



FOUNDATION UPDATE - APRIL 2022



From the Chairman

I am excited to announce four grants totalling over \$272,000 as part of our 2022 grant round which will help to empower organisations who enhance the quality of life for our ageing communities. There are three new grant recipients including The Humour Foundation, Dementia Australia, and Central and Upper Burnett District Home for the Aged (Gunther Village Gayndah). We have also reconfirmed our support to the Australian War Widows Queensland for a further 12 months.

A \$54,200 grant to The Humour Foundation will allow them to extend their Laughter Care program into Queensland at three OzCare residential aged care communities. The Laughter Care program combines humour therapy and the arts to improve the quality of life for aged-care residents, who are socially isolated and/or suffering from dementia.

Dementia Australia's grant for \$70,000 will help fund the development and pilot of a Wellness Enablement Program designed to educate and empower people with early-stage dementia to live with confidence and manage their diagnosis effectively.

A grant of just over \$98,000 will go to Gunther Village Gayndah to purchase, fit out, and brand a new HiAce minibus with wheelchair access to ensure residents can continue to participate

in social activities and be involved in their community.

A further \$50,000 has been granted to the Australian War Widows Queensland to help with the costs of running the annual Sub-branch Taxi Subsidy Program and to pay for the fuel and running costs of the minivan that was purchased with a previous grant from the Eastern Star Foundation. This support reduces the program's operating cost pressures and allow their elderly widows to stay socially connected.

New support services

This year, we have made some changes to the provision of our support services. Hand Heart Pocket has provided us with administration, grantmaking and marketing support since 2019 when we transitioned to become a philanthropic foundation. The Board has made the decision to appoint the Australian Communities Foundation to provide our administration and grantmaking support moving forward. The Australian Communities Foundation is an organisation that specialises in supporting philanthropists and foundations. Karen Tilke has also agreed to support us with our marketing and communications - Karen previously worked at Hand Heart Pocket and assisted us to develop our brand and Theory of Change. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Hand

Heart Pocket for their support over the past three years.

Board changes

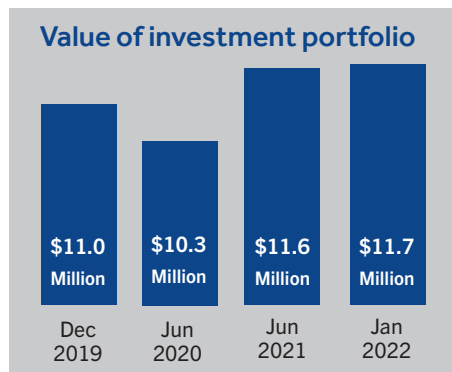
At our November board meeting, we welcomed Beth Littler as a board member. Beth has replaced Carol Carey in the position of Secretary. She has extensive management, human resource, financial and governance experience and is a Justice of the Peace (Qual). Her career has encompassed education, health and seniors living holding positions such as Secretary to a hospital board and a Health Commissioner, served as a Director on Star Gardens Home for the Aged Board and over the past 20 years managed the retirement living divisions of two prominent Queensland aged care providers. Beth has also been an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star since 2002 and this year has taken on the position of Worthy Matron of her Chapter, Beenleigh, for the second time. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Carol for her service and dedication over the past three years.

We look forward to working with the grant recipients over the coming year and seeing the impact that these funds will make for our ageing communities.

Yours sincerely

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