

ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023



BASS COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LTD

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

2021 - 2026

The Bass Coast Community Foundation was established in 2002 to provide a sustainable source of funds for community projects. We are an independent, philanthropic organisation operating exclusively for the benefit of the Bass Coast community. We are for local people in Bass Coast – this is your Foundation!

WE ARE A



OUR AIM IS TO

Identify and address inequities and disadvantages through evidence-based early interventions, and;
 Strengthen communities, increase resilience, well-being, and opportunities for Bass Coast residents.

OUR CORE FUNCTIONS ARE



WHILE MAINTAINING A SUSTAINABLE CORPUS TO FUND THE PROGRAMS OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

OUR FOCUS IS TO

Increase aspirations of young people through skills, knowledge and learning



Increase opportunities for local women and girls



Reduce the incidence and risk of homelessness and housing stress



These three focus areas are the priority as part of the strategic plan and thus for the Foundation and its work.

Since 2002 the Foundation has distributed well over one million dollars for the Bass Coast community. The Foundation continues to make a difference in a way that no other organisation can as a vehicle that enables support to be provided in areas of genuine need as well as providing an opportunity for local people to make a real difference where they live.

Underpinning all the work that we do is a robust action plan which articulates the outcomes, actions, responsibilities, and measures of success that guide the work of the Board and the Executive Officer.

Collectively, we are advocating for the issues that are most important to local people. By partnering with local organisations, we are working to make our communities stronger, more resilient and healthy.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Phil Friedlos, Chair

Reflecting on the past year we have seen another busy 12 months for our community and for the Foundation. We continued to see increasing needs within Bass Coast, particularly as the financial pressures of day-to-day living grew for many. We marked and celebrated the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation, and we welcomed to the Foundation a new group of Directors and a new Executive Officer. Quite a year!

After the 2+ years of Covid-related impact finally started to ease, our community has now been dealing with the financial pressures of continuing rises in the cost of living. Support organisations within the community have reported unprecedented numbers of people seeking assistance, including people who had never previously needed such assistance. Programs that the Foundation supports such as Back-to-School vouchers and our grants to organisations like the PICAL Food Pantry have become even more important during this time.

The Foundation is now increasing its focus on the impact of financial stress and hardship, providing support and interventions that can help to prevent and alleviate these issues. We believe this to be one of the most urgent issues currently facing the Bass Coast community.

In other areas, we have continued to focus on increasing opportunities and aspirations for our youth and have seen another very successful year for the Kids as Catalysts program. The program was expanded to 4 of our primary schools this year. We have again seen extremely positive outcomes – kids working with members of their community on real projects that matter to them, and in doing this, building their confidence and resilience.

We were also pleased to be able to support local kids participating in a Live4Life event, an organisation focused on youth mental health in rural communities.

Alongside this, our Women for Change group continues to focus on and support projects and organisations that increase opportunities for women and girls in Bass Coast.

In November 2022 we were delighted to be able to gather with many of the Foundation's donors, friends, past Directors, and community partners to celebrate our 20th anniversary. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation, connection, good food, and music and dancing in the spectacular location of the Cape Patterson Surf Lifesaving Club. It was humbling to reflect on the contribution that so many in the community – many of whom were in the room that evening – had made to the Foundation over the last 20 years, and the difference this support has allowed the Foundation to make to our community. Susan Davies, one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Foundation, and Carol Blair, our Patron and past Chair, recounted stories of the real difference that the community's generosity has made to those in need in Bass Coast over the last 20 years.

At the end of 2022, two of our long serving Directors, David Admans and John Walsh, stepped down from the Board. They had both made a very significant contribution to the Foundation over a number of years and left with our sincere thanks and best wishes.

We also welcomed new Directors to our Board. Chelsea, Graham, Polly, Sophie, and Sharyne (pictured below) bring a wealth of experience and many collective years of connection to the Bass Coast community, and I look forward to the value that they will bring to the Foundation. The final change that we saw this year was to welcome our new Executive Officer, Deb Watson. Deb succeeds Sarah Bourke, who left us after a short but impactful tenure which included being the driving force in the organisation of our 20-year event, and we wish Sarah every success in her new role.

Deb lives in Wonthaggi and has been involved in many of our community organisations including ArtSpace Gallery, Inverloch Art Show, 3mFM (now Southern Gippsland) Community Radio, and Bass Coast Adult Learning. We are delighted to have Deb's passion for the community now helping to drive the Foundation.

I would like to thank the Director group for their contribution to the Foundation over the past year. The Directors volunteer their time and energy to the Foundation and our projects, and without their efforts we simply wouldn't be able to support the community in the way we do.

My final and most heartfelt thanks go to our donors, partners, and supporters. We benefit from the continuing generosity of individual donors and families; the lasting bequests and endowments that people have chosen to leave the Foundation; and the year-on-year support of partners like Bass Coast Shire Council. It is only through these generous contributions from all parts of the community that we are able to help improve the lives of those who live and work in our beautiful Bass Coast community.

P. Friedlos

Photo: Left to right: Graham Scott, Sophie Bolding, Phil Friedlos, Polly Caldwell, Sharyne Munday and Chelsea Caple.



A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY GIVING

20

YEARS

OF GIVING

On Friday 18th November 2022 supporters, members and friends of Bass Coast Community Foundation celebrated 20 years of giving to the local Bass Coast Community with a dinner at the beautiful Cape Patterson Surf Lifesaving Club.

The evening was wonderful success and raised over \$11,000 which the Foundation will use to support community programs in Bass Coast in 2023/24.

We were delighted and deeply appreciative that we were able to share this milestone with our supporters, along with acknowledging the many local businesses who donated to our silent auction.

The event recognized two decades of support from local people dedicated to improving the lives of people in Bass Coast, and we thank everyone so much for their generosity and ongoing support.



Thanks to a generous grant from Bass Coast Shire Council and the expertise of Mick Green of Drift Media in Inverloch, Sarah and Amy created a video in celebration of the Foundation's 20 Years of Giving. The video was first shown at the end of year dinner and can be accessed using this QR Code.



A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY GIVING



WHAT WE ARE DOING: KIDS AS CATALYSTS

MORE BASS COAST KIDS GET ONBOARD KIDS AS CATALYSTS



Photo: Andrea Rienets from Kids Thrive

More Bass Coast kids had the opportunity to increase their social, emotional and leadership skills and create positive change in their communities, as a record four local schools participated in the Kids as Catalysts program in Term 2 this year.

Teachers and educators from Bass Valley, Wonthaggi North, Powlett River and Newhaven Primary Schools got together on Tuesday 21 March in Kilcunda to learn how to deliver the program in their schools.

Bass Coast Community Foundation chair Phil Friedlos said the growth of the program is a credit to the local teachers and schools' commitment delivering it, and the growing support of local community organisations.

"The 78 grade five and six students involved in last year's program have clearly demonstrated improvements in positive social and emotional skills, connections and engagement with the community, and greater understanding and practice of leadership skills," he said.

"These are exactly the reasons the Foundation is funding the program - to help grow aspirations and community connections for local kids."

"We are very proud to continue to support Kids Thrive, such a forward-looking local organisation, to have such a positive impact on the lives of children's mental health and wellbeing."

"A huge thank you also to the 17 local community organisations and volunteer groups who have supported the program and provide such a positive experience for the kids," Phil said.

Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts is an evidence-based program that uses creativity to engage and educate children, supporting young people to be positive change makers and leaders by partnering with local organisations to deliver community action projects.



Chelsea Caple and Patrice Mahoney



The Panel: Sharon King, Chelsea Caple, Patrice Mahoney and Ande Lemon from Kids Thrive

WHAT WE ARE DOING: WOMEN FOR CHANGE

YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING THE WAY. . . WOMEN FOR CHANGE

This February armed with protective gloves, tongs and a large rubbish bag, nine year old Indigo Lucas-Mumford from Wonthaggi North Primary School recruited friends and family members with to help improve the environment and also raise funds for a cause close to their hearts, supporting women’s equality in Bass Coast.

This was the third consecutive year that Indigo has volunteered her time and instigated a fundraising campaign, asking people to sponsor as she and her friends pick up rubbish each day for a fortnight from their neighbourhood streets on their walk to and from school and throughout the weekends. Over the last 3 years she has raised over \$1000 for the Women for Change fund and collected a small mountain of trash.

Indigo, whose mum has been part of local group Women for Change, says she hopes to improve the environment whilst raising funds for an important cause.

“I want to save the environment and stop animals from dying. Rubbish is polluting the ocean and causing animals to die. That is what I am trying to stop.”

“I also want to help women and men be equal and for women to have a good life,” she said.

Women for Change is an initiative formed in 2019 by women in Bass Coast who aim to use their collective resources to help other women in the region make positive life changes and take steps towards greater well-being.

Photo: Indigo in action collecting rubbish around their local Neighbourhood.



WHAT WE ARE DOING: COMMUNITY GRANTS



BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Kids in need across Bass Coast had a strong start to school thanks to Back-to-School vouchers distributed by the Bass Coast Community Foundation, which can be redeemed for school essentials like uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery.

Funded by the generosity of local donors in partnership with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), the Foundation has provided more than 800 vouchers to Bass Coast schools and organisations, which are distributed to local families struggling to meet the costs of the new school year.

Bass Coast Community Foundation Director, Chelsea Caple said "We're really pleased that with the help of our generous local donors we've been able to fund the highest ever number of vouchers to help our local kids have a positive start to the school year," she said.

Sharon King, Principal of Bass Valley Primary school said "these vouchers make such a difference to many families, and help students feel like they are ready for their new school year. As one of many schools in the region receiving the vouchers, we are incredibly grateful to the Foundation and support many Bass Coast families."

The latest allocation of Back-to-School vouchers brings a total of \$380,000 worth of vouchers the Foundation has been able to allocate to local schools as part of their involvement with the program over 18 years.

Dreaming of a better world?



Create it with your own Will.

Use the power of your will to change the world by including Bass Coast Community Foundation and create a legacy for your life's work.



WHAT WE ARE DOING: COMMUNITY GRANTS

SOUTH GIPPSLAND WOMEN COME OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY AND BCCF WOMEN FOR CHANGE.

More than 80 South Gippsland locals came out to support International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March, as the Southern Womens Business Network (SWBN) teamed up with South Gippsland Shire Council and South Gippsland Water to host an event in Meeniyah to celebrate and champion the role women play in our local community and businesses.

Featuring a panel of guest speakers discussing this year's theme of 'embracing equity', were:

Patrice Renee 'Muthaymiles' Mahoney – a proud mother of five children and one granddaughter and local to Bass Coast for over 20 years, Patrice is a powerful advocate for Aboriginal people and their cultures, and a talented, prolific artist who believes art and education are the basis of identity, self-determination and leadership.

Chelsea Caple – Founder and Director at SUMMERSALT Gymnastics in Wonthaggi, Chelsea has brought to life her philosophy and passion for childhood development that the active, fun movement SUMMERSALT provides, really is the launchpad for all sports and life.

Louise Sparkes – The current CEO at Gippsland Southern Health Service, with over 30 years' experience in public health care, Louise has demonstrated success in leadership, service development, clinical governance, team development and the delivery of health care that is of high quality, safe, sustainable, consumer focused and responsive to the needs of the community it serves.

The event raised funds for the BCCF Women for Change initiative, which aims to improve the lives and wellbeing of women and girls and the communities in which they live by helping women access work, education and community life.

Over the last few years, funds raised as part of International Womens Day fundraising have benefited projects including:

Inverloch Swell Mamas – funding a beginner surfing program to provide a safe and supportive environment for women to learn a new skill, gain self-confidence and build their social network;

Phillip Island Kinship Carers Group – supporting women who are caring for their grandchildren, when parents for reasons ranging from death to illness, addiction and child protection orders, cannot care for their children;

Wellness Warriors – funding an art therapy based wellbeing program focused on helping women improve their creative, self-care and mindfulness strategies; and Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House Women's Driving Program – enabling five local women facing barriers preventing them from gaining a drivers license, to participate in the program where they otherwise would have been ineligible due to their age. (pictured)

All funds raised on the night went towards the Women for Change Grants program.



WHAT WE ARE DOING: COMMUNITY GRANTS

EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCE YOUTH SUICIDE.

In April 2023 the Foundation sponsored a group of students in southern Gippsland to attend the launch of the 2023 Bass Coast South Gippsland Live4Life program at Gumbuya World.

The Youth Working Group of the Foundation brought the idea to the Board along with the description of the program and the Board agreed that it fit neatly with our strategic focus on youth.

The following is an overview of the program as described to the Foundation – and available on the Live4Life website:

“Live4Life is the only mental health education and youth suicide prevention model designed specifically for rural and regional communities.

Live4Life is intended to drive generational change. By delivering successive interventions to all young people in a community, we increase the response capacity and prevalence of normalising attitudes and behaviours. This is anticipated to expand through the generations over time, as the Live4Life model continues to be implemented in the community.

The Live4Life model places young people at the centre. It delivers targeted evidence-based mental health education in schools and peer-led health promotion activities to young people and training to adults in their lives to ensure they have the skills and confidence to respond when needed most.

Live4Life Bass Coast South Gippsland was created in response to a reported increase from schools and agencies, in depression, anxiety, cyberbullying and self-harm which has led to the need for a coordinated response to address our young people’s mental health. Bass Coast and South Gippsland’s secondary schools and community partners agreed and implemented this evidenced-based approach to mental health that focuses on prevention and education in 2022.

A key element of the Live4Life program is the Crew. Student representatives from years 9 and 10 from each school express interest in joining a local Live4Life Crew. The role of The Crew is to assist in the delivery of events and drive key Live4Life messages at their school and in their community. Crew members are engaged, active and invested in the mental health education and literacy of their peers and wider community. They become mental health advocates and Live4Life ambassadors. The Crew provides young people with the opportunity to be leaders and to advocate for mental health support and education in an ongoing and empowering way.”



Post the Covid-19 pandemic, the challenging economic climate has resulted in a substantial increase in demand for community services, contributing to additional pressures for the non-for-profit sector.

At the same time, many not-for-profit organisations face financial constraints from increasing costs, lower returns on investment funds, tightening corporate budgets and less funding from major donors and community giving. The Foundation has not been immune to this.

The Foundation has seen a reduction in investment income, grants and donations received over the past 2 years and although investments are now beginning to perform more positively, the increase in inflation and inability to access available grants has impacted the overall annual financial performance.

The strategic decision to invest additional startup funding for the Kids as Catalysts program for additional schools has had an impact on the balance sheet however, this will ensure a greater reach across the Bass Coast Community and ensure longevity of the program for years to come.

The Foundation has undergone significant changes in Board Directors and the Executive Officer position over the 2022-23 financial year which has allowed the Board to revisit its strategic objectives and reset. From a financial point of view, the Foundation's key focus heading into 2023-24 will be to rebuild the level of donations and requests so it can continue to support a range of community programs. In addition, there will be a strong focus on managing relationships with our community partners and investigating future project and funding opportunities to create a connected community.

ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Bass Coast Community Foundation Trust

ABN: 20 391 663 724

Bass Coast Community Foundation Open Fund

ABN: 35 151 927 173

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		Trust		Open Fund		TOTAL	TOTAL
	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues from ordinary activities	2	38,665	12,946	91,726	119,794	130,391	132,740
Expenses from ordinary activities	3	(51,690)	(47,475)	(51,499)	(47,420)	(103,189)	(94,895)
Operating surplus / (deficit)		(13,025)	(34,529)	40,227	72,374	27,202	37,845
Grants and project expenses	3	(18,925)	(47,225)	(103,001)	(50,169)	(121,926)	(97,394)
Surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities		(31,950)	(81,754)	(62,774)	22,205	(94,724)	(59,549)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year		(31,950)	(81,754)	(62,774)	22,205	(94,724)	(59,549)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompany notes.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Trust		Open Fund		TOTAL	TOTAL
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at bank	20,093	36,350	48,472	59,033	68,565	95,383
Cash at bank - Admin	-	-	5,185	3,698	5,185	3,698
Term Deposit	122,748	396,129	299,185	103,248	421,933	499,377
Imputation credits receivable	9,716	3,329	5,707	2,715	15,423	6,044
Receivable - Trust to Open Fund	-	-	222,738	477,920	222,738	477,920
GST refund	1,439	617	-	-	1,439	617
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	153,996	436,425	581,287	646,614	735,283	1,083,039
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
INVESTMENTS						
Shares in listed companies at market value	318,755	323,458	124,648	128,515	443,403	451,973
TOTAL ASSETS	472,751	759,883	705,935	775,129	1,178,686	1,535,012
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
BCSC grant (Note 5)	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Other creditors	-	-	7,304	8,354	7,304	8,354
Payable from Trust to Open Fund	222,738	477,920	-	-	222,738	477,920
Provision for annual leave	-	-	446	816	446	816
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	222,738	477,920	7,750	14,170	230,488	492,090
NET ASSETS	250,013	281,963	698,185	760,959	948,198	1,042,922
REPRESENTED BY:						
Accumulated funds	281,963	363,717	760,959	738,754	1,042,922	1,102,471
Current year result	(31,950)	(81,754)	(62,774)	22,205	(94,724)	(59,549)
TOTAL	250,013	281,963	698,185	760,959	948,198	1,042,922

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

WITH GRATITUDE

WE THANK EVERY DONOR, SUPPORTER AND VOLUNTEER

THE FOUNDATION IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS, WITHOUT WHOM WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE BASS COAST COMMUNITY.

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