



# **DON DUNSTAN FOUNDATION**

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2015 has been a year full of activities aimed at furthering the goals of the Don Dunstan Foundation; and promoting a vision of a democratic society that celebrates the values set out by our founder, the late Premier Don Dunstan <https://www.dunstan.org.au/about/>

- Cultural diversity
- The freedom of individuals to control their lives
- The just distribution of global wealth
- Democratic and inclusive forms of governance
- Respect for fundamental human rights
- Respect for indigenous people and protection of their rights

There have been many highlights but the resoundingly successful, thought-provoking and engaging 'Evening with Stephen Fry' stood out for many of the Foundation's supporters to whom I have spoken.

Our annual events; The *Lowitja O'Donohue Oration*, the *Homelessness Conference* and the *Migration Update* continue to be a very important part of the work of the Foundation, reflecting the core values we hold and enabling a variety of

audiences to participate in the life of the Don Dunstan Foundation.

This year these events have been supplemented by other events including public lectures by Hon. Carmen Lawrence, Professor Phillip Payton's *History Week* talk and the presentation by Andrew Scott of his paper 'Northern Lights'.

Additionally we continue to provide opportunities for individuals by supporting the 'Our Mob' Art Prize, the *Len King Scholarship* and *Don Dunstan Foundation SALA Award*. The Don Dunstan Foundation has continued to work to develop a number of academic projects throughout the year, and early next year we will see the completion of our long-term history project, the publication of Professor Phillip Payton's book *One and All, Labor and the Radical Tradition in South Australia*.

After 10 years as a Trustee of the Don Dunstan Foundation and Chair of the Board of Management, Bill Cossey AM stepped down in March. His strategic contribution, his genuine commitment to the values of the Don Dunstan Foundation and his calm and thoughtful leadership will be missed by us all. The strength of the organisation and the respect it engenders

in the community is largely due to Bill; his leadership of the Foundation has made a lasting contribution to the Don Dunstan Foundation.

Bill was replaced by Cathie King in July 2015. We welcome Cathie to the Foundation and look forward to a new era.

The staff of the Don Dunstan Foundation achieves a great deal with very limited resources, and I would like to personally thank Donna Harden and her team for their work and passion.

My sincere thanks also go to the Vice Chancellors and staff of the University of Adelaide and Flinders University for their ongoing support and commitment to the Foundation.

To our many members, supporters and partners, the Foundation would not be able to achieve its objectives without you – many thanks to you all.

Lynn Arnold



## GOVERNANCE

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr Bill Cossey AM *ret. March 2015*

Mr Robert Alfred Angove AM

Professor Greg McCarthy

Ms Donna Harden

Ms Gabriella Ramsay

A/Professor John Spoehr

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Professor Phillis Tharenou

Ms Sonia Waters

Cathie King *appt. August 2015*

### TRUSTEES

The Hon Dr Lyn Arnold AO

Bill Cossey AM *ret. March 2015*

Bronwen Dohnt

Professor Warren Bebbington

Professor Michael Barber

Donna Harden (ex-officio)

Cathie King *appt. August 2015*

### STAFF

Donna Harden

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## LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE ORATION

*2 June, Reconciliation Week*

Once again the *Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration* provided an evening of thought-provoking ideas to the Bonython Hall crowd in excess of 500. At the request of Lowitja O'Donoghue, Marcia Langton delivered the oration titled '*Freedom Songs: the unfinished business of the 1967 Referendum*'. The Dunstan Foundation was extremely pleased to see the ideas addressed delivered to a broad audience through the media coverage on the front page of *The Australian*, an article in the Age on-line, and a follow-up interview with Lowitja in *The Australian*.

Excitingly NITV filmed the entire oration and televised it the following Sunday evening.

## MIGRATION UPDATE CONFERENCE

*10 September*

***Population Policy: What is the role of migration? Integrating migration, demographic and economic policy***

The passing of Professor Graeme Hugo created some questions over the Conference's viability, but with the help of Dr Helen Feist, of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, we ran a successful conference. Helen delivered the annual update on population and migration, traditionally delivered by Graeme, and declared that it would now be held in his honour and known as the *Hugo Memorial Migration Update*. Professor Stephen Castles, University of Sydney, Professor Paul James, University of Western Sydney, and Professor Jon Kellett, University of Adelaide were keynote speakers and together participated in an expert panel. Vickie Chapman MP participated in the last panel dedicated to the South Australian context.



## ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE

6 August

### **Valuing the Homelessness Sector: Humanity, Productivity and Building Futures**

This second annual Don Dunstan Foundation *Homelessness Conference* was headlined by keynote speakers Professor Julian Disney AO, Director, Social Justice Project, UNSW, Professor Paul Smyth, University of Melbourne and Ms Sylvia Adams of the RE Ross Trust.

Topics ranged from ‘*national prosperity and social justice*’ through to ‘*innovative approaches to the work of organisations in the homelessness sector*’ and ‘*the future of the homelessness sector*’. A select panel spoke to issues specifically affecting South Australia.

250 people registered from a range of service providers including Port Augusta Council, Alzheimer’s Australia, SA Police, Catherine House, Common Ground and Anglicare and Housing SA, on-the-ground practitioners who are working with those experiencing or at risk of homelessness,

and community leaders including Minister Zoe Bettison, John Brayley, Public Advocate, Anne Gale, Equal Opportunity Commissioner, Ms Genevieve Theseira-Haese, Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, and Ms Rachel Sanderson MP, Member for Adelaide.

## INTERNS’ PROJECT WORK

The Foundation has hosted two University of Adelaide interns. They have been a wonderful addition to our team and have produced two very good reports; Putu Kusuma, ‘*Linking growth and social participation: Making the Case for an Economic and Social Council in Australia*’, and Leslie Thornton, ‘*Contested spaces: reflections on Adelaide’s dry zone legislation and its relationship to Aboriginal public place dwellers*’.





## OUR MOB – EMERGING ARTIST PRIZE

October

The 2015 winner of the 'Our Mob' Don Dunstan Foundation Emerging Artist Award was Josina Nyarpingka Pumani, Pitjantjatjara Artist from Mimili.

Josina has explored different media techniques – combining her painting practice with photography to produce compelling digital prints. Her winning entry is entitled *Ngayuku Ngura* (Victory Well) (edition of 5).

Josina lives with her family in the Mimili community in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in the far north-west of South Australia.

The Foundation recognises our many talented South Australian Aboriginal artists and the power of their stories. The Emerging Artist prize provides a launch pad for up-and-coming SA Aboriginal Artists to develop an arts career and for their artworks and stories to gain exposure to a national audience.

The \$5,000 Emerging Artist Prize paired with a professional development opportunity through Country Arts SA will be judged from outstanding work submitted to the 'Our Mob' Exhibition. The Prize is awarded to the emerging artist on merit of work submitted and considered by judges to exhibit a desire for furthering their artistic career.

## HISTORY PROJECT

28 May

As part of the Don Dunstan Foundation History Project Professor Philip Payton addressed a 200-strong crowd in the SA History Month Lectures on 'WWI Conscripted Crisis in the mining towns of Yorke Peninsula'. A cold and rainy July evening did not deter the crowd nor dampen their enthusiasm and interest.



## LEN KING SCHOLARSHIP

This year the *Len King Scholarship* was split between Bridget Mason and Fatima Al Mansoury both of whom are studying Law at Adelaide University. Our congratulations to them and we wish them well with their studies. We look forward to the contribution they will make to our community in the future.

Sincere thanks to The Wyatt Foundation, which has worked with the Don Dunstan Foundation to set up the structure of the scholarship process and provide ongoing management of the process. The Foundation also thanks Hon. John Doyle, Jo King and Hon. Greg Crafter who sit on the selection panel and make the hard decisions.

In conjunction with our partner organisations, The University of Adelaide and Flinders University, the prestigious *Don Dunstan Foundation – Len King Scholarship* assists individuals who, for financial reasons, would not otherwise be able to attend university to fulfil their dream of studying law.

## STEPHEN FRY IN ADELAIDE

*29 November*

2,000 South Australians rushed to buy tickets to '*Stephen Fry in Adelaide - for one evening only.*' This event – the Don Dunstan Foundation's Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Decriminalisation of Homosexuality in South Australia sold out in 48 hours, with 70% of the tickets selling in 12 hours.

It was a stimulating evening and Stephen Fry was as generous on the evening as he had been in the lead-up, spending time

with guests of the Foundation in addition to significantly reducing his fee to appear.

Annabel Crabb conducted an excellent interview with Stephen Fry where he spoke of the admiration he had for the leadership of Premier Don Dunstan. He spoke as well of the challenges that he had faced in his own life and of his appreciation of the opportunities he now enjoyed – including being married, being accepted and living a complete and satisfying life.

This important event was made possible with the significant support of the South Australian Government, The Festival Centre, InDaily, Stephen Fry, Annabel Crabb and The Message Bureau.





## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

### FUNDING PARTNERS

South Australian Government

University of Adelaide

Flinders University

### SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Adelaide Festival Centre – Our Mob 2015

South Australian Living Artists Festival

SA History Trust

Reconciliation SA

Recognise

WISeR

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Housing SA

Multicultural SA – Economics Society of Australia (SA)

CHURP – The University of Adelaide

## DON DUNSTAN AC QC (1926 – 1999) SA PREMIER AND POLITICIAN

Don Dunstan was one of Australia's most charismatic, courageous, and visionary politicians of the 20th century; a dedicated reformer with a deep commitment to social justice, a true friend to the Aboriginal people and those newly-arrived in Australia, and with a life-long passion for the arts and education. He took positive steps to enhance the status of women.

Most of his reforms have withstood the test of time and many have been strengthened with time. Many of his reforms in sex discrimination, Aboriginal land rights and consumer protection were the first of their kind in Australia. He was a leading campaigner for immigration reform and was instrumental in the elimination of the White Australia Policy. He was also instrumental in social welfare and child protection reforms, consumer protection, Aboriginal land rights, urban planning, heritage protection, anti-discrimination laws, abolition of capital punishment, environment protection and censorship.

Just prior to his death in 1999, Don Dunstan established The Don Dunstan Foundation with a vision to continue his vital work in social justice through the fostering of research and education on a broad range of issues concerning social development.

## YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bequests and donations are gratefully accepted by the Don Dunstan Foundation. The Foundation is a grateful recipient of support from public and private entities. As a charitable Trust, all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be committed to individual projects to fund the work of the project if so requested. It is a powerful way to make a difference to an area that means the most to you.

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**THE DON DUNSTAN FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	Notes	2015	2014
			\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	328,765	212,064
Investments in the University Endowment Fund		547,305	570,167
Trade and other receivables	5	2,966	9,461
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 879,036</u>	<u>\$ 791,692</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property plant & equipment	6	8,734	13,585
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 8,734</u>	<u>\$ 13,585</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 887,770</u>	<u>\$ 805,277</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	9,833	22,224
Unearned revenue	8	2,748	21,603
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>\$ 12,581</u>	<u>\$ 43,827</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>\$ 12,581</u>	<u>\$ 43,827</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 875,189</u>	<u>\$ 761,450</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		875,189	761,450
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>\$ 875,189</u>	<u>\$ 761,450</u>

*The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*