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ANNUAL REPORT



Boroondara Cares

*Building a more caring, connected
community committed to social inclusion*

*Our Vision is to enhance and strength our
community by working together to
encourage understanding, participation,
belonging and well-being.*

A Foundation in transition: *“for the good of Boroondara”*

Boroondara Cares Foundation is evolving to broaden its abilities to make a significant difference in the lives of many Boroondara residents.

Now under the stewardship of the nine Rotary Clubs of the City of Boroondara, the Foundation is volunteered and clearly positioned as a fund-raising facility to add substantial resources for Rotary Club programs mounted within Boroondara. The new foundation’s areas of major focus are homelessness, family violence, educational disadvantage, social isolation and drug abuse.

For each charitable dollar it receives, Boroondara Cares Foundation aims to deliver “more than 100 cents in the dollar” in benefits to those in Boroondara facing financial and/or social disadvantages. It will achieve this by supporting projects part-funded by member Rotary Clubs and by the minimisation of operational costs.

Under its new constitution, brand and volunteer resources, the foundation is working effectively towards a leadership position in the delivery of services to meet the challenges in “the leafy green streets of Boroondara”.

Directors of Boroondara Cares Foundation

Directors currently holding office are listed below:

DENBIGH RICHARDS Chairperson (Appointed 13 February 2008)

ELIDA BRERETON (Appointed 12 May 2010)

HUGH TRUMBLE (Appointed 13 February 2008)

DIANE GILLIES (Appointed 8 June 2011)

JOHN HUDSON Treasurer (Appointed 4 June 2014)

MICHAEL HILLS – Company Secretary (Appointed 14 November 2014)

PETER ALLEN (Appointed 14 November, 2014)

GERRY CROSS (Appointed 27 November 2014)

DON JAGO (Appointed 27 November 2014)

DENNIS SHORE (Appointed 27 November 2014)

ROBERT LAMBERT (Appointed 27 November 2014)

Mr Noel Halford and Mr Bob Stensholt have recently retired as Directors of the Foundation.



A Message from the Chairman

Denbigh Richards

I'm delighted to be reporting on the first year of Boroondara Cares Foundation, Boroondara's own community foundation. It has been a year of transition accompanied by exciting growth and development. The transition from the previous Foundation Boroondara took place without a hitch and the nine Rotary Clubs of Boroondara as the new Members have been very supportive of this Foundation. I would like to acknowledge the work of every one of the Directors of the Foundation for their work in managing this all important transition and establishment phase. These early months have put significant demands on the newly appointed Company Secretary, Michael Hills, and Treasurer John Hudson, and I thank them both for their continuing work. The terms of two Directors, Noel Halford and Bob Stensholt, terminate at the end of the year and I thank them both for their work over many years on the Board. I am pleased to note that Noel will be continuing his involvement with the annual Christmas lunch in which the Foundation works alongside the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

In particular, I would like to thank Director Peter Allen whose contribution has been quite outstanding. Peter has an enormous commitment to the vision of a Foundation that would work at a local level to support and augment the invaluable work that Rotary Clubs do within their local community, and he has worked tirelessly to achieve this. Largely as a result of Peter's efforts, plus those of the many others he has inspired, the Foundation is now established in more suitable premises that we share with the Myeloma Foundation, we have a newly developed website and an enthusiastic core of volunteers assisting the work of the Foundation. All of these elements are essential pre-requisites for the Foundation to grow substantially and to build its fundraising activity.

It is very pleasing to note that throughout this year of transition, the Foundation's major activity has continued to the Chances Scholarship program, and I'd like to again thank Helen Worlidge, who has worked tirelessly to develop and grow this program over the past twelve months. As in previous years, she has been very capably supported by husband Wayne, who provides a much valued contribution in many areas of the Foundation's activities. The Chances program continues to provide invaluable support to many local students and this is more fully outlined in Helen's separate report.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support the Foundation has continued to receive from the many other people and organisations who have assisted us through this year. We have especially benefitted through our relationship with Swinburne University whose students and staff have been major contributors in our development this year, and we look forward to this relationship continuing to grow in the coming year.

Denbigh Richards
Chairman



CHANCES: Scholarship Program

Program Manager: Helen Worladge OAM

Educational opportunities for Boroondara's finest young people

The aims of the Boroondara Cares Foundation CHANCES Scholarship program are as follows:

1. to support talented financially disadvantaged young people (aged between 12 & 25 years) by providing;
 - merit-based scholarships to eligible, (Centrelink eligibility) talented young people to assist them to achieve their potential in pursuing academic studies. music, performing arts and leadership programs
2. opportunities to support the removal of financial hardship barriers and social isolation for many disadvantaged young people and families in Boroondara
3. to redress poverty and disadvantage (lack of money, resources and networks) that affect a considerable number of young people who live or study in Boroondara
4. to provide a range of flexible support options tailored to the specific needs of young people
5. to encourage young people to complete Year 12 and move on to tertiary education
6. to renew CHANCES scholarships year on year which ensures long term impact as young people can complete their studies and pursue meaningful careers suited to their talents

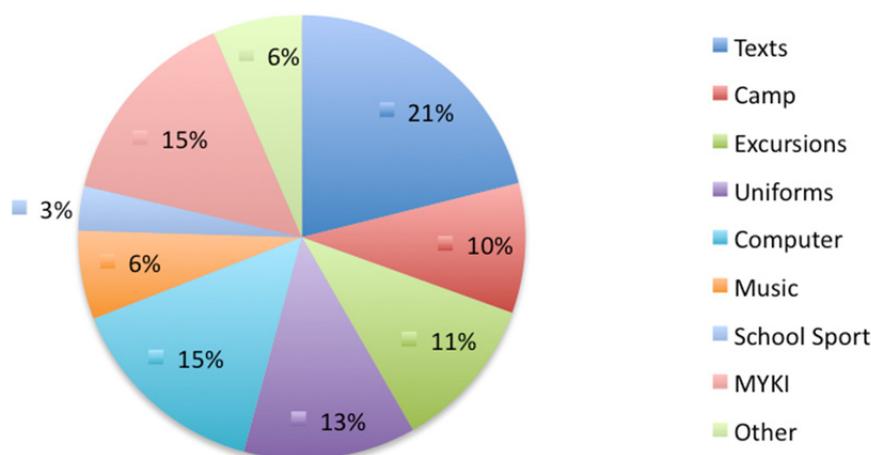
The Boroondara Cares Foundation's CHANCES Scholarship Program was started in 2006 and since then has funded 389 young people at a cost of \$389,000.

The academic CHANCES scholarship year of 2015 was quite amazing for the Foundation as we funded 108 students at a cost of \$129,000, which was an increase of 46%

Statistics at a glance for 2015 recipients were:

- ◆ 9 secondary schools were represented
- ◆ 2 TAFE Colleges and 6 universities
- ◆ average age was 17 years and 5 months
- ◆ 66 females and 42 males received scholarships
- ◆ 61 new scholarships were awarded
- ◆ 47 renewal scholarships were awarded
- ◆ average funding per scholarship was \$1,201.

Items, for which students apply for assistance:



Scholarship Recipient Stories

Daniel Han Year 11

The Boroondara Chances scholarship has allowed me to achieve my fullest academic potential, relieving some of the financial burden of education from my parent's shoulders and enabling me to obtain range of resources that I would not have been able to access previously. The funds that have been provided to me from the very generous people of the Boroondara community have opened pathways for me in my schooling. With the funds, I have purchased textbooks and paid for my cello lessons and uniforms, including the school blazer. The blazer is an item of clothing, which allows me to outwardly demonstrate my dedication and approach to secondary studies, while also keeping warm in winter. Indeed, without the financial worries imposed on me as a student, I am able to continue dedicating myself to my academia. Currently, I am using the assistance from the Chances scholarship to purchase essential equipment, which will extend my potential in musical and media studies. The Chances scholarship has a positive influence on all of its recipients, removing hurdles faced by many low-economic status students. I am honoured to be a part of its legacy, which shows that success can be achieved by anyone with determination and diligence.



Daizy Maan

The CHANCES Scholarship has provided me with the financial and community support that has been essential to pursuing university studies, maintaining a healthy work/life balance and most importantly giving back to the community through volunteering. CHANCES financial support has helped me fund my educational expenses but more importantly I have been extremely grateful to be part of such a generous community. Aside from the financial support, the community spirit that Helen maintains has fuelled me to continue giving back to my community and starting my own youth-led organisation to inspire other young people to make a difference in their communities, I've engaged with over 300 young people in less than one year through SeCo-Social Enterprise Collective. It can sometimes be a challenge to financially support myself. Spending 15-20 hours a week volunteering, 15-20 hours studying and then 10 hours with a part time job it can get difficult but people like Helen and scholarships such as CHANCES make it possible. Passion really makes a difference but without the financial support I would not be able to pursue my community involvement. For me CHANCES is more than just a financial scholarship, and much of that has to do with Helen and her genuine engagement with recipients. I was humbled to be nominated by Helen and awarded Boroondara Young Citizen of the year 2015 and immensely enjoy contributing to both the Boroondara community and more broadly in Melbourne.



James Rizio, 1st year student, Bachelor of design (communication design) Swinburne University of Technology – Hawthorn

The Boroondara CHANCES scholarship has been a great help for me as a first year university student. As a design student, Materials and necessities that are used in the design field do not come cheap, and thanks to the Boroondara CHANCES, I have had the pleasure to carry out my passion of studying graphic design through their financial assistance. Not only has this assistance helped me financially, but also I have been able to gain consistently high grades. The scholarship has helped



me through continuing on the road of studying to become a graphic designer in the near future. The financial assistance has helped me to reduce the stress of finances as a university student as well as through the transition of high school to university. In the past 24 months, I have experienced hardship, so it was comforting to receive this assistance. It is an honour to be a recipient of the 2015 Boroondara CHANCES scholarship and it was great day at the Well shopping centre when I got to meet the fellow recipients as well as the board. Thank you to Helen Worlidge, Denbigh Richards and the Boroondara CHANCES board for helping me through reaching my educational goals and I am sure more success will come in the future with my study and my sport.

Julia Boys



As a student who had to relocate from the country in order to pursue a University education, I was especially grateful to have been awarded the Boroondara Chances Scholarship for my first year of Tertiary study. During year 12, I was a little overwhelmed at the number of additional costs that would be involved in my transition from high school in country Victoria to higher education in Melbourne. Thankfully I was lucky enough to be awarded the Chances scholarship, which played a key role in making the transition as smooth and stress-free as possible. In particular, the Scholarship has helped me with many expenses directly involved with study which often arrive all at once and be quite burdensome, including textbooks, internet, Myki, and purchasing a professional uniform for my first Law placement. Overall, the Scholarship has helped make it possible for me to achieve a positive university-work-life balance. This has been achieved by ensuring that I do not have to spend so many hours in part-time work in order to meet University costs that my studies become neglected as a result. Therefore, study is able to remain my number one priority. It is for this reason that my first year of University has been so enjoyable and worry-free. I would like to commend the Boroondara Cares Foundation for their commitment to making education more accessible and for helping to break down financial barriers that can make education out of reach for various community members.

Boroondara Cares Foundation CHANCES/ Swinburne Tertiary Aspiration Program, (3 programs)

The Boroondara Cares Foundation CHANCES Scholarship Program has again been delighted to work in a partnership with Swinburne University in 2015 titled “The Tertiary Aspiration Program”.

The funding for this part of the Swinburne partnership has been specifically designed to support, encourage, enthuse and inspire secondary school students to aspire to tertiary education. This specific program provides an opportunity for students who may not see themselves continuing onto tertiary education to think about all tertiary possibilities.

The program aims to give confidence to students from our state secondary schools in Boroondara to gain knowledge, information and facts about university life. To achieve this we aim, we organised three visits to Swinburne University that were expressly designed for Yr. 9 & 10 students to visit Swinburne Campuses and participate in inspirational, aspirational and educational activities.

These visits took place in Terms 2 and 3 and the last program will take place in Term 4. So far ninety-nine students have attended the first two taster days at Swinburne University and we estimate that another 105 will attend the last program.

The students' evaluations demonstrated that these excursions were agreeable, educational and meaningful. Whilst most students enjoyed the hands on activities the best, students felt inspired to re-evaluate their future career aspirations. Teacher evaluations demonstrated that programs were achieving the aims of supporting, encouraging and energising secondary school students to aspire to tertiary education.

From Tricia Radford, Teacher, Camberwell High School.

On Tuesday 9th of June, thirty Year 9 students from Camberwell High School headed off to Swinburne University Campus, Wantirna KIOSC. The students were very excited by the idea of spending a day at workshops that would offer them hands on-experience of studies they could undertake when they leave secondary school.

The students really enjoyed the day. The breadth of experiences from Maths, laboratory work, building, IT and electro technology were wonderful. The students especially enjoyed being able to construct their own box (with a sliding lid) to take home. They also loved working in the laboratory as the facilities at KIOSC allowed them to use equipment that it not usually available to them. All students reported that they found the day to be both enlightening and engaging. The following is an outline of one of the programs held this year.

Tertiary Aspirations Taster Day Tuesday June 9th, 2015 Swinburne University. Wantirna Campus, KIOSC

Electrotechnology

Circuit challenges: Making testing and fault-finding electric circuits – solve problems like an electrical technician!

Building

What do builders do? Practise your construction skills by working safely with building tools to create a small storage box.

ICT Web Development

Build a simple "All about me" webpage using HTML (hypertext markup language), CSS (cascading style sheet) and Javascript and get a feel for Responsive Web Design.

Laboratory Skills

Mystery substance: Use spectrophotometry (colour analysis) and professional lab equipment (such as auto-pipettes) to identify an unknown chemical.

Maths

Get involved in the interactive solution of two mathematical problems. Chaotic motion, related to the movement of a pendulum, and how Brownian motion explains the law of diffusion.

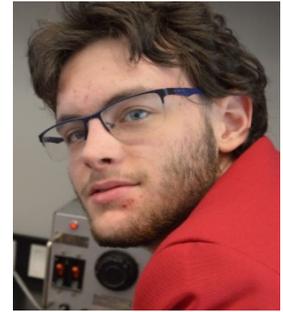
Boroondara Cares Foundation Board members and the CHANCES Program wish to sincerely thank all principals, staff, students and Swinburne University staff who have been involved in the organization and support of the Tertiary Aspiration Program.

In particular we thank:

- ◆ Anthony Gartner (Manager Student Equity and Support Services)
- ◆ Vera Smiljanic (Equity Project Officer) for her tireless support and organization of these programs
- ◆ The KIOSC and Swinburne University staff who have supported our students to become enthused about going to University
- ◆ The Boroondara secondary school principals and staff who have organized their students to allow them to participate in these educational and aspirational experiences. Their foresight has encouraged many young people to participate in far reaching experiences that hitherto most students may only have dreamed about.

These are comments from some of the students who have attended the Aspirations program:

Josh Denton is currently at Auburn High School in Year 10. He thought the Tertiary Aspiration Day was interesting and quite fun, there was a wide range of subjects to do, and he enjoyed meeting the interesting teachers who he said had lots of character. He mostly enjoyed making the electric circuits, and experimenting with which combinations would make the circuit work.



Aayushi Patil is a Year 10 student at Auburn High School who attended the Tertiary Aspiration Day at Swinburne University. She told me she “enjoyed learning about the subjects available at Swinburne, and the career choices that come from each subject area”. Her favourite part of the day was making the balloon propelled car, and she also enjoyed wiring up a few electric circuits. Once Aayushi and her team had finished all the tasks on the electricity worksheet they continued on to make a fabulous light show.



Public Speaking Program 2015

This year the Public Speaking program has been supported by The Rotary Club of Balwyn and Free Debate (the organization that delivers the training free of charge) Dymocks Bookshop of Camberwell and of course Boroondara Cares Foundation through the CHANCES program.

Schools welcome this free program as public speaking is a key aspect of all curriculum activities especially leadership programs.

The program aims to:

- ◆ give students a voice to succeed and promote their ideas and opinions
- ◆ build students’ skills and confidence to effectively express themselves in any situation by learning to formulate and convey their ideas
- ◆ build their knowledge of how to present themselves to gain effective attention in a public forum

Public Speaking Sessions

This year we will have conducted four series across three schools and we already have bookings in place for next year.

The course takes place one afternoon a week for three weeks and the sessions take place between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. The students are provided with pizza, snacks and drinks funded by Balwyn Rotary Club from 4.30pm to 5.00pm and then the trainers from Free Debate arrive. A teacher from each school is always on duty during these sessions.

The participating schools have praised the program and have noted the increase in individual student’s confidence, speech material organization, and presentation skills.

It has been a delight to watch the development of self-assurance, poise, and self-belief that has been gained during these sessions.

This year we initiated another stage to the program, where four students, their parents and principal went to a Rotary Club to present a 3-4 minute speech each, on a topic of their choice. This was a totally enjoyable and well-received event and the young people quitted themselves brilliantly.

In term 4 we are planning for another group of students from another school to attend a Rotary Club to demonstrate their public speaking skills.

Year 9 Public Speaking Course

James Stefanidis

Several Year 9 students were recently given the opportunity to participate in a three-week public speaking course run by Foundation Boroondara. The purpose of the course was to improve students' public speaking skills and teach them how to overcome their fears.



We were told that we needed to develop confidence and that watching a bad speech is a lot harder than watching a good one. We discussed how to gain confidence and what methods different people use; whether that would be using hand gestures, walking around or putting your hands behind your back. We also discussed how to structure a speech. This is important in conveying your message and making your speech easy to follow. We particularly focused on persuasive speeches rather than informative; we were all familiar with the structure as we have used it countless times throughout school.

The course also focused on the actual content of speeches, and we were taught how to develop strong clear arguments relative to our issues which is crucial in debating. This involved brainstorming stakeholders of our topics. Using this method you are able to understand who is being impacted and whether that would be in a positive or negative way. From there, forming an argument becomes a lot easier as opposed to forming one when you haven't thought about who is involved. We practised several times and were given feedback on improvements that needed to be made. Everyone took it seriously and attempted to work on their weaknesses.

For the final lesson we were given a week to prepare a speech about a topic of our choice. Everyone's final speeches were drastically better than the ones we did on the first day. I personally enjoyed the course and thought it really helped me out as oral presentations are required quite frequently throughout senior school. I found that others enjoyed gaining new skills as well...not just the pizza!

We'd like to thank Boroondara Cares Foundation CHANCES Program and The Rotary Club of Balwyn for running these lessons and all the staff who assisted the smooth running of the program.



Sponsors and Partners

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ending 30 June 2015

Revenue

Donations	9,779
Chances Scholarship Income	197,031
Interest	8,760

Total Revenue **215,570**

Expense

Bank & Other Fees	762
Consultants	43,329
Insurance	1,582
Postage, stationery & general expenses	9,398
Printing & Design	3,540
Program Costs	132,231
Subscriptions	474

Total Expense **191,316**

Total Comprehensive Income/Loss for the Year **24,254**

Note: The above statement is taken from the Annual Accounts for 2015 which have been professionally audited by ACCRU Danby Bland Provan.

Acknowledging our Productive Partnerships

Boroondara Cares Foundation has been blessed with a range of wonderful partners who are all generous in their ongoing support.

Camberwell High School: We were again pleased to be offered the facilities of the Camberwell High School kitchen and main hall for our annual Christmas Lunch.

Swinburne University: The Foundation really values its relationships with Swinburne University in accessing their wide networks, their specialist skills and academic knowledge. We are particularly thrilled with the Tertiary Aspiration Program described elsewhere in this report.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie: On the third (and fifth) Saturday of each month, Rotarians, with help from Foundation volunteers, transform Patterson Reserve into a vibrant marketplace. The agreement between Council and the Rotary Club of Glenferrie to support the Foundation and its activities through the Market profits is critical to enabling the Foundation to continue its programs. This relationship is formally acknowledged in awarding a Boroondara Cares /Glenferrie Rotary CHANCES scholarship benefiting a young person who has undertaken significant community service activities beyond their studies.

The Rotary Club of Hawthorn: Each year on the Sunday before Christmas, the Foundation works with the Rotarians of Hawthorn to provide a joyous lunch for people of Boroondara from local boarding houses and hostels, neighbourhood centres and senior citizens clubs. In 2013, Santa found our guests in the Main Hall at Camberwell High School. He will return to the high school in 2014 for another highlight event!

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We would like to acknowledge the generous support and funding we have received from our sponsors and partners.



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You can “give back” by:

- Supporting the Boroondara Farmers Market, Patterson Reserve, Auburn Road Hawthorn, held on the third (and fifth) Saturday of each month, and joining our team of volunteers to set up the market and welcome market visitors.
- Making a pledge to support the Foundation and its programs.
- Providing long term acknowledgement of a loved one through development of a named fund within the Foundation or considering a bequest to Foundation Boroondara.
- Speaking to us to explore ways you can volunteer some time and expertise to assist development of the Foundation's funds, operations, projects and events.
- Sponsoring one of our events.

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