



The John Wallis Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT
2017 - 2018



into the highways and byways

THE JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION
continues the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service,
reaching out in hope and love to people socially
and geographically isolated,
strengthening community relationships and networks,
developing leadership,
and empowering people to meet the challenges that confront them.

The Foundation is named in honour of Fr. John Wallis,
a Catholic priest who lived and worked in Tasmania, and founded
the Missionary Sisters of Service in 1944.

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*We, the John Wallis Foundation,
acknowledge that we inhabit an ancient Land.
We acknowledge and honour the original peoples,
who have lived in distinct aboriginal nations
as they have treasured and cared for this Land.
We commit ourselves to ongoing reconciliation
and our own growth in understanding.*



Students from Manea Senior College in Bunbury with students from the Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community south of Broome.



GOVERNANCE – OUR PEOPLE



Joan Donoghue
Chairperson

Joan is a former CEO of Catholic Homes and has extensive governance, management and administrative experience in the not-for-profit sector in the fields of health and community services.



Martin Allen

Martin has a wealth of business experience implementing solutions for national and global clients. His roles include senior client relationships, contract negotiation, business development and technology innovation and implementation.



Jeff Byrne

Jeff is a qualified Company Director with extensive experience in government board roles. He has a background in public sector leadership, organization governance and risk management.



Amanda Freeman

Amanda has worked across community engagement initiatives for a number of years, and is highly experienced in community liaison and community building. Amanda has a passion for people and a conscience for social justice issues and for fairness to all human beings.



Corrie van den Bosch MSS

Corrie believes each opportunity during her time as an MSS has opened the door to another rich life experience. Her experience includes pastoral and leadership formation, adult education, human and spiritual development and building interfaith relationships and understanding. Corrie currently edits the Highways and Byways Newsletter of the MSS.



Cath Garner

Cath is an experienced not-for-profit executive and qualified company director. Her current role in a large Catholic healthcare organisation encompasses mission integration, leadership formation, ethics, advocacy, spiritual care and social services. She loves the Sisters' missionary dynamism and believes in the potential of the Foundation to inspire people to keep reaching out to one another.



GOVERNANCE – OUR PEOPLE



Bernadette Madden MSS

Bernadette has worked as a social worker and teacher across Australia. She has worked in indigenous communities in various parts of Australia..

In late 2017 Bernadette retired from a family services organisation where she had spent many years assisting vulnerable families.



Brian Lennon Treasurer

Brian has more than 40 years operational and executive experience covering human resources management, organisation development, and superannuation administration in the mining and finance industries.

His qualifications and interests also extend to investment, climate change, hydrology and ecosystems.



Bernadette Wallis MSS

Bernadette is currently on the MSS Stewardship Council. Bernadette has extensive experience in community engagement initiatives, leadership development, advocacy, pastoral care and counselling, as well as project management.



Stancea Vichie MSS Congregational Leader

Stancea is a member of the MSS Stewardship Council and is currently the **Congregational Leader** of the Missionary Sisters of Service.

She has worked amongst people from many different cultures and backgrounds in urban, rural and outback regions of Australia, as well as periods in some overseas countries. Her work has included pastoral work, leadership formation, human rights advocacy, asylum seeker communities, and working towards the elimination of human trafficking.



FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON JOAN DONOGHUE

“Throughout this report you will read how the 2018 grants aim to make a positive impact in their communities. In essence, this is how your donations will make a difference to the lives and circumstances of people who are disadvantaged or marginalised in some way.”

This has been an eventful year for the Foundation. The 2018 Small Grants Program was launched in March 2018. The applications span the breadth of Australia – to remote Aboriginal communities and many rural areas particularly very small communities who are suffering the effects of rural decline and lack of services. Twenty-six grants totalling \$63,005 were funded with your generous financial support.

Funding was also given to sponsor projects initiated by John Wallis Foundation Branches. The Toowoomba Branch supported a number of young people in the Toowoomba Diocese to attend the 2017 Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney, with the aim of developing a mutually beneficial relationship between younger members from both areas. The Hobart Branch supported the St Mary's Cathedral Refugee Chaplaincy Program in assisting recently arrived refugees across a range of needs in hospitality, social support and health and dental care services.

Significant material is obtained from visiting the various funded projects and through follow-up interviews of grantees. This material is proving very valuable in evaluating the impacts and flow-ons from funded projects. Throughout this report you will read how the 2018 grants aim to make a positive impact in their communities. In essence, this is how your donations will make a difference to the lives and circumstances of people who are disadvantaged or marginalised in some way. Stories of grants program impacts are also highlighted through the John Wallis social media program including links to the website, frequent blogs and Facebook posts.

Several John Wallis Memorial Lectures have been held this year including an address in Hobart by well-known scripture scholar Fr Frank Moloney SDB, on the topic, 'The Word of God in the Life of the Church – Have We Failed'. We were also very fortunate to hear Sister Gail Worcelo SGM from Green Mountain Monastery,

Vermont, USA speak to audiences in Parkes, Bathurst and Melbourne on the questions, "Who are We On Our Planet Earth Today? What Are Our Collective and Individual Roles? and How Do We Make A Difference?" These were stimulating and thought-provoking presentations in challenging our place in the world and understanding ourselves as part of a vast unfolding universe.

Another key event this year was the Annual Bush Walk-Ride-Run Event which was held at Yea in October 2017 with a record 80 participants, followed by a community BBQ sponsored by the Yea St. Pat's Race Club. This was a very enjoyable community building event.

There has been concerted action towards gaining tax deductibility status for the Foundation over recent years. This has resulted in the Registration of a new Missionary Sisters of Service entity, Highways and Byways Ltd, which is a Public Benevolent Institution with Tax Deductibility status for donations. It is an exciting time in that the work being carried out by the Foundation to further the mission of the MSS, will be able to deepen and expand under this new entity, as well as provide opportunities for forming sustainable partnerships to reach those most on the margins of our society. It is anticipated that the JWF will be wound up and the new entity launched in December 2018 as part of the MSS 75th Anniversary celebrations.

My sincere thanks to Directors, the Missionary Sisters of Service, Executive Officer and staff for your enthusiastic commitment to the Foundation. Also, a huge thank you to all partners, donors, volunteers and branch members for your donations and your interest and commitment to the John Wallis Foundation.

Joan Donoghue
Chairperson



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER LIZ McALOON



We are the fortunate ones here in the office of the John Wallis Foundation and the Missionary Sisters of Service – there are many days we get to hear, or sometimes see, first-hand the impacts of a small grant into a community. We also get to witness on a daily basis the generosity of so many people from across the country, who continue to send in their donations and support the work of the Foundation.

Sometimes a grant application is so powerful that even before we start assessing for its viability as a funded project, our Grants Committee has a sense that we are looking at something that is going to have exciting and profound impacts.

"Reconnecting Young Women" was one of those projects. Its initial strength was in the careful partnership that had been crafted between journalist, author and writing coach Stephanie Dale of *The Write Road*, and Barnados Australia, a national Family and Community Support Service. "Reconnecting Young Women" was a weekend retreat at Burrendong Dam for young women and their mothers/carers, who have experienced a family member or loved one being in prison, or have their own lived experience of prison.

The weekend focused primarily on introducing participants to the idea of 'writing over three workshops, writing for wellbeing', journaling, i.e. using writing as a tool for navigating life's problems, challenges and difficulties and for self-reflection, and writing to clarify a goal or a longing hoped to fulfill, then taking one small step towards that vision.

"The writing was awesome. I've got confidence in my vision for myself. I can see the path ahead. It won't be easy and I need a lot of patience, but I reckon I can do it." (32-year-old mother of 4)

Participants in "Reconnecting Young Women"
Writing Retreat at Burrendong Dam, NSW

The report listed many positive outcomes; mothers, caregivers and daughters hearing each other's vulnerabilities, sharing knowledge, experiencing trust, speaking for themselves and being listened to instead of, as is often the way with families and close relationships, speaking for each other, being surprised to discover, through the process, solutions to their problems, and also joy at having space to make a fire.

One participant's comment sums up the impact of such an experience; *"The writing was awesome. I've got confidence in my vision for myself. I can see the path ahead. It won't be easy and I need a lot of patience, but I reckon I can do it."* (32-year old mother of 4)

We are delighted to be heading towards the establishment of Highways and Byways Ltd, which is an ideal entity to further expand on and develop initiatives such as "Reconnecting Young Women" described above. We will be able to grow our involvement with, and support of, those who are struggling particularly in rural Australia.

Thank you to all who are involved and contribute to bringing the work of the Foundation to fruition each day, week and month as we continue the spirit and vision of the Missionary Sisters of Service.

Liz McAloon, Executive Officer



OUR EVENTS – JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURES



In honour of the MSS founder, Fr John Wallis, four stimulating, inspiring and challenging John Wallis Memorial lectures were held in Tasmania, Parkes, Bathurst and Melbourne during the year.

In September 2017 theologian and Scripture scholar Fr Frank Moloney SDB addressed a full house at Guilford Young College Hobart on the topic; The Word of God in the Life of the Church – have we failed?

In bold brush strokes, Fr Frank described the historical background of his topic before addressing our present day situation and the challenges it poses for truly hearing the Word of God with its power to change our lives.

"Towards the end of the lecture, Fr Frank addressed the question: Have we failed? The answer is neither a straight out "yes" or "no". But much more needs to be done if the Word of God is to work its full potential in the life of the Church and its mission in the world.

The lecture was organised by the Hobart branch of the John Wallis Foundation. Its members prepared a beautiful reflection to set the tone for the evening. Chris Smith, the inaugural Chair of the John Wallis Foundation and now a member of the Hobart Branch, was MC for the event. Fr Graeme Howard introduced Fr Frank Moloney. After the lecture most of the audience availed themselves of a delicious supper and took the opportunity to socialise, meeting old friends and making new ones. Congratulations, Hobart JWF Branch.



Frank Moloney SDB



Above: Hobart John Wallis Foundation Branch members Angela Derrick (left) and Christine O'Halloran selling merchandise after the Memorial Lecture

We were also delighted to host Sr Gail Worcelo SGM (pictured right) from Green Mountain Monastery, USA, in June and July 2018. Gail delivered three memorial lectures in Parkes and Bathurst in NSW and in Melbourne.

Gail gave stimulating and different presentations in each place, with an overall focus on our role in the vast unfolding universe and our need to develop a mutually enhancing human earth presence. In Bathurst and Parkes the venues were adorned with beautiful fabric panels of animals and natural environments which Gail had brought with her from the US. Audience members walked into a room "teaming" with life and energy.



In each session Gail challenged the audience to think in longer spheres of time and to build new structures of consciousness and culture, as we take on the shared responsibility for our planet moving forward not backwards – into the eco-zoic age – our house of life!



Gail also led us through the three key principles that have shaped the evolutionary process of the universe – differentiation, subjectivity and communion.



Johannes Fischer

In Melbourne, Sherry Balcombe from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Victoria gave a beautiful Acknowledgement of Country, moving the audience with a powerful reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

In each venue Gail was joined by a local presenter who gave grass roots examples of earth care - In Parkes Guy Webb, from SoilCquest, in Bathurst Sally Neaves (left) from the Rahamim Ecology Centre, and in Melbourne Johannes Fischer (left) from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

Many thanks to the Parkes Catholic Parish, Rahamim Ecology Centre in Bathurst, and the great team of John Wallis Foundation helpers who worked to bring these inspiring lectures to fruition!



Sherry Balcombe



Sally Neaves

Below left : SoilCquest CEO Guy Webb with Aaron, an audience participant with a mighty intellect and a load of questions!

Below right : Gail Worcelo addressing the audience in Parkes with one of the beautiful 'Confluence of Beings' fabric panels.





KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH COMMUNITIES

We were given great insight into the impact of a John Wallis Foundation grant when Lorraine Groves MSS, (member of the Hobart Branch of JWF), Corrie van den Bosch MSS and Liz McAloon, JWF Executive Officer, visited the organisation RAW (Rural Alive and Well) in Bothwell and Oatlands, Tasmania.

In Bothwell we met with a group of community volunteers and two staff from RAW. RAW is a non-for profit organisation supporting individuals, families and the community through mental health issues with a focus on suicide prevention. In 2017, as part of RAW's efforts to de-stigmatise mental health, this dynamic and visionary group of people came together and organised an event entitled "Lift the Lid", with a program that included a guest speaker, barbecue and various activities for young and old. The day had been widely publicised, and they wondered whether anyone would turn up. But their efforts were hugely rewarded by a great attendance and the spirit of the day.

The initial focus of RAW was on the mental health of farmers. It became evident fairly quickly that the wider community also needed such services. RAW workers are very hands-on in their approach, visiting people on farms and in the towns, making known the services they offer and meeting needs as they find them.

As the Bothwell group shared their stories, it was obvious that they are inspired by a broad vision for the well-being of their community and a deep love for the people they work among.

From its early beginnings, RAW has spread to other rural regions in Tasmania. Funds from the John Wallis Foundation were utilised to conduct accredited free Mental Health First Aid training to twenty individuals at Bothwell, a program that was very well received by local community members.

"I have just completed the recent Mental health First Aid Course which was conducted at Bothwell.

I would like to pass on my absolute gratitude and thanks for such a brilliant course and the manner in which it was conducted, including the instructor John who was highly professional and also the amazing catering supplied by the Bothwell CWA!

It was definitely one of the most worthwhile things I have done in a very long time, and I would highly recommend to my friends and colleagues." (Program participant)

Below: RAW workers and their volunteer supporters with JWF visitors. From left: Jill Downie, Liz McAloon (JWF EO), Kristy Mayne (RAW Outreach Worker), Sharley Vince, Amity Deans (RAW HARC Facilitator), Anita White, Judy Turner, JWF visitors Corrie van den Bosch MSS and Lorraine Groves MSS.





PROJECTS FUNDED 2017 - 2018



A total of 27 grants were funded during this financial year. Total funds disbursed were **\$63,005**.

All grants in areas outside metropolitan cities have been funded through donations given to the John Wallis Foundation Giving Sub-Fund Account of FRRR.

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal is a government philanthropic partnership enabling donors to fund rural initiatives.

We acknowledge and value this beneficial partnership.



PROJECTS FUNDED NSW

Aboriginal Artist in Residence for Indigenous Students

Great Lakes College, Forster Campus

Great Lakes College has designed this program to support the health, nutrition, well-being and confidence of Aboriginal students. Funds are contributing to the fees for an Aboriginal artist, a nutrition program for the students, and three weekend camps on drug and alcohol awareness, health and wellbeing. Forster, **NSW \$2,700**

Towards The Future

Risk Hall Committee

Funds are being used to continue the refurbishment of an isolated community hall with no other infrastructure around it. Partial refurbishments so far have already encouraged young people to hold weddings at the venue, which hadn't happened for a long time. Fundraising efforts are contributing to the budget with \$2,200 raised so far. Kyogle, 750km North of Sydney, **NSW \$2,750**

Paint At The Peak

Peak Hill Art Gallery Inc.

To create a social engagement opportunity through offering low-cost art classes to disadvantaged members of the local community. Peak Hill is a small town in the central west of NSW, with limited services, especially culturally and artistically. Peak Hill, Central West **NSW \$2,000**

Grow and Give

The Rock Central School

Funds are supporting the establishment of a vegetable garden at the Rock Central School to educate the student population and give them an opportunity to produce fresh vegetables. Funds will be used towards the construction of a permanent vegetable garden bed – flood proof to ensure the sustainability of growing vegetables for the next 10 to 15 years.

The Rock, Riverina region of Southern **NSW \$2,750**



PROJECTS FUNDED NSW cont'd

Reconnecting Young Women

Barnardos Foundation and The Write Road

Reconnecting Young Women is a storytelling project for young women and girls who have at least one parent in prison. The project will give girls and young women (mostly Indigenous) the opportunity to identify their emotional story, develop writing skills to tell their own story, and build their confidence through raising their voice and their visibility.

Wellington near Dubbo, **NSW \$2,500**

Legatees Fuel

Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Funds are for fuel costs for Legacy volunteers to travel to remote areas on the NSW / Qld border to assist dependants of deceased Legacy members. Approximately 200 people are being looked after. The volunteers travel to many remote areas including Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Bourke, Barringun, Brewarrina, Baradine and Coonabarabran. Funds will be used for fuel costs for the volunteers who use their own vehicles.

NSW \$2,000



100 Club

Walgett Police Citizens Youth Club

Walgett is one of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia. This project is providing 50 local children, who are 12 – 17 years old, with an opportunity to travel beyond their hometown and region to experience what life beyond Walgett has to offer. Program support will be provided by the Walgett Police Citizens Youth Club. Funds will be used for travel expenses, accommodation and lunch packs at school.

Walgett, Northern **NSW \$3,000**



PROJECTS FUNDED VICTORIA

Vocational Training for Tatura Youth

Tatura Community House

John Wallis Foundation funded this initiative in 2017 to purchase a coffee-machine for barista training to be run at the Community House. In 2018 the Community House sought funding to complete the refurbishment of the Community House kitchen so that the training can be accredited through a TAFE program.

Tatura, **VIC \$1,000**

Left: Che, a barista in training at the Tatura Community House.



PROJECTS FUNDED VICTORIA cont'd



Farm Fresh is Best

Murray Human Services

This initiative in country Victoria aims to develop a "Mini Farmers Market" where participants – adults with intellectual disabilities – will be actively involved in year round activities to plant, grow and harvest fresh produce. Funds are being used to acquire potting benches, garden beds (left), tools, soil and other materials.

Echuca **VIC \$3000**

Learning and Convening Wellbeing

Manna Community Garden Inc.

This project is connecting isolated and disadvantaged members of the local community through workshops in nutrition, seed saving, growing seedlings etc. Funds will be used for workshop fees, volunteer training, and other workshop costs.

Foster **VIC \$2,422**

Hands on Learning Project

Brauer

College

Hands On Learning is a program which works with disengaged and disadvantaged students who are not progressing through the mainstream school curriculum. As part of the program the students engage in community projects with service and volunteer groups, using the skills they have learnt at Hands On Learning. Funds will be used for safety gear and protective clothing for the students when working with tools and machinery.

Warrnambool, **VIC \$1,500**

Community Car - Gigarre Community Cottage

Gigarre Community Group Inc.

The Community Car of the Gigarre Community Group is used by volunteers to transport elderly or incapacitated community members to medical appointments in nearby larger regional towns. This project will provide maintenance for the vehicle. Gigarre In the Goulburn Valley, **VIC \$800**

Marley Street Project – Community Open Space Beautification

Quantum Support Services Inc. Morwell

This initiative was requested by the residents from the Marley St Public Housing Complex. The residents want to make their community garden sustainable by propagating their own plants and seedlings. By selling the excess at community markets they can generate sufficient income to purchase plant foods and other requirements that they can't produce themselves.

Sale **VIC \$2,500**

Nhill Early Years Hub

Nhill Early Years Hub Fundraising Committee, Hindmarsh Shire Council

Playground equipment for the recently constructed Nhill Early Years Hub. The aim is to improve children's pre-school education and create a harmonious environment, with a focus on establishing success in early years education leading to longer-term school retention. Ten per cent of enrolments are Karen refugee families from Myanmar. Wimmera, Western **VIC \$2,000**





PROJECTS FUNDED WA

Elders Group

Goomburrup

Aboriginal

Corp.

An initiative to involve Aboriginal elders in community meetings with key service leaders to build strong relationships and to increase elders' confidence in taking part in broader community decisions and developments. The funds will be used to support these gatherings – catering, transport, accommodation etc. Bunbury, **WA \$2,800**

Building Indigenous Resilience and Leadership Project

Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education

The project uses values-based success stories of Aboriginal people across Australia, to develop leadership capacity, especially amongst young Aboriginal people, and to produce multi-media educational resources. This initiative has been put forward by Indigenous people, who will manage the project in collaboration with Edmund Rice Centre.

NSW (Nambucca region) and Broome, **WA \$3,000**

Rural Remote Health Promotion Broome Camp

Manea Senior College in Bunbury and Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community in Broome

Manea Senior College Year 12 students will visit a rural, remote school as part of their Health and Medical Specialist course. They aim to build a relationship between the schools, for ongoing opportunities for students to learn from each other through the cross-cultural experience. Funds will contribute to the hire of rental vans, fuel costs and workshop consumables.

Broome and Bunbury, **WA \$2,100**



PROJECTS FUNDED VIC cont'd



Longroom Weekend Away

Norlane Community Initiatives Ltd

An annual weekend camp for disadvantaged people in the Norlane suburb of Geelong, an area of high disadvantage. The camp is organised to encourage community leadership and self-organisation. The camp helps to address loneliness, and create a space for new relationships to be built.

Norlane **VIC \$2,844**

PROJECT FUNDED SA

Eyre Peninsula Women's Retreat

Cleve Catholic Parish

The annual Eyre Peninsula Women's Retreat attracts more than 50 women from across the Port Pirie Diocese – an area which covers 978,823 square kilometres. The retreat offers friendship, support and spiritual nourishment for isolated women. The women raise two-thirds of the retreat cost themselves and funding contributes to catering and camp fees.

Eyre Peninsula **SA \$1,000**



PROJECTS FUNDED WA cont'd



Helping Families to Heal

Sisters of St Joseph Halls Creek

This program, "Helping Families to Heal", is being run in remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley. This program has previously run successfully, and some families have requested additional resources. Funds will contribute to the cost of visits by a clinical psychologist.

East Kimberley **WA \$2,500**



Families (above and below right) participating in the Helping Families to Heal project at Halls Creek

Gnowangerup Community Garden Development

Gnowangerup Community Gardens Steering Committee

The Community Vegie Patch of Gnowangerup will provide low cost, fresh vegetables to low-income community members, especially the Filipino and local Noongar communities. The Gnowangerup Community Church will provide all the volunteer support and project co-ordination. Funds are being used on garden infrastructure, irrigation supplies, soil etc.

Gnowangerup, Great Southern Region, **WA \$3000**



PROJECT FUNDED TAS

Refugee Chaplaincy Program

St Mary's Cathedral Refugee Chaplaincy Program

This project supported newly arrived Syrian and Iraqi Refugees - providing pastoral and spiritual care in their new home, Tasmania. The program focussed on helping them settle in smoothly with the help of other local parish communities, Tasmanian family support groups and their school communities. **Tasmania \$2000**



PROJECTS FUNDED QLD

Socially Engaged Theatre Workshops

Creative Regions Ltd

Creative Regions is a not-for profit arts company based in Bundaberg. Their approach is to consult closely with individuals and communities to plan artistic experiences that make a difference to how regional people see themselves and the world around them.

Weekly workshops are being held to develop a theatre piece for members of the Bundaberg community who have very limited opportunity to take part in any arts or theatre experiences due to social isolation, mental health issues, low incomes and other limiting factors. Funds are used to contribute to a theatre specialist and local educator. Bundaberg **QLD \$2,700**

Happy days – healing and celebration for Laura Aboriginal Community

Ang Gnarra Aboriginal Corporation

Funds are for a weekend-long community celebration to lift the spirits of an isolated small community, that has sustained much grief and loss – including the deaths of five community members in two years in their small population of less than 100 people.

Long-term unemployment is rife and there are limited housing options in the community. The Ang Gnarra Board would like to be able to organise something that is based on celebration and strength, rather than loss and death.

Laura, a small town on Cape York Peninsula in **QLD \$2,725**



Local performers get into character during a theatre production in Bundaberg



PROJECTS FUNDED QLD cont'd



Gathering of the group of young people from Toowoomba Diocese who attend the Australian Catholic Youth Conference in December 2017

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Young Catholics Toowoomba

A number of young people from the Diocese of Toowoomba were supported to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney in December 2017. This was of particular benefit to young rural attendees who had to cover the extra costs involved due to distance. Members of the Toowoomba Branch of the John Wallis Foundation met with the young people before and after the festival to explore its significance and impact on their lives.

Toowoomba, QLD **\$2,000**

Fresh, Easy and Local Cooking

Lockyer Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

A program of simple, health based cooking classes for disadvantaged local young parents – to teach economical ways to cook, focusing on fresh foods and produce. Funds are being used to pay an instructor's salary, project co-ordinator fees, fresh produce, and venue hire shortfall.

Gatton, QLD **\$2,814**

Out 'n About Kingaroy Social Inclusion Project

Lutheran Community Centre

The Out 'n About initiative provides social support and leisure activities for disadvantaged community members, aimed primarily at people with mental health issues in the Kingaroy region. Funds are being used for hall hire, promotional flyers and part of the co-ordinators' salaries.

Kingaroy, QLD **\$2,600**

into the highways and byways



FROM OUR TREASURER BRIAN LENNON

We are delighted that the activities of the John Wallis Foundation will be operating under our new public benevolent institution Highways and Byways in 2019.

Donations to the Foundation in the 2017-18 financial year increased by 27% over the previous year. Tax deductible donations rose by 9% and non-deductible donations rose by 71%, an increase significantly affected by increased donations from religious groups.

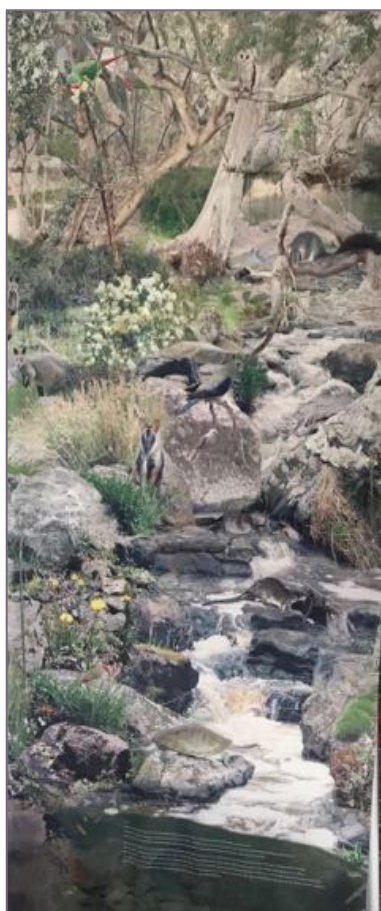
The continuing decline in interest rates available to investors in Australia reinforced the value of the Foundation's decision to place its investment funds into listed investment companies investing in Australian shares, rather than continuing the previous practice of placing them through an investment manager. Investment income has increased significantly and the market value of the investments has also increased, and additional funds are being added to the Foundation's investment pool from time to time.

The income statement and balance sheet for the 2017-18 financial year are included in this annual report. One important matter to note is the very substantial increase in the Foundation's apparent revenue and expenses compared with the previous financial year.

This increase reflects a transition from the Foundation's early dependence on the Missionary Sisters of Service Congregation office for accommodation, staffing, and a range of services which were supplied without cost to the Foundation. Those various areas of assistance from the Congregation need to appear within the accounts of the Foundation to more accurately reflect true operating costs, all being costs which will need in time to be fully borne by the Foundation. From the 2017-18 year, they appear in the Foundation's accounts but their cost is offset by a contribution from the Congregation.

The total equity of the Foundation at the end of June 2018 was 17% higher than at the end of the preceding financial year.

Brian Lennon Treasurer



Above: One of the panels from *Volcano Dreaming*, a series of 12 panels bringing attention to the precarious existence of one of the world's most endangered ecosystems, the wildflower grasslands of the volcanic plains that stretch from Melbourne across most of southern Victoria, almost to the border with South Australia.

These panels featured at the Melbourne John Wallis Memorial lecture with Sr Gail Worcelo in July 2018.

*We must restore hope to young people, help the old,
be open to the future, spread love.
Be poor among the poor. We need to include the
excluded and preach peace.*

Pope Francis



JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION TRUST
ABN 75 691 644 631

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue		268,793.77	123,952.04
Auditors' remuneration		(1,795.00)	(1,870.00)
Employee benefits expenses		(2,179.63)	-
Other expenses		(201,494.92)	(90,783.18)
Profit for the year		63,324.22	31,298.86
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		466,329.51	435,030.65
Total available for distribution		529,653.73	466,329.51
Balance		529,653.73	466,329.51

JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION TRUST
ABN 75 691 644 631

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		57,282.46	123,778.63
Trade and other receivables	3	9,765.62	2,663.13
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		67,048.08	126,441.76
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	4	481,131.23	340,217.76
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		481,131.23	340,217.76
TOTAL ASSETS		548,179.31	466,659.52
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	48.00	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		48.00	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		48.00	-
NET ASSETS		548,131.31	466,659.52
EQUITY			
Settlement Sum		100.00	100.00
Reserves	6	18,377.58	230.01
Retained earnings		529,653.73	466,329.51
TOTAL EQUITY		548,131.31	466,659.52

OUR PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES



Liz McAloon
Executive Officer
John Wallis Foundation
(part-time)



John Greaves
MSS Finance
Manager
(Part-Time
contribution from
MSS)



Jill Elliot
MSS Financial
Officer
(Part-time
contribution from
MSS)



Andrea Butler
MSS
Administration
Officer
(Part-time
contribution from
MSS)



Volunteers from the Gnowangerup Community Church in WA help establish a community veggie patch for the production of food for low-income members of the community See page 15..

OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



*Love: I always think of it with a
filter of gratitude'*

Fr John Wallis

THANK YOU!

Everything we do is thanks to your generous support. We thank especially our major donors who contribute significantly to the annual Small Grants Program, and to all individual community members, organisations, and congregational members who donate regularly to create a more just, equal and humane world.



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