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## Wellbeing and Resilience Hub for the Charitable Sector

Workers and leaders in the charitable sector have experienced mental health impacts due to the pressure of supporting the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's commitment to building the capacity of the charitable sector to respond to community needs, the Foundation has provided a grant to The Xfactor Collective Foundation to create and build an online health and wellbeing hub for workers to access the mental health support they require.

The Xfactor Collective Foundation Director Julia Keady says, "The Wellbeing and Resilience Hub will be a go-to resource for the charitable sector on all matters related to organisational and individual mental health and leadership. Organisations will be able to access fit for purpose resources such as self-paced learnings and training, webinars, tailored consultations and downloadable resources, all supported by leading expert mental health advisors."

The Hub is due to launch mid-2023.

## Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation continues to fund research projects about the health impacts of COVID-19 on the community.

One of the first projects the Foundation funded was Alfred Health's research about the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable people and communities. A grant was provided to the Alfred Health Infectious Disease Unit and evidence from this research was able to assist with the public health response.

In 2021 the Foundation funded Alfred Health and Victoria University to research the impact of the pandemic on our healthcare system, with a particular focus on frontline healthcare workers. The research showed that frontline healthcare workers endured enormous stresses which have had devastating impacts on their mental health.



The Foundation is preparing to fund the next stage of this research which is to develop and test solutions to build the resilience and support the mental health of frontline healthcare workers. The Foundation's giving community is invited to donate to this new project. To learn more please turn to page 10.



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**Cover**  
Green Collect is an award winning social enterprise that recycles office equipment and stationery from businesses that would otherwise go to landfill. Green Collect is a recent recipient of the Post-COVID Collaborative Funding Round and the Next Economy Jobs Initiative.

## Leaving tracks for others to follow

I have just finished reading an inspiring book titled *The Dreaming Path – Indigenous thinking to change your life* by Paul Callaghan and Uncle Paul Gordon (Panter Press, 2022). It has given me some food for thought, especially about leadership. A couple of key insights that have stayed with me:

*True leadership requires caring for my place and all things in my place for my children's children's children's children.*

*Don't be a ghost. Leave some tracks for others to follow.*

These insights have resonated with me as I reflect on some of the stories in this *Connect* newsletter.

Launch Housing launched Viv's Place, a new apartment building in Dandenong, where women and their children will find a permanent home after escaping family violence. The idea of place is especially poignant. Without a stable place to call home, it is almost impossible for people, young, middle-aged and older, to deal with their mental and physical challenges, find employment, complete education and develop enduring relationships with friends and neighbours in their community. Viv's Place will provide this opportunity to 60 parents and 130 children. Viv's Place will transform lives and futures. This as an excellent example of thinking about our children's children's children.

This project also demonstrates the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's approach to philanthropy over the last ten or so years. I want to explain this approach in more detail because I hope that we will leave tracks for others to follow in the future.

Launch Housing came to meet with me with a set of papers showing concept drawings for a unique housing development and an explanation of the new co-located service and long-term housing model that they believed would provide the best chance for women and their children leaving family violence. Launch had collaborated with Uniting on the wrap-around services, a key service design innovation.

I recommended to the Board that we commit \$500,000 towards the project. We later committed another \$400,000 to what has ultimately

been a project also funded by Gandel Foundation and the Victorian Government through the Big Housing Build and located in Dandenong.

In the Foundation's approach to philanthropy, we are prepared to be early and even first funders of innovative models. We are prepared to take informed risks that government or business might not take if a new solution has real potential. We undertake or review research, we work with project leaders so that we understand what they want to achieve and what is possible. We begin to build the confidence in a project that will lead to its success by making an early or start-up grant. We are keen for others to come in with us or behind us, providing scaling-up funding. This is sometimes described as catalytic or venture philanthropy. Providing risk capital to for-purpose organisations tackling our big challenges is an important role for us.

There are other examples of our approach in this edition of *Connect*. The Wellbeing and Resilience Hub for the charitable sector is a brilliant response by The Xfactor Collective Foundation to the not-for-profit (NFP) leadership experience during COVID. Just as we have monitored the needs of the sector over the last two challenging years and funded the Digital Transformation Hub by InfoXchange and a digital refresh of the NFP Build Back Better Legal Service by Justice Connect, we recognise that supporting the mental health and wellbeing of NFP leaders is critical to the long-term success of the



Dr Catherine Brown OAM with Launch Housing Chief Executive Officer Bevan Warner at the launch of Viv's Place.

charitable sector. Again, we are the founding funder of the Wellbeing and Resilience Hub.

I could not write about caring for future generations without highlighting the work the Foundation has been doing on climate emission reductions, jobs in a clean economy and building climate resilience. Despite the variation in government policies in recent years, the Foundation has recognised the challenge and taken action. Jobs in a clean economy is a strong outcome for two projects in this edition: The collaboration between Green Collect and YMCA Victoria for the Choose Your Career program and the wonderful Sweet Justice program. I expect we will see increasing collaboration between environmental organisations and social enterprises in the next five years.

When charity leaders bring thoughtful and forward-looking new programs or projects to us, the Foundation is ready to consider support and to fund early to kickstart solutions. Through this, we leave tracks for others to follow.

We have many exciting affordable housing, climate resilience and economic inclusion projects in our pipeline for 2022-23. Please join us in solving our shared community challenges.

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\$2 million in grants to support young people into employment pathways

Five of Australia’s leading philanthropic organisations have co-funded \$2 million in COVID-19 recovery grants to unlock employment opportunities for young people in Victoria and Queensland.

The Post-Covid Collaborative Funding Round is a joint initiative of the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation along with Sidney Myer Fund, Gandel Foundation, The Ian Potter Foundation and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation.

Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, “In 2020 the collaborating foundations recognised that the COVID-19 pandemic was having a serious effect on the for-purpose sector, forcing many organisations to innovate and adapt rapidly to changing circumstances. We wanted to have a greater impact by working together.”

The three successful projects will support young people facing disadvantage in to training and employment pathways. “The pandemic has impacted employment outcomes for many young people, these projects will create meaningful training and employment opportunities across a range of skills in areas such as the arts, transport and logistics, recycling and maintenance.”



Good Cycles



(L - R): Alexandra White - Grants Manager Australian Programs, Gandel Foundation; Stephen Torsi - Program Manager, Inclusive & Sustainable Economy & Jobs, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation; Sally Quinn - Co-Founder & CEO, Green Collect; and, Mick Cronin - Executive Manager Youth Services – Youth Justice & Social Enterprise, YMCA Victoria.

Two of the successful projects co-funded by the collaboration partners include:

Good Deliveries - Good Cycles Limited

GRANT: \$500,000 (two years)

Work Integrated Social Enterprises, Good Cycles and Fruit2Work, will work with the Brotherhood of St Laurence to build a delivery business for small parcels and food that provides jobs for people facing disadvantage.

Choose Your Career Program - Victorian YMCA Youth & Community Services Inc

GRANT: \$750,000 (three years)

ReBuild and Green Collect, are two Work Integrated Social Enterprises, that will work to establish a new model that addresses the lack of high quality and engaging career options for young people aged 16 to 25 years at-risk or experiencing disadvantage in Melbourne’s western suburbs.

The Post-Covid Collaborative grant will present YMCA ReBuild and Green Collect with a platform to

kick-off their collaborative working relationship, through co-design and co-delivery of the innovative Choose Your Career Program.

Executive Manager at YMCA Rebuild Mick Cronin said, “This program has been shaped by the voices of young people who have faced significant barriers to training and employment. As we heard about the importance of choice and the opportunity to try different types of work, we recognised that this could be achieved by connecting the work of social enterprises.”

Over the next three years, this collaborative model will enable 108 young people to gain paid employment and build long term careers.

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Green Collect Sally Quinn said, “We are excited to have the chance to be launching this project and look forward to learning, growing and thriving together whilst we deliver social impact in Melbourne’s West.”

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The launch of Viv’s Place



(top left) Guests attending the launch of Viv’s Place  
(top right) Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM with Mr Robin Friday  
(bottom left) Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation Senior Program Manager, Homelessness & Affordable Housing Erin Dolan  
(bottom right) Viv’s Place

After five years in planning and construction, Launch Housing recently opened Viv’s Place, Australia’s first supportive housing initiative for women and their children who have experienced family violence. It is a 60-unit apartment complex in Dandenong providing safe and secure accommodation.

It was a very special event for Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation staff who attended the opening of Viv’s Place knowing that the Foundation had been the very first funder for the project. The Foundation provided two grants totalling \$900,000 over five years.

The Foundation’s staff were inspired by the incredible generosity of Mr Robin Friday and his family who donated \$1.2 million to Launch Housing for Viv’s Place. The Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said that Mr Friday’s donation to Launch Housing was inspiring. “We encourage our donors and all people who make a windfall gain on the sale of an asset to support affordable housing projects in the community. The Foundation is

happy to talk with you about current projects and of course donations are tax deductible.”

Senior Manager Homelessness & Affordable Housing Erin Dolan said, “This is an incredible moment for Launch Housing, and we are very excited to have been part of this important project. There have been so many wonderful people and other philanthropic funders who have contributed donations and grants to make sure this project became a reality.

“Viv’s Place is the first of its kind in Australia and will prevent the next generation of homelessness by keeping children with their families. It also provides stable and safe accommodation so that children can remain in the education system.”

The apartment complex has been designed to nurture a supportive and vibrant community. Residents have access to cultural and education activities, communal spaces such as a playground, courtyards and community gardens.

“This development will not only create a safe home, but a nurturing and welcoming community – every woman will improve their capacity to parent to keep their family together. Every child can aim to complete their schooling. Safe and secure housing creates the base in which families can begin to enjoy healthy, stable and productive lives, which supports families and communities to thrive.”



## Next Economy Jobs Challenge

**Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation recently announced the recipients of the Next Economy Jobs Challenge Initiative. These grants will support education and training opportunities for young people.**

**Green Collect** - Realising the potential of people and resources through circular economy

**Sweet Justice** – Training and curriculum development

The Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM congratulated Green Collect and Sweet Justice for their innovative and future focussed programs. “Green Collect and Sweet Justice are enabling young people to participate in two important industries in recycling and waste management, and beekeeping and sustainable food system practices.”

Green Collect is an award-winning social enterprise that specialises in finding the best environmental outcomes for a wide variety of hard-to-recycle items from the office and at home. The social enterprise is undergoing an enormous growth phase and has moved into a bigger warehouse so it can manage the demand for their services by increasing its capacity to process more material.

The Foundation’s grant of \$100,000 will ensure that staff have the skills and are well trained to manage this expansion.



Green Collect

Green Collect employs young people at-risk and people from homelessness and refugee backgrounds. Staff will develop and deliver training in new areas related to resource recovery practices, circular economy and sustainable supply chain management. This project will also build partnerships with local businesses in Melbourne’s West to provide pathways and post-placement support in logistics, warehousing and supply-chain operations. Green Collect will also partner with local TAFEs to deliver Certificates II & III in warehouse and supply-chain operations.

Sweet Justice is a social enterprise providing supported employment for young people leaving prison with a special focus on beekeeping and honeybee health. Sweet Justice identified that there was no vocational pathway for bee keeping in Victoria which means that knowledge is passed down

generationally, and with an aging bee keeping population, this knowledge is in danger of being lost.

The Foundation’s grant of \$98,000 will assist Sweet Justice to develop the first accredited training program in beekeeping and to become a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This will enable Sweet Justice to become an employer that provides trainees with qualifications and employment continuity from prison to parole and beyond.

Sweet Justice provides pollination services, produces honey, queen bees, nucleus hives, and home and beauty products for domestic and export markets. It plans to provide 35 trained and qualified commercial beekeepers to the industry for employment at the end of each year.

These two important projects are powerful because they are bringing environmental needs together with jobs as part of a sustainable economy.



**Learn more about these inspiring social enterprises:**

**GREEN COLLECT**  
 [www.greencollect.org](http://www.greencollect.org)

**SWEET JUSTICE**  
 [www.sweetjustice.com.au](http://www.sweetjustice.com.au)

## RESILIENT LISMORE Disaster Recovery



March 31st, 2022, Flooded streets in Lismore, NSW

**As part of the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation’s Disaster Relief Policy, the Foundation has provided a \$50,000 grant, from the Eldon and Anne Foote Trust, to Northern Rivers Community Foundation to support the region’s recovery from the devastating and ongoing 2022 floods.**

The grant will support Lismore residents to rebuild their lives by connecting locals with volunteer help, information and services. It will also help fund key recovery activities and resources, such as the essential volunteer hub and tool library. The volunteer hub was established in 2017 to coordinate volunteers and assist residents and businesses with clean-up and rebuilding, as well as community events and programs to build resilience.

The Foundation places emphasis on disaster preparedness, such as the Hot Spots heatwave preparation initiative, and disaster recovery in its granting, knowing that other donors will also be active alongside the Foundation at the time of the disaster.

**Learn more about community foundations in Australia at**

 [www.cfaustralia.org.au](http://www.cfaustralia.org.au)

## EMPLOYING YOUNG DATA ANALYSTS WITH AUTISM ASA expands to Melbourne



**Australian Spatial Analytics (ASA) is a not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to training and employing young data analysts with autism. Currently based in Brisbane, ASA has grown rapidly, from employing three to 80 neurodiverse young people in the past year.**

Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation has provided a grant of \$90,000 for ASA to employ an Operations Lead to support and guide young people with autism in the newly opened Richmond office.

ASA’s new Centre of Excellence in Richmond is ASA’s first expansion site and will create at least 20 new jobs for people with neurodiverse disabilities, namely Autism Spectrum Disorder, in the first six months of operations.

ASA is part of the growing Data Analytics Market and offers a local solution to data extraction alongside social procurement opportunities for clients. Its services include data importing, analysis, and presentation in areas such as business intelligence, AI, engineering and design data.

The Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said that the demand for ASA’s data processing services had skyrocketed, and that Victorian based organisations were seeking an alternative to offshore data processing.

“We are committed to providing employment pathways for all young people whilst also supporting early-stage *Work Integrated Social Enterprises*. ASA trains and employs young people with neurodiverse disabilities to use their distinct cognitive talents to excel as digital professionals, this is a fabulous outcome. The opportunities for jobs in our digital economy are inspiring.”

**Learn more about ASA by visiting**

 [www.asanalytics.com.au](http://www.asanalytics.com.au)



A lifetime of Giving  
Matthew ETTY-Leal

**Charitable fund account donor Matthew ETTY-Leal remembers as a young child his mother, Barbara, regularly fundraising and volunteering for local charities. In 2003 Matthew established a charitable fund account with Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation to continue the tradition of giving and named it the Barbara Leighton Charitable Fund.**

This important and positive impact on Matthew’s life has led him to be a committed and generous donor supporting many overseas aid organisations and disability support charities since 1972.

“While studying commerce, I realised that Australia is a very fortunate and wealthy country with a well-established social welfare system. I decided that I would start supporting an overseas family knowing my regular donations would improve their quality of life and education.

“In 1972 I started sponsoring families in Indonesia, as my father was born in Surabaya, Java. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting my sponsored family who lived in Jogjakarta, Java, in 1977.”

Matthew has also been a Board member to various charities and worked in the not-for-profit sector for 25 years.

“I became aware, through working in charities, that many people world-wide experience very severe disabilities, meaning they are completely dependent and often have very low expectations.

“By working for Scope and as a long-term Board Member for Able Australia, I supported people with cerebral palsy and dual sensory impairment. I am very pleased that Dylan Alcott is our 2022 Australian of the Year.”

While working in the charitable sector, Matthew often noted that supporters would regretfully state that they were retiring and could no longer make donations. “This gave me an insight into the limitations that retirement might have on my giving. I resolved to set up a living bequest/ charitable fund that would enable the nominated charities to receive an annual distribution indefinitely into the future.”

Matthew says that people interested in a more structured approach to their giving should seek a charitable fund that allows you to support, on an ongoing basis, the causes, or issues you have an interest in, involvement or passion.

Some of the benefits of being part of the Foundation’s community of donors is the opportunity to meet like-minded people.

“One of the things I like about the Foundation is the opportunity to read about and meet other people who have also established a charitable fund. There are many inspiring people in Melbourne who are selfless and very concerned in meeting the needs of people who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.”

“I also appreciate that the Foundation has an expert advisory investment committee that ensures my charitable fund has grown over the years allowing larger annual distributions to my benefitting charities.”

The Foundation’s General Manager Fund Development Rikki Andrews says that planning your giving through a community foundation, such as Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation, provides an effective and simple way for donors to organise their donations and provide a long-term source of income for their favourite causes.

“Our donors choose to set-up a charitable fund account for many reasons, and it is very common for donors to want to support their favourite causes and charities



Matthew and Elizabeth ETTY-Leal. Matthew was recognised for his commitment to charity and community and was awarded the joint Boroondara Volunteer of the Year Award for 2022.

for the long-term. Charitable fund accounts enable donors to do this and build their fund over time. They can also support their favourite charities alongside supporting the Foundation’s strategic grants program.”

A charitable fund account is managed by the Foundation on behalf of donors ensuring all regulatory compliance and governance is met.

“We make it as easy as possible for our donors so that they have a well-managed and thoughtful approach to their personal philanthropic goals.”



**Learn more about establishing a charitable fund account or to discuss your giving options,** please contact the Development Team on **(03) 9633 0033** or **philanthropy@lmcf.org.au**

A celebratory year for  
Youth in Philanthropy



Youth in Philanthropy Forum



**Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation’s Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) program is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2022. Launched in 2002, it was established to provide young people an opportunity to learn about philanthropy, current community issues and develop community leadership skills.**

Over the past 20 years, approximately \$4 million has been distributed as 906 grants, and 1500 students from 25 schools have participated in the program. The first four schools who helped launched the program are still participating – MacRoberston Girls High School, University High, Melbourne High and Melbourne Grammar.

This year’s Youth in Philanthropy Ambassador is Aishah Brockhoff who attended MacRobertson Girls High School and participated in Youth in Philanthropy in 2019.

This year 20 secondary schools from across Greater Melbourne are participating in the program. Each school forms a student committee of up to eight students and is allocated a \$10,000 grants budget. The students assess three grant applications from charitable and not-for-profit organisations and

undergo the process of working as a committee to make funding decisions. These student recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the Foundation’s Board.

The Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer Dr Catherine Brown OAM said, “The aim of Youth in Philanthropy has always been to inspire young people to become curious about the world and understand social challenges facing people and communities. We want them to know that it is possible to make a difference, to change policies or address social and environmental challenges in new ways. We hope to inspire young people to become effective changemakers by engaging in community philanthropy.”


In recent years, Youth in Philanthropy grants have funded a wide range of important projects across the Foundation’s four Impact Areas.

Dr Brown says that the impact of Youth in Philanthropy on students can be life changing. “We often receive feedback via our survey from students that participating in the program has been one of the best experiences they have had in Year 10.

“The critical element of Youth in Philanthropy is that it is real learning experience. Real charities and projects, real people in need and real money for advised granting. It requires a thoughtful and considered approach by students.”

The Foundation is very grateful for the inspiring charitable and not-for-profit organisations and the ‘YiP coaches’ who help to support students in the program each year.


“We wouldn’t be able to conduct Youth in Philanthropy without our coaches and wonderful charities, their support and participation is very much appreciated by the Foundation, and on behalf of the Foundation’s Board and staff, I would like to say thank you,” added Dr Brown.



**To learn more about Youth in Philanthropy please visit**

[lmcf.org.au/youth-in-philanthropy](https://lmcf.org.au/youth-in-philanthropy)

or talk to **Suzanne Doig**, Senior Manager Communications and Events, on **03 9633 0033** or **suzanne.doig@lmcf.org.au**



**If you would like to support Youth in Philanthropy, please contact**

Rikki Andrews, General Manager Fund Development on **03 9633 0033** or **rikki.andrews@lmcf.org.au**

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## GIVING

### Giving Together

**As the community foundation for Greater Melbourne, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation has been a special place for the community to gather together to fundraise and provide grants to charitable organisations for almost 100 years.**

The Foundation's General Manager Fund Development Rikki Andrews says that giving together leads to increased place-based positive impact or important support of a cause many donors are passionate about.

"It's also an opportunity to connect socially with like-minded donors. Whether it's one of our annual appeals, giving circles or a community and charitable fund account, the Foundation supports and enables giving where every gift - large and small - can have a positive impact."

Giving circles are a popular form of collective giving with donors who would like to join a collective giving group as part of a wider network of like-minded donors.

"Our giving circles have an enormous positive impact on the causes they support, and we are proudly the host foundation to some of Melbourne's largest giving circles. Their contribution to community philanthropy in Melbourne is incredible and we are very grateful for the wonderful opportunities they provide our donors."



**To learn more about collective giving or to discuss your giving options, please visit**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Melbourne Women's Fund



#### MELBOURNE WOMEN'S FUND

**CO-FOUNDERS:**  
Patricia Burke OAM and Gillian Hund OAM

**ESTABLISHED:**  
2014

**CAUSE:**  
Supporting vulnerable women and families in the community

**TYPE:**  
Giving Account within Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund.

*Since its 2014 beginning, Melbourne Women's Fund donations have provided \$837,000 in grants to 42 organisations to support vulnerable women and families in our community.*

The Melbourne Women's Fund Welcome Back Celebration Dinner was held in February at The Terrace in the beautiful Botanic Gardens, South Yarra. A perfect late summer evening saw a wonderful turn-out of members and guests gathering at the Ornamental Lake – all enjoying the thrill of socialising once more. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate being together again, to welcome new members and to get excited about the work ahead supporting vulnerable women and families in the community.

The Winter event on Women's Economic Security was held in June. A panel discussion included an expert speaker from each of the three areas of particular concern: Family Violence, Women's Homelessness and Economic Security. Current and non-members are always welcome to attend Melbourne Womens Fund events.

### Swinburne Philanthropy and Social Impact Alumni (SPSIA) Fund



#### SWINBURNE PHILANTHROPY AND SOCIAL IMPACT ALUMNI

**CO-FOUNDERS:**  
Alumni Students

**ESTABLISHED:**  
2015

**CAUSE:**  
Master of Social Impact Scholarships

**TYPE:**  
Charitable Fund Account within Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund

Swinburne University Masters of Philanthropy and Social Investment students had a bold vision to set-up a philanthropic fund that over the past 15 years has made grants and provided scholarships to support future social changemakers.

In June 2020 Dr Christopher Baker, research fellow at Swinburne University and a founding donor to the SPSIA Fund, passed away after a short illness. The SPSIA Fund continues to fundraise to support an annual scholarship to remember and pay tribute to Dr Baker in honour of his work and generosity, supporting a potential social changemaker undertaking the Master of Social Impact program.