



Annual Report 2018 - 2019



The Bass Coast Community Foundation

A community foundation is a place-based, independent, community-owned philanthropic vehicle that builds up its corpus (assets in trust) from a variety of sources.

The Bass Coast Community Foundation (BCCF) is a philanthropic organisation, independent of religious or political persuasion. It was established in 2002 in response to a growing need for a sustainable source of funds for community projects. The BCCF operates exclusively within the boundaries of the Bass Coast Shire and is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors.

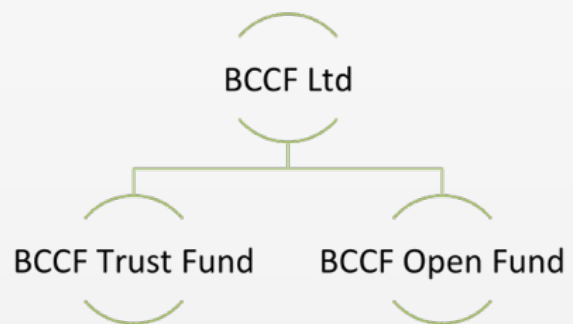
BCCF offer philanthropy that is flexible, accessible, responsive and locally relevant.

Since 2002 BCCF has raised over one million dollars for the Bass Coast community, and over one million dollars has been distributed to Bass Coast individuals and organisations in support of:

- * Education and development
- * Performing arts
- * Energy innovation
- * Learner drivers
- * Well-being of youth and older people
- * And more....

Legal Structure

The legal structure of BCCF consists of three entities:



Bass Coast Community Foundation Ltd	ABN 53 101 497 410
Bass Coast Community Foundation Trust Fund	ABN 20 391 663 724
Bass Coast Community Foundation Open Fund	ABN 35 151 927 173

Bass Coast Community Foundation Ltd.

- Registered company limited by guarantee (ASIC)
- Has its own ABN
- Not registered for GST
- No charitable endorsements
- Only function is to serve as trustee for two charitable trusts
- Conducts no business activity in its name

Bass Coast Community Foundation Trust Fund

- Listed on the ABR as the “Trustee for the Bass Coast Community Foundation”
- Has its own ABN
- Registered for GST
- Endorsed DGR Item 2 (Funding) and TCC (tax concession charity)
- Registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission
- Donations to the Trust Fund attract tax deductibility
- Distributions can only be made to Item 1 (doing) DGRs

Bass Coast Community Foundation Open Fund

- Listed on the ABR as the “Bass Coast Community Foundation Open Fund”
- Has its own ABN
- Registered for GST
- Endorsed TCC (tax concession charity)
- Registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission
- Donations to the Open Fund do not attract tax deductibility

Chairman's Report

This was the \$1 Million year. An achievement that had been targeted since the inception of the Bass Coast Community Foundation.

Since 2002, the Foundation has put over \$1 Million into the community and has established a corpus of \$1 Million. Tipping the corpus over the \$1 Million mark was due to bequests made by two generous individuals.

The late Dr Peter Brooks, our Founder, contributed a bequest of \$100,000. It is fitting that Peter's initial contribution saw the beginning of the Foundation, and that his final contribution saw it achieve over \$1 Million in funds held in the corpus.

The Foundation also received a most generous bequest of \$178,732 from the Eltringham Estate, with the intent for it to go toward education of secondary aged students. The current Board acknowledges the work of our predecessors in creating the opportunity and impetus to receive these funds.

Over the course of the last year the Board of Directors continued to strive to ensure that the Foundation operated and conducted itself to the highest standards. To that end, a Governance Review was undertaken with the guidance of a consultant (Sylvia Admans), and a prioritised approach to continually improving the operations of the Foundation was established.

During the year, the Foundation worked to recruit further Directors, seeking and sourcing those individuals to provide additional and diverse skills to improve the Foundation's performance.

Throughout this year the Foundation also formalised its partnership with our most important supporter – the Bass Coast Shire Council, who provide funding to support the administrative functioning of the organisation. This guarantees that the funds provided by donors are used for charitable purposes alone. An MOU has been entered into for the next three years.

The Bass Coast Community Foundation continues to make an impact. It makes a difference in a way that no other organisation can. It is a vehicle that enables support to be provided as well as providing the opportunity for people to make a difference where they live.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank all of our partners and supporters, all of our worthy recipients and the community across the Bass Coast Shire for their generosity, assistance and support.

Martin Keogh
Chairman
Bass Coast Community Foundation

Operations Report

The year 2018-2019 was a year of change in the Foundation. It saw the departures of David Wall after three years in the executive officer role and Kellie Nichols his short-term replacement. Three directors resigned these being Dean Herbert, Melissa Hayes and Felicity Sist. The Board acknowledges and thanks these people for their contribution to the organisation and community, and wishes them well in their new pursuits. A new director, Kirsty Mawer was appointed to the board in November.



Xavier Pellin, Kirk Skinner and Martin Keogh (Foundation Chairman)

The Performance Gala was again an opportunity for the Foundation to highlight some of the local artistic talent across a variety of performance arts, some of which were past Performance Award recipients and others emerging artists. Award recipients continue to have success in their chosen fields in both study and careers, and return to Bass Coast showcasing their talents. The board appreciates that two recipients of awards also return to teach music and support musical productions in Bass Coast.

"Getting the BCCF Performance Award was amazing at so many levels – the validation and encouragement, knowing my community believed in me was encouraging. I felt all my efforts were worth something. Without the financial help from the Foundation and my family I would not have been able to pursue my career overseas and it allowed me to focus my attention on dance." Xavier Pellin, Ballet Dancer with the Louisville Ballet in the USA

In 2016 the Foundation pledged support to the Energy Innovation Cooperative totalling \$60,000 to underpin the Old Energy New Energy project at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. 2019 saw the conclusion of this project and our funding with the "turning on" of the new energy solar panels at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

"We are in debt with the great work, support that the BCCF provides for our families struggling in need across our school community." - School Principal

It was a happy occasion to attend the tenth birthday celebrations of the L2P program in Bass Coast. The Foundation's contribution is continuing to provide opportunities for youth.

"Since the age of 15 I suffered bi-weekly migraines which were draining physically and emotionally. The funds received from the BCCF allowed for me to slow my mind down and focus on myself and listen more closely to my intuition. I have never felt this grounded and understood in my life; Thank you." Tertiary Education Award Recipient

The Foundation continues to support from income from investments and other donor funding, youth education with Back to School Vouchers, Schools Plus funding, Tertiary Education Support, L2P program, Open Doors Plus, Student Mentoring, Performance Awards, Student Welfare and Women in Education.

"The last family we gave a voucher to had escaped family violence situation. They literally arrived in Wonthaggi with the clothes they were wearing. The voucher helped them to buy clothes for school. The family were extremely grateful." - School Principal



Melissa Hayes presents Back to School vouchers to Wonthaggi Secondary



Women For Change Working Group; Clare LeServe, Heather Mabilia, Carol Blair, Sylvia Davey. Absent Kirsty Mawer.

A very successful luncheon was held featuring philanthropist Rhonda Renwick, which became the catalyst for the Women For Change project. Women For Change is a vehicle for people to donate toward raising funds to improve the lives and well-being of women, their children and the community they live in.

The corpus (funds held in trust) was boosted this year resulting in a long held goal of the foundational and subsequent directors to reach \$1,000,000. This achievement could not go past without an appropriate celebration and

acknowledgement of many donors, supporters and volunteers that have worked tirelessly over the years. It was very fitting that representatives from all of the five named accounts were present to celebrate this milestone.



Donors and supporters from Phillip Island and San Remo: Anne Oswin, Pam Cameron, David Mawer, Donald Cameron, Anne & Bob Davie, Fran Reith



Long time supporters and donors: Lynda and Bob Newnham, & Sylvia and Tony Davey

The board's deepest respect and gratitude is extended to all of those people; our long term supporters, donors, partners and volunteers.

Our heartfelt condolences and profound gratitude go to our Founder, the late Dr Peter Brooks' family and his estate, as well as the family and trustees of the Eltringham Estate. The bequests received have a significant positive impact in our community in perpetuity.

The board acknowledges and thanks all of our partners and supporters of the past year, and especially:

- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Aquasure
- Cardell Chartered Accountants
- Inverloch District Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank
- Dirty Three Wines
- The Wonthaggi Club
- The Cape Kitchen

"This scholarship allowed me to purchase books needed to assist in my studies that I would have not of otherwise been able to purchase." Tertiary Education Award

"The scholarship was integral to my ability to continue to study full time and live out of home." - Tertiary Education Award Recipient



Without these and other supporters we would be a poorer community, so thank you!

Foundation Chairman Martin Keogh and Bass Coast Shire Mayor Brett Tessari sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Performance Report

A full financial report can be downloaded from the ACNC website www.acnc.gov.au or contact the Executive Officer info@bccf.org.au

Corpus increased by 33% in 2018 to \$1,110,144

Donations received were \$344,237 (compared to \$91,435 in 2017-18). This includes bequests of \$278,732

Investments generated \$34,041 in income, representing a return of 4.08% on net assets

Grants of \$47,968 were awarded, representing 5.75% of net assets

Administration costs, including Executive Officer salary and superannuation, and office rental and related costs were \$57,521 representing 5.18% of net assets under management



**benefit remains in the
Bass Coast**

Board attendance July 2018 – June 2019

Martin Keogh	8/10
Carol Blair	9/10
Bruce Hydon	9/10
Paul Taranto	8/10
Sylvia Davey	9/10
Pamela Cameron	4/10
Kirsty Mawer	7/8
Dean Herbert	2/6 Retired March 2019
Melissa Hayes	4/4 Retired Feb 2019
Felicity Sist	7/9 Retired June 2019

How You Can Support The Bass Coast Community Foundation

BCCF provides donor programs and grant programs, where the income generated from donations is used to support local community organisations.

It offers a personalised giving vehicle enabling a variety of ways to contribute, including cash, donations, stocks, property and bequests.

Every dollar makes a difference.



<https://www.givenow.com.au/basscommunityfoundation>

Why support Bass Coast Community Foundation?

We build endowment funds that grow and benefit our community forever;

We help donors create an individual or family legacy;

We offer donor involvement in selecting grant awardees;

We are a local organisation meeting a broad range of changing local needs.

*Thank
you!*



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