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Annual Report

Our Mission

We enable community philanthropy for the economic, social and cultural prosperity of the Barossa community.



Peter Lehmann Arts & Education Trust recipients - Luhr's Cottage

Message from the Chair



Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be looking back on a stellar year for Foundation Barossa, where we've made some solid steps towards becoming an even stronger advocate for the disadvantaged in our community and where we've delivered on our charter and purpose.

Our role at the Foundation is to encourage philanthropy and provide a vehicle for Barossans to build a sustainable financial asset to be used to nurture our community, to provide opportunities for community groups, for those less advantaged, for young people starting out, and wherever some additional financial support would be contribute to the health and preservation of our community, our heritage and our environment.

Over the past year, the Board have strived to ensure that the right conditions exist to support these aspirations. This has included developing a new and improved website, to ensure we have current and accurate information available and importantly, an easy way for our supporters to donate to their chosen cause. It has also included a review of our governance processes, to ensure they're relevant, modern and robust. Our Board are intent on making sure that our processes are transparent and sustainable, and that we reflect what we believe are the community's expectations for considered, ethical, prudent management.

We act as custodians on behalf of our community for the assets under our management and as such, our investment strategy is necessarily measured and cautious. Nonetheless, we have again been successful in achieving healthy returns, under the guidance of our Finance sub-committee of Karl Martin and Lisa Laycock, supported by the generous contribution of Mark Williams of W2Wealth. Their disciplined and prudent oversight sees the Foundation's investments in good shape.

A highlight of this past year has been the appointment of Annabelle Elton-Martin to the Executive Officer role. Annabelle brings an appetite for work, relentless optimism and a keen focus on possibilities. She has made an auspicious start and earned the confidence of

the Board and the wider community, and we look forward to the contribution she will make into the future.

We have also welcomed two new Board members – Neil Retallick and Jenny O'Brien, both of whom bring energy and wisdom to the Foundation, and our Board is stronger for their contribution.

All Board members continue to volunteer their time and energy and their thoughtful consideration to building capacity and self-reliance within our very special community, and to ensure the diligent management of community funds. In my view, we have a healthy and energised Board, with all members contributing actively and generously – and long may it remain so!

We are fortunate to have several generous partners, offering in-kind support to the Foundation. Fuller who provide support for our website; Barossa Council make office space available for Annabelle; and AON insurance brokers provide generously discounted fees. For a community foundation with a shoestring budget and a commitment to making every donated dollar count, the support provided via these relationships is invaluable.

Here is just some of the work that has been completed this past year:

The Peter Lehmann Arts and Education Trust made inaugural grants of just under \$21,000 to a total of seven new and exciting projects, that include:

- Tutti Barossa (offering professional development for artists identifying with a disability)
- Barossa Village's 'Courtyard Project' (mural, vegetable gardens, shelter)
- BBB / Youth Advisory Committee - sponsoring the hugely successful Busk Til Dusk youth music event
- the development of a 'Barossa Food Heritage Toolkit'
- funding for an improvisation project with stellar

- musicians, playing the Hills and Son Organ; and
- a contribution to renovations for Luhr's Cottage.

We have again made several community grants to great local initiatives.

Our Dollar a Day Appeal in June raised over \$5,000 to support families in need.

We've continued our partnership with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and last year awarded 80 Back to School Vouchers to provide direct financial assistance to families in need. 40 Vouchers were provided by Foundation Barossa, with FRRR matching the amount and providing an additional 40 vouchers.

With the support of John Hughes, the Kicking Goals program continued with great energy, awarding a valuable scholarship to a local student with a disability.

The Concordis scholarship, with funds generated by our friends and partners, Two Hands, Kaesler, Torbreck and Seppeltsfield, was awarded to two local young people, starting off their careers in the wine industry.

Foundation Barossa is in good shape as the 2018-19 year closes. We have a full list of new projects, a commitment to existing programs, a healthy and determined Board, and great optimism for the future. Continuing to make a difference for our community rests with the continued goodwill and support of our philanthropic donors, sponsors and supporters and on behalf of Foundation Barossa, I extend a very big thank you to you all.

Nick Slape



Our Programs

Foundation Barossa aims to nurture and build our community's strength and assets, by responding to challenges and opportunities and supporting organisations and individuals to do likewise.

PETER LEHMANN ARTS AND EDUCATION TRUST

The Peter Lehmann Arts and Education Trust (PLAET) was launched in 2014 to increase opportunities for arts and culture access and education in the Barossa.

In 2018, the PLAET Scholarship and Grant program handed out its first grants for arts, culture and education based projects that will contribute to the cultural fabric of the Barossa.

- Two exciting projects showcasing the Hill & Son Organ - Joshua Van Konkelenberg worked with Adam Page on a CD of organ improvisations based on art, poems or prose provided by Barossa residents while Sebastian Phlox will create a new organ composition based on the Barossa. The two projects both aim to make the Organ an ongoing and vibrant part of Barossa cultural life and open it to new audiences through school workshops, and a joint launch in August 2019.
- Preservation and protection of the historical Luhr's Cottage.



Tutti Arts Barossa

- Workshops to assist Tutti Visual Arts Group to create artworks for SALA 2019 (all artists are living with a disability).
- Creation of a mural as part of the redesign of the courtyard at Barossa Village.
- Busk Til Dusk – a Barossa Vintage Festival event for musicians aged 12-25.
- Development of a toolkit by Danielle Edwards to assist Barossa farmers and food producers to promote the Barossa as a food tourism destination and to create an ongoing demand for their products.
- Audience development to improve access to arts and cultural activities in the Barossa.
- The creation and presentation of new artwork in any medium including visual arts, music, theatre, digital arts and literature.

PLAET was established with the generous support of the Lehmann Hess Foundation, the Thomas Foundation as well as donations from the community.

Foundation Barossa oversees the administration of PLAET together with an advisory committee made up of members of the Lehmann family and Barossa community.

The trust will continue to provide annual grants of up to \$5000 to individuals and organisations for projects in the following categories:

- Activities that cement the Barossa Hill and Son Organ as an ongoing part of the Barossa's cultural life including scholarships, performances, recordings, compositions and audience development.
- Performing and visual arts.
- Support for artists and artisans to sustain traditional skills and crafts associated with Barossa heritage and culture.
- Literary arts, new media, literacy and writing, including writers' festivals.

The types of activities that may be funded are varied and include:

- Professional education and development, including educational scholarships.
- Research projects.
- Skills development (especially those that preserve and promote the heritage of the Barossa).

The next round of grant applications opened in September 2019.

\$5,008 raised with the inaugural \$1 a Day Appeal

\$1 A DAY APPEAL & BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

We know that the Barossa is a community that looks after its own. We're a family. In June we asked the community to be part of our Dollar a Day Appeal. Through the generous support of the community the appeal raised \$5,008.

Funds from this appeal will go towards 'Back to School' Vouchers. The Back to School initiative is part of the Rural Education Australia Program and Foundation Barossa has partnered with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to provide these vouchers since 2008.

The Back to School program is a practical, positive program that makes a real difference in the lives of children by providing \$50 gift vouchers to students in need. These \$50 gift vouchers are redeemable for items such as school uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags and stationery items necessary to start the school year. This is much more than a \$50 gift, it is about social inclusion & resilience, confidence and building morale in disadvantaged children.

Michelle Barnes, Principal Tanunda Primary School said "We have been fortunate to receive Back to School Vouchers from Foundation Barossa for a number of years, and they have been very gratefully received by our families. They make a significant difference to parents who are struggling financially and enable them to buy items for their children that they otherwise couldn't afford. It's always great to be able to give a voucher to family in need."

Foundation Barossa would like to say a big thank you to the Barossa community for their support on behalf of these families in need.

Annabelle Elton-Martin & Michelle



COMMUNITY GRANTS

- Each year Foundation Barossa allocates funds to the Community Grants program to support community groups throughout the Barossa region.
- To date over \$35,000 has been given out to support community development, heritage and environment.
- In 2019 the following Community Groups received grants through the Foundation Barossa Grant program:

Youth Barossa: The Drive My Future project will assist youth within the Barossa undertake the supervised driving hours needed to gain a licence.

Backpack for Kids: This SA based charity provides packs age appropriate emergency clothing and supplies for children and families taken into emergency care due to domestic violence or homelessness.

Steps to Better Health: Driven by local medical practitioners, this project provides information on all health providers within the region, helping people to locate the right help when they need it.

CONCORDIS SOCIAL INCLUSION TRUST

The Concordis program was established in 2015 by four Barossa Valley wineries to give back to the region that had been so supportive of them. The successful collaborative winemaking project between Kaesler, Seppeltsfield, Torbreck and Two Hands has built a corpus of \$730,000.

While the Barossa is a prosperous region, there is increasing evidence that homelessness, mental health and disability are challenges for many in our community.

Foundation Barossa will award annual education scholarships of up to 4% of Concordis corpus (dependent on earnings performance) to address homelessness, mental health, disability, domestic violence and other issues preventing social inclusion in the community by providing scholarships. Scholarships will be made to:

- Individuals affected by these issues to provide a pathway to address this disadvantage.
- Individuals working in these key areas of disadvantage to better respond to the areas of disadvantage identified and to work with the community to prevent the causes of disadvantage.

ARTLEASE

Foundation Barossa has introduced ArtLease, an exciting new service that gives you the opportunity to lease and display your choice of an art work from the Barossa Vintage Festival Collection.

For a fraction of the cost of ownership, ArtLease gives you the opportunity to support your community and to enhance your business or workplace. Leasing through ArtLease may be 100% tax deductible.

Murbrook Lagoon – Rod Schubert



“Foundation Barossa has committed \$426,250 in scholarships to students from the Barossa region.”

BAROSSA GRAPE & WINE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SUB-FUND

The Barossa Grape & Wine Association (BGWA) was established in 2008 as the peak wine industry body in Barossa and is recognised as the beacon for collaborative investment and collective action, initiating and delivering projects for the benefit of the Barossa wine industry.

The new BGWA Community sub-fund has been established this year with seed funding from the auction and open to donations from the wider Barossa community. The funds have been set up under the Public Fund (which is tax deductible) and invested in perpetuity, with grants (from the interest) to be made annually to support families of the Barossa wine and grape community that have suffered a bereavement or who are dealing with a terminal illness in the family.

KICKING GOALS SCHOLARSHIP

For Nuriootpa High School student Jacob Judd, life has not been without challenges. Diagnosed with autism in the early years of high school, Jacob is working hard to fulfil his goal of being a Junior Primary School teacher.

As the Kicking Goals Scholar for 2019, Jacob will receive financial assistance for Year 12 as well as ongoing mentoring from John Hughes. At the end of Year 12, additional funds will be available to support his further education, educational aids or transport.

“It was so important for me to win this scholarship. I now have a great opportunity to be mentored by John Hughes for the next 2 years. I hope to use John’s experience and knowledge throughout my journey of completing Year 12, and continuing into university. The scholarship funds will help me to update my laptop, purchase text books and subsidise travel for next year” said Jacob.

For winemaker John Hughes, the Kicking Goals scholarship has been the realisation of a dream to support students with a disability by providing funding and support to assist them in their transition from school into the workplace or further studies.

“I am delighted to have Jacob on board as the third Kicking Goals scholar. I look forward to mentoring him, and helping guide him towards his goal of becoming a Junior Primary Teacher” said John.

Foundation Barossa is proud to support kids like Jacob and is grateful for the ongoing support of John Hughes and the other businesses and individuals involved in the Kicking Goals Scholarship.

John Hughes, Jacob Judd & Annabelle Elton-Martin



BAROSSA BANDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Barossa Bands Scholarship was created in 2015 following the disbanding of the Barossa Junior Brass Band. The aim of the Scholarship is to enable and promote the tuition of young, talented musicians who will be mentored by one of the local community bands. Each year up to two scholarships will be awarded, each worth \$750.

The 2018/19 recipients of the Barossa Bands Scholarship were Lucy Gobell and Miranda Wright.

Our Scholars

The aim of a scholarship fund is to promote education by rewarding and encouraging achievement and greater effort in education. This is done by providing monetary assistance to help with tuition, accommodation or equipment.

Foundation Barossa proudly support a number of educational scholarships that are awarded regularly within the community. The Scholarships support students that might not otherwise go on to TAFE or University.

Some news on our current & past scholars below:

Elise Reed: Cellarmaster Scholar 2018

I am currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) at the University of South Australia, city east campus. I have just completed Semester 1 of my first year at university ever, a bit daunting but a challenge I have overcome.

My placement was a 5-day camp at Mylor Adventure Camp in the Adelaide Hills, working with children who have a neuromuscular condition. Each year Muscular Dystrophy South Australia runs a camp for children with a neuromuscular condition and their siblings between the ages of 5 and 17, in the hope to get the children socially active and give their parents a well needed break. As a volunteer at the camp, I was assigned a

particular child and I then became their primary carer for the week, this involved being with the child from when they woke up to when they went to bed each day assisting with anything they needed. It was very beneficial to be exposed to the daily life of children with a neuromuscular condition and allowed us to start looking at the occupations these types of children tend to have trouble with, then problem solving into how to make it easier for them.

The Foundation Barossa Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and dedicate myself to my studies. I have purchased multiple textbooks which have been extremely helpful in my first semester and will continue to be helpful all throughout my years at university and beyond.



James Fox: Thomas Scholar 2014: Bachelor Oenology & Viticulture

I am currently at Rockford wines where I have been working since I finished up with uni. I've been fortunate enough that they allow me to work for them while I'm in Australia, but also allow me to travel and work in other wineries around the world to gain experience. It's the perfect scenario to have a home base like Rockford, it's a great place to work.

2017 and 2018 were big years for me post uni. I did vintage at Rockford at the beginning of 2017 (which itself was a marathon!) then headed off to Spain for vintage there. After that I travelled across Europe, London, America and Mexico before coming home for vintage 2018. I was lucky to get the opportunity to work at Yalumba as the night time red winemaker which was a very big step and also the best learning experience for me. After that I came back to Rockford for the winter months before jet setting once again to America for vintage.

Now I'm back at Rockford organising my visa to go and work in France for the second half of this year - I won't die wondering that's for sure!

The scholarship was the best thing for me to just take the stress away from being able to afford to live in Adelaide. It gave me the chance to take one less shift at work and to spend that time where it was necessary for me.

Brodie Healy: Kicking Goals Scholarship 2018

At 17, Brodie Healy's CV is already impressive. The Year 12 student from Nuriootpa High School is the Captain (and youngest player) on South Australia's Wheelchair AFL team, the reigning national champions. He is in Australia's Under 23 basketball development side and has previously played both wheelchair cricket and bocce.

For Brodie, the Kicking Goals scholarship has provided more than just financial support for his final two years of school giving him a valuable mentor in John Hughes.

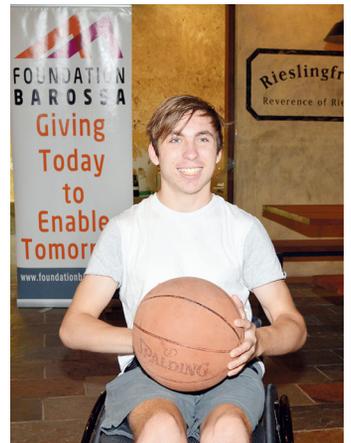
With John's support and encouragement, Brodie is embarking on his final research project focused on wheelchair sport in Australia, while exploring opportunities for future study in either sports management or furniture construction.

Maddison Perry: Cellarmasters Scholarship 2017

For one of our Foundation Barossa scholar alumni Maddy Perry, a Foundation Barossa scholarship has been crucial in allowing her balance studying and financial commitments for her degree. Maddy is entering her third year of her Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) degree, leading into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2020.

As a Foundation Barossa Scholar Maddy has receive financial assistance & mentorship for the first 3 years of her degree.

"I have wanted to be a vet since I was 5 years old. Having the scholarship has enabled me to realise my dream, allowing me access to all the essential study resources I need, helping to cover travel costs as well as allowing me to purchase my first stethoscope (possibly my more exciting purchase)," said Maddy. "Thankyou for supporting the youth of the Barossa, investing in my future and making my dream come true".



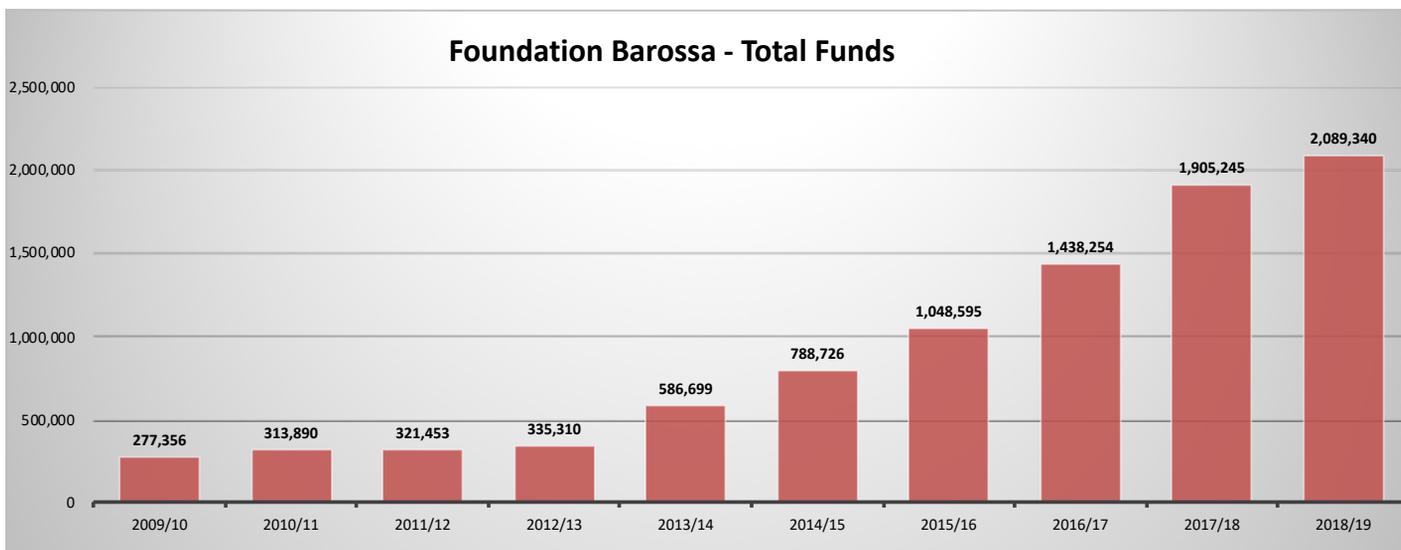
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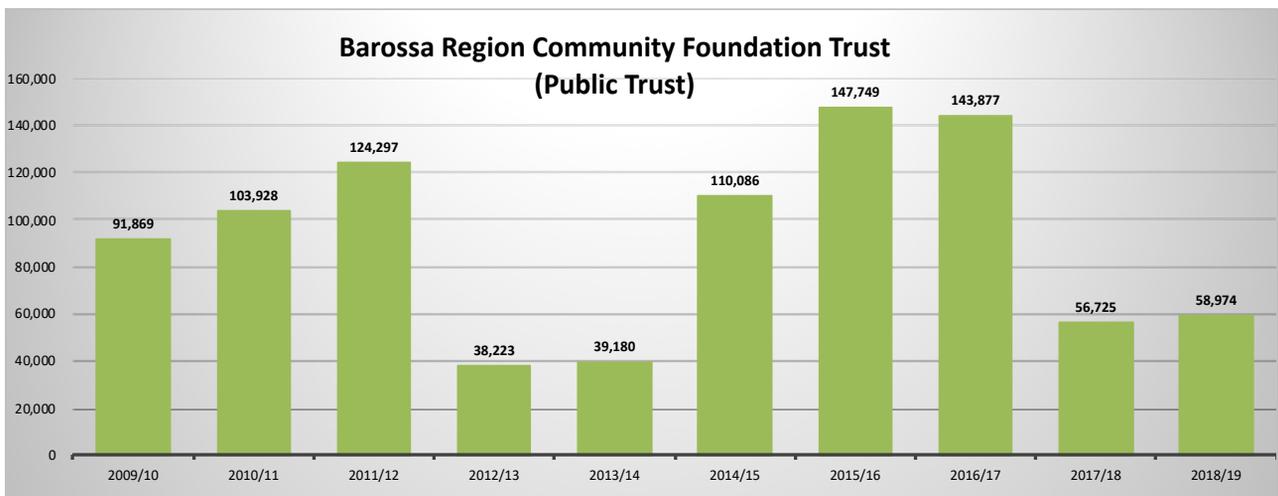
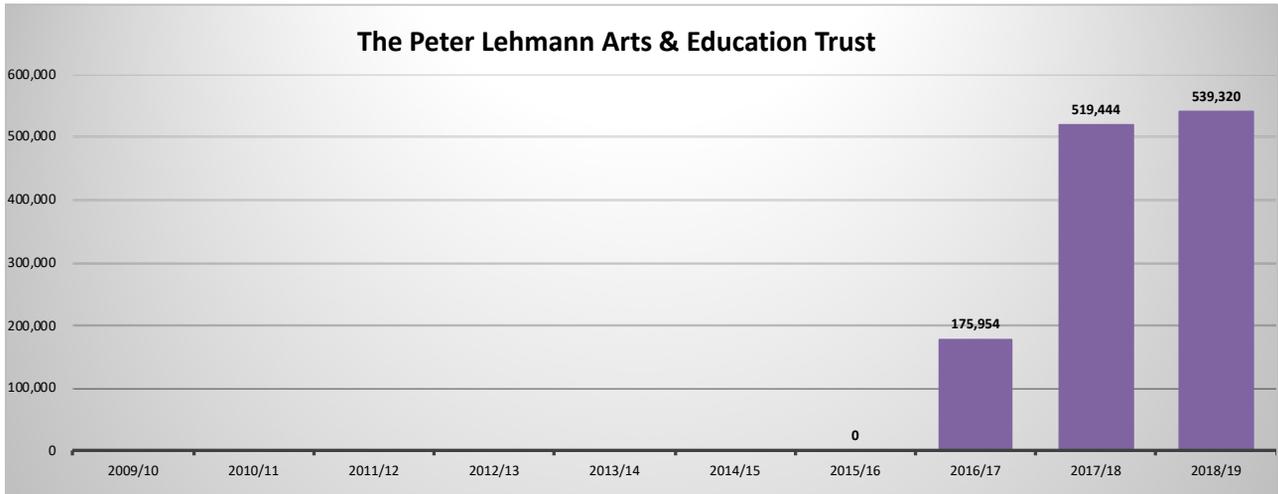
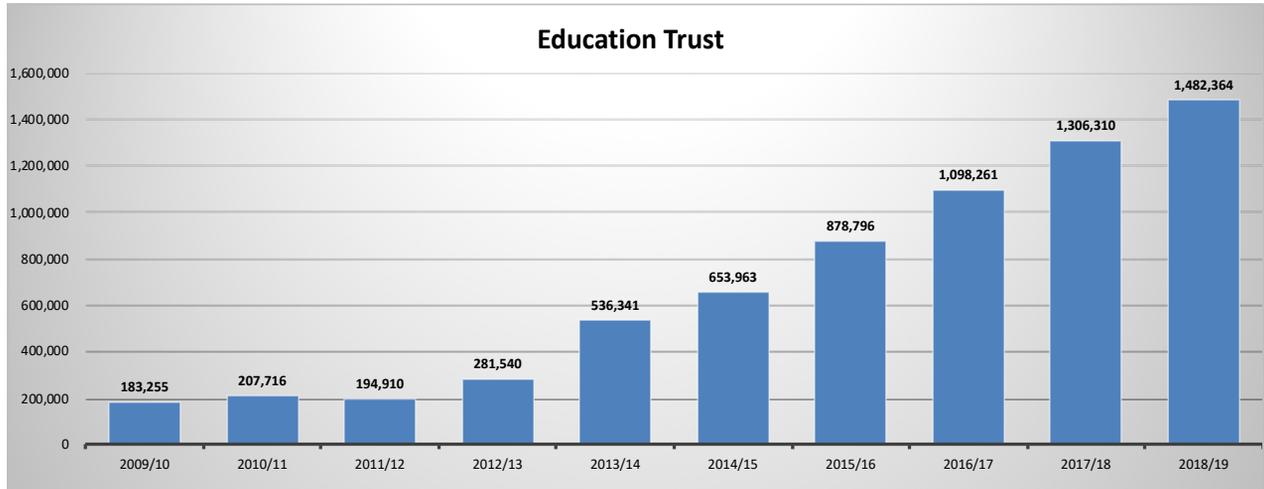
The financial position of Foundation Barossa and its capacity to support the local community continues to improve. Total fund balances as at 30th June 2019 total \$2,089,340, up from \$1,905,245 the previous year. The increase in funds has been driven predominantly by \$86,688 received as final seed funding for the Concordis initiative, healthy investment earnings totalling \$82,248 and unrealised capital gains of \$49,554.

The Education Trust has seen funds under management increase from \$1,306,310 to \$1,482,364 largely due to the Concordis seed funding noted above, investment earnings of \$59,593 and unrealised capital gains of \$47,595. The Education Trust distributions for the six scholarships totalled \$52,077 for 2018/19, up from \$48,899 the previous year.

The Peter Lehmann Arts & Education Trust (PLAET) has seen funds under management increase from \$519,444 to \$539,320 largely due to strong investment earnings of \$22,425 and unrealised capital gains of \$19,590. Inaugural PLAET grants distributed in 2018/19 to seven recipients totalled \$20,778.

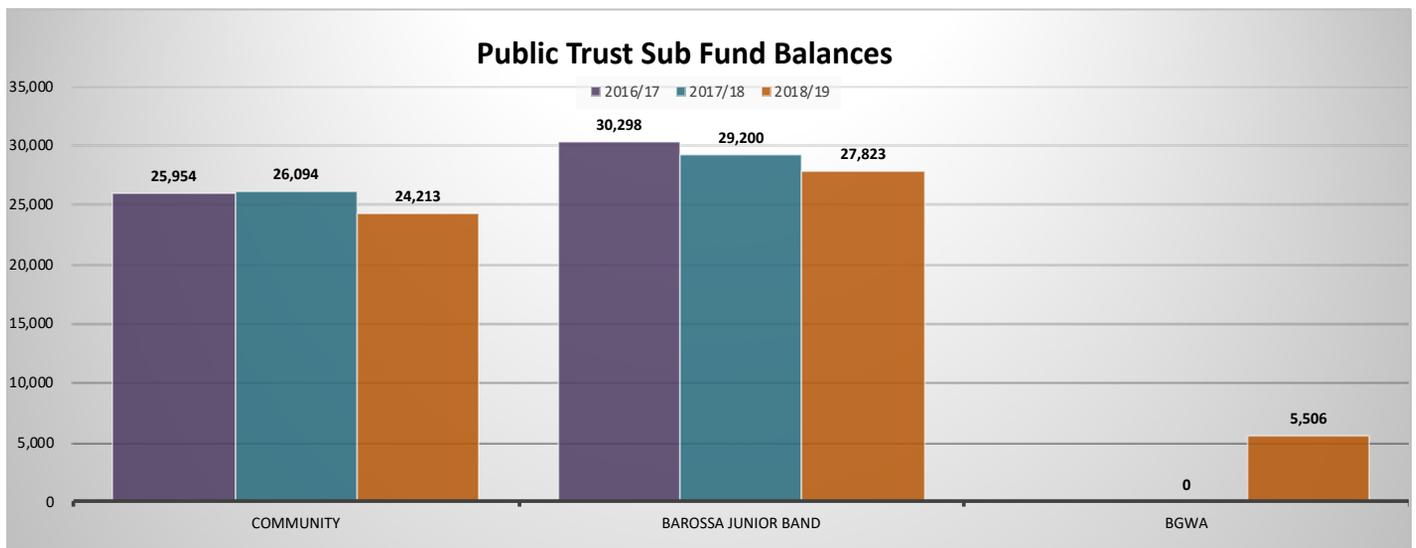
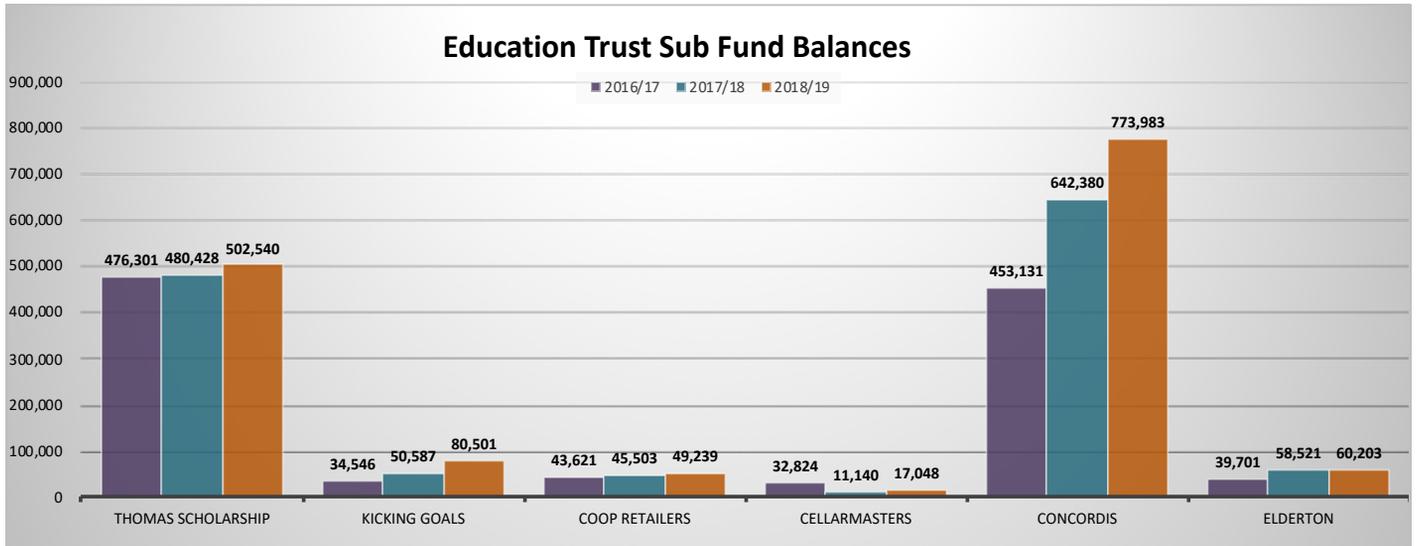
The Barossa Region Community Trust (Public Trust) has seen an increase in funds from \$56,725 to \$58,974. Income was received from Barossa Grape & Wine Association (BGWA) for \$5,500 to set up a new sub fund and a further \$5,008 in donations for a fundraising appeal to support local families through the Back to School programme. A total of \$8,500 was distributed back to the community through Back to School vouchers and various other community grants.





SUB FUND BALANCES

There was an increase of \$184,095 across all sub funds, with major increases for Concordis of \$131,603, Kicking Goals \$29,914 and Thomas Scholarship \$22,112.



BAROSSA REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INCORPORATED (OPEN FUND)

The Open Fund closed with a year-end balance of \$8,682, with net outflows of \$14,084. Excluding distributions from the Public Trust made via the Open Fund, annual operating expenses increased \$9,457 on prior year to \$36,608, equating to 1.75% of total net assets as at 30 June 2019.

The increase in total operating expenditure was driven by the requirement for increased Executive Officer hours, with Executive Officer expenses totalling \$32,191. Demands on the Executive Officer position is forecast to increase in future years, requiring further funding from dedicated sponsorship and other income streams to finance this role and enable Foundation Barossa to operate effectively.

GOVERNANCE

Investment Policy

Foundation Barossa engage the professional services of W2 Wealth to provide advice (pro bono) on investment strategies and assist with the management funds now in excess of \$2,000,000.

The Board adopts investment strategies to meet the following objectives:

- Preserve capital base
- Receive regular income
- Provide reasonable exposure to long term capital growth.

The Board exercises the same degree of care, diligence and skill that a prudent individual would exercise in managing the affairs of others. Investments are maintained according to a "Conservative Growth" risk profile defined as holding 45-55% of the market value of the fund's net assets in defensive assets (cash and fixed interest) and the other 45-55% in growth assets (Australian and international equities and property).

Audit

EY were engaged for the 2018/19 audit and have continued their support by agreeing to waive their audit fees.

The Foundation Barossa Board would like to recognise the professional services and ongoing support from W2 Wealth and EY.

Homburg - Foundation Barossa Gold Sponsor





PLAET recipient - Busk Til Dusk

Our Values

Community

Ours is a community-based foundation that invests for the long term benefit of the community. We collaborate with like-minded organisations and individuals within our community to deliver on our promise.

Inclusive

We believe that everyone within our community deserves to participate fully. We recognise that some members of our community are excluded and we work to improve the ability, opportunity and dignity of those disadvantaged, to ensure nobody is left out.

Nurturing

The Foundation works to identify those able to make a positive contribution to our community and to help them achieve their goals.

Transparency

The Foundation's decision-making and activities are open to all stakeholders and the community at large. We are diligent in our processes and governance to ensure that community funds are properly managed.



ArtLease at Rockford Wines

Executive Leadership

We welcome two new Board members, Neil Retallick and Jenny O'Brien in 2019. We also welcome Annabelle Elton-Martin to the Executive Officer role.



Nick Slape: Chair



Anthony Grundel: Secretary



Karl Martin: Treasurer



Lesley Ann Grimoldby: Board Member



Craig Grocke: Board Member



Lisa Laycock: Board Member



Neil Retallick: Board Member



Angela Pickett: Board Member



Annemaree Clementson: Board Member



Jenny O'Brien: Board Member



Annabelle Elton-Martin: Executive Officer

Thanks to our supporters

Sustainability through Sponsorship

Foundation Barossa invites businesses to consider sponsorship of our organisation.

Through the work of Foundation Barossa there is a unique opportunity for businesses to assist in creating a stronger, more resilient and prosperous Barossa region, while also promoting your business through our extensive network of donors, supporters and grant and scholarship applicants.

Make a Difference

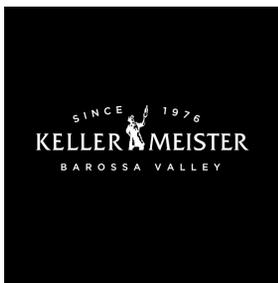
Sponsoring Foundation Barossa demonstrates that your business cares about the Barossa community and has a desire to make a difference. You will not only be promoting your business but you will be investing in what we believe is a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the long-term wellbeing of the Barossa region.

We can only achieve due to the support of our wonderful sponsors. Please support them as they have supported us.

Gold Supporters



Silver Supporters



Community Project Funding



Gifts In Kind Supporters

We would like to thank the following supporters who have generously donated goods and services to support the work of Foundation Barossa.



Partners



How you can help

A donation to Foundation Barossa is an investment in the future of the Barossa and will help to create self-reliant, confident, strong and connected community.

No matter what amount is donated, your donation will have a positive impact that will be of ongoing benefit to your community. All donations are welcome.

Donors can also contribute to Foundation Barossa in a number of other ways:

Individual / Family Giving

Big things often have small beginnings. The Foundation Barossa Giving program is for those that have a desire to make a difference by supporting Foundation Barossa to make a positive impact on the long term wellbeing of the Barossa region. It's easy to donate to the Foundation's Giving Program. It can be as much or as little ... or as often as you like.

Named Donation (sub fund) or Donor Preference

Foundation Barossa makes it easy for organisations, individuals or families to support community projects in their geographic area or to target a specific area of interest. This can be done by donating to an existing Foundation Barossa Sub Fund or establishing an additional Sub Fund to meet a specific area of interest.

Bequest

You can make a difference beyond your lifetime. Some people wish to be philanthropic but are not in a position to release funds immediately and therefore choose to make a bequest. Where people are prepared to declare their bequest in advance, they will be invited to take part in Foundation Barossa activities and can gain some of the personal satisfaction that philanthropy provides. Upon resolution of a Will, the bequest may be translated to a personal named fund, if desired.



Workplace Giving

Giving to Foundation Barossa through Workplace Giving is a simple and inexpensive way for businesses and employees to support their community and be recognised as being community minded.

Sponsorship

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If you would like to donate to a specific scholarship or sub-fund please contact Foundation Barossa on info@foundationbarossa.org.au and we can provide you with further information.



Donations through our Website

Donations to Foundation Barossa can now be made directly and securely through our website.

Look for the DONATE NOW buttons to give to a specific scholarship or sub-fund.

Please contact Annabelle at Foundation Barossa on info@foundationbarossa.org.au for more information.





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