

DONDUNSTAN FOUNDATION
REMEMBER THE FUTURE



ANNUAL REPORT 2012

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During 2012 the world witnessed further global uncertainty with many political, financial, environmental and social tensions. The Don Dunstan Foundation has once again played a strong role in revealing the nature of some of these tensions, and what they mean for social justice issues. Its various activities have injected a range of perspectives into discussions and debates as well as raised the prospect of solutions to be implemented by government and other decision making bodies.

The Foundation has managed and presented a number of events and projects. The annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration was presented by the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG on the topic of *Constitutions, interventions and other melancholy tales*. He reviewed the legislative changes that have occurred since the 1967 referendum in which the Australian people voted overwhelmingly to remove discriminatory provisions in the constitution. He highlighted, however, the challenges that have occurred since then to achieving this in totality both at the state and federal levels, and expressed frustration that after so many years there is still a need for constitutional reform. The oration was very well attended and response to it was strong and positive.

The 2012 Migration Update Conference built on the success of 2011 and attracted an impressive line up of speakers, including 'Thinker in Residence', Dr Alexandre Kalache. Dr Kalache spoke eloquently and with passion, on the topic of *Ageing in a Foreign Land*, a specific area of interest in his expert knowledge of 'Age Friendly Cities'. The Foundation, in partnership once again with Oxfam, conducted two Human Rights Orations. The first was by Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC who spoke on the topic of *Law, Justice and Mass Atrocity Crimes* and our responsibility to protect and provide an international response to Libya and Syria. The recounting of his personal experiences and ethical dilemmas during his many years as Foreign Minister brought poignancy to his oration.

The second Human Rights Oration was presented by Professor Dennis Altman AM FASSA who drew our attention to the important sequence of events leading to legislative reform that resulted in the legalisation of homosexuality and highlighted developments in the 40 years since. He noted that, while Australia has led the way in such progressive social reforms, in many other nations homosexuals are still openly persecuted and discriminated against. There is still much to be done.

The Foundation took a somewhat different direction in the latter part of 2012 when, at the request of Premier Weatherill, it agreed to house and manage a 'Thinker in Residence'. The result was the *Reverb* project. It is dedicated to the development of vibrancy in Adelaide and to making Adelaide a centre of contemporary live music and, more broadly, the music industry. The Thinker, Martin Elbourne, took up his first residency in late November for three weeks and will return again in late May 2013 for a further four weeks. The Reverb team is tasked with assisting Mr Elbourne to deliver a set of recommendations to the Premier in the latter part of 2013. A website dedicated specifically to this project was developed.

Raising funds in this difficult economic climate has proven a challenge for many in the not-for-profit sector. This year the Foundation has made concerted efforts to raise extra funds through grants and sponsorship wherever possible. The Foundation aims to work collaboratively with a network of social justice organisations to increase our reach and impact. We have been pleased to link with many organisations in 2012 including Oxfam, the State Theatre Company, the Victorian Women's Trust and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Our target audience continues to broaden and evolve as growing numbers of younger people are following the Foundation's activities through social media channels, such as Blogs, Facebook and Twitter.

Our team of volunteers has increased in number, with assistance from the University of Adelaide's Volunteer Program encouraging international students to participate and through interest in the Reverb project.

It has been a great privilege to again serve as Chair of Trustees this year. It has been a productive year and as always it has been energising to be surrounded by the goodwill and passion of our supporters. I wish to thank the Trustees, Board of Management, University partners, State Government and Foundation staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to the Foundation.

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Chair, Trustees**

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EVENTS

MIGRATION UPDATE CONFERENCE

The Migration Update Conference has established itself as a successful annual event with keen interest from researchers, policy makers and service providers alike. In its second year the conference was hosted by the Foundation in collaboration with The University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia. The conference programme focused on *Migration and Social Transformation* and included high profile and world renowned speakers in the field of migration. It featured **Dr Alexandre Kalache** (Thinker in Residence), **Professor Graeme Hugo AO** from The University of Adelaide, **Professor Lesleyanne Hawthorne** from The University of Melbourne and **Professor Richard Bedford** from The University of Waikato in New Zealand.

The conference attracted sponsorship from the State Government of South Australia through MulticulturalSA and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

OTHER EVENTS

In 2012 the Foundation hosted several other events. **Professor AJ Brown** from Queensland's Griffith University spoke on Whistleblowing and Anti-corruption in South Australia. **Mary Crooks AO** from the Victorian Women's Trust raised issues relating to respect (and disrespect) in the current Australian political landscape including sexism, media reporting and climate change. The Foundation presented Music Thinker **Martin Elbourne** in conversation with Henry Wagons sharing his thoughts on the future of live music. The launch of the **YAP Project** was held as part of the 2012 Adelaide Fringe programme with the Premier in attendance.

HUMAN RIGHTS ORATION

The Foundation held two Human Rights Orations in 2012, both in partnership with Oxfam Australia.

The first, held on July 10 at Elder Hall, by **Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC** was titled *Law, Justice and Mass Atrocity Crimes: The Responsibility to Protect and the international response to Libya and Syria*. The second Oration, by **Professor Dennis Altman AM FASSA** was held on October 31 and titled *From Drowning to Celebration: Forty Years of Gay Liberation*.

Both Orations were well received and are available for review online at the Don Dunstan Foundation's website.

LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE ORATION

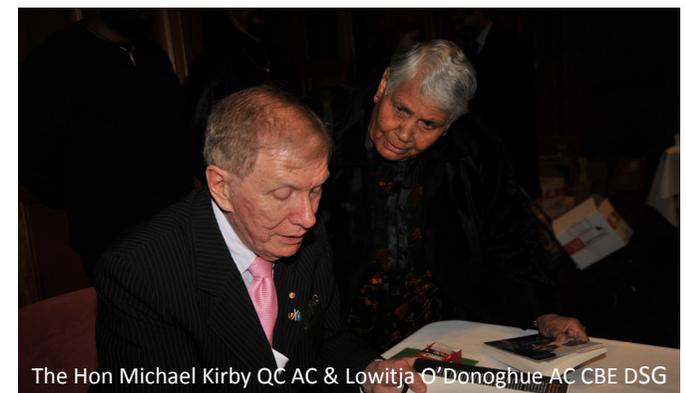
The 2012 Oration was held on May 29 in Bonython Hall. The Oration was given by **The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG** and titled *Constitutions, interventions and other melancholy tales*. It was very well attended with over 500 tickets sold. An audio and transcript is available at the Don Dunstan Foundation's website (www.dunstan.org.au).



Professor Dennis Altman AM FASSA signing his book



DDF volunteer at Elder Hall for the Mary Crooks event



The Hon Michael Kirby QC AC & Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG



YAP Coordinator, Jen Greer-Holmes with the YAP Ensemble



<http://reverb.net.au> | <facebook.com.au/reverb>



Professor The Hon Gareth Evans AC QC

REVERB

Reverb is a project based on the Residency of Martin Elbourne. The aim of the project is to create movement and reverberation across the live music community in Adelaide, creating collaboration and unifying action for a healthy, more sustainable music scene.

Ultimately, the project will generate its own momentum, becoming independent of its source so that it is self-sustaining. Partners supporting the residency include the Adelaide City Council, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Arts SA and Regional Development Australia Barossa, Renewal SA and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

The Reverb website (<http://reverb.net.au>) and Facebook page provide a communication channel about Martin Elbourne's activities, the community's response and any immediate outcomes for live music in Adelaide.

STATE THEATRE COMPANY SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In April 2011, the Foundation commissioned the development of a play by the young writer, Caleb Lewis. The Foundation funded the writing over a three year period and the State Theatre Company has developed the work and will bring it in to production in November 2013. The work reflects the Don Dunstan Foundation's values.

In Lewis' play, 'Maggie Stone', the main character by that name finds herself confronting her own prejudices and discriminatory attitudes in the face of direct contact with an African refugee in her workplace. www.statetheatrecompany.com.au

YAP - YOUNG AWESOME PEOPLE PROJECT

The Don Dunstan Foundation's Young Awesome People Project (YAP) was designed to showcase Young Awesome People (YAPs), who were selected for their work in Australia and overseas to make the world a better place. It was aimed at high school students to inspire them to think about the ways that they can make a positive contribution to the society they live in.

In March 2012, YAP travelled over 2300km in two weeks and came into contact with around 2000 high school students across SA.

YAP was presented in 10 venues and attracted strong interest from many participating schools. Organisers received an overwhelming response and several invitations to return in the future. Students regularly approached the organisers after each presentation with requests for support, ideas and positive feedback.

The 'take home' messages that the students expressed included:

- * *Young people were shown in a positive light and seen as inspirational instead of being portrayed as they often are as selfish and shallow*
- * *A person with passion and a vision (or ideas) to make our society a better place can do it with time and effort*
- * *Many of the things that are taken for granted in SA are the result of Don Dunstan's vision and changes in law to provide a fair and equitable community*

FUNDING AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ANNUAL APPEAL & SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Dunstan Foundation raised a total of \$17,046 in 2012 through the Annual Appeal and subscriptions. Donors could specify any of four areas of work in our programme, against which their donation would be held: the Young Awesome People (YAP) Program, the Aboriginal Scholarship Fund, the Young Playwright Fund and/or the Dunstan Foundation General Fund.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers were invaluable in 2012, providing both administrative and front of house assistance at events. The Foundation is grateful for the time and energy that they gave to Foundation activities. We were fortunate to welcome some new faces to the volunteer team in 2012 who settled into the tasks at hand all the more easily due to our long term volunteers. We have especially appreciated the work of Ann Braybon, Vince and Vivienne Curro, Yue Chen, Michael Esposito, See Leong, Tara Tahmasebi, Glenda Williams and Giuliana Zerene.



DDF volunteers at Elder Hall

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

In 2012, the Foundation focussed on online communication channels with an upgrade of the Foundation's website to the next generation of University templates, and increased communications through Facebook, Twitter and e-newsletters.

We have used e-newsletters for the promotion of all projects throughout the year. An end of year e-newsletter was also distributed. Supporters can now self subscribe to DDF mailings online and we can monitor the numbers of supporters more easily.

ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation continued to assist our 2011 Scholarship winner, Susan Dixon, with its funding commitment through the Don Dunstan Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary. Ms Dixon is continuing to progress with her studies in Law.

FUNDING PARTNERS



OTHER PARTNERS



CONSOLIDATED FINANCES

CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	346,407	229,388
Investments in the University Composite Fund	223,070	193,523
Trade and other receivables	5,861	8,170
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>575,338</u>	<u>431,081</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property plant & equipment	6,147	9,610
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>6,147</u>	<u>9,610</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>581,485</u>	<u>440,691</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	30,794	38,058
Unearned revenue	134,500	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>165,294</u>	<u>38,058</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>165,294</u>	<u>38,058</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>416,191</u>	<u>402,633</u>
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	416,191	402,633
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>416,191</u>	<u>402,633</u>

FOUNDATION PATRONS

Phillip Adams AO
 Robyn Archer AO
 Hon Greg Crafter AO
 David Combe
 Andrew Dunstan
 Tom Dunstan
 Leonie Ebert
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 Mr Noel Pearson
 Professor Sue Richardson
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DON DUNSTAN AC QC (1926 – 1999)

STATE PREMIER AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN 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 lifelong 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 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.

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YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bequests and donations can be 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.

For further information please contact the Dunstan Foundation on (08) 8313 3364 or via email at dunstan.foundation@adelaide.edu.au.

FOUNDATION VALUES (written by Don Dunstan in 1999)

Respect for fundamental human rights

Celebration of cultural and ethnic diversity

Freedom of individuals to control their own lives

Just distribution of global wealth

Respect for indigenous people and protection of their rights

Democratic and inclusive forms of governance

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