

Giving Options

In this edition

Scholarship Funds under **The Ballarat Foundation Scholarship Trust**

A new Option for you to pursue in support of your philanthropic and educational interests... a Sub-fund in the Scholarship Trust!

The Ballarat Foundation Scholarship Trust enables the establishment of scholarship funds in the name of specific donors (Eg. individual, business, institution or memory of someone). Scholarships are awarded to individuals within a criterion of Australian courses of study offered to applicants from a broad geographic area. **

Often during life, donors' preferences are to support educational activities through scholarships and with the benefit of tax deductibility, funds options under this Trust are certain to have appeal.

We can assist establish and run a scholarship Fund in your name and you and/or your family can be involved as much or as little as you desire, from participating in selection to the formal presentation.

Interested? For further information, call Noel on 5329 4613.

We are happy to discuss this and other options with you, obligation free.

** Where tax deductible gifts are received, conditions apply defining certain scholarship criteria options in accordance with Australian Tax Office rules.

The Ballarat Foundation Extends its Boundaries

In what is arguably the most significant change since its inception, The Ballarat Foundation is spreading its wings to cover a broader geographic area.

When founded the Foundation's focus was on the Ballarat Community for both donors and recipients. But, in this world, nothing stands still and today Ballarat is very much in the heart of a major region where people who work in Ballarat don't necessarily live in Ballarat; providers of community services often now service the region; and many regional residents either come to Ballarat for services or retire here, having previously spent perhaps most of their lives in the rural areas surrounding Ballarat.

Making Back to School a little easier for 470 local children



Caledonian Primary School principal Sue Redfern and Ballarat Foundation CEO Noel Trengove look over the vouchers raised by the School through the challenge program.

For the fourth year, The Ballarat Foundation has assisted local children and their families with their 2008 'back to school' costs. Resulting from a major effort during the 2007 year the number of vouchers being distributed at the commencement of the 2008 school year is up 235%, having a total value of \$23,500.

Leveraging on an initiative of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Sidney Myer Fund generously supported by the Pratt Foundation, Bennelong Foundation, DOXA Youth Foundation, the Estate of

For this reason it just makes good sense to expand our regional boundaries!

Further, many regional towns would never establish a Community Foundation in their own right simply because of cost and operational constraints. To this end, The Ballarat Foundation can establish sub funds under its existing Trust for specific regional areas, for regional towns or communities and for individual donors with a zero establishment fee and minimal annual costs. The Foundation takes care of all the legal reporting requirements. The net result is that monies donated from a specific town or community are invested through the Trust, with income returned to that town or community for approved community projects. In many cases tax deductibility is available.

Our region now covers the area defined by the Municipal Boundaries of Ararat

the late Edward Wilson, AXA Australia, Target and The Jack Brockhoff Foundation; The Ballarat Foundation issues the vouchers, through the Back to School Program, to selected local schools to help with the purchase of uniforms, books or other equipment needed to get students back to school.

Working in a discreet community partnership with schools identified as those with the greatest need, The Ballarat Foundation has been able to provide this very necessary support. This year a 'challenge' was extended to schools supported previously and to local Rotary clubs to contribute to the program through running fund raising activities. For each \$50 contributed two \$50 vouchers were rewarded.

The results have meant that participating schools achieved a higher number of vouchers to distribute and we have been able to extend the program from supporting 8 schools previously to 25 schools in 2008. In addition to the Primary Schools selected for support within Ballarat, we were able to extend our support to many small country schools in close proximity to Ballarat. In coming years we hope to be able to grow the program throughout our geographic region.

Rural Council, Pyrenees Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire, City of Ballarat and the north western portion of Golden Plains Shire (basically north west of Rokewood and Mount Mercer).

We are excited that there is already interest being generated in The Ballarat Foundation from some residents and public representatives within this expanded geographic area. We are keen to grow our presence and support over time and are more than happy to discuss and explore your interests with you.

If you have an interest in finding out how The Ballarat Foundation can support your community, please call Noel on **5329 4613** or email **info@ballaratfoundation.org.au** ■

see map in CEO's report

Knowing the benefits, the schools involved are only too ready to assist in raising funds and distributing the vouchers. They are most appreciative of the support. The program is unique, in that recipient families can choose what they actually need for their children.

This is an excellent example of the active support given by The Ballarat Foundation to our community. It's great to know that children can return to school better prepared. We are hopeful this year that we can also run a small pilot program to assist with winter uniform requirements.

The community can also assist local children by sending a tax deductible donation to The Ballarat Foundation, P.O. Box 1676, Ballarat Mail Centre, 3354 or by contacting The Foundation office on 5329 4613. "Giving Made easy... Giving where it counts". ■

Photo courtesy of The Courier

We are very excited to announce that the Rotary Club of Ballarat – Young Ambition will be holding their annual Trivia night on Friday July 25th with proceeds going to the 2009 Back to School Voucher program. Please consider attending this fun night – For details see further information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Meet the New Members of our Board

Under its Board rotation policy, The Ballarat Foundation, recognises the retirements of Professor David James, Board member and Chairman since 2001; John Curwen-Walker, Board member and legal advisor since 2001; Leo Shanahan, Board member, Treasurer, Company Secretary and Public officer since 2001 and John Abraham, Board member since 2002 and outgoing Chairman of the Ethics and Allocations Committee.

We would also like to recognise the retirement of Kaye Draffin who has been a Board member and advocate for the Foundation since 2005.

We are delighted to announce a number of new Board member appointments to invigorate and help steer the Foundation going forward.



James Coghlan – Chairman

James holds a Diploma in Business Studies (Accounting) Ballarat CAE (now U of B) and is a Registered Tax Agent

–Federal. He has accounting and Audit experience with Coopers & Lybrand, Melbourne and Prowse Cook & Perrin, Ballarat and was self employed in the Restaurant and contract catering sector for sixteen years.

James was Mayor of the City of Ballarat for three terms of appointment; Director - Central Highlands Water Authority for two terms and Audit Committee

Chair for Sovereign Hill Foundation Ltd. He is currently a Director for Industry Superannuation Property Trust (ISPT Pty. Ltd.), Regional Infrastructure Fund Pty. Ltd. (Melbourne), BGS Educational Services Pty. Ltd. And Walltank Australia Pty. Ltd.



John Twomey – Treasurer, Company Secretary and Chairman of the Investment and Finance Committee.

John holds a Bachelor of Business, is a Fellow of CPA Australia (FCPA) and a Fellow of The Taxation Institute of Australia (FTIA).

A Partner in the public accounting firm of Prowse, Perrin and Twomey since 1982 specialising in Taxation Planning, Business Management and Estate Planning and Administration, John is also an authorised representative and former director of Prowse Perrin and Twomey Investment Services Pty. Ltd. which holds an Australian Financial Services Licence and provides general investment advice.

He held the position of Board Member and Treasurer of Centacare, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc. since 1996 and is a Member of the Audit Committee of Ballarat Health Services.



Craig Coltman – Chairman of the Ethics and Allocations Committee.

Craig through his business and volunteerism

activities is a well known member of the Ballarat community. As Director of W.F. Coltman Pty. Ltd, trading as Coltman Mitre 10, Craig managed the locally run family business for 20 years until its sale in 2007. During his time with Mitre10 Craig served on several committees holding a variety of positions in the areas of marketing and member support services.

He is currently Chairman of PINARC Support Services and gives freely of his experience and advice to a wide number of community organisations.

He is well known for his passion for fly fishing, representing Australia at several international competitions as a team member and past captain. At a local level, he is Treasurer of the Ballarat Fly Fishing Club and President of the Ballarat Acclimatisation Society.



Andrew Oliver – Member of the Funds Development Committee

Andrew commenced at the family's 120 year old business, Oliver Footwear, in 1974 and holds the position of Executive Chairman.

Describing himself as a 'Simple Cobbler', Andrew oversees a business that is the largest producer of Safety Boots in Australasia.

Andrew has been a council member of Ballarat and Clarendon College for over 15 years, many of which he served as Treasurer. He has also served on many community groups, business and industrial Associations including the Australian Industry Group and is a current Board Member of the Australian Footwear Manufacturers Association.

Amongst other interests, Andrew is also involved in the Australian wine growing industry.



Professor Wayne Robinson

Holding a BVSc, MVSc. (Melb); PhD (Ohio State University) DACVP; and MACVSc Professor Robinson

is Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Higher Education and a senior leadership team member at the University of Ballarat, commencing in September 2001. He has broad experience in teaching, research and academic affairs.

Wayne has held the appointments of Deputy Vice-President (Academic) (Deakin University), Professor of Veterinary Pathology (Queensland University), Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor (Murdoch University), Graduate Research Associate and in latter two years, Assistant Professor of Pathology in College of Veterinary Medicine (Ohio State University), Veterinary Pathologist at the Veterinary Research Institute (The University of Melbourne). Wayne is a Member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and in addition has authored more than 130 publications.

Meet the full Board

James Coghlan
Chairman

John Twomey
Treasurer and Company Secretary. Chair of the Investment and Finance Committee.

Andrew Byrne
Legal advisor

Craig Coltman
Chair of the Ethics and Allocation Committee.

Garry Lyons
Chair of the Funds Development Committee.

Val Sarah
Chair of the Marketing & Public Relations Committee.

Andre Agterhuis

Dr. Shantini Deutscher

Doug Lloyd

Andrew Oliver

Professor Wayne Robinson

For further information about the Board, our Patrons and our Committees refer to our website www.ballaratfoundation.org.au



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Chairman's Message

I am delighted to present my first message to the friends of The Ballarat Foundation in this Autumn 2008 newsletter.



In doing so it would be remiss to not acknowledge the tireless work of the outgoing chair, David James and all members of his board and committees. Since inception the fund has achieved grants and distributions into the Ballarat community of close to \$1 million, and at the same time has accumulated capital funds of a further \$1 million. These outcomes represent significant achievements and flow on benefits to many community groups in the Ballarat area.

2008 will see a significantly different board at the helm of the Foundation. I have no doubt it will approach the challenges of growing the Foundation's funds with the benefit of the Ballarat community as its driving force.

In bringing the new board to the fore, the strategic resolve of the outgoing directors is to be applauded. The established policy of board member rotation is vital in keeping and indeed building, the momentum within the Foundation.

I look forward to working with the new board and CEO, Noel Trengove, in 2008. There is little doubt that the organization is equipped with both the skills and resolve needed to grow the Foundation for the betterment of the Ballarat community.

James Coghlan
Chairman

Telstra Country Wide® supports Ballarat community projects through The Ballarat Foundation

Round 5 Grants Telstra Country Wide Ballarat Community Fund December 2007



Group Shot Telstra Country Wide Ballarat Community Fund grant recipients with Mayor Stephen Jones, Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager Bill Mundy and Noel Trengove from The Ballarat Foundation

Eight Ballarat community organisations and associations were awarded nearly \$35,000 in funding grants announced on December 11th, 2007.

From the CEO's desk



There is certainly a lot happening at The Ballarat Foundation and in this issue of our newsletter, we report on just a few key activities:

Read in this issue about the changing of the guard with many of the original board members retiring under the Foundation's succession plan. This succession plan ensures that we regularly bring new people on board and this in itself directly influences our ability to update and reinvent our activities through fresh thinking. This will certainly be the case in 2008.

The funding grants were provided through The Ballarat Foundation under the fifth round of community grants from one of its major sub-funds, the Telstra Country Wide® Ballarat Community Fund. (TCWBCF)

The TCWBCF provides funding support for community group projects and sporting bodies, as well as programs in the health, arts and cultural sectors.

Speaking at the official cheque presentation, TCW Area General Manager, Mr Bill Mundy, said the TCWBCF was another tangible way Telstra was able to support the Ballarat Community.

"In addition to our commitment to improving telecommunications services and infrastructure in the Ballarat region, the TCW Ballarat Community Fund is our way of demonstrating our support and commitment to the wider Ballarat community," Mr Mundy said.

"This is the fifth round of community grants that have taken place since the TCW Ballarat Community Fund was

established in 2005. To date, the TCW Ballarat Community Fund has awarded grants totalling more than \$167,000 to community organisations and projects in the region, enabling them to carry out vital work to support the social well being of the Ballarat community."

The Ballarat Foundation presented grants totalling \$34,500.00 to the following Ballarat organisations:

- **Vision Australia (Ballarat)** – Funding to go towards the provision of specialised computer software allowing vision impaired computer accessibility. - \$6,000
- **Ballarat High School Foundation** – This grant is a contribution towards the purchase of a Concert Grand Piano for the school's Performing Arts Centre - \$2,500
- **Ballarat Police Youth Fund** – Funds to further development of "The Bus" a mobile entertainment and youth support vehicle which tackles many youth related issues in their own neighbourhoods- \$5,000



Vicky Chettleburgh from Lighthouse Foundation - Ballarat, addresses attendees about Lighthouse and the support previously given through a 5th round TCWBCF grant.

• **Midlands Kindergarten** – This grant will provide a much needed upgrade to the Kindergarten's outdoor playground equipment fostering an increase in physical exercise and outdoor activities for children - \$3,000

• **Fusion Australia** – Funds will be used to lead training of Ballarat volunteers in a range of community development programs, particularly those that assist young people, many of whom are at risk of being socially isolated and dysfunctional, encouraging them to ake a productive role in the community.- \$5,000

• **Buninyong and District Historical Society** – Funds will be used to revise and reprint the Buninyong Heritage Walks Booklet. Providing much historical information and points of interest, the booklet is aimed at tourists, local residents, local school children, walkers and cyclists - \$3,000

• **Uniting Care Breazeway Meals Program** – This grant will provide for Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning for the meals and kitchen areas at Breazeway, improving the conditions, comfort and hygiene of this facility through out the seasons. - \$5,000

• **Ballarat Young Parents Group** These funds will be used to fund various programs facilitated by the Ballarat Young Parents Group in the support of providing peer support, advice and friendship for young mums facing the everyday challenges of being parent. - \$5,000

The Ballarat Foundation CEO, Noel Trengove, said the Foundation was

extremely pleased to have Telstra Country Wide as an ongoing partner.

"Yet again, Telstra Country Wide and The Ballarat Foundation have worked well together in the delivery of this the fifth round of grants made to very worthy local causes. The results certainly reinforce the synergies and efficiencies gained by working together," Mr Trengove said.

"This highlights the ability of community minded businesses, such as Telstra Country Wide, to make a difference, through providing the resource for local organisations to get on with what they do



Grant Recipient Kate O'Hehir from Midlands Kindergarten with(L to R) Cailin O'Hehir, Megan Butler and Tara O'Hehir receives their grant from Bill Mundy, Telstra Country Wide.

best in providing their particular service to our community."

The 6th grant round of Telstra Country Wide Ballarat Community Fund grant applications has recently closed with successful organisations notified in coming weeks.

The 7th round of TCWBCF grants closes October 17th, 2008. Application forms are available from The Ballarat Foundation website www.ballaratfoundation.org.au or the Telstra Country Wide office, level 2, Central Square, Ballarat, or call 5336 5536. ■

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BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

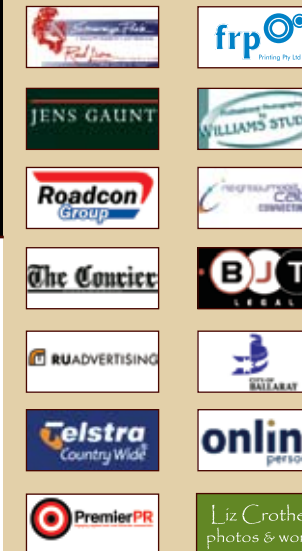
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Foundation Scholarship Trust a new entity which facilitates the establishment of educational scholarships as sub-funds to the Trust, providing donors with a tax deduction whilst able to be granted to individuals for supporting or furthering their education. Read about Scholarship Funds featured in this month's 'Giving Options'.

In what was one of the first and last activities for the new and old Board, along with some key stake holders, we held a Strategic Planning day in April with the assistance of Wayne Strong – Strong Consulting facilitating and with the support of the Red Lion who generously made their facilities available to us. This was a most successful day and we will announce more about our strategies as they evolve over coming months.

Premier PR is also assisting us with some market research on a Pro-Bono basis. As the new Board draws the strategic plan together and embraces the market research we will most certainly be well equipped to grow within the region and be a significant community partner throughout the region.

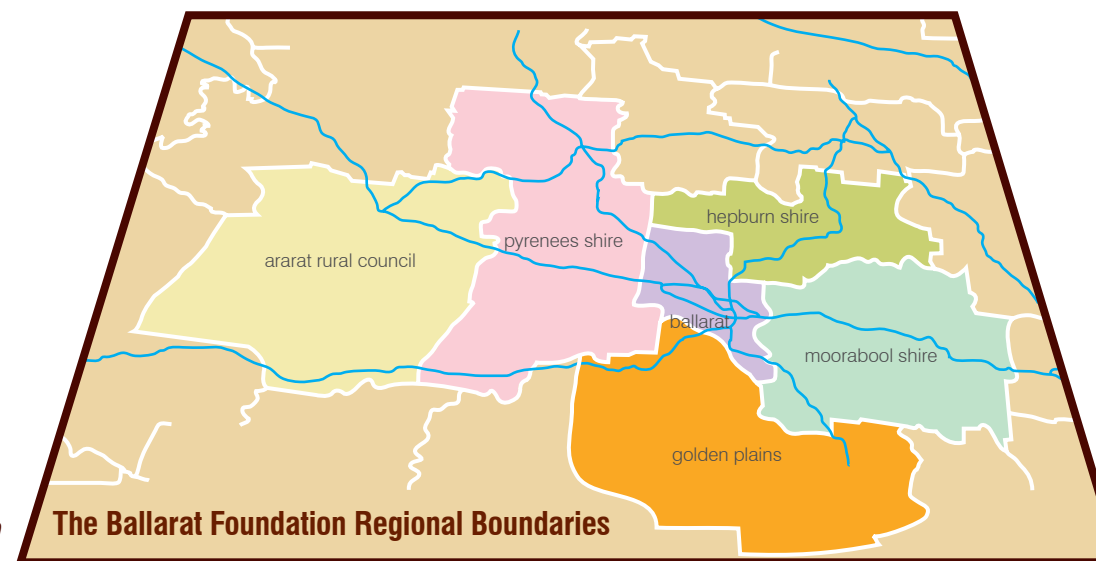
The Foundation recently held its AGM and the Board was excited to reflect through the various committee reports on the momentum achieved through 2007 and the efforts undertaken to re-establish and reconnect the Foundation with the community. Our annual report is about to be printed thanks to generous funding support from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) and will shortly be distributed to many of our supporters. More than just an annual report, this booklet

reflects on what has been happening as well as setting some outline to the future activities of The Ballarat Foundation, particularly in regard to serving the region. If you would like to receive a copy of the report, simply email info@ballaratfoundation.org.au or telephone 03 5329 4613. We will be pleased to mail a copy to you.

Lastly, check out our new web pages, put together by university student Saeed Salimpour. We are very proud of what Saeed has been able to do making this a very informative and easy to navigate site. ■

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Noel Trengove, CEO



The Ballarat Foundation Regional Boundaries