



Tenth Annual Report
1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010

AN EYE TO THE FUTURE



12-year-old musical savant Jack Stacey performing his own composition “The Night’s Lullaby” with the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra in June 2010 during the MADE IN BALLARAT 2010 Concert at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, celebrating the Ballarat Art Foundation’s first decade of supporting the Arts in Ballarat, and featuring established artists who have made a name for themselves internationally and emerging artists of the future.

photo courtesy Emily French

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Presented by President Val Sarah, AM at the AGM
St. Patrick's College, 7.30 pm. Tuesday 24 August 2010

This has been a very special year for us as we celebrate the first decade of the Ballarat Arts Foundation, ten years of providing grant and support programs for emerging visual and performing artists who have lived, worked or studied here in Ballarat.

For those of you who have travelled this journey with us, please take a bow for the role you have played in establishing the Foundation thus far.

In our Vision for the year 2020 we aspire to be *“the dynamic organization advancing the cultural life of Ballarat by responding to the needs and aspirations of emerging artists”*. We hope to be seen as *“a major arts body in the Ballarat region identified as a successful model for other regional and metropolitan communities to follow”*.

At the halfway point to the year 2020, our vision is unchanged. Our 5-year Strategic Plan, however, is *constantly* changing as we strive to meet the growing and very varied needs of young - and not-so-young but still *‘emerging’* – artists who apply for our Grants.

While the artist is obviously our major focus, we are equally attentive to our members, supporters and community partners who are the real driving force behind the success of the Foundation to date.

We said that this year has been a very special one – let’s take a quick stride through the last twelve months and check on some of the highlights!

THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Allow me to pay tribute to the members of the Board who achieved new milestones in terms of our grant, support and event programs, sponsorship, and issues of governance.

Early in the year, Executive Secretary Janet Greenwood moved to Queensland, and Treasurer Brian Hay resigned for personal reasons; much to our delight their very high standards were maintained by their successors, Helen Watson and Andrew Henwood.

Sadly David Miller resigned during the year owing to pressure of other commitments, but not before eliciting sponsorship of our Gold Museum Exhibition from the University of Ballarat and the Arts Academy. His successor Garry Taylor, who is highly respected in the fields of education and the arts, has shown exemplary skill in writing submissions.

Michael Smith accepted the role of Vice-President with Graeme Vendy, and introduced exciting new sponsors in Nicholson Construction and Haymes Paint.



James Baker, Claire Blake and Yvonne Jeganathan have been our visual arts advisors. A Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated with Emma Barrance of Arthur Gallery for a month-long exhibition each year for the next 3 years, featuring the work of our visual arts Alumni. Claire has also been our Liaison to the Alumni, and Editor of Alere.

Ben Brown and his work colleague Val Doonan at Mason-Brown IT gave Julian Oldfield professional help to create a more vibrant and user-friendly website; a small committee has been exploring the possibilities of other forms of social media; Peter Morey and Julian worked closely with the media for promotion and coverage of our major events.

Speaking of which, it's been a big year for our hardworking events team, Graeme Vendy, Stuart Maiden, Janet Low, Julian, and Wendy Rechenberg who has played a vital role as Liaison to Schools and private tutors. Gordon Williamson has been a perfect ambassador for BAF attending arts-related community events, and acting as Liaison to our Patrons.

OUR PATRONS

Inaugural Patron David Hobson continues to provide support despite being in constant demand to perform in operas, concerts, recitals and as a recording artist. We are so proud of his achievements, and appreciate his contribution to Made in Ballarat 2010.

Sadly, our beloved Patron Amy Young, OAM, passed away in September 2009 in her 90's. Always a picture of elegance, she gave generously to the Foundation in her lifetime to create the prestigious Amy Young Award; in her Will, she left \$50,000 which the Board directed to the Corpus of Funds ensuring the future wellbeing of the Foundation.

ASSOCIATES TO THE BOARD

Chaired by Peter Dale, the Associates meet annually with the Board to update and refine the 5-year Strategic Plan. We thank them for their expertise and practical support.

The Associates include past Board Members Robert Allan, Denis Bateman, Barb Dunlop, Heather George, Sandy Harbison, Heather Hunt, Ted Lewis, Katie Miller, Rob Petrie, Anne E. Stewart, Zaiga Svanosio, and Peter Widmer. During the year they were joined by retiring Board Members Brian Hay, and David Miller.

Members of the Arts community with specific skills to offer include Emma Barrance, Official Photographer Emily French, Jill Harvey, Dave Knowles and Michelle Jorgensen, Simon Marcollo, Bruce Roberts, and Stephen O'Neil (who is now living in Melbourne). We welcome new Associates Elizabeth Hardiman, Dave Holley, and Sally Vawdrey.

VENUES

We are indebted to:

Headmaster Dr. Casey and St. Patrick's College Staff for vital meeting spaces;
The Management of GPlace - an ideal location for our Award Presentation Ceremonies;
Royal South Street Society for access to their premises to conduct our mailouts;
Headmaster Stephen Higgs and Ballarat Grammar for use of the WCPA;
President Janet Low and the Art Gallery of Ballarat Women's Association for inviting BAF Alumni to perform in Last-Sunday-Of-The-Month Concerts; and
Emma Barrance who often features BAF Visual Arts Alumni at the Arthur Gallery.



OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009

- July
end Jul. New Member Benefit cards were mailed out at beginning of new financial year
The Adjudicator for the Royal South Street Senior Classical Vocal Section 16
and under 19 awarded the BAF Encouragement Award to Martelle Hunt
- Aug. 25 The AGM featured Alumni Steph Kuskunovic and her exciting dvd “Kitty Girl”,
while Debbie Fankhauser introduced us to an amazing range of programs for
young people offered through BEST Community Development.
- Sep. 1-30 Applications were received for Grant Round 2, 2009
- Sep. 2 We began selling Rotary Raffle Tickets – through until February 2010
- Oct. 27 The Award Ceremony at GPlace saw the introduction of The VJ Award
to assist an artist undertaking a project or further study overseas, and
The Jean Read Award for an artist intent on a professional career as a pianist.
The Guest Presenter was Rod Nicholls, President of Ballarat South Rotary,
and the Inaugural Entertainers Anonymous Award was presented.
- Nov. 14 Foundation Board and Associates attended a Strategic Planning Meeting to
finalise plans for BAF’s 10th Anniversary Celebrations in 2010, and advance
BAF’s 5-year Strategic Plan to 2014.
- Nov. 30 A packed house enjoyed the Private Performance of ‘Barchester’ by Ballarat
National Theatre at the Courthouse Theatre, SMB, to raise funds.

2010

- March. The 2010 Ellinor Morcom Scholarship winners were announced with
acknowledgment to BAF for our support in promoting the Scholarships locally.
- Mar. 1-30 Applications were received for Grant Round 1, 2010.
- Mar. 18 The Rotary Club of Ballarat South hosted a sell-out Dinner at the Ballarat
Golf Club, with entertainment provided by BAF. “Shooting for the Stars”
featured Tim McCallum as Guest Artist, and the Inaugural Denis Bateman
Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Ballarat Arts Community which
was, to much acclaim, presented to Peter Dale.
- Mar. 28 Alumni Anna Marshall, Bridget Davies and Martelle Hunt appeared in the
“Last-Sunday-Of-The-Month” Concert at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.
- May 12 BAF offered sponsorship support to students attending workshops run by
the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra with the added bonus of performing
with the Orchestra in “Birdsong” at the WCPA.
- May 25 BAF offered promotional support for a series of workshops for aspiring
musicians held at the WCPA, conducted by musical guru John Foreman.
- May 25 The Award Ceremony at GPlace was highlighted by the publication of
Aspirations 2010, showcasing recipients of Awards in October and May,
generously sponsored once again by Bendigo Bank. Our Guest Presenter was
Richard Nicholson of Nicholson Construction.
- Jun. 20 “Made in Ballarat 2010” was a further happy collaboration between BAF and
the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra, staged at the WCPA before a hugely
receptive audience, featuring internationally-acclaimed siblings Mark and
Natalie Jones, Jason and Angela Wasley, and emerging artists including the
Suzuki Violin Studio of Sarah Walters, Gemma Abraham and Jack Stacey.
- Jun. 22-Jul. 4 BAF was a sponsor of “From Little Things Big things Grow”, the biennial
Fostering Art Exhibition organised by Child & Family Services, Ballarat.



10TH ANNUAL REPORT PHOTO COLLAGE 2010



Steph Kuskunovic (Alumni Nov. '07) presented her cartoon character Kitty Girl on DVD, at the 2009 AGM



Martelle Hunt, winner 2009 BAF Encouragement Award, RSSS



Board Member Julian Oldfield announces the new VJ Award at the October Award Ceremony 2009

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS



Rod Nicholls, President, Rotary Club of Ballarat South, Denis Bateman, PP RCBS and instigator of BAF, Val Sarah, President BAF 2000-2010, Gordon Williamson, PP RCBS and BAF Community Liaison.



The Entertainers – Graeme Vandy, Clare O'Connor, Anna Marshall, Ian Govan from the Seb Big Band, and Brent Trotter.



Board members from those early days! Peter Dale, Julian Oldfield, Val Sarah, Janet Lou, Gordon Williamson, Peter Morey, Denis Bateman.



Peter Dale, recipient of the Inaugural Denis Bateman Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Ballarat Arts Community, with Denis Bateman.

MAY 2010 AWARDS NIGHT



Bridget Davies was one of the BAF Alumni featured in the Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Concert series in March 2010



Launch: Aspirations Magazine - James Penrose, front-cover fashion designer; Board Member Stuart Maiden, Co-Editor Simon Cornwell of Bendigo Bank, sponsor



Artwork from her collection "A Natural Comparison" by Alumni Kim Anderson, whose work was featured at the May Awards Ceremony



Award Presenter Richard Nicholson and his wife Paula with President Val

MADE IN BALLARAT



*Bob Northey, President, BSO, Bruce Roberts
Compere,
Graeme Vendy BAF Co-ordinator,
Made in Ballarat 2010 Concert*



*Husband and wife Jason Wasley and Angela O'Shea
Internationally acclaimed artists.*



*Siblings Natalie and Mark Jones
Internationally acclaimed artists.*

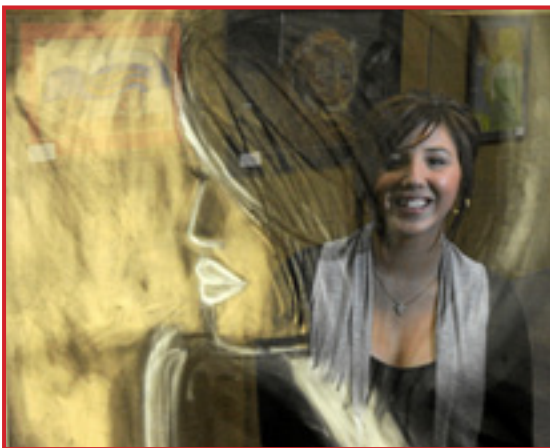


Star of the future – Gemma Abraham



*The Suzuki Violin Studio of Sarah Walter
StringSound perform with the BSO*

From Little Things Big Things Grow



*"Reflections", an artwork by Bea, which was highly
commended in the Fostering Art Exhibition "From Little
Things Big Things Grow", organized by Child & Family
Services Ballarat, and co-sponsored by BAF*

Ballarat National Theatre - Barchester



*"Barchester" a musical based on 'Barchester Towers'
by Anthony Trollope.*

*Book, Music and Lyrics by Peter Nethercote.
Courthouse Theatre (SMB), November 30th, 2009.*



GRANT ROUNDS

The first Grant Round was held in April 2001. As of May 2010, 200 grants have been awarded, with a total value of more than \$90,000. Round 1 is held in March, with awards presented in May; Round 2 in September with awards presented in late October. We gratefully acknowledge our partners in the grant process – BLOC Music Theatre, Ballarat Lyric Theatre, The Rotary Club of Ballarat South, and The Courier.

ARTISTS AND ALUMNI

Those who receive grants are invited to join the Alumni, a group numbering close to 200. They include established artists now living and working both in Australia and overseas.

In October 2009, the following were awarded grants and Named Awards:

Kate Aldred	Performing Arts – Flute
Katherine Barrand	Visual Arts – Fine Arts
Sanjay De Silva	Visual Arts – Film
Martelle Hunt	Performing Arts – Vocal, BAF Encouragement Award, RSSS
Bridget Davies	Performing Arts – Vocal, Ballarat Lyric Theatre Award
Rohan Porteous	Visual Arts – Film, Rotary Club of Ballarat South Award

The Inaugural Entertainers Anonymous Award was presented to a young local Company for a production proposed for early 2010. Sadly the production did not come to fruition, but the company is eligible to re-apply for a grant in the future.

In January 2010, an ‘out of round’ grant was awarded to Emily Macdonald to make a documentary in South Africa under the auspices of the OakTree Foundation in her role as coordinator of their Schools 4 Schools Communications.

In May 2010, the following were awarded grants and Named Awards:

Kim Anderson	Visual Arts – Drawing
Todd Jacobsson	Performing Arts – Percussion
Alexandra McMaster	Performing Arts – Ballet
Abbie Matthews	Visual Arts – Fine Art
Ellie Michael	Performing Arts – Ballet
Simone Michetti	Performing Arts – Woodwind
James Penrose	Visual Arts – Fashion Design
Elissa Rodger	Performing Arts – Vocal and Ukulele
Amy Tsilemanis	Performing Arts – Spoken Word (Radio)
Chloe Schaefer	Performing Arts – Vocal and Drama, Amy Young Award
Karl Schenk	(representing The Ballarat Writers’ Group) Visual Arts – Ballarat Youth Zine Project, Rotary Club of Ballarat South Award
Joshua Vucicevic	Performing Arts – Music Theatre, BLOC Music Theatre Award

PUBLICATIONS

The Aspirations Magazine featured a front-cover design by James Penrose, and cubic design on the back page by Abbie Matthews. We thank Peter Lambert for overall design, Stuart Maiden for storylines, Emily French and The Courier for major photographic contributions, and Bendigo Bank for their generous ongoing sponsorship!



The Alere Newsletter is produced twice a year, with news and photos of Alumni around the world, reproductions of artwork and details of forthcoming exhibitions and gigs. We congratulate the editorial team: Claire Blake, Dave Knowles, Sylvia Nevistic and designer Emily French for adding this vital task to their other commitments.

Our website www.ballaratartsfoundation.org.au offers a wealth of information, and we send our newsletters and publications via email to contain costs where possible.

In May, BAF was featured under the Arts in Phil Roberts' latest publication entitled 'THIS IS BALLARAT Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow'. He says: *"Under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Ballarat South, the Ballarat Arts Foundation commenced in November 2000 to support local emerging visual and performing artists in a variety of disciplines. In the BAF's first nine years almost 200 Grants valued at over \$90,000 were awarded and artists were provided with various opportunities to showcase their talents."*

THE BAF FAMILY

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the arts community who represent the BAF Family - in response to our Mission, they offer welcome support in cash and kind. Thanks to Executive Secretary Helen Watson, we acknowledge support from

- Principal Supporters and Community Partners who enable us to contain costs
- Patrons, Benefactors, Donors and Members who help us with operating expenses and fund awards
- Local business houses who offer member benefits in the form of discounts on purchases. We thank Allans Music, Book City Ballarat, Haymes Paint, Mason-Brown IT, the Potted Pair, RADMAC, Office Choice and Thornton-Richards Camera House for their support during the year, and welcome a new partner, The Creative Framing Gallery, for the 2010-2011 financial year.

We offer sincere thanks to our Honorary Auditor Graeme Wallis, and Honorary Legal Officer Luke Dunne, for their generous and ongoing offers of support!

Finally, we join in celebrating a few other milestones in the arts community. The Ballarat Fine Art Gallery Women's Association has been presenting quality concerts for a decade, the Sweet Monas are celebrating their 10th year, Sovereign Hill its 40th, and Haymes Paint its 75th anniversary! Each has carved a niche in the life of our city.

LOOKING AHEAD

As part of the continuing celebrations of our 10th Anniversary, we are looking forward to 'Alere', an exhibition featuring artwork by our visual artists at the Arthur Gallery in September, and 'Aspirations', an Exhibition showcasing the work of both performing and visual artists who have received BAF awards during our first Decade as a Foundation, which will be staged at the Gold Museum from November, 2010 to February/March 2011.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOUNDATION!

This is YOUR Foundation! You are a vital part of its fabric and success. We look forward to your company as we enter a promising new decade in our history!





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