

The Myer Foundation Annual Report 2021-22



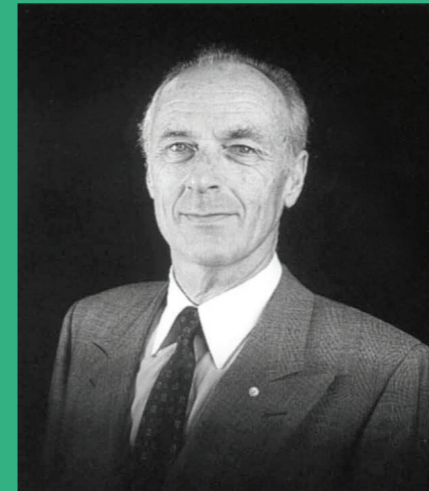
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Front cover: the first cohort of participants in the Social Impact Leadership Australia program

Origins of The Myer Foundation



The Myer Foundation (TMF) was established in 1959 by Sidney Myer's sons, the late Kenneth Myer AC DSC and the late Baillieu (Bails) Myer AC, as a way to support initiatives and new opportunities arising from contemporary issues. TMF was endowed through Kenneth Myer's estate following his death in 1992.

Vale Sidney Baillieu (Bails) Myer AC 1926–2022

The Myer Foundation pays tribute to Sidney Baillieu (Bails) Myer AC. Mr Myer died aged 96 on 22 January 2022 after a long and remarkable life of service to business, to philanthropy and to family.

As well as co-founding The Myer Foundation, Mr Myer was a Life Governor and Past President of TMF, serving from 1992 to 1995. He was also a Trustee of Sidney Myer Fund from 1958 to 2001 and Chairman from 1992 to 2001.

Mr Myer was a man of great intellect, curiosity and humour, with a love of family and an abiding commitment to our community. He leaves an extraordinary legacy and is greatly missed.

The Myer Foundation President's Address

In late January, my father, Bails Myer, died, aged 96. At the time, I was preparing a public address titled, "Growing Australia's Cultural Inheritance" for the National Museum of Australia. Unsurprisingly, and as I subsequently wrote, my focus turned to what he meant to me and to our family, to his life and legacy, his work and service. Over the course of the year, the title also took on new meaning as I reflected on our shared cultural inheritance as a family and as a Foundation. His practice of philanthropy has been central to these thoughts.

In my speech, I spoke of Dad's almost childlike curiosity, his prolific and undiminished imagination, the way he could draw links between playing a violin for 90 years (he was still taking lessons) with the growth of philanthropic support for arts and culture across the country. He loved drawing on his elephantine memory and his personal engagement with a multitude of people, organisations and ideas. He was an optimist, and he believed that each generation has the power on their watch to make change for the better. Indeed, he considered it to be each generation's key responsibility. Together with his siblings – brother Ken, TMF co-founder and benefactor, and sisters Neilma and Marigold – Dad has passed on this optimism and ambition for positive change. I feel it is our greatest inheritance as a family and a guiding principle for The Myer Foundation (TMF).

Dad brought rigour to everything that he did as well as an expansive, eclectic field of interests. Sometimes those interests overlapped, but sometimes the beauty of it was the contrast – the juxtaposition of causes and concepts

that in their distinctiveness illustrate our community's plurality and breadth. And though his taste was far-ranging, his mind was focused. He always wanted to be both strategic and urgent, which is the ultimate juxtaposition.

Along with many family members, Dad would say, 'Philanthropy is a people business.' For him and for all of us, supporting great people and big ideas is the way forward – en avant. Today, I believe, we are fulfilling that mission. TMF is supporting great people in leadership through Social Impact Leadership Australia (SILA), big ideas through the Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships, and the combination of the two in organisations like A New Approach (ANA), through which individuals articulate big ideas and build the structures, processes and networks to implement them at scale.

In all of this work, collaboration is key. SILA and ANA are perfect examples of how reinforcing and illuminating it is to work closely with a consortium of trusts and foundations from all over the country. We share common goals, we respect and test each other's perspectives, we improve our approach and we come together to celebrate outcomes. It is purposeful and productive, but it is also interpersonal and enjoyable. Philanthropy is a people business.

Recognising this, it is worth celebrating how so many family members are active in matters of public policy. This is, of course, personally fulfilling as well as supporting the purpose of TMF, which is community benefit. There are numerous ways in which we work as a family to



Rupert Myer AO
President

achieve this: volunteering with for-purpose organisations, pursuing careers within the sector, and participating in the conversations and forums on the big ideas that TMF is supporting. All form important contributions to what TMF does.

My personal thanks go to fellow board and committee members, and special thanks to TMF Vice President Emily Myer who will reach her nine-year term limit at this year's AGM. Emily has been a consummate director. Thanks also to TMF CEO Leonard Vary and all the staff for their extraordinary efforts this year and every year. In our work supporting great people with big ideas, it is inestimably helpful to have some of our own.

The Myer Foundation CEO's Introduction

FY22 saw the continued and, in some cases, worsening consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. Communities in eastern Australia were inundated by water, while more than 9,000 Australians died from COVID-19 across the 12 months. These are sad and profoundly troubling times that demand a considered and deep-rooted response from philanthropy.

In tackling this, we have found great strength in the legacy of Sidney Baillieu Myer AC. Mr Myer was not someone to shirk responsibility. His untiring passion for and contribution to TMF's work was a remarkable gift and I can speak for all the staff in saying how deeply honoured we are to work as custodians of that legacy.

Climate change has, once again, constituted the single greatest focus of TMF's grantmaking in FY22, with more than \$2 million dedicated to climate and sustainability initiatives in this year alone. There has also been significant grantmaking in the field of human, civil and legal rights, with a suite of grants that support organisations addressing threats to democracy and the proper functioning of civil society, including the right to protest. As the world seeks to mitigate and manage the inevitable consequences of climate change and a pandemic, it is vital that we continue to promote transparency of government and work to ensure that the most vulnerable are not further disadvantaged by inequitable public policy.

FY22 saw TMF's office reunited with Myer Family Investments (MFI) at 171 Collins Street. The philanthropic and commercial arms of the family had been housed separately since November 2010, so it has been an important and

very meaningful change to be back under the same roof. We have been very warmly embraced by everyone at MFI and I want to thank its Chairman Sidney Myer AM and CEO John Russell for leading that welcome.

The work of TMF is all the richer for the many minds that contribute to it. TMF President Rupert Myer is central to this. His leadership, openness and intellect are matched by his capacity to draw out great ideas from those around him. I would like to thank the Directors and the Committee Co-Convenors and members for another sterling year. In addition, there are the many Myer family members who join us for online forums and correspond with us, the for-purpose leaders who provide their insights and perspectives, and our philanthropic peers who share their methods and thinking. And, of course, the fabulous staff of TMF who never cease to amaze me. I am delighted that we have such an engaged and engaging group of people whose expertise, good judgment, and passion we draw on.

TMF reached a cumulative grantmaking total of \$100 million in FY22 and the combined cumulative grantmaking total with Sidney Myer Fund (SMF) now exceeds \$305 million, without adjusting for the considerable inflation. The generosity of our benefactors and the stewardship of the TMF Directors and SMF Trustees continues to make a material difference to our community.

On a personal note, I was fortunate to reach a milestone of 10 years as CEO. Working here is a great and very rewarding privilege. As Rupert mentions, philanthropy is a people business, and I am grateful to have the best people in that business around me every day.



Leonard Vary
CEO

Photo: James Penlidis

The Myer Foundation Directors' Grants



Australian Youth Affairs Coalition participants meet with the Minister for Youth, the Hon Dr Anne Aly MP

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (Years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Multi-year grants						
Writers Victoria	VIC	Neilma Sidney Literary Travel Fund	2022	Four	\$561,500	\$561,500
Australian Academy of Science	ACT	Watertrust Australia Ltd	2021	Ten	\$5,000,000	\$500,000
Centre for Social Impact, University of New South Wales	NSW	Social Impact Leadership Australia	2020	Five	\$1,500,000	\$300,000
Centre for Policy Development	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Three	\$300,000	\$300,000
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Five	\$275,000	\$275,000
Australian Democracy Network	ACT	General Operating Support	2022	Five	\$275,000	\$275,000
Mannifera	VIC	Mannifera Membership 2021-2024	2022	Three	\$165,000	\$165,000
Environmental Justice Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Three	\$150,000	\$150,000
A New Approach	ACT	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$300,000	-
Human Rights Law Centre	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$240,000	-
From the Heart (Cape York Institute)	QLD	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$200,000	-
Indigenous Law Centre, University of New South Wales	NSW	Progressing the Uluru Statement from the Heart	2021	Two	\$80,000	-
Environmental Defenders Office	NSW	General Operating Support	2020	Three	\$210,000	-
Fair Agenda	VIC	General Operating Support	2020	Three	\$140,000	-
National Library of Australia	ACT	Challenging Australia: The Kenneth Myer Lecture, 2020-2024	2020	Five	\$125,000	-
Total					\$9,521,500	\$2,526,500



Environmental Defenders Office Safe Climate Lawyers in the field at Bimblebox Nature Refuge, Queensland, which is at risk from a massive coal mine



Australian Democracy Network launching their State Capture report at Parliament House, Canberra, with Scott Ludlam

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (Years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Single-year grants						
Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$100,000	\$100,000
Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$5,000	\$5,000
Malthouse Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$2,000	\$2,000
Vision Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total					\$109,000	\$109,000

Climate Change



A sustainable future is fundamental to our vision for Australia. Environmental sustainability is one of The Myer Foundation and the Sidney Myer Fund's five core values while addressing climate change is one of the two abiding themes of the current (FY19–23) strategic plan.

The Myer Foundation takes a portfolio approach to effecting action on climate change by supporting a suite of organisations whose work, when taken together, will accelerate the transition to a sustainable, net zero future, along with investing almost 100 percent of its own money in ESG (environmental, social, governance) assets.

Against a backdrop of a rapidly shrinking window to limit global warming to 1.5°C, the climate movement in Australia effected a seismic shift in support for climate action in the May 2022 federal election, dubbed the 'climate election'. In FY22, The Myer Foundation awarded multi-year grants to several climate organisations working in a bipartisan way with key decision makers and constituencies. Their ability to influence such a transformative result will hasten the cuts to greenhouse gas emissions required by 2030.

The Myer Foundation's impact has been greatly enhanced by the Sidney Myer Fund's substantive augmentation of the Sustainability & Environment Committee's budget, and the investment of a material proportion of its own corpus into ESG assets.

Watertrust Australia Ltd



Australia is the driest inhabited continent with highly variable rainfall and run-off. Long-term and sustainable management of our waters and catchments is essential. Yet, just when climate change, population growth and the ongoing degradation of our nation's natural capital assets require policy change, debates over the use and management of Australia's waters and catchments are becoming increasingly difficult.

Watertrust Australia seeks to improve how decisions are made about the management of Australia's precious water and catchment resources through meaningful and well-designed deliberation.

Established thanks to a coalition of 16 philanthropic funders, led by The Myer Foundation and The Ian Potter Foundation, Watertrust is independent of governments or any specific interests, enabling it to approach current and future water and catchment policy challenges as an honest broker for the myriad stakeholders at national, sub-national and local levels.

Watertrust's mission places it in contentious arenas where "facts are uncertain, values in dispute, stakes high and decisions urgent". A priority of Watertrust has been to pursue purposeful and deep engagement in the sector to establish the trust, respect and convening power required to achieve its important and ambitious agenda.

"The continued engagement and support of The Myer Foundation greatly enhances our prospects of success in this important endeavour."
CEO Nick Austin

Sustainability & Environment Program



Original Power's Terry Collins installs solar panels in the remote Northern Territory community of Marlinja

The Sustainability & Environment Committee's focus area in the current strategic period (FY19–23) is to support organisations that seek to influence key stakeholders to take action on climate change.

Grantmaking in FY22 occurred in the context of the rapidly closing window to limit global warming to 1.5°C and was aligned with milestone events that had the potential to improve Australia's emission reduction targets, namely the United Nations COP26 climate change conference in November 2021 and Australia's federal election in May 2022. As a result, FY22 grantmaking was fast tracked to the first quarter of the financial year and four organisations that could build momentum for action were funded.

Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) is a 'think and do' tank undertaking solutions-based research and showcasing real world projects designed to demonstrate the clean energy potential of industries, regions and communities in Australia. BZE builds support for a rapid economic transition to net zero through partnerships with business, government, academia and the community.



Farmers for Climate Action

Environmental Leadership Australia is laying the groundwork for a bipartisan approach to climate action in Australia, with an emphasis on engaging conservative-leaning communities and elected representatives, through building the capacity of the climate movement and supporting influential constituencies.

Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network is building a climate movement in Australia led by and for First Nations young people. Seed builds their capacity to lead on climate action to campaign

against potentially catastrophic fossil fuel extraction and secure sustainable climate solutions.

Solutions for Climate Australia, a program of Climate Action Network Australia, is working to create enduring bipartisan in federal politics for decisive action on climate in the critical decade to 2030. It provides 'backbone' capacity support to a network of climate and environment organisations with a focus in FY22 on the lead up to the federal election.

Sustainability & Environment Program



A visual display of Beyond Zero Emission's Million Jobs Plan produced by one of its volunteers, a Lego Master

We acknowledge the steadfast support of Directors of The Myer Foundation, who facilitated the accelerated and enhanced round. We are grateful to Trustees of the Sidney Myer Fund for their substantive contribution to our endeavours, providing an additional \$300,000 per annum for the

Committee's grantmaking through to the end of this strategic cycle.

Our thanks to fellow Committee members Martyn Myer AO, David Shelmerdine, Lilly Myer, Nick Shelmerdine, John Connor and Dr John Spierings for their stellar work in FY22. We would like to thank CEO Leonard

Vary and Program Manager Jane Thomas and the whole management team for their support and assistance over the past year.

Jon Berry and Will Spraggett, Co-Convenors of the Sustainability & Environment Committee

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Multi-year grants						
Beyond Zero Emissions	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Three	\$395,000	\$395,000
Environmental Leadership Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	2022	Two	\$395,000	\$395,000
Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Three	\$395,000	\$395,000
The Next Economy	QLD	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	\$45,000
Farmers for Climate Action	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	-
Original Power	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	-
Australian Youth Climate Coalition	VIC	General Operating Support	2020	Three	\$395,000	-
Investor Group on Climate Change	NSW	General Operating Support	2020	Three	\$395,000	-
ClimateWorks	VIC	General Operating Support	2018	Four	\$400,000	-
Single-year grants						
Climate Action Network Australia	VIC	Solutions for Climate Australia	2022	One	\$155,000	\$155,000
Lifeline Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total					\$3,575,000	\$1,395,000

Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships



Jamal Elsheikh

The Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships provide outstanding Australian social and environmental innovators the unique opportunity to spend a year pursuing a groundbreaking idea. The Myer Foundation supports one Fellowship each year, alongside two Fellowships supported by the Sidney Myer Fund.

In FY22, the Fellowship supported by The Myer Foundation was awarded to Jamal Elsheikh. Jamal is a racial and social justice advocate, advisor, educator and executive leader. His plan is to leverage sport to address racism by inspiring, educating and empowering

young people to have courageous conversations that initiate meaningful action.

As Co-Convenors we are joined and supported in the task of selecting the Fellows by a stellar Committee, which in FY22 comprised Anna Spraggett, Edgar Myer, Huy Nguyen, Jan Owen AM and Kathryn Fagg AO. We welcomed Huy and Edgar during this period while Anna will temporarily step down as Co-Convenor during the coming iteration, but we are delighted her skills are being retained on the Committee. Our thanks also go to Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowship Support Panel

members, Oliver Roydhouse, Dr Clare Harding and Quentin Miller. We reluctantly accepted the resignation of Clare, but we are buoyed that Quentin and Oliver will be joined by Dr Shelley Meagher and Leah Armstrong to support our Fellows. Our thanks to Leonard Vary, Kirsty Allen, Jane Thomas and the whole TMF team for their efforts this year.

Edwina Myer and Jonathan Lindsay, Co-Convenors of the Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships Committee

2022 Recipient	State	Fellowship Project	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Jamal Elsheikh	VIC	Reflect Forward	\$150,000
Total			\$150,000

Mental Health Program



Youth Live4Life's Tanarly Hood and the Baw Baw Crew at their launch in Lardner



Some of psychology scholarship recipients of The Westerman Jilya Institute for Indigenous Mental Health

The Mental Health Committee's grantmaking focus rests on upstream interventionist activities and programs in the youth mental health sector. In FY22, the Committee's grantmaking budget was significantly augmented thanks to a transfer of \$250,000 from the Trustees of the Sidney Myer Fund. This allowed the Committee to make substantial multi-year general operating support grants to two organisations working to develop innovative approaches to youth mental health.

Youth Live4Life is focused on youth suicide prevention. It takes a whole-of-community approach to address one of the key short-term challenges facing mental health care reform in Australia – a shortage of appropriately trained staff. The organisation developed in the Macedon Ranges and The Myer Foundation is proud to have supported

this community-based initiative during its early pilot and evaluation stages in FY16 and FY17. Since then, it has been held up as an exemplar in the report of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and is now embedded in nine distinct rural and regional Victorian communities.

The Perth-based Westerman Jilya Institute for Indigenous Mental Health is working to reduce youth suicide rates and improve mental health service provision in Aboriginal communities, particularly in rural and remote settings. Jilya's approach is multipronged, with a focus on clinical rigour and research. Firstly, it will pioneer an evidence base for the culturally specific causal pathways for suicide in Aboriginal communities. Secondly, it will work on empirically testing best practice clinical approaches with Aboriginal

clients. Thirdly, it is developing the next generation of psychologists, with bursaries and mentoring that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as they undertake psychology degrees at universities around the country.

We would like to thank our fellow Committee members Laura Richards, Nell Golden, Jessica Myer, Jemima Myer, and Kristen Douglas for their hard work and good counsel. Further thanks to Leonard Vary, Carl Nilsson-Polias and all the staff for their assistance with our grantmaking activities this year. And special thanks to the Sidney Myer Fund Trustees whose financial support has made the Committee's grantmaking all the more impactful.

Emily Myer and Nicholas Lindsay, Co-Convenors of the Mental Health Committee

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Multi-year grants						
The Westerman Jilya Institute for Indigenous Mental Health	WA	General Operating Support	2022	Three	\$240,000	\$240,000
Youth Live4Life	VIC	General Operating Support	2022	Four	\$200,000	\$200,000
Makeshift Creative	NSW	General Operating Support	2021	Two	\$100,000	-
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	2019	Three	\$150,000	-
Single-year grants						
Hand n Hand Peer Support	QLD	General Operating Support	2022	One	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total					\$700,000	\$450,000

Family Grants Program

The Family Grants Program extends and amplifies the grantmaking reach and impact of The Myer Foundation by matching family member donations to charities. For those under 35 years of age, the program also increases the impact of charitable volunteering by matching volunteering hours with funding from TMF.

In FY22, almost \$350,000 worth of donations and volunteering hours were matched, supporting a wide array of causes chosen by family members.



Australian Chamber Orchestra performing River

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Australian Chamber Orchestra	NSW	General Operating Support	\$25,000
SANE Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	\$25,000
University of Melbourne	VIC	Melbourne Humanities Foundation	\$25,000
Black Hole Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$15,000
Animals Asia	SA	General Operating Support	\$12,500
Australian National University	ACT	Centre for Asian Australia Leadership	\$12,500
International Social Service Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	\$12,500
Karrkad Kanjdji Trust	VIC	Warddeken rock art project	\$12,500
Lort Smith Animal Hospital	VIC	General Operating Support	\$12,500
University of Melbourne	VIC	AsiaLink Winning in Asia report	\$12,500
Black Hole Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$10,000
Documentary Australia Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$10,000
Red Stitch Actors Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$10,000
Shepparton Arts Museum	VIC	Acquisition of Art	\$10,000
Sydney Dance Company	NSW	General Operating Support	\$10,000
The Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$9,000
The Australian Ballet	VIC	General Operating Support	\$7,500
Arts Centre Melbourne	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000

Family Grants Program



Karrkad Kanjdji Trust: Warddeken Ranger, Johnny Reid in Wornkomku (Nawoberr) clan estate during a kunwarddekbim (rock art) survey camp (photo by Chester Clarke)

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Australian Cancer Research Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Australian Chamber Orchestra	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Australian Conservation Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Australian National Academy of Music	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Batten Disease Support & Research Association Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Community Health Advancement and Student Engagement	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Lort Smith Animal Hospital	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Malthouse Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
RISING Melbourne	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Royal Historical Society of Victoria	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Sacred Heart Mission	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Victorian Actors' Benevolent Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Surgeons Impact Fund	VIC	General Operating Support	\$4,100
Australia for UNHCR	NSW	Emergency response	\$4,000
Abbotsford Convent	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500

Family Grants Program



Shepparton Art Museum (photo by John Gollings)



Lort Smith Animal Hospital

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY22 Budget
Children First Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Foodbank VIC	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Melbourne Fringe	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Mumbulla Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Cabrini Health	VIC	Malvern General	\$2,000
Sacred Heart Mission	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000
Victorian Opera	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000
Yarra Riverkeeper Association	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,700
Spinal Research Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,500
Beyond Blue	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,300
3MBS (Music Broadcasting Society of Victoria)	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Craft Queensland	QLD	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Equality Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	\$1,000
HOTA Gold Coast	QLD	Gold Coast Arts Centre Fund	\$1,000
NCJWA (Victoria) Community Services	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Schizy Incorporated	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Wettenhall Environment Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Total			\$341,600

The Myer Foundation Directors



Rupert Myer AO



Emily Myer



Adelaide Badgery



Nicholas Lindsay



Kathryn Fagg AO



John Spierings

Founder and Benefactor

Kenneth Myer AC DSC

Founder

Mr S. Baillieu Myer AC

Life Governors

**Lady Southey AC
Carrillo Gantner AC
Martyn Myer AO**

President

Rupert Myer AO, BCom (Hons), MA (Cantab), FAICD, FAHA

Rupert Myer is President of The Myer Foundation, Chairman of Amcil Limited and a Director of Myer Family Investments Pty Ltd and Mutual Trust Pty Ltd. He is Chair of A New Approach, a Member of the Felton Bequests' Committee and a Board Member of The Aranday Foundation and The Yulgilbar Foundation. Rupert served as Chair of the Australia Council for the Arts from 2012 until 2018 and as Chair of the National Gallery of Australia from 2005 until 2012. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2015 and an Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2012.

Vice President

Emily Myer BA (Hons), MA (Arts and Entertainment Management)

Emily is Vice President of The Myer Foundation and Co-Convenor of its Mental Health Committee. She is also a member of the advisory committee of the Child and Community Wellbeing Program at the University of Melbourne and a board member of Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership. Emily has many years' experience in program and project management and administration, and a decade spent working in governance and leadership roles in the philanthropic and not-for-profit sector.

Her most recent role involved activating small philanthropic foundations and maximising the

impact of philanthropic contributions made by her employer. Emily's wide-ranging experience in program coordination includes working at large international organisations such as Sciences Po university in Paris and the UN World Food Program in Rome.

Directors

Adelaide Badgery BA (UoM), Adv Dip (Bus) (RMIT)
Adelaide is a communications specialist with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne and an Advanced Diploma of Business (Public Relations) from RMIT. She is currently studying a Bachelor of Midwifery at Australian Catholic University, has a background in PR, and experience in strategy development, copywriting, event management and media engagement. She is a mother of two children.

Nicholas Lindsay BCom, BA (Mon)

Nicholas has a finance background, having completed a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University. Working at investment banking firm Lempriere Wells, Nicholas is excited and motivated by the ongoing convergence of the commercial and philanthropic sectors and its potential to generate meaningful change. Prior to joining The Myer Foundation, he volunteered at the Foundation for Young Australians and as a homework mentor for four years at The Huddle Study Support Program, an initiative of Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia. Nicholas currently serves as a Co-Convenor of The Myer Foundation's Mental Health Committee and sits on the Investment Committee and Audit and Risk Committee.

Kathryn Fagg AO, BEng (UQ), MCom (Hons), FTSE
Kathryn Fagg is Chair of CSIRO and a Non-Executive Director of National Australia Bank Limited, Medibank Private Limited and Djerriwarrh Investments Limited. In the non-for-profit sector, Kathryn is Chair of the Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA), Inaugural Chair of Watertrust Australia Ltd, as well as being a Board Member of the Grattan Institute and the Champions of Change Coalition. Kathryn was a member of the board

of Boral Limited from 2014 and the Non-Executive Chair from 2018 to 2021. She is a former member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia from 2013 to 2018, former Non-Executive Director of Incitec Pivot Limited 2014 to 2019, a former President of Chief Executive Women (CEW), a former Chair of Parks Victoria and the Melbourne Recital Centre and a former board member of the Australian Centre for Innovation.

The University of NSW has awarded her an honorary Doctor of Business and the Ada Lovelace Medal in 2017 which recognises an Outstanding Woman Engineer. She was a recipient of the University of Queensland's Inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award in 2013 and the University also awarded her an honorary Doctor of Chemical Engineering. Kathryn was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in June 2019 for distinguished service to business and finance, to the central banking, logistics and manufacturing sectors, and to women.

Dr John Spierings BA, BSW, PhD (UoM)

John Spierings is a strategist and analyst in the philanthropy and for purpose sectors and a former Executive Officer of the Reichstein Foundation. He brings an extensive background in education and training issues and broader social policy to The Myer Foundation.

John was a senior policy adviser to the Hon Julia Gillard AC, in her roles as Deputy Prime Minister and then Prime Minister, 2010-2013, with responsibility for higher education, research, skills, employment, industry, innovation and science policy issues in the PMO. For a decade, John was the Research Strategist with the Dusseldorp Skills Forum focusing on improving the participation and success of young Australians in learning and work.

He holds a PhD in economic history, examining the rise of advertising, mass retailing and media in Australia between 1918 and 1940. John was a Councillor for the City of St Kilda, 1990-94, serving as Mayor, 1992-93.

The Myer Foundation Committees and Membership

Founder and Benefactor

Kenneth Myer AC DSC

Founder

Mr S. Baillieu Myer AC

Life Governors

Lady Southey AC
Carrillo Gantner AC
Martyn Myer AO

President

Rupert Myer AO

Vice President

Emily Myer

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Adelaide Badgery
Nicholas Lindsay
Kathryn Fagg AO
Prof John Daley AM (until July 2021)
Dr John Spierings (from August 2021)

The Myer Foundation Grantmaking Committees

Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships (co-supported by the Sidney Myer Fund)

Anna Spraggett (Co-Convenor until August 2022)
Jonathan Lindsay (Co-Convenor)
Edwina Myer (Co-Convenor from September 2022)
Edgar Myer (from June 2021)
Jan Owen AM
Huy Nguyen (from July 2021)
Kathryn Fagg AO

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The Myer Foundation Financials

	Commitment from FY22 Budget
The Myer Foundation Directors' Grants	\$2,635,500
Sustainability & Environment Program	\$1,395,000
Mental Health Program	\$450,000
Family Grants Program	\$341,600
Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowship	\$150,000
Total	\$4,972,100

The Myer Foundation & Sidney Myer Fund Combined Reporting

The Myer Foundation's Total FY22 Grant Commitments	\$4,972,100
Sidney Myer Fund's Total FY22 Grant Commitments	\$8,971,000
Combined FY22 Commitments	\$13,943,100
Adjustment for FY22 SMF to TMF transfer	-\$550,000
Combined Total Commitments Since Inception*	\$305,162,989

* not adjusted to present day values.

FY22 Funding by Focus Area

