



THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE **REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED** **30 JUNE 2020**

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1 THE FELTON BEQUESTS' COMMITTEE

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(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 \$2.3 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 2020. 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 Art Acquisition Future Fund. This has enabled us to build a seven-figure sum to be available for significant acquisitions. In 2017 this policy enabled the purchase of 'MASS', by world renowned Australian sculptor Ron Mueck, which was a highlight of the NGV's inaugural Triennial Exhibition held over the Summer of 2018. This year we have made the second such acquisition, details of which will be included in next year's Report. Two further major works are also in the process of being acquired by the Felton Bequest, details of which will appear in next year's Report.

In recent months the philanthropic sector has felt the far-reaching effects that COVID-19 is having on the for-purpose sector. Not only is there a public health crisis, but it follows the devastating national bushfires, and planning for community rebuilding. We recognise the philanthropic community plays a crucial role in dealing with these evolving challenges during these unprecedented times.

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 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.

Last year marked the completion of the ground-breaking \$750,000 grant over five years to the University of Melbourne supporting innovative genetic research at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) for young children developing cancer. The Felton Bequest felt a strong desire to see ground-breaking research led by the Centenary Fellow Dr. Ian Majewski translated into personalised approaches to leukaemia treatment for children. Consequently, this year the Felton Bequest provided a follow-on grant of \$150,000 to the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) for a collaborative research project between WEHI, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the RCH. The aim of the collaboration is to finalise the development of a diagnostic platform, to make it available to all who need it, to make it robust and useful for the doctors who request it, and to make Victoria a world leader in the provision of the best and highest standards of care for children with leukaemia.

In support of disseminating research findings, we provided an additional year's funding of \$100,000 (\$300,000 previously granted) to Monash University to undertake the clinical translation of new hormone treatments for peri-menopausal depression. Continuing to be led by the remarkable Prof. Jayashri Kulkarni AM and her team at the Monash Alfred Psychiatry research centre, this "Phase 2" has a focus on disseminating research findings on women's mental health to GPs and Psychiatrists through an online course and a special conference entitled 'In Her Shoes'.

A \$150,000 grant was provided to the University of Melbourne to develop an online portal for a dementia blood test project. These funds will help develop an accurate diagnosis for dementia which will give patients access to the best treatments and relevant support services whilst increasing their quality of life.

We are in the second year of a flagship grant of \$500,000 over four years to The Florey Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health at the University of Melbourne. The University of Melbourne is co-funding this grant which supports the project led by Prof. Julie Bernhardt AM, 'NOVELL – Transforming Rehabilitation Facilities and Services for Brain Injury Survivors: Australia's first New and Optimised Virtual Living Lab'. The project aims to explore innovative rehabilitation design through a novel Living Lab methodology. It will contribute significant new evidence to the design process and design outcomes for rehabilitation facilities that will positively influence patient outcomes. Notwithstanding the impact of COVID-19, the team has reported being in a good position to adapt and firm up its work plan for 2020.

We are in the third year of a flagship grant of \$578,303 over five years to Wintringham for its support program for Angus Martin House in Frankston. The Housing Support and Outreach program at Angus Martin House has been of benefit to date to more than 120 homeless or elderly people at risk of homelessness. The program has a focus on increasing awareness of accommodation services offered at Wintringham and the Supported Residential Service (SRS) at Angus Martin House.

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 (a part of Equity Trustees Limited), which also provides the Secretariat. Ms Helen Rowe, Secretary of The Felton Bequest, is supported by her colleague Ms Briar Stevens, the Bequests' Grant Program Manager.

Grants made during the Year and Commitments

During the year under review, income totalled \$2,666,455 (last year \$2,468,652) and this was earned from a portfolio with market value at year-end of \$48,213,555 (last year \$52,049,985). As is required, one-half of total income is 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. In respect of the General Charitable account, a total of \$834,632 (last year \$724,470) was distributed during the year. Multi-year funding commitments mean that there are further charitable commitments that apply to future years. Details are set out elsewhere in this Annual Report.

As previously explained, the policy of the Felton Bequests' Committee in building a major arts acquisition fund is reaping rewards with another significant acquisition being made from this Fund in 2020.

Commitments were also entered into for the acquisition of two further works of art.

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.

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. Due to changes in the application Guidelines, more quality applications are focussing on one-off small grants for small organisations.

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 Senior Curator of Contemporary Art, Dr. Simon Maidment, and Associate Director, Fundraising, Ms Misha Agzarian.

We express our appreciation to the Secretariat of Equity Trustees Limited for their considerable help during the year. We thank Ms Helen Rowe as Secretary 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.



Ms Helen Rowe (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 that support the elderly in the community, especially affecting women;
- Projects located in, and supporting, rural and regional areas;
- Projects focused on early education and Indigenous communities;
- 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 2019/2020 YEAR

During the coming 2020/2021 year, the Felton Bequest plans to gift to the NGV a highly significant contemporary sculpture to be featured in the second NGV Triennial Exhibition planned to open in December 2020.

Further, two additional major works will be acquired and gifted to each of the NGV's International and contemporary Australian Collections respectively during the coming year.

Further information will be included in next year's Report.

6 CHARITABLE GRANTS MADE AND COMMITTED DURING THE 2019/2020 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 2019/2020.

Flagship Grants

Royal Children's Hospital (\$150,000)

Developing and mapping a new genetic treatment pathway for children with cancer in Victoria

This grant follows that over 5 years (total \$750,000) for The Alfred Felton Centenary Fellowship: Developing and mapping a new genetic treatment pathway for children with cancer in Victoria. It supports a collaborative research project between the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI), the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) led by Dr. Ian Majewski (WEHI), Assoc. Prof. Alicia Oshlack (MCRI) and Assoc. Prof. Paul Ekert (RCH/MCRI). The project team sits at the forefront of research efforts into childhood leukaemia in Australia.

This project will help solve the inefficiency of our healthcare system's current 'one-size-fits-all' approach to cancer treatment for Victorian children. Over 12 months, it will apply advanced genetic testing approaches to map personalised approaches to cancer therapy in childhood cancer. This will increase survival rates and ensure Victorian children with leukaemia do not endure ineffective, unnecessary and costly treatments. The aim is to finalise the development of this diagnostics platform and make it available to all who need it, to make it robust and useful for the doctors who request it, and to make Victoria a world leader in the provision of the best and highest standards of care for children with leukaemia. While the immediate focus is leukaemia, the group expects this genetic diagnostic platform could be expanded to provide more accurate diagnosis of other forms of cancer.

Monash University (\$100,000)

*Preventing suicide in perimenopausal women: Disseminating our new approach
Monash University (Monash Alfred Psychiatry Research Centre (MAPrc))*

Multi-year funding (total \$400,000); 2017-2020; Fourth instalment

Research targeting women's mental health and, more specifically, the mental health of perimenopausal women, has traditionally been neglected. Phase 1 of funding from the Felton Bequest supported cutting-edge research at MAPrc that enabled the development of evidence-based strategies to diagnose and successfully treat perimenopausal depression. An additional year's funding has been provided to undertake clinical translation over 12 months. MAPrc will reach GP colleagues with one-day seminars in strategic regional/rural centres in Victoria. This is vital since new information takes longer to reach rural GPs, who have less access to medical education in specialist fields - which can lead to a disparity in access to quality healthcare. In the current COVID-19 environment, MAPrc is ideally placed to continue its ever more needed work in mental health through the use of technology platforms to deliver online courses and the use of 'telehealth' methodology to reach women and their GPs.

University of Melbourne (\$150,000)

Developing an online portal for dementia blood test

Developing a blood test to diagnose and monitor dementia will address the clinical challenge of diagnosing people presenting with cognitive or memory symptoms in an accurate, timely and non-invasive manner, especially as the number of people with dementia is increasing in our ageing population. This project will utilise WEHI's biomarker technology, the 'Simoa' platform, to develop a blood test for the accurate diagnosis of dementia subtypes, which currently can only be achieved via expensive and invasive research-based brain scans or lumbar puncture. An accurate diagnosis will prompt access to the right treatment, relevant support services and often increased quality-of-life.

To achieve its goal of developing an accessible test for the accurate and early diagnosis of dementia - and to facilitate rapid translation of this diagnostic test, WEHI will develop an online portal to allow local, national and international clinical collaborators access to this new technology.

The grant builds upon generous initial funding from the Yulgilbar Foundation which identified leading clinical researchers Dr. Rosie Watson and Dr. Nawal Yassi as "change facilitators" introducing new medical approaches, such as genomics, to the clinic. The Watson/Yassi Laboratory is unique in terms of its interdisciplinary clinical research collaboration between Neurology, Geriatric Medicine and Neuropsychiatry. This expertise combined with WEHI's outstanding bioinformatics capabilities, access to large clinical cohorts and with a Simoa HDX platform already in place, ensures this team is uniquely placed to achieve the project's goals.

Wintringham (\$112,771)

Support Program for Angus Martin House

Multi-year funding (total \$578,303); 2018-2022; Third instalment

The Support Program for Angus Martin House is funding 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 these be 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. It is often difficult to engage with elderly people living on the edges of society; they require a patient and understanding outreach worker to slowly win their trust

and acceptance. This project aims to deliver such a service.

The Florey Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health at the University of Melbourne (\$150,000)

NOVELL – Transforming Rehabilitation Facilities and Services for Brain Injury Survivors: Australia’s first New and Optimised Virtual Living Lab

Multi-year funding (total \$500,000); 2018-2021; Second instalment

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health is the largest brain research group in the Southern Hemisphere and is one of the world’s top 10 brain research centres. It is a world leader in the fields of stroke, dementia, epilepsy, mental health, discovery science and brain imaging.

Rehabilitation facilities (hospitals) and services for people with acquired brain injury from stroke and trauma have remained virtually unchanged for the past 30 years. The majority of rehabilitation hospitals are not designed for this purpose, and advances in neuroscience tell us that critical periods of brain repair happen in the first month after injury, when most patients needing rehabilitation are in these hospitals. Younger survivors of brain injury (<45 years) are particularly poorly served, and usually housed in rehabilitation facilities along with the elderly. This means that we are failing to optimise patient recovery and the application of neuroscience knowledge to this problem. Innovation is missing from current rehabilitation facility design; the human costs to patients, families, staff, and the financial costs to government and the community of a sub-optimal system are significant.

To address this gap, Prof. Julie Bernhardt AM and her team are working to develop Australia’s first Virtual Living Lab for rehabilitation hospital redesign. Working with state and international interdisciplinary partners and consumer stakeholders, they will co-design, and test, using rigorous research methods and a virtual reality test-bed, new rehabilitation designs to optimise recovery after brain injury.

The Felton Bequest is delighted that The University of Melbourne is matching the funding of this innovative and important initiative.

Major Grants

Minus18 (\$75,000)

LGBTIQ Inclusion in Rural & Regional Victoria

Minus18 is Australia’s youth driven Foundation for LGBTIQ youth. This project addresses the need for education and awareness, to help develop more inclusion of diverse identities, and reduce discrimination experienced by young people in remote areas.

The project will see Minus18 deliver 10 workshops to schools and community groups, engaging with a mix of young people, facilitators and teachers. These workshops will bring about a developed understanding of, and access to, Sexuality and Gender identity concepts; they will increase understanding and the ability of peers, teachers and youth-support workers to support LGBTIQ young people.

Minus18 will address these challenges through its young workshops team of gender-diverse presenters, content created by and for LGBTIQ young people, and an organisational capacity to deliver success and strong relationships with existing Regional and Rural LGBTIQ community groups engaged with the organisation.

International Social Service (ISS) Australia (\$50,000)

International Family Mediation (IFM) Capacity-Building Project

Multi-year funding (total \$150,000); 2020-2022; First instalment

International Social Service (ISS) Australia's mission is to protect, defend and support the best interests and rights of children and families in Australia who have been separated by international borders.

ISS Australia's IFM service offers an accessible, online alternative for families who are unable to access traditional, in person, services. ISS Australia is in a unique position to provide a culturally sensitive, cross-border IFM service, using its international ISS network which is active in more than 140 countries. There is no other service in Australia that can provide accredited international Family Dispute Resolution Services (i.e. mediation) with comprehensive professional supports provided to the parent in the overseas country. The IFM project will ensure that critical services are provided to families who would otherwise have limited access to comprehensive cross border international family mediation.

The Queen's Fund (\$50,000)

Emergency Relief for Single Women in Victoria in Need

The mission of The Queen's Fund is to assist and empower single women and children in Victoria who are in distress, crisis or emergency situations. Operating since 1887, it provides emergency funding to single Victorian women in crisis in the form of financial grants up to \$350. This assistance can help prevent homelessness, enable a woman to escape domestic violence, provide education or training for a woman and/or her children, pay essential medical bills or provide crucial breathing space so a woman can get her life back on track. Women are referred to The Queen's Fund by social workers from more than 180 welfare organisations, both large and small, from across Victoria.

Royal Women's Hospital Foundation

Homeless Mothers and Babies Project (HMBP)

Multi-year funding (total \$150,000); 2020-2022; First instalment

The Homeless Mothers and Babies Project (HMBP) is an Australian first. With the commitment, expertise and infrastructure of three partners – the Royal Women's Hospital, Housing First and Launch Housing – the funding will support the design, testing and evaluation of an innovative approach to securing long term health, social support and housing for some of the most vulnerable women and children in our community.

For women who are in a cycle of drug use, homelessness, trauma and mental illness, pregnancy offers a unique opportunity for engagement. Pregnant women are motivated to care for themselves and to do the best for their baby. The project's focus will be on providing high quality pregnancy care, mental health interventions, addiction services, social support and nutrition education to create a sense of hope for a new and better future for women and their babies. The stable housing component of the HMBP provides the essential foundation to enable women to engage with these specialist and comprehensive services, and to take the necessary steps towards education, employment and engagement with their community.

Small Grants

Australian Dental Health Foundation (ADHF) (\$20,000)

All Victorians Deserve a Smile

The ADHF runs programs that provide dental care to disadvantaged Australians to improve patients' dental health, speech, presentation and self-esteem, which can lead to better life outcomes. Through this grant ADHF will expand its Rebuilding Smiles program in Victoria, which delivers free dental treatment to individuals who have experienced domestic violence and who may have dental trauma or problems related to a lack of dental treatment over time. The program will target outer Melbourne areas, such as the Mornington and Bendigo regions. Successful implementation of the project will enable an additional 60-65 patients to be treated each year, with an anticipated value of treatment provided of around \$155,000 to \$185,000.

Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria (\$9,406)

Throwing a Life Buoy to Children with Vision Loss

The Victorian Government seeks to 'make sure all Victorian children know how to swim and stay safe in the water before they finish primary school'. However, children who are blind or vision-impaired cannot readily participate in mainstream swimming programs, as they cannot rely on visual cues, like seeing the distance they need to swim, where the end of the pool is located, how deep the water is and where other people are located. This Melbourne based program (located in Kew) will address this gap. The program, for children aged 6 months to 17 years, will provide individualised, tactile instruction by qualified and specially trained coaches, with the use of special adaptive equipment and swimming aids; it also seeks to improve the health and well-being of the participants, reduce social isolation and increase their confidence to participate in their community.

Footscape Inc. (\$7,500)

Children's Orthotic Project

Footscape initiated the Children's Orthotic Project with the purpose to fund orthotics for financially disadvantaged children encountering foot problems. Children with lower limb development problems are at greater risk of suffering foot and leg pains, disengaging from physical activity and experiencing social exclusion.

Orthotics are expensive to purchase and so Footscape has developed partnerships with the Podiatry Departments of public health organisations. All children who attend an affiliate organisation and who are classified by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services as belonging to a low income family/household are eligible for orthotics and footwear funding to treat diagnosed foot problems. It is envisaged that during the 2020/21 project period approximately 100 Victorian children will receive orthotics and footwear.

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre Inc. (PICAL) (\$15,000)

Seeking Shelter: Emergency Accommodation Register for Victims of Domestic Violence in Bass Coast Shire

PICAL provides services to the community such as adult education, emergency food relief, co-working spaces and a Centrelink agency. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, PICAL anticipates seeing an increased demand for housing from vulnerable people who may be experiencing family and domestic violence with limited options to seek emergency help or support.

This grant will help establish a centrally available rooms/accommodation register. The register will be developed by a project coordinator drawing upon the expertise of the initiatives Change for Sam and Orange Door. The project coordinator will liaise with local accommodation providers who wish to take part in this project and register daily/nightly room availability for both domestic violence victims and perpetrators, with this information to be accessed by approved services such as police, frontline family violence workers and counsellors via cloud-based project management software.

Short Black Opera Pty Ltd. (\$20,000)

Stronger Voices – Better Choices

Self determination is a key objective of all Short Black Opera programs. Stronger Voices - Better Choices is a suite of programs designed to empower Aboriginal children by strengthening connection to culture through music. Indigenous children living in rural and regional Australia are amongst the most disadvantaged in terms of educational opportunity, role modelling and outcomes. Dhungala Children's Choir provides culturally appropriate training in choral music, theatre, song writing, and leadership programs to children from Shepparton and Geelong. Support for the program will allow for the development and delivery of vital new resources and kit materials; this will contribute to the regeneration of Dhungala Children's Choir.

Sunshine Bendigo Inc. (\$15,984)

Keeping Doors Open to Support Families in Crisis

Sunshine Bendigo is a 100% volunteer-led organisation that has supported the local Bendigo region for more than four years. In that time it has re-homed more than \$650,000 worth of goods to over 1,400 families who have been experiencing hardship. In 2019 the organisation had to move to a larger location due to the volume of goods being processed, and increased demand for its services. Due to the recent drought and additional local financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 situation, its previous financial sponsorships and fundraising capacity and activities have ceased. The funds granted will go towards covering rent for the next 12 months to ensure that Sunshine Bendigo can keep its doors open for vulnerable families in Central Victoria to obtain material aid.

Women and Mentoring – WAM Limited (\$11,100)

Keeping Women Connected

WAM is a small community organisation providing critical support to disadvantaged women who are in the early stages of contact with the criminal justice system. Through the provision of volunteer mentoring services, WAM enables disadvantaged women to get their lives back on track. Under COVID-19, WAM has shifted its program to remote-mentoring; it encourages contact between mentor and program participant via phone, using text and also video chat applications. However, many of the women don't have a reliable phone, and often don't have the funds for monthly credit. Support for this program will provide participants with a smart phone and financial aid for additional credit top ups.

Zoe Support Australia (20,000)

Engaging Education

Zoe Support was established to provide relief from social isolation, poverty, ill health, destitution and distress for mothers aged 13-25 in Mildura who lack support and resources. 'Engaging Education' will employ an Education Engagement Officer (EEO) at 0.4 FTE for

six months. The EEO will address the disengagement of Zoe Support clients (currently numbering 66) in accredited education. The EEO will also remove barriers to education by coordinating childcare, transport and study hub allocations to support clients to complete courses and achieve educational goals. It is recognised that, due to COVID-19, the EEO will need to work intensively with clients after what may end up being a long period of isolation from Zoe Support and other educational institutions.

Manna Gum (\$25,000)

Corner Inlet Family Learning Program

The Corner Inlet Family Learning Program will address socioeconomic disadvantage, social isolation, interrupted educational pathways and limited access to support services experienced by disadvantaged mothers and vulnerable young children in small rural communities within the Corner Inlet District of South Gippsland (Toora, Welshpool, Fish Creek and Foster).

Total Grants Paid in the 2019/2020 year

Organisation	\$	Details
<i>Flagship Grants</i>		
Wintringham	\$112,771	Second of five instalments totalling \$578,303
Monash University	\$100,000	Follow-on grant
The University of Melbourne / Walter & Eliza Hall Institute - The Alfred Felton Centenary Fellowship	\$75,000	Tenth of ten instalments totalling \$750,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	\$150,000	Follow-on grant
<i>Major Grants</i>		
Royal District Nursing Service t/a Bolton Clarke	\$72,871	
The Queen's Fund	\$50,000	
Minus 18	\$75,000	
International Social Service (ISS) Australia	\$50,000	First of three instalments totalling \$150,000
<i>Small Grants</i>		
Cystic Fibrosis Community Care Ltd	\$10,000	
Shifra	\$20,000	
Australian Dental Health Foundation	\$20,000	
Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria	\$9,406	
Footscape Inc.	\$7,500	
Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre Inc.	\$15,000	
Short Black Opera Pty Ltd.	\$20,000	
Sunshine Bendigo Inc.	\$15,984	
Women and Mentoring – WAM Limited	\$11,100	
Zoe Support Australia	\$20,000	
TOTAL	\$834,632	

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