

BULLETIN

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FROM THE CHAIR

As you are reading this Bulletin, the end of yet another financial year will be rapidly approaching.

This year's June 30 will be significant for the Don Dunstan Foundation for at least two main reasons.

First, it will mark the end of the term of office at the Foundation for our Executive Director, George Lewkowicz. After 5 years at the helm, George has decided to resume his public service career as a policy adviser in the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

George came to the Foundation at a time at which it needed an injection of enthusiasm and re-invigoration. He played a major part in the revising of our Constitution, the renewal of the Board of Management, the linking of the

Foundation with many organisations with similar objectives to ours and the implementation of key initiatives such as the annual Don Dunstan Human Rights Oration.

In addition, George has played a major part in building the momentum of the Don Dunstan Oral History Project. This project aims to record, for all time, interviews with over 100 key individuals who worked closely and directly with Don in his professional life. A number of volunteers are contributing to this project and George not only coordinates the volunteer effort but conducts a number of interviews himself. Such is George's commitment to this project that he has offered to continue working on it as a volunteer after he returns to the public service.

On behalf of the Trustees and the Board of Management, I sincerely thank George for his excellent work as our Executive Director. I wish him every success on his return to the public service and look forward to the State reaping the benefit of his policy skills – initially honed, incidentally, when George worked in the Policy Division of Don Dunstan's Premier's Department in the 1970s.

Second, this year's June 30 marks the end of our current three year agreement with the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the State Government. Each of these organisations has been magnificent in their support of the Foundation and we are currently

seeking an extension of their support. Whilst we are quietly confident that our discussions will be fruitful, an essential factor in securing their continuing assistance is the extent of financial support we receive from our more than 2500 individual supporters. You will have received a separate letter from Greg Crafter on this matter.

The people listed on our data base have been wonderfully generous in the past and I sincerely hope, as the Foundation prepares for its tenth year of operation in 2009 that we can rely on that support continuing. For that reason, I hope and ask that all of our supporters might find it possible to make a tax deductible donation. Our target is modest but so important in demonstrating to the three organisations and to our commercial sponsors who all contribute so magnificently to our work, that the Foundation is valued by the South Australian and Australian community.

I thank you for your continued encouragement and look forward in the next Bulletin to reporting on the success of our fundraising as well as our discussions with Government, Flinders and Adelaide. At that time – and depending on their discussions I also look forward to introducing our new Executive Director – and – watch this space for our 10 year anniversary plans.

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FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

George Lewkowicz has made a major contribution to the work of the Foundation as Executive Director during the 5 years of his secondment to us from the State Government.

George, who graduated from Adelaide University in 1970 joined the state public service and has forged a stellar career as an administrator and policy specialist. These many years of wisdom and experience have greatly assisted the Foundation along its path of growth and development as it contributes to debate, research and policy formulation in the fulfilment of the values given to us by Don Dunstan.

George will continue to work on the oral history project having now completed some 60 interviews.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and I am sure all of our subscribers and supporters, thank you George for your contribution to the Foundation and every best wish for the future.

GREG CRAFTER

The year moves on, events are organised and being conceived and projects in stasis awaiting financial sponsorship or moving along within tight budgets and with volunteer help. The Foundation's funding agreements with the Government and our two partner universities, the University of Adelaide and Flinders University ends on the 30 June. May and June involved drafting submissions and marketing agreements and marketing, fund raising and financial plans.

The stop press is "Good News." The 3 major partners have indicated that they will renew the agreements for another term and are committed to supporting the Foundation until the 31 December 2010. We can confidently plan for the future. Nonetheless, challenges lay ahead. The Foundation can very well continue with its program of events and forums, which overall are self sustaining or attract support for high level international speakers. With goodwill from writers, the Dunstan Research Papers can proceed. However, if the Foundation is to continue with its prestigious Dunstan Fellows program and other projects designed to make a policy difference, more financial support is urgently needed. The Foundation's fund raising strategy is addressing these issues and is outlined later in this Bulletin.

Looking back

Lovers and Haters

The social evening organised by the Foundation was an interesting experience. There we were, about 120 or so Foundation supporters who had managed to get tickets for the sell-out night. Some hated the play. Others said it's a "must see". *Lovers and Haters*, the play/musical/revue about Don Dunstan staged during the 2008 Festival of Arts in March evinced diverse reactions. The play received considerable publicity in the media riding on the interest in Don Dunstan the man, his reform achievements and no doubt an element of prurient interest in Don's relationships with John Ceruto and later with Adele Koh. The book, *Its Grossly Improper* about the relationship with Ceruto and published in the late 1970's after Don's retirement from Parliament was lurking as a historical backdrop. After the play, one of the co-writers, Rob George said that the actors had raised their energy level as they came on stage and sensed the vibes from the "insider" audience.

The play had technical flaws, used a measure of artistic license as real characters and real time history were collapsed to keep things moving and some of the singing was strained. But overall most of the people with whom I have spoken found it a fascinating insight into the drive, tension, flaws and tragedies of a complex human and political legend.

Social Inclusion Event Summary

Around 200 people took the time out early Monday the 21 April to hear the latest on the SA Government's social inclusion initiative.

The Premier, Mike Rann, Monsignor David Cappelletti and Professor Fran Baum did not disappoint those present. The Premier acknowledged the social reforms of the Don Dunstan Governments and linked the social inclusion initiative as an example of cutting edge contemporary social reform. Social Inclusion's origin had stemmed from the Blair government but it now had a distinct SA flavour, its experiences being studied closely by the Australian Government and the other states-and now the British Government. The Premier stressed the importance of tackling the underlying and complex causes of social inclusion, solutions involving cutting across the community and organisational silos.

To date the various "references" requested of the Social Inclusion Board had focussed on individual issues-reducing homelessness, increasing school retention rates, overhauling mental health services, reducing drug addiction, especially amongst young people, and youth offending. Each initiative involved establishing clear targets, their monitoring and reporting. These targets were clearly linked with those in the SA Strategic Plan. The stress was on framing innovative but practical courses of action addressing the complex challenges. Key indicators had already demonstrated improvements in homelessness and school retention.

Mr Rann praised the role of the Social Inclusion Board-a body established to avoid being captured by vested interests. The Premier has now given the Board a new and broad reference, that the State receive a social benefit from the mining boom, defence and advanced manufacturing-or colloquially, that the most marginalised peoples "get a slice of the action"

Monsignor Cappelletti gave his observations on how the SA Social Inclusion Model best operates and works. The key was to construct joined up responses: to look at an issue's interconnected causes and devise solutions that would address a range of interrelated factors. Solutions often involved fundamental systems change and needed to be flexible and ready to be personalised. In this, research and collection of evidence needed to drill down to identify root causes, often hidden or forgotten. Active listening, open minded consultation, education and consensus building, meaningful engagement and encouragement of ownership of the process by those affected was critical as was avoiding dominant thinking and vested interest. This approach also stimulated innovative thinking. All of this was enabled through the Board's governance arrangements: independent but embedded in the apparatus of government and

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

oversight across government encouraging the joined up responses. These responses then needed to be communicated to all interested and affected parties. Stakeholders would then be more likely to accept and act on proposed solutions. In this context, the Premier's engagement and commitment to Social Inclusion stimulated the whole process.

Fran Baum praised the Social Inclusion initiative and said that the SA example would be featured as good practice in the Social Determinants of Health international project in which she is heavily involved. There was clear political will. The Board's governance structure was a reflection of that and provided for the appropriate authority and leadership across the public sector to drive follow through of the government's references. The methodology of empowerment was critical to involvement and success. Success was also driven by a focus on process and outcomes, with the SA Strategic Plan reinforcing the attention on achieving targets. Professor Baum stressed the importance of the whole of government overview and interaction with key parties, including that of appropriate incentives and rewards for involvement. She saw the major future challenge being that of embedding a process that was sustainable over the longer term, with a continuing focus on holistic and cutting edge solutions.

Ongoing work

Don Dunstan History Project

Talking about complexity, the Don Dunstan Oral History Project team has now interviewed some 60 people, about half way along the interviewing phase. The project is providing more detailed insights into Don Dunstan's broad array of policy reforms, their origins and degrees of success or failure. It is also adding considerably to the picture of Don Dunstan, the human, his drive and comprehensive devotion to politics. Don clearly made a commitment in his early years to changing society. We have got more information about his school years, his political interests at university, his commitment and support for helping the disadvantaged and his early years of politics. He saw not only the broad strategic picture, the need for electoral reform and inclusiveness of all in the benefits of the community but was clearly ready and willing to "muck in" and do the grind of convincing his colleagues that there was political hope and then getting out and about on the campaign trail. He scoured the State on years of campaigning and through his energy, ideas and tactical nous, the Labor Party broke through the "Playmander." On top of that he had numerous ideas about the sort of society that SA should be, getting his ideas from across the spectrum, his extensive reading, intellectuals, people who came to him for help, his neighbours and his political

colleagues. He was a shy and private man but slotted in to whatever the political need-the pub, the factory gate, the media, the big speech and was supreme as a debater in Parliament. There is much more in the material we have, and extra to get as our interviews proceed. Apart from the interviews, we will be cataloguing the transcripts for future researchers. We will also be conducting workshops on the material gathered. We plan to have the material made available in thematic form through chapters in a book on Don Dunstan's reform achievements. There might also be scope for a collection of edited transcripts. All of this work involves time, goodwill and a need for financial support. We are grateful for the enthusiastic team of volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to the project. We are especially grateful to EDS for their financial contribution. We will also be following up other channels but if you can help either in cash or in kind please contact us. It's a very worthy project. Hopefully, our work, with much of the published material already available, will inspire an author of note, to commit to a definitive biography of Don Dunstan. He certainly deserves one. Next year 2009, marks 30 years since Don retired from Parliament and the Premiership. It is also 10 years since the Foundation was born through the inspiration and support of Don Dunstan, the University of Adelaide and the John Olsen Government. Both anniversaries deserve special recognition.

Future Events

We have a number of exciting and interesting future events in the pipeline so keep an eye on our website for updates as they become available.

Before handing over the final word to George, I would like to say my 'thank you' to George who has been invaluable in providing me with guidance, information and support since I joined the Foundation in 2007. I wish you well in your future endeavours George, be it work or your much loved travel. Of course we look forward to seeing you around in your new capacity as a volunteer with the Foundation.

Wind up for George

Well, at the end of June, I will have been 5 years in the role of Executive Director of the Don Dunstan Foundation. I will be returning to the SA Public Service in early July. My return is with mixed feelings. I will always have very fond memories of my time at the Foundation. The substantial start to my working life was in the policy unit of the Premiers Department in 1970 and I was there when the unit was disbanded by the Tonkin government in 1979. So coming to a Foundation whose work

revolved around advancing the values Don Dunstan left with us was like returning to my roots, doing things that I always enjoyed- and for which I was paid. A small body like the Foundation is nourished by what people put into it. Many people have been involved in making the Foundation a success. The Trustees and the Board have been wonderful supporters. They have committed resources and their time and given me direct support. I have felt very welcome in the university and part of the community here. There are also my work colleagues, who have pitched in to do whatever has been needed as people in a small organisation need to be multi skilled from planning strategy to lugging banners around and cleaning up after events. There are the researchers who have given their time voluntarily or who have done work for us at cost. There are the speakers, virtually all of whom gave their time freely. There are other volunteers who have helped in our logistics on the Bulletin, our events and our projects. There are our in-kind sponsors without whom the Bulletin could not be produced in its current form and sponsors who have enabled our projects. There are of course the thousands, who have supported the Foundation by coming to events and giving pledges and donations. Without wishing to offend anyone by leaving them off my list, I wish to thank some people: Greg Crafter; Bill Cossey, James McWha, Anne Edwards, Bronwen Dohnt, Warren McCann, Rosslyn Cox, Debro Thaw, Josie Covino, John Spoehr, Lou Wilson, Julian Disney and Margaret Allen. I also remember the generous assistance that the late Jim Jarvis gave me when I first began and then later.

My best wishes go to the new Executive Director. She/he will have many a challenge but that is part of the excitement and reward of the position. The Foundation has a sound basis on which to keep moving forward, to regenerate itself through organic growth and particularly by making itself relevant to younger people. I will of course stick with the Foundation as a supporter and subscriber and now a volunteer for the Don Dunstan Oral History Project.

GEORGE LEWKOWICZ
Executive Director

DEBRO THAW
Business Development Manager

PROFILES



Professor Michael N Barber Flinders University Vice Chancellor and President

Professor Michael Barber was appointed as Vice-Chancellor and President of Flinders University on 1 January 2008. As Vice-Chancellor he is keen to broaden Flinders University's existing positive relationship with its various stakeholders. In particular Professor Barber is keen to enhance the University's contribution to the 'new South Australia'.

Believing that well qualified graduates are the biggest contribution universities can make to the modern economy, Professor Barber's primary focus is to further Flinders' reputation for teaching and research excellence while exploring opportunities that will deliver the skills required by tomorrow's labor market and society, both in Australia and internationally.

Professor Barber has extensive university experience including a period as Dean of the Faculty of Science at Australian National University and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Western Australia. Before being appointed as Vice-Chancellor at Flinders University, Professor Barber was Executive Director, Science and Planning and Group Executive, Information, Manufacturing and Minerals at CSIRO.

Throughout his academic career, Professor Barber has been an advisor on science and research to numerous government and industry agencies, both in Australia and overseas. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1992 and served as Secretary, Science Policy from 2001 until 2005.



Catherine Steer New volunteer

Some of you many have noticed a new face in reception or even had occasion to talk on the phone with our newest volunteer Catherine Steer:

Catherine directs her own music school in Rosslyn Park, specialising in the piano and theory programmes of the AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board). Her musical talent received public acclaim at the age of eleven when she became the youngest person in Australia to obtain the AMEB Associate Diploma of Music. Since then she has won numerous awards for her piano playing, and now performs as a professional pianist at concerts and functions. Catherine also has a keen interest in music research, having graduated with a PhD in Music from the University of Adelaide in 2004. Her thesis on Chopin's music was evaluated as outstanding by her overseas examiners. It is now the topic of further research at both the University of Warsaw and the University of London.

As a volunteer with the Don Dunstan Foundation, Catherine works in the office mainly on Fridays. She helps out with the maintenance of databases and the administration of projects and events.

08 EVENTS CALENDAR

Occasionally events fall inconveniently between editions of the Bulletin. So even though the event may have passed, we still like to let you know what we've been up to. That's why, from time to time, you will notice events that have already happened by the time you receive your Bulletin.

Please call the office on 8303 3364 or continue to visit the Foundation's website for updates on future events and to download transcripts and/or audio files on our past events www.dunstan.org.au

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Social Inclusion Initiative – 6 years on....

The Foundation was very privileged to host the Premier, the Hon. Mike Rann, Monsignor David Cappo and Professor Fran Baum at its breakfast forum on Social Inclusion held on the 21 April. A substantial audience of 189 was given a very informed run down on the status and achievements of the Government's Social Inclusion initiatives inspired by the Premier and led by Monsignor Cappo. Professor Baum provided an international context for South Australia's work. More details on the forum are provided in this Bulletin. The transcripts and a recording is available on the Foundation's website at <http://www.dunstan.org.au/events/socialinclusionforum.html>



Top: Prof Baum presenting to the audience.
Above: Monsignor Cappo giving his observations to the audience.

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2008 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration

The 2008 Oration was held on the 28 May as part of Reconciliation Week. The Reverend Tim Costello gave an inspiring address to a large audience on The Journey is Healing: How we go forward after 'Sorry'. As the timing of copy for this Bulletin did not allow for a detailed summary, this will be provided in the next Bulletin.

The Don Dunstan History Project

The Project team, so far, has interviewed 60 people.

THE FOUNDATION'S VALUES

In its work the Foundation will be guided by its fundamental values:

- Respect for fundamental human rights
- Celebration of cultural and ethnic diversity
- Freedom of individuals to control their lives
- Just distribution of global wealth
- Respect for indigenous people and protection of their rights
- Democratic and inclusive forms of governance

THANK YOU

The Don Dunstan Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generous ongoing support of our principal partners, Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and the State Government as well as the work of our Patrons, Trustees and Board of Management.

We would also like to thank Jarvis Marketing and Lane Print Group for their ongoing commitment to the Foundation in the form of the design and production of the Bulletin gratis.

VOLUNTEERS

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Catherine Steer who has generously offered her time in response to our advertisement for a Supporting Administrative Position. You will see Catherine's profile elsewhere in this Bulletin.

To acknowledge the wonderful support that we and the University of Adelaide receive from our volunteers, volunteers were invited to a morning tea on 6 June hosted by the University to mark the University's celebration of South Australia's Volunteers Day and to acknowledge and thank you for the valuable assistance you are giving to the Foundation and the University throughout 2008.

Volunteers can assist in a number of ways and if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Foundation.

SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a public charitable trust established by a Deed of Trust and is a registered tax-deductible gift recipient organisation.

With the support of individuals like you, the Foundation is able to continue to build on the strength of its current suite of activities and projects. We are committed to achieving outcomes that will contribute to a better society for this generation, and as importantly the next. If you would like to invest in a better future, we invite you to support the Don Dunstan Foundation.

Fundraising

Earlier in this Bulletin George Lewkowicz referred to the Foundation's fundraising strategies. In 2008 our funding priorities include restoring our capital reserve, continuing to cover administrative,

marketing, communication, project and event expenses as well as continuing to contribute towards a scholarship program.

One key strategy to assist us in achieving our funding priorities is the 2008 Appeal Letter which you should have received in the mail. Another is to increase our subscriber base, as this is our only guaranteed source of funding.

One of our aims in 2008 is to expand the Don Dunstan AP Lands Scholarship/ Bursary to include eligibility for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The financial support provided by way of this scholarship will be of enormous benefit to the recipient and opportune considering the greater cost of living, inflation and the shortage of rental housing. Discussion is well underway regarding how best to proceed with this change.

We plan to continue to update you on these activities in our upcoming Bulletins but we do need your continued support if we are to succeed.

There are three ways that you can support the Foundation financially:

- become a subscriber
- make a gift through a donation, a pledge or a bequest
- support a specific project or event

To speak with someone about these options, please call the office on +61 8 8303 3364. Alternatively you can go directly to our website <http://www.dunstan.org.au/support/> for more information.



Volunteers Viv and Vince Curro helping out in the office.