



The Myer Foundation Annual Report 2020–21



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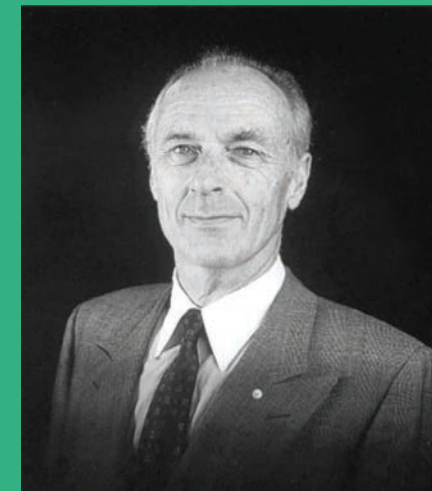
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Front cover: An image used by Watertrust Australia Ltd. It is of Isisford in Queensland and was taken and colour-enhanced by NASA astronaut Scott Kelly while he worked on the International Space Station in 2015

Below: Original Power – Traditional Owners addressing the media after meeting with MPs in Perth regarding the lack of protections in the WA Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill

Origins of The Myer Foundation



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



The Myer Foundation President's Address

Having spent several years away from a direct governance role at The Myer Foundation, returning to it at such an extraordinary time has been a deeply encouraging and inspiring experience. The breadth of input to TMF's work is remarkable. There is strong family engagement through the board and Committees as well as through the voices of individual members, there is the depth of knowledge brought by our non-family Committee experts and Directors, and there is the tireless contribution of the staff, led by our dynamic and energetic CEO, Leonard Vary, which plays a key role in the success of our work. It is a collaborative environment that, through purposeful joint effort and direct engagement across many community sectors, creates something greater than the sum of its parts. Our version of family philanthropy – driven by the needs of our community, by excellence and expertise, by consultation and cooperation – has evolved over time and it is a great privilege to be back in the thick of it.

Collaboration extends well beyond the constitutional edges of The Myer Foundation. I have already seen the clear benefit of our working closely with the Trustees of the Sidney Myer Fund on matters of universal and urgent import like climate change and mental health, the circumstances created by the pandemic and on programs such as the Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships. I thank SMF Chairman Andrew Myer AM and his fellow Trustees for this highly collaborative approach that is beneficial for the communities we serve as well as to our internal processes.

I want to thank The Myer Foundation board who make my job all the more enjoyable, and to particularly

acknowledge Emily Myer as TMF Vice President. In FY21, the board farewelled, tearfully, it must be said, Mary Vallentine AO, who had served with us for many years. We also farewelled the meticulous mind of Professor John Daley AM but are fortunate to have the equally meticulous Dr John Spierings joining in his stead.

I have inherited a great deal coming into this role. Immediate past President Martyn Myer AO's resolve in moving 100 percent of The Myer Foundation's corpus to ESG (environmental, social, governance) investments leaves a progressive and sector-leading legacy. I also see the imprint on TMF – and on myself – of the leaders who have come before me and those who will follow. The Presidents, the Convenors, the boards, the CEOs, the committee members whose perspectives I have learned from, whose styles I have absorbed. Our family and this institution are beautifully entwined.

Of course, not every family member will like everything we do. But I am confident that every family member can be very proud of something that The Myer Foundation has done in FY21. This annual report helps facilitate that and gives visibility to the breadth of our grantmaking and community engagement. It is an important instrument of transparency, but it is also a record of our shared achievements, from the smallest grant to the grandest vision.

As you will see, there has been significant grantmaking in key areas. It has been encouraging to see the broad and passionate board, staff and membership engagement on the issue of climate change and the support arising for both existing and new climate-related initiatives. The



Rupert Myer AO
President

importance of human, civil and legal rights has been put in stark relief recently, as has the significance of good mental health. Many more people in our community have needed support over the last year than ever before, but the resilience of the not-for-profit sector in working to meet that need has been just as exceptional.

The Myer Foundation is now well advanced in its current strategic period and the attention of the board is naturally turning towards the future. As we examine the landscape of need, of circumstance and of competing grand narratives, we will ask ourselves and others how The Myer Foundation can best help Australia to flourish in the years to come.

The Myer Foundation CEO's Introduction

FY21 marked the midpoint of our current five-year strategic period. It is wonderful to see the very substantial progress that has already been made on the strategic priorities. In some cases, we are ahead of where we expected to be at this midpoint. The global backdrop for this achievement is the immense disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and, on a brighter note, the accelerating momentum for action on climate change.

On climate change, The Myer Foundation's ambition to transition its corpus to 100 percent ESG investment is running well ahead of schedule. This move aligns our financial resources with our mission, recognising the important role that capital markets play in decarbonising the economy. In addition, climate and sustainability initiatives now represent almost half of TMF funding.

Alongside efforts to rapidly decarbonise the economy, our nation's resilience in the face of climate change will be enhanced by the work of the newly launched Watertrust Australia Ltd. An exemplar of the capacity of philanthropy to leverage its independence and power to convene, Watertrust Australia is designed to help improve the way decisions are made about Australia's scarce and precious freshwater resources. This project was led by TMF, in partnership with The Ian Potter Foundation, through joint funding of \$10 million over ten years – funding which has now been leveraged to a total commitment of over \$31 million from a coalition of 16 philanthropic trusts and foundations.

The urgency around climate change has been reflected in strong and purposeful engagement from fourth generation members of The Myer Foundation on

this matter. That engagement is already bearing fruit, with greater resources being directed towards climate action through collaborations with the Sidney Myer Fund. It is also part of a broader shift, with several G4 members joining Committees for the first time.

As a philanthropic entity, The Myer Foundation is accustomed to putting money to work in the community. It is less common for that money to do its work and then return to us, multiplied many times, for its next assignment. Yet that is exactly what has happened with HireUp, which offers a platform allowing people with disabilities to connect with support workers online. The Myer Foundation provided seed investment in HireUp in 2015 because of our confidence in Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellow Jordan O'Reilly's idea. The positive social impact HireUp is having has been accompanied by stellar financial performance, so we have been able to sell a modest part of our stake in the social enterprise and recoup very materially more than our initial investment. The proceeds of that investment can now be put towards further ambitious grantmaking in the years to come.

My thanks to the dedicated and sector-leading staff of The Myer Foundation who spent much of FY21 at home dealing with the vicissitudes of restrictions without missing a beat. In those few months when we were at the office, they also managed to pack down more than a decade of history at Bennetts Lane and reconstitute the office in our new home at 171 Collins St, immediately adjacent to Myer Family Investments. Speaking of history, the efforts of long-serving staff members Dr Neal Harvey and Jenny Kelly, who both left the office at the end of 2020,



Leonard Vary
CEO

are now part of TMF lore – a special thanks to them. And the warmest of welcomes to new staff members Carl Nilsson-Polias and Madeleine Livingstone, whose talents round out our team to perfection.

In what was, by any measure, a year with its share of highlights and challenges, one of the steady and resolute fixtures on my horizon has been Rupert Myer. His presidency of The Myer Foundation has only just begun, but it has been an immense pleasure to engage with him in every aspect of our work together. His calm, patient and thoughtful disposition is complemented by a sharp clarity of vision and a decisiveness that moves things forward, and at the pace that these times require.

Photo: James Penlidis

The Myer Foundation Directors' Grants



Melbourne Theatre Company's production of Joanna Murray-Smith's *Berlin* was developed through its Next Stage Writer's Program.
Photo: Jeff Busby.

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (Years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Multi-year grants						
A New Approach	ACT	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$300,000	\$300,000
Human Rights Law Centre	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$240,000	\$240,000
From the Heart (Cape York Institute)	QLD	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$200,000	\$200,000
NSW Indigenous Law Centre, UNSW Law	NSW	Progressing the Uluru Statement from the Heart	2021	Two	\$80,000	\$80,000
Centre for Social Impact, University of New South Wales	NSW	Social Impact Leadership Australia	2020	Five	\$1,500,000	\$300,000
Environmental Defenders Office	NSW	General Operating Support	2020	Three	\$210,000	-
National Library of Australia	ACT	Challenging Australia: The Kenneth Myer Lecture, 2020-2024	2020	Five	\$125,000	-
Grattan Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	2019	Three	\$150,000	-
Domestic Violence Resource Centre Vic	VIC	General Operating Support	2018	Three	\$170,000	\$50,000
Melbourne Theatre Company	VIC	Next Stage Writer's Program	2017	Five	\$250,000	\$50,000
Total					\$3,225,000	\$1,220,000

Single-year grants

Centre for Social Impact, University of New South Wales	NSW	Social Impact Leadership Australia (additional grant)				\$90,000
Writers Victoria	VIC	Neilma Sidney Literary Travel Fund				\$15,000
Equality Australia	VIC	General Operating Support				\$10,000
From the Heart	VIC	General Operating Support				\$5,000
Total						\$120,000

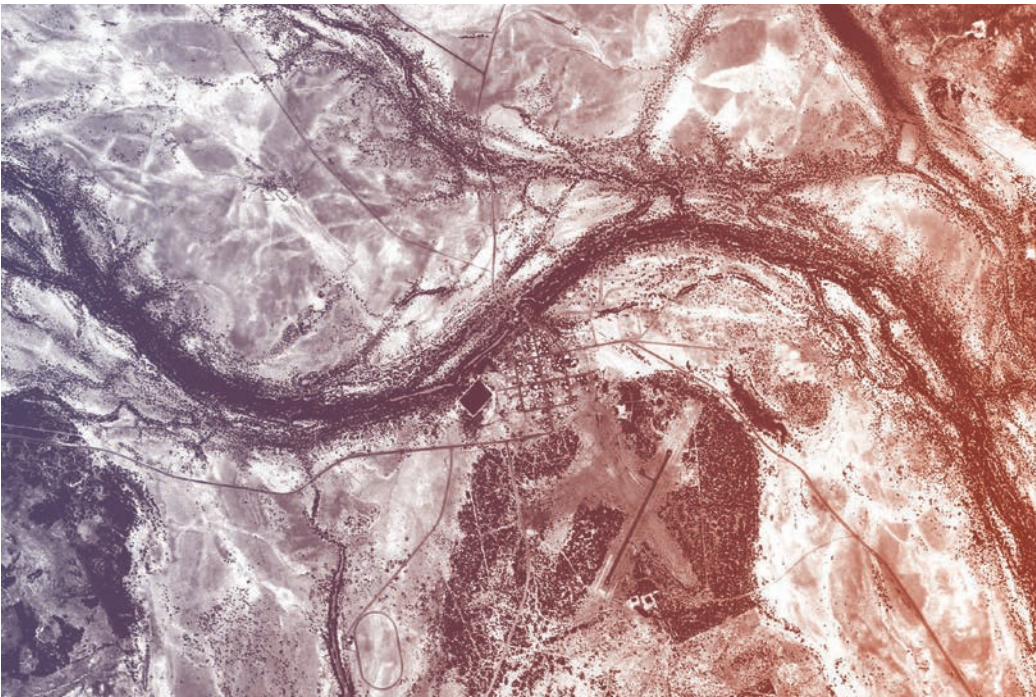
Watertrust Australia Ltd



Kathryn Fagg AO, Chair of
Watertrust Australia



Nick Austin, inaugural CEO of
Watertrust Australia



Barcoo River, Queensland, as seen from the International Space Station.
Photo: NASA, Scott Kelly.

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.

The Myer Foundation and The Ian Potter Foundation shared a vision to create a new, independent and authoritative

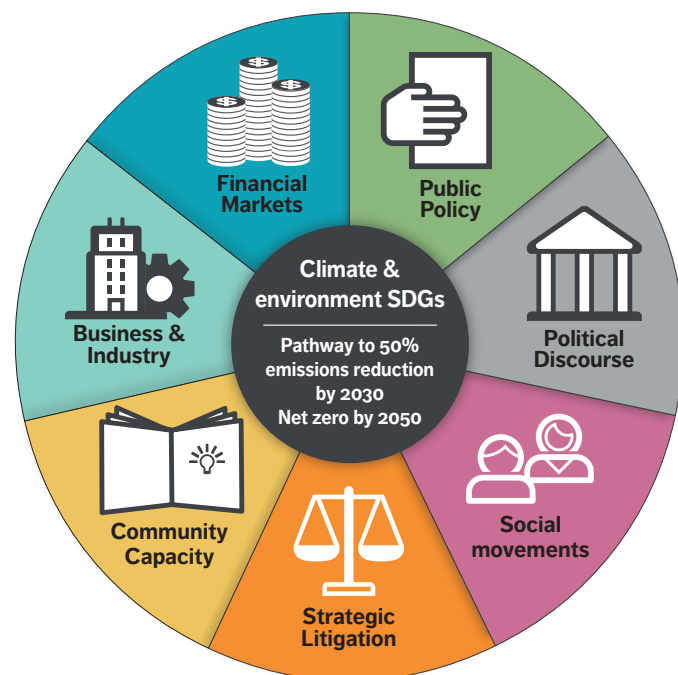
centre that can rebuild trust and work collaboratively with all stakeholders to find common ground on water and catchment policy reforms.

A coalition of 16 philanthropic funders committed to investing in a national and fully independent centre focused on helping improve the way decisions are made about water and catchments across Australia. That centre has now been incorporated as Watertrust Australia Ltd, led by chair Kathryn Fagg AO, with Rod Marsh acting as Interim CEO before inaugural CEO Nick Austin commenced in the role in September 2021.

Watertrust Australia will work with communities, First Peoples, farmers, landowners, agricultural and environmental organisations, industry, researchers and experts, land and water managers, and federal, state and local politicians, governments and elected representatives. Its independence allows it to approach current and future water and catchment policy challenges as an honest broker, seeking better decisions, not predetermined answers.

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Multi-year grants						
Australian Academy of Science	ACT	Watertrust Australia Ltd	2021	Ten	\$5,000,000	\$500,000
Single-year grants						
Australian Academy of Science	ACT	Watertrust Australia Ltd (additional grant)	2021			\$10,000
Total					\$5,000,000	\$510,000

Climate Change



Responding to climate change is the great existential challenge of our time and is rightly one of the two abiding themes of the current (FY19–23) strategic plan.

We can readily see that our lands, waters and skies are feeling the impact of global warming, but its force moves well beyond the elemental. Climate change has flow-on effects for the economy, food security, health systems, social inequity, human rights, and the arts.

Such an all-encompassing threat requires a holistic response. Our philanthropy is informed by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and we recognise the imperative of the United Nations Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Urgent action is required now to at least halve emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050.

The Myer Foundation is pursuing a suite of strategies – a portfolio approach – to advance our commitment to environmental sustainability. Grantmaking supports organisations taking discrete but complementary approaches to effecting systemic change, as well as direct action through the investment of The Myer Foundation’s own financial resources in ESG (environmental, social, governance) assets.

Sustainability & Environment Program



Australian Youth Climate Coalition in NSW

The grantmaking of the Sustainability & Environment Committee in FY21 was set against a backdrop of growing urgency for addressing climate change. As the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Physical Science Basis report attests, climate change is here and worsening. Limiting global warming by achieving net zero global emissions by 2050 is not something that can happen in decades to come. The process needs to start now. With every day of inaction that passes, this vitally important global target becomes harder and harder to achieve.

The urgency of the climate challenge and the criticality of acting immediately, coupled with the strength of the organisations being considered for funding, compelled the Committee to fast-track the FY21 grantmaking round. The Committee was delighted that three organisations taking discrete but complementary approaches to climate action were supported: Farmers for Climate Action, The Next Economy and Original Power.

Farmers for Climate Action is a national organisation committed to building a farmer-led movement for

climate action. Agriculture accounts for 13 percent of Australia’s emissions and farmers manage almost 60 percent of Australia’s land and food production systems. Farmers speak to their own significant rural community but also have an important role to play in a national bipartisan approach to net zero emissions.

The Next Economy supports government, industry and regional communities to manage the transition away from carbon-intensive industries towards clean and healthy local economies. By facilitating local solutions and public discussion on climate action through the lens of economic growth, The Next Economy helps to take often divisive politics out of the conversation.

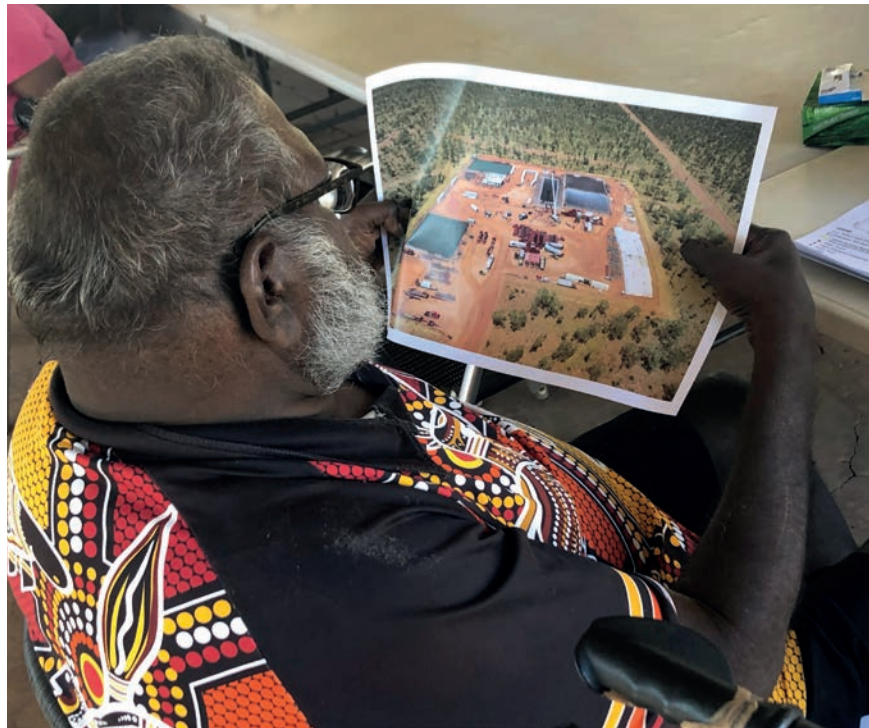
Original Power builds the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to protect their country, culture and communities. The organisation works with Indigenous communities and Traditional Owners, who manage over 40 percent of Australia’s land and sea (under Native Title and Indigenous Land Use Agreements) and has a focus on developing renewable energy opportunities.

Thanks to the Sidney Myer Fund, an additional \$300,000 per annum has been made available for the Committee’s grantmaking through to the end of this strategic cycle, allowing for three organisations to be supported, rather than the usual two. We are grateful to the Sidney Myer Fund Trustees for their support, both moral and monetary, this year and in the years to come.

Our thanks to fellow Committee members Martyn Myer AO, David Shelmerdine, John Connor and Dr John Spierings for their work in FY21, along with Lindy Shelmerdine and Adelaide Badgery, who we farewelled in February and May 2021, respectively. We also welcomed G4 members Lilly Myer and Nick Shelmerdine, who commence their roles 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

Sustainability & Environment Program



Clockwise from top left:
Original Power – Nurrdalinji
AGM in the Beetaloo basin;
Traditional Owners look at
Origin's fracking well

Original Power – Solar
install in remote NT
community Marlinja

Farmers for Climate Action

Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Multi-year grants						
Farmers for Climate Action	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	\$345,000
Original Power	VIC	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	\$345,000
The Next Economy	QLD	General Operating Support	2021	Three	\$345,000	\$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	2019	Four	\$400,000	-
Single-year grants						
Climate Council of Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	2021			\$10,000
					\$2,225,000	\$1,045,000

Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships



2021 Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellow Rebecca Scott OAM

The Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowships give Australia's top social and environmental innovators the unique opportunity to spend a year pursuing a groundbreaking idea. The Myer Foundation supports one Fellowship each year, within the themes of sustainability & environment or human, civil & legal rights, alongside two Fellowships supported by the Sidney Myer Fund. In recent years, there has been an enhanced focus on ideas that address climate change.

Over time, Fellowship projects have sought to develop new approaches to reduce homelessness, strengthen the Australian climate movement, establish sustainable ocean farming models, and improve the conditions in Australian immigration detention centres. One of the great success stories is HireUp – founder Jordan O'Reilly was a 2015

Fellowship recipient and the for-purpose enterprise, which empowers people with a disability to choose and engage with disability workers online, is now a critical player in how the National Disability Insurance Scheme functions in Australia.

In FY21, the Fellowship supported by The Myer Foundation was awarded to Rebecca Scott OAM. Already a leading social entrepreneur with STREAT, Rebecca now aims to harness food social enterprises to build an expansive Victorian food-bowl starting in the city. The initiative is multifaceted and involves many other individuals, groups and organisations in collaboration with each other. Rebecca has already secured almost \$4 million in funding to support these collaborative initiatives.

Each year the Fellowships are keenly sought after and this year was no

different, with over 253 Expressions of Interest submitted. As Co-Convenors we are joined and supported in the task of selecting the Fellows by a stellar Committee, which in FY21 comprised Dr Anna Foley, Edwina Myer, Professor John Daley AM, Jan Owen AM and Kathryn Fagg AO. We are grateful for their insightful contributions and pay special tribute to former Co-Convenor Dr Foley and Professor Daley, both of whom stepped down at the end of June 2021. Our thanks also go to the members of the Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowship Support Panel, Oliver Roydhouse, Clare Harding and Quentin Miller, and to The Myer Foundation CEO Leonard Vary and team.

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

2021 Recipient	State	Fellowship Project	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Rebecca Scott OAM	VIC	Future Feasters	\$150,000
			\$150,000

Mental Health Program

The Mental Health Committee was formed at the 2013 Retreat for fourth generation Myer family members. Delegated with the authority to act on behalf of the G4 cohort, the Committee's grantmaking focus rests on upstream interventionist activities and programs in the youth mental health sector. Each year, the Committee seeks to balance its grantmaking across program delivery and research initiatives and looks to award multiple grants in support of large and small organisations.

In FY21, the Committee reflected on the mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and considered the findings of the Productivity Commission inquiry into mental health and the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. These two reports are closely aligned in their recommendations and the Committee discussed how philanthropy can best assist in realising these reforms at a government level. Insights from experts were considered, and three key needs were identified: better advocacy to government, additional support for those whose mental health needs are too complex and enduring for primary

care services but not considered severe enough for treatment in public specialist clinical mental health services, and capacity building for peer support services from people with lived experience of mental illness and peer-led organisations.

As a result, the Committee took the opportunity to temporarily set aside its usual focus area of youth mental health and focus its grantmaking on organisations that addressed those needs. Makeshift Creative educates adults around mental wellbeing through creativity, promoting non-clinical community-based interventions that put individuals at the centre of their mental health self-care strategy or recovery journey. Australians for Mental Health is leading advocacy efforts around greater funding and more effective service provision at both the State and Commonwealth government levels. The Big Feels Club is an exemplary peer support service founded in Melbourne in 2017 that provides mental health resources, including articles, podcasts and digital self-help tools for people experiencing long-term psychological distress.

We would like to thank our fellow Committee members Laura Richards, Nell Golden, Jessica Myer, Jemima Myer, and the irrepressible Kristen Douglas for their hard work and good counsel. Further thanks to Leonard Vary, Neal Harvey, 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 who matched the Committee's funding for The Big Feels Club, giving this wonderful organisation the stability of two years' funding.

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



Above and below: Makeshift Creative runs workshops, classes and courses that use creativity to support and maintain mental wellbeing



Recipient	State	Project Name	FY Grant Approved	Funding Term (years)	Total Grant	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Multi-year grants						
Makeshift Creative	NSW	General Operating Support	2021	Two	\$100,000	\$100,000
Murdoch Children's Research Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	2019	Three	\$150,000	-
Single-year grants						
Australians for Mental Health	VIC	General Operating Support	2021			\$100,000
The Big Feels Club	VIC	General Operating Support	2021			\$90,000
Hand N Hand Peer Support	QLD	General Operating Support	2021			\$5,000
The Man Cave	VIC	General Operating Support	2021			\$5,000
Total						\$300,000



Far left: The Big Feels Club offers peer support for people experiencing long-term psychological distress

Left: Honor Eastly, Co-Founder of The Big Feels Club

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.

In FY21, almost \$400,000 in donations were matched, supporting causes chosen by family members. For those under 35 years of age, the Family Grants Program can increase the impact of charitable volunteering by matching volunteering hours with funding from The Myer Foundation.



Epworth's Dr Andrew Narita treats a surface eye cancer with a Cryomatic Console made available through donations to Epworth Medical Foundation

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Aboriginal Literacy Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,033
Animals Asia	SA	General Operating Support	\$25,000
Arts Project Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,513
Australia Council for the Arts	NSW	Venice Biennale	\$22,000
Australian Cancer Research Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Australian National University	ACT	ANU Centre for Asian-Australian Leadership	\$12,500
Australian Tapestry Workshop	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Australian Wildlife Conservancy	WA	General Operating Support	\$1,500
Australian Wildlife Conservancy	WA	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Batten Disease Support & Research Association	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Birdlife Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Black Hole Theatre Inc	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Black Hole Theatre Inc	VIC	General Operating Support	\$15,000
Brotherhood of St Laurence	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Brotherhood of St Laurence	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
CARE Australia	ACT	General Operating Support	\$2,500
CHASE Community Health Advancement	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Documentary Australia Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$10,000
Environs Kimberley	WA	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Epworth Medical Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Foodbank Victoria	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000



Phoenix the moon bear in the Animals Asia sanctuary



Animals Asia veterinarians help transfer 101 moon bears from an ex-bear bile extraction facility to sanctuary in China

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY21 Budget
Four Paws	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc	VIC	General Operating Support	\$6,000
Giant Steps Australia Ltd	NSW	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Gondwana Choirs	NSW	Spinifex Gum	\$12,500
Guide Dogs Victoria	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Guide Dogs Victoria	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Independence Australia Group	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000
International Social Service	VIC	General Operating Support	\$12,500
Malthouse Theatre	VIC	General Operating Support	\$3,000
Melbourne Fringe	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Melbourne Theatre Company	VIC	NEXT STAGE Playwright Development Program	\$25,000
Musica Viva	NSW	General Operating Support	\$1,500
Queensland Conservation Council	QLD	I want climate action now	\$5,000
RISING	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
RISING	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Sacred Heart Mission Inc	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,000
Sacred Heart Mission Inc	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
SANE Australia	VIC	General Operating Support	\$25,000
Shepparton Art Museum Foundation Limited	VIC	Australian Ceramic Triennial	\$20,000
Spinal Research Institute	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000

Family Grants Program



Artists of The Australian Ballet performing in *Anna Karenina* in 2021. Photo: Jeff Busby.

Recipient	State	Project Name	Commitment from FY21 Budget
St Vincent de Paul Society	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,015
Stella Prize	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Sydney Dance Company	NSW	General Operating Support	\$2,500
The Alfred Foundation	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,000
The Australian Ballet	VIC	General Operating Support	\$4,600
The Australian Ballet	VIC	General Operating Support	\$10,000
The Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$10,000
The Mumbulla Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$1,500
The Pinnacle Foundation	NSW	General Operating Support	\$2,000
The Royal Historical Society of Victoria	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
The Smith Family	NSW	General Operating Support	\$2,500
The UN Refugee Agency Australia for UNHCR	NSW	General Operating Support	\$2,000
The University of Melbourne	VIC	Melbourne Humanities Foundation	\$10,000
UNICEF Australia	NSW	General Operating Support	\$1,500
University of Melbourne	VIC	Investing in Asia: Challenging the assumptions of capital risk in the region within Asialink	\$12,500
Victorian Actors Benevolent Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$5,000
Victorian Opera	VIC	General Operating Support	\$1,500
Wettenhall Environment Trust	VIC	General Operating Support	\$2,500
Women's Legal Service Queensland	QLD	General Operating Support	\$10,000
Yarra Riverkeeper Association	VIC	General Operating Support	\$6,000
			\$397,661

The Myer Foundation Directors



Mary Vallentine AO, Professor John Daley AM, Emily Myer, Nicholas Lindsay, Kathryn Fagg AO, Adelaide Badgery, Rupert Myer AO

Founder and Benefactor

Kenneth Myer AC DSC

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Mr S. Baillieu Myer AC

Life Governors

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Carrillo Gantner AC
Martyn Myer AO

President

Rupert Myer AO, BCom (Hons), MA (Camb), FAICD
Rupert Myer is President of The Myer Foundation, Chairman of Amcil Limited and a Director of Myer Family Investments Pty Ltd, Mutual Trust Pty Ltd and eCargo Holdings Limited. 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. 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 is passionate about social impact. In particular, he is excited and motivated by the emerging convergence of the commercial and philanthropic sector and its potential to generate change. Prior to joining The Myer Foundation, he completed an Internship at the Foundation for Young Australians and volunteered as a homework mentor for four years at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Australia. Nicholas currently serves as a Co-Convenor of The Myer Foundation's Mental Health Committee and works in corporate advisory.

Martyn Myer AO, BEng, MEng (Mon), MSM (MIT) (until November 2020)
Martyn Myer served as President of The Myer Foundation and a member of The Myer Foundation's Audit Committee from 2009 until 2020 and is a member of The Myer Foundation's Investment and Sustainability & Environment Committees. He is Chairman of Cogstate Ltd and a member of the board of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Fishermans Bend Development and Watertrust Australia Ltd. Martyn stepped down as Deputy Chancellor of the

University of Melbourne and member of the board of the Melbourne Theatre Company at the end of December 2019 and Chairman of The Myer Family Investments Pty Ltd in October 2016. In 2008, Martyn was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for service to business and the community, particularly through contributions to medical research and the establishment of the Florey Neuroscience Institute and through executive and philanthropic roles with a range of organisations.

Mary Vallentine AO, BA (UNSW) (until March 2021)
Mary Vallentine has had an extensive career in arts management with executive roles at Musica Viva Australia, Adelaide Festival and State Theatre Company of SA. She was Managing Director of Sydney Symphony Orchestra for 17 years prior to her appointment as CEO of Melbourne Recital Centre (2010-2016). She was a Vice-Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University (2017-2019) and Classical Music Advisor for Adelaide Festival (2016-2021). Mary is a director of Malthouse Theatre, Flinders Quartet, Australian Romantic and Classical Orchestra, Naomi Milgrom Foundation and Ukaria Cultural Foundation. She was made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for services to music in 1986.

Kathryn Fagg AO, BEng (UQ), MCom (Hons), FTSE
Kathryn Fagg is Chair of CSIRO and a Non-Executive Director of National Australia Bank 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, 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.

Professor John Daley AM, BSc, LLB (Hons), DPhil (Oxf) (from August 2020 until July 2021)
John Daley is one of Australia's leading public policy thinkers. He was the inaugural Chief Executive of the Grattan Institute for its first 11 years, where he published leading reports on institutional reform, trust in government, government priorities, budget policy, tax reform, intergenerational equity, retirement incomes and housing affordability. His recent report, *Gridlock: Removing the barriers to policy reform*, has been hailed as a landmark analysis of how Australia's institutions affect the prospects of policy reform.
John is a partner at EY Port Jackson Partners, a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School and the Chair of the Australian National Academy of Music. He has also worked at the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria, and at McKinsey and Co, and was a senior executive at ANZ Bank.

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The Myer Foundation Financials

	Commitment from FY21 Budget
The Myer Foundation Directors' Grants	\$1,850,000
Sustainability & Environment Program	\$1,045,000
Family Grants Program	\$397,661
Mental Health Program	\$300,000
Kenneth Myer Innovation Fellowship	\$150,000
Total	\$3,742,661

The Myer Foundation & Sidney Myer Fund Combined Reporting

The Myer Foundation's Total FY21 Grant Commitments	\$3,742,661
Sidney Myer Fund's Total FY21 Grant Commitments	\$8,103,000
Combined FY21 Commitments	\$11,845,661
Adjustment for FY21 Sidney Myer Fund transfer to The Myer Foundation	- \$300,000
Combined Total Commitments Since Inception	\$291,769,889*

* not adjusted to present day values.

FY21 Funding by Focus Area

