted for Work has assisted to become work-ready with real and ongoing positions with employers who want to close the gap on women in their workforce.

Monash University (\$100,000)

Multi-year funding (total \$300,000); 2017-2019; Second Instalment
Preventing suicide in peri-menopausal women

Research specifically targeting women's mental health and the mental health of Peri-menopausal women, more specifically, has been traditionally neglected. Funding from the Alfred Felton Bequest will enable the team at the Monash Alfred Psychiatry research centre (MAPrc) to expand their pilot study to conduct the second phase of this active research plan. This phase will undertake research to develop further new hormone treatments for peri-menopausal depression that can be rapidly used by General Practitioners and other healthcare professionals to prevent severe depression and suicide ideation in middle-aged women. Led by Professor Jayashri Kulkarni, this world breaking research has already identified successful potential treatments.

Walter & Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) (\$150,000)

Multi-year funding (total \$750,000); 2014-2019; Sixth and Seventh Instalments
The Alfred Felton Centenary Fellowship: Developing and mapping a new genetic treatment pathway for children with cancer in Victoria

This project, led by The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) and in collaboration with the Cancer Research Group at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), and working with the Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance, will map out a new approach to how childhood cancer is diagnosed and treated. Over a five-year period, specialist clinicians and scientists in cancer genetics and treatments will work together with children with blood cancers to develop a personalised genetic treatment approach that can be expanded to treatment centres across Victoria and Australia.

Wintringham (\$110,020)

Multi-year funding (total \$578,303); 2018-2022; First Instalments
Support Program for Angus Martin House

The Support Program for Angus Martin House will fund a single worker for 5 years to provide intensive outreach support to isolated and vulnerable elderly men and women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Many have had extremely negative experiences in the past when attempting to gain access to the type of public services that many of us would take for granted. As a result they can feel victimised in dealings with authorities whether police, courts or even hospitals. Sometimes these experiences are magnified due to an intellectual disability or brain injury, but often they are more a product of abject poverty. For whatever reason, many elderly people living on the edges of society are difficult to engage with and require a patient and understanding outreach worker to slowly win their trust and acceptance. This project aims to deliver such a service.

Major Grants

Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc. (\$60,000)

Multi-year funding (total \$180,000); 2015-2017; Third Instalment
The Melbourne Learning Centre

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc. (ALF) aims to alleviate poverty and disadvantage in the Indigenous community through straight forward and practical means. By focusing on literacy and numeracy at an early age, ALF aims to bolster the education of young Aboriginal boys and girls (and by extension their families) so they can better access and make the most of the opportunities that academia can offer. The ALF Melbourne Learning Centre (AMLC) will be the new home and HQ of the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. Such a Centre for the ALF will lead to major efficiencies and more productive and interactive engagement with the ALF's Melbourne based constituency.

Royal District Nursing Service t/a Bolton Clarke (\$76,947)

Multi-year funding (total \$149,818); 2018-2019; First Instalment
Enhancing wellbeing and independence for older women

Bolton Clarke aims to address key barriers to accessing health and social services by implementing a new, evidence-based approach to enhancing wellbeing and independence for older women who live alone, through one-on-one support including help around the house, transport and exercise provided by trained volunteers. The two-year project will use a co-design approach to create a framework and implementation plan for volunteer-delivered wellbeing and independence peer supports. Co-design will involve older women, volunteers and key stakeholders, and will then be piloted with a group of 60 older women and volunteers in the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Small Grants

Autism Behavioural Intervention Association (ABIA) (\$5,000)

Organisation Subscription Support

This grant is a one off contribution towards ABIA's communication platforms to ensure that the organisation are able to effectively communicate and share important information with educators and therapists who are assisting families and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. With the rise of subscription based services and the significant growth in the need to access the expertise that ABIA provides, this support will enable the organisation to respond to the growing communication needs.

The Bridge of Hope Foundation Inc (\$19,152)

Bridging the Gap

Bridge of Hope is purposed with providing vulnerable young women exiting State care with the tools necessary to building dignity and hope into their often traumatised lives. Each year approximately 400 young people exit State care and 40% of these are classified as vulnerable. The Bridging the Gap program coordinates a network of support services for these teenage girls and pairs them with a peer who has experienced the same challenges. The ultimate goal is to ensure they receive the education, life skills and support needed to successfully transition from out-of-home care into the community.

Footscape Inc (\$6,000)

Children's Orthotic Project

Footscape initiated the Children's Orthotic Project with the purpose of funding orthotics for financially disadvantaged children encountering foot problems. Orthotic therapy is a common intervention option utilised by Podiatrists in the management of foot related problems. As devices can be expensive to purchase, financially disadvantaged families may have difficulties accessing and affording this treatment. The project is allowing 'at-risk' children to access orthotics ensuring their young bodies can grow and develop as healthy as possible.

The Gianna Centre Inc (\$5,000)

Pharmacy Assistance

The Gianna Centre is a Family Support, Education and Referral Service based in Bendigo. The centre receives referrals from Health Professionals & many agencies including The Salvation Army, Bapcare, Centre for Non-Violence and Bendigo Health. Each week it receive requests for assistance with emergency relief and material aid. Many of these requests are also for Pharmacy items including assistance with pregnancy tests, Prescription medications, and pregnancy vitamins as prescribed, or recommended by, their GP, Medical Specialist or Maternal Child Health Nurse. The small grant to the Gianna Centre will be directed towards this assistance.

Karinya Counselling Centre Inc (\$6,000)

Karinya Youth Care

Based in Melton, Karinya is committed to providing education and support to strengthen families and promote the mental health and well-being of young people. Karinya youth care works with students, schools and families to address issues which can lead to family breakdown, substance abuse, early school leaving, unemployment and mental health issues. Their programs offer students, of all backgrounds and cultures, an opportunity to learn and grow, to learn sympathy and empathy for others, to be self-aware and learn essential coping skills.

Newlife Shield Inc (\$20,000)

Newlife Shield Youth Voice

The purpose of Newlife Shield is to deliver practical economic and social activities to enable disadvantaged Black African-Australian youth, males and females, aged 15-25, in Melbourne to gain social and cognitive skills as a vehicle for a better quality of life. The project will be a two-part artistic and cultural activity program consisting of entertainment and performance art. As this demographic remain consistently isolated and frustrated, the Youth Voice program is intended to keep them socially and physically active.

Refugee Migrant Children Centre (RMCC) (\$16,000)

Securing the sustainability of RMCC

Refugee and migrant children face complex barriers upon resettlement in Australia. The school curriculum and social welfare systems aren't set up to support teachers or families in tackling the barriers they face, with schools lacking resources and expertise to prevent negative repercussions. RMCC's programs focus on educational and social development so full participation is achieved within school and the community. Their programs also create confidence and increase independence, so purpose and identity is developed within the broader Australian community.

Satellite Foundation (\$16,994)

Increasing Organisational Capacity

Satellite Foundation supports children and young people who have a parent who has a mental illness. While services exist for parents with a mental illness, there is no ready support for their disadvantaged children. Many of them fall through the gaps, and eventually grow up to experience the same mental-health issues and disadvantages as their parents. Funding is for Satellite to employ a part-time Program Director to plan and manage the delivery of existing programs, ensure that Satellite meet their program goals, and see that program participants are appropriately supported.

Spectrum Journeys Inc (\$10,000)

Carer Mental Health Initiative

This program targets families and caregivers of children on the Autism Spectrum who need additional support to manage family relationships, build family resilience and tackle carer stress. Carer stress causes significant emotional issues including a decline in mental health, chronic fatigue and isolation. The organisation's Carer Mental Health Initiative provides low cost/subsidized counselling to carers of autistic children and young people, couples counselling to navigate relationship challenges and changes, as well as direct counselling for young people on the Autism Spectrum.

Star Struck Stables Equestrian Vaulting Team Inc (\$20,000)

Touring Felton Float- Mobilizing therapeutic equestrian vaulting project

Star Struck Stables aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities/disadvantaged backgrounds, by using therapeutic equestrian vaulting to build capacity, increase functioning and provide a place for individuals and their families to belong, and set personal goals. Funding will help to purchase a specialised trailer to transport the therapy horses, practice barrels, safety equipment, and wheelchairs, around to other rural and disadvantaged communities and therapy groups.

Syndromes Without A Name (SWAN) (\$15,000)

SWAN Mum's Peer Support Group

SWAN Australia provides information and support to families caring for a child with an undiagnosed or rare genetic condition. They provide opportunities for their members to engage in peer-to-peer support, which limits the isolation, frustration and anxiety often felt by SWAN families. The Mum's Peer Support Group will assist the 210 mothers in the group who do an amazing job caring for their child with an undiagnosed or rare genetic condition. SWAN gives these mums and opportunity to connect with each other through SWAN events, workshops and family days.

Total Grants Paid in the 2017/18 year

Organisation	\$	Details
<i>Flagship Grants</i>		
Fitted For Work Limited	\$75,000	second of three instalments total \$250,000
Monash University	\$100,000	second of three instalments total \$300,000
The University Of Melbourne / Walter and Eliza Hall Institute - The Alfred Felton Centenary Fellowship	\$150,000	sixth and seventh of ten instalments total \$750,000
Wintringham	\$110,020	first of five instalments total \$578,303
<i>Major Grants</i>		
Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc.	\$60,000	third of three instalments total \$180,000
Royal District Nursing Service t/a Bolton Clarke	\$76,947	first of two instalments total \$149,818
<i>Small Grants</i>		
Autism Behavioural Intervention Association	\$5,000	
The Bridge of Hope Foundation Inc	\$19,152	
Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC) and Healthy Mothers Healthy Families (HMHF)	\$19,800	
Footscape Inc	\$6,000	
The Gianna Centre Inc	\$5,000	
Karinya Counselling Centre Inc	\$6,000	
Newlife Shield Inc	\$20,000	
Refugee Migrant Children Centre	\$16,000	
Satellite Foundation	\$16,994	
Single Mothers and their Children Victoria	\$15,000	
Spectrum Journeys Inc	\$10,000	
Star Struck Stables Equestrian Vaulting Team Inc	\$20,000	
Syndromes Without A Name	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$745,913	

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