



ANNUAL REPORT

**DON DUNSTAN
FOUNDATION**



2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Don Dunstan Foundation acknowledges and thanks the University of Adelaide and Flinders University for their invaluable continuing partnership in 2023.

The Foundation also thanks the Government of South Australia for its continuing support.

The Foundation acknowledges the Kaurna people as the Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Region, where our office is located. The Foundation pays tribute to the Kaurna people's physical and spiritual connection to land, waters and community, enduring now as it has throughout time. The Foundation pays its respects to the Kaurna culture and to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Foundation extends this respect to all First Nations people and communities across South Australia, recognising that we live and work on land that always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

The Foundation recognises and supports the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and we are committed to working together on the essential work of building relationships, fostering respect, and taking action for positive change, truth-telling and justice. We walk with First Nations peoples in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

The Don Dunstan Foundation is a proud WE'RE EQUAL organisation committed to treating everyone equally, regardless of their age, ability, gender diversity, sexuality, relationship and reproductive status, race, religion, and culture.

Front cover image courtesy of Lesley Coulthard, 2023 OUR MOB Don Dunstan Emerging Artist Award winner

Back cover image courtesy of Tyson Jay Brant, 2023 SALA Don Dunstan Foundation Award winner



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Acknowledgements	1	Dunstan Decade milestones	21
Chair's Report	3	News, submissions and papers	24
Our purpose	5	Our People	25
2023 Achievements	6	• Board	
Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration	7	• Committee of Management	
Coercive Control forum	9	• Staff	
2023 Referendum	11	• Interns	
Art For Good	14	• Volunteers	
• SALA Festival		• Len King Scholars	
• OUR MOB		Support us	27
Climate justice	16	Financial Report	28
AdMental	18		
Public Imaginations of the Future project	20		



CHAIR'S REPORT



Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
Chair, Board of Directors

2023 will be remembered as a year made up of equal parts profound pride and deep disappointment.

For the Don Dunstan Foundation and our supporters and partners, we celebrated many achievements – from a record-breaking Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, kickstarting our public engagement program with a series of events and marking some key Dunstan legacy milestones – and were humbled to work with a range of passionate and dedicated people and organisations throughout the year to promote action for a fairer world.

However, 2023 was also marked with the disappointment of the Referendum question not being accepted by the Australian people. At the Foundation we dedicated ourselves to promoting a Yes vote and to helping share information and explain the significant benefits that would be realised through enshrining a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. We were proud to welcome the Prime Minister as the 16th Lowitja O'Donoghue Orator during Reconciliation Week, where he spoke passionately about the opportunity of the Referendum as a Moment for Unity. We also partnered with our dear friends at Reconciliation SA to hold a Walking Together workshop and worked with a range of other for-purpose organisations to campaign for a Yes vote under the banner of Community Organisations for Yes.

Sadly, the outcome was not what we and so many others wanted, but the Foundation is committed to continue to walk together on the essential work of building relationships, fostering respect, and taking action for positive change, truth-telling, and justice.

With this decade coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Dunstan Decade – the era throughout the 1970s that enlivened South Australia's progressive outlook and political and social leadership – it is fitting that we have focused a number of our activities in 2023 on marking some significant milestones. The Foundation worked with a range of organisations to put on public events that explored the Dunstan legacy and its influence on public policy, culture and thinking to this day.

The centrepiece of the anniversary celebrations was a partnership with the Adelaide Festival Centre – marking its 50th year – to deliver the Dunstan Lectures. The first in this series featured the Governor, Her Excellency the Hon Frances Adamson, and the second our former Premier, the Hon Mike Rann, speaking about the arts in cultural diplomacy and the Dunstan legacy on film and screen. We also collaborated with the City of Adelaide in marking the 50th anniversary of our special Sister City relationship with George Town, Penang, established by Don in 1973 in recognition of the importance of our historic relationships with our neighbours in Asia.

To start the year, we worked with the State Government and City of Adelaide on an important public forum around the proposed Coercive Control legislation. This powerful educative event featured guest speakers Sue and Lloyd Clarke from Small Steps 4 Hannah and was aimed at increasing awareness of the signs of coercive control and the importance of criminalising this insidious form of domestic violence.

Later in the year, we were proud to co-present the popular AdMental event with our partners at the Mental Health Coalition of SA and the Adelaide Advertising and Design Club, with two talented emerging creatives producing advertisements to shine a light on men's mental health.

We also welcomed the Hon Mike Rann to deliver the Don Dunstan Oration, in partnership with the Institute of Public Administration Australia (SA), in December. Mike shared his own views on the Dunstan legacy in environmental protection in the context of the current and future challenges we face due to climate change, drawing on his extensive experience as a global leader for action on climate change.

One of our goals is to enable a new generation of 'Dons' and to do this we continue to support internships, welcome volunteers, award scholarships, and undertake collaborative projects, to give opportunities for younger or emerging thinkers to develop their own capacity to address issues of social justice.

Throughout the year we were proud to host a number of interns and volunteers who made an invaluable contribution to our work on the Referendum campaign, climate justice research, government submissions, events, and improved business systems in the organisation. We are grateful for the perspectives, knowledge and energy they brought to the Foundation.

This year we also worked with the Leaders Institute to host a project for their Youth Governor's Leadership Foundation program. This saw a group of outstanding young secondary school students undertaking an insightful project looking at climate justice, and it was wonderful to have their insights and advice from a youth perspective into the broader Community Climate Conversations we supported this year.

In this annual report we also recognise the outstanding talents of those who have received scholarships or prizes from the Foundation across the year, including our final Len King Scholarship recipients.

We acknowledge and thank our Board of Directors for their continuing leadership and advice, and for the assistance provided by personnel from each of our partner universities in supporting the Foundation's events and activities throughout the year.

In 2023 we welcomed a new community representative to the Foundation's Committee of Management in Dr Sanjugta Vas Dev, who is currently the Director of the State Government's Office for Women and brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our Committee. Our thanks also go to all members of the Committee of Management for their advice and assistance throughout the year, and I particularly acknowledge the leadership of Cathie King, Chair of the Committee, for her dedication and tireless contributions to the Foundation.

We thank Kate Baldock, Executive Director, for her leadership of the organisation and are very appreciative of Gaby Hummel for stepping in as Acting Executive Director for part of the year, when Kate took parental leave after the birth of her beautiful new daughter. Throughout the year, the Foundation also received outstanding professional support from Danielle Gordon.

Finally, we thank all our most valued supporters, partners, donors, and sponsors for your continued interest in and support of the Foundation's work. We are only as strong as the people around us and your enduring encouragement galvanises our dedication to inspiring action for a fairer world.

Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
Chair, Board of Directors

OUR PURPOSE

“Inspiring action
for a fairer world.”

WHAT WE DO

In reflecting the life's work and legacy of Don Dunstan, we foster dialogue, ideas, policy, education and research. As thought leaders we secure outcomes to empower people and our community on issues concerning social, cultural and economic development.

Strategic Focus

1

Identify emerging social issues and activate dialogue to achieve change.

Strategic Focus

2

Inspire a new generation of leaders, thinkers, disruptors and change makers.

Strategic Focus

3

Mobilise our diverse networks to advance action for a fairer world.

Strategic Focus

4

Ensure that how we work and collaborate aligns with what we seek to achieve.

2023 ACHIEVEMENTS



9 events

Held nine events with our valued partners

2470



Welcomed more than **2,470** people at DDF events including a sell-out crowd of over **900** people (and more watching the livestream) at the **Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration**



669

volunteer hours



2 more law students

supported through the **Len King Scholarship fund**

5 more interns



Hosted five interns from the **University of Adelaide, Flinders University, and Kaplan Business School**



Welcomed

Dr Sanjugta Vas Dev

to the **Committee of Management**



7000



Nearly **7,000** social media **followers**



90

mainstream media **mentions**

Sent

66,429

emails to supporters across the year



Supported local and emerging **artists** through the

\$1,000 \$5,000

SALA Festival

OUR MOB Prize

Produced

2 Submissions

to government consultation processes





LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE ORATION

Over 900 people gathered at The University of Adelaide's Bonython Hall for “a moment to unite” as the Prime Minister, the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, took to the stage for the 16th annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration on 29 May 2023, as part of National Reconciliation Week.

It was the first time a sitting Prime Minister had delivered the oration and was the largest in the event's history. The occasion brought together people from diverse cultures, backgrounds and ages, including around 90 secondary school students, for what commentators described as a defining two hours, both for those attending and, the entire nation. Many more watched the event on the livestream or via news broadcasts.

Mr Albanese cited historical facts and recounts culminating in a clear call to action ahead of the referendum held later in 2023. While the ultimate outcome of that was not what was hoped, the Prime Minister spoke with great passion and conviction about the ways in which a Voice would benefit our entire community and demonstrate our unity as a nation.

He also drew on his personal experiences and connections with Aboriginal elders – including Patrick Dodson, the late Yunupingu, Noel Pearson and the Oration's namesake Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG.

In paying tribute to Dr O'Donoghue, Mr Albanese said:

“Some see her as the rock that stands firm in the storm, sometimes even staring down the storm. But I see her as one of the great rocks around which the river of our history has gently bent, persuaded to flow along a better course.”

"As our nation prepares to make a profound choice, who better to honour than the very woman who so powerfully embodies the spirit of the referendum that shows us the success of the next one is indeed possible."

Flinders' Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous) Professor Simone Tur, hosted the event as MC and South Australian Premier, the Honourable Peter Malinauskas, provided the introduction to the Primer Minister. Mr Albanese's oration was followed by a question-and-answer session facilitated by the Honourable Dr Jane Lomax Smith, Chair of the Don Dunstan Foundation and Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide.

The event traditionally concludes with the singing of the Freedom Songs and, in a slight deviation from previous events, the audience was led in singing by talented multi-instrumentalist Indigenous singer-songwriter, Rob Edwards, in a special recording. The dedicated performance was beautifully recorded by Channel 44 and featured Rob playing Don Dunstan's very own and much treasured piano, donated by the Dunstan family to the Elder Conservatorium.

We were also delighted to have a powerful and uplifting organ performance by Casey McEwan, a student of The University of Adelaide's Centre of Aboriginal Studies in Music.

The 2023 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration was presented by the Foundation in partnership with the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, Reconciliation SA, the Lowitja Institute and the Lowitja O'Donoghue Foundation. It was sponsored by BHP, SA Power Networks and the Government of South Australia.



SEE THE SIGNS OF COERCIVE CONTROL

REGISTER NOW
Limited seats available

 **March 15 from 5:30pm**



COERCIVE CONTROL FORUM

The Don Dunstan Foundation was proud to support a See the Signs of Coercive Control public forum in March 2023, providing the community with information about coercive control, its impacts, the signs, how it starts and where it can lead, and how we can appropriately address this behaviour through legislation and other measures. This important forum was a partnership with the Department of Human Services' Office for Women and co-presented by the City of Adelaide.

The forum was part of the development of a broader public awareness and discourse about coercive and controlling behaviours, with the goal to introducing legislation to criminalise this insidious form of domestic violence.

Advocates Sue and Lloyd Clarke, parents of Gold Coast woman Hannah Clarke who was brutally murdered along with her three children by her ex-partner in 2020, provided their powerful personal insights and approach to raising awareness about the dangers of coercive control and the need for legislation.

The See the Signs forum was hosted by South Australian Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Hon Katrine Hildyard and chaired by social commentator and award-winning writer, Jane Caro AM. It also featured a panel of experts from the Domestic and Family Violence services sector in South Australia comprising Zita Ngor (CEO, Women's Legal Services Australia); Craig Rigney (CEO, KWY Aboriginal Corp) and Kelly-Ann Tansley (General Manager, Zahra Foundation).

The forum was also the launch of a new advertising awareness campaign to help us all 'see the signs.'

The Foundation, as part of the subsequent community consultation on the introduction of coercive control legislation, also prepared a submission in support of the proposed laws and to highlight some further points for consideration in the process.



2023 REFERENDUM

Over the last year the Don Dunstan Foundation dedicated much of its energy and effort to supporting the Yes campaign and to sharing information about the vision for the First Nations' Voice to Parliament.

We acknowledge the outcome of the referendum held in October 2023 and the defeat of the question to recognise First Nations peoples in the Constitution through a Voice. Like so many others in our community we believed in the better future the Voice could create and shared the disappointment of many at the outcome.

We are committed to the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and to walking together on the essential work of building relationships, fostering respect and taking action for positive change, truth-telling and justice. We have a journey in front of us, but we walk alongside strong, likeminded friends.

Throughout the year, we engaged in a range of activities around the Referendum including:

SA Organisations for Yes

The Don Dunstan Foundation proudly joined in with dozens of other South Australian organisations to endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for constitutional recognition through a Voice. This included organisations across social services, unions, multicultural groups and peak bodies, withwhom we were proud to issue a Joint Statement in August 2023 calling on us all to join in the conversation, get involved in the campaign, and join this exciting push for a better future.

Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding

We were proud to be a strategic partner of the Australia Day Council of South Australia's Uluru Statement from the Heart event in May 2023, which featured keynote speaker Noel Pearson. Mr Pearson's speech was a powerful articulation of the transformative impact of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, with nearly 1,000 people listening to his profound wisdom and impassioned words. The keynote was followed by an informative panel discussion including South Australian First Nations leaders Tanya Hosch, Executive General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy at the AFL, Commissioner for First Nations Voice Dale Agius, and Arrin Hazelbane, General Manager of Aboriginal Practice and Services in the Department of Human Services.

Walking Together Workshop

In July 2023 the Don Dunstan Foundation, in collaboration with Reconciliation SA and Yes23SA, held a special workshop presented by Nicole Laupepa and Jacqui Parker aimed at facilitating knowledge, understanding and a sense of purpose for non-Indigenous Australia to work together with First Nations peoples.

The Walking Together Project was developed through the shared passion and skills of Nicole Laupepa, a First Nations woman and senior leader with Youth Off The Streets, and Jacqui Parker, an experienced educator and practitioner.

With the Uluru Statement from the Heart as a framework, the workshop aimed to develop opportunities and a skill-set for non-Indigenous Australia to pave the way for us to accept the invitation and confidently walk together. It also provided information about the Referendum and about the action we can all take in the journey of reconciliation.



DDF Guide to the Voice Referendum

In Semester 1, Maruca Ciulacu-Nemteanu from Flinders University undertook an internship with the Foundation, and created Your Guide to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum as part of her project.

The Guide captured the many layers and sources of information on the Voice and the referendum process in one consolidated document and was shared widely across the Foundation's supporters, partners and the community.

Spreading the message

Throughout the year, the Foundation used our social media channels and e-newsletters to share information and updates about the Referendum and related processes and activities with our community.

Our Semester 2 interns, Harry Boulderstone from The University of Adelaide and Shafa Pragiwaka from Flinders University, developed a series of social media posts outlining the reasons why we supported a Yes vote. These engaging and informative posts were a central part of the Foundation's contribution to the campaign.

We also released two special referendum edition e-newsletters to our subscribers, which featured updates, links to resources and further reading, and information about local events and how to get involved in the campaign.

Walk for Yes

The Don Dunstan Foundation proudly walked with around 10,000 other South Australians at the Adelaide Walk for Yes in September 2023. The turn-out was a wonderful way of demonstrating the level of support for Yes amongst South Australians and was replicated across the country at the various Walks for Yes held the same weekend.





SA Living Artists Festival

The Foundation is proud to support the annual Don Dunstan Foundation Award at the SALA Festival, to recognise the exceptional talent of and powerful work created by living artists who explore social justice themes which align with the work and purpose of the Foundation.

It is always difficult for the judging panel to determine finalists and name a winner due to the high-quality entries for the Award – and 2023 was no exception.

The 2023 finalists were Tyson Jay Brant (multimedia work *Forgotten Fables of the South-East*), David Nettle (photography exhibition *Not Alone*), and Yasemin Sabuncu (mixed media exhibition *Alchemical*), all of whom explored these themes in dynamic and captivating ways.

The ultimate winner of the \$1,000 2023 Don Dunstan Foundation Award was Tyson Jay Brant with entries from his *Forgotten Fables of the South-East* exhibition.

Tyson's powerful work shines a light on the forgotten corners of our community, and the incredible people who live on the fringes. Tyson depicted the stories of community members from the Limestone Coast who are experiencing homelessness or issues with their mental health, showing their individuality and resilience through his pop art and graffiti inspired paintings. The gallery in Mount Gambier that hosted his SALA exhibition, Little Blue Wren Gifts & Art, also won SALA's venue award for the year!



OUR MOB

The brilliant OUR MOB and OUR YOUNG MOB exhibitions at the Adelaide Festival Centre had another outstanding year featuring First Nations visual artists who shared their stories while building and growing their careers.

Adyamathanhna woman Lesley Coulthard's beautiful and delicate pottery pieces, Ranges Jug and Akurru (Serpent) Track Bowl, inspired by her Country in the Flinders Ranges, saw her awarded the 2023 OUR MOB Don Dunstan Foundation Emerging Artist prize.

Lesley's art involves hand-shaping clay into vessels, and experimenting with foraged oxides including ochre to create unique colours and effects on the fired jugs and bowls.

Lesley says that one of the great pleasures of incorporating oxides in the clay work is the element of surprise. "We started off mixing the ochre in with the clay to see what would happen. That didn't work like we wanted it to, so we changed the process to paint the clay with the ochre once we've made it into the shape we want. It looks horrible to start with – it looks like mud!

"We let it sit for a couple of weeks, then put it in the kiln to fire it. So, it is always a surprise to see how it will turn out and what effect the ochre will have. It's awesome when it comes out of the kiln. We like to experiment. Sometimes we bisque fire the piece then glaze it, or sometimes we leave it natural."

Lesley is developing her practice alongside members of her family and other people in the Flinders Ranges community at their shared studio space in Copley. Mum Linda is the oldest member of the art group, and Lesley's sisters Donna and Veronica are also accomplished artists and potters. The group includes Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community members who work together to share resources and develop skills.





CLIMATE JUSTICE

Throughout 2023, the Foundation explored ways of contributing to the vital dialogue about climate change and the need for climate justice to be a core pillar of efforts to reduce the impact of climate change on our community, especially on the most vulnerable.

The Foundation worked with the **Institute of Public Administration Australia (SA)** to bring back the highly-valued **Don Dunstan Oration**, and were delighted to welcome as Orator, former Premier, Hon Mike Rann AC CNZM who spoke about his inspiration for environmental justice from the perspective of the Dunstan legacy, as well as the fundamental requirements to address climate change today and into the future.

In recounting the vision and leadership of Dunstan, Mike reminded the audience how ahead of its time the Dunstan Government was: appointing the country's first Minister for Conservation, the creation of the Department of Environment and Conservation, landmark National Parks and Wildlife and coastal protection legislation, and a container deposit scheme – the first of its kind in the world.

Mike shared his close-up view of the Dunstan era and the ways in which Don Dunstan's principled approach inspired him as Premier and currently, as he leads global conversations and action around climate change. Central to this was Mike's message that, "For me, Don's legacy is his insistent message for us to look forward, not back."

Mike also explored issues of justice central to the international debate on climate change and the efforts being made to mobilise communities, governments, and businesses worldwide to act in response to the climate challenge we face today.

We also worked with **Democracy Co** to promote the involvement of individuals, communities, governments, and industry in the ground-breaking **Community Climate Conversations** as part of a broader community engagement organised by a partnership of the Conservation Council and South Australians for Climate Action, sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water. These Conversations took place across the State during the year to capture people's views on the challenges and opportunities they see in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2023 we proudly hosted a group of talented and passionate secondary students undertaking the **Leaders Institute's Youth Governor's Leadership Foundation** program, who delved into youth perspectives on climate justice and mitigation strategies for our most vulnerable community members. As part of this project the Youth GLF participants took part in a dedicated Community Climate Conversation to feed their views into the broader work outlined above.





ADMENTAL

In November 2023 the popular AdMental event was held, with this year's focus being Men's Mental Health.

This was the sixth year of AdMental, which is an innovative and thought-provoking "Gruen"-style event that challenges Adelaide's emerging advertising creatives to produce an advertisement to "sell" mental health and wellbeing. It is a special date on the Foundation's events calendar as it brings an innovative, fun and engaging approach to what can often be a difficult topic.

The contestants were supported by advertising industry professionals to make a 30-60 second video advertisement, in response to the brief of highlighting the need for understanding and support for the mental health and wellbeing of men aged 45-65 years.

This year's contestants, Olivia Cordera and Raquel Trejo, produced engaging and powerful advertisements, with Olivia's production narrowly taking the Geoff Robertson Memorial Award, along with a one-year scholarship to Award School, following the judging panel's deliberations.



The contest was complemented by a panel discussion on mental health and wellbeing featuring lived experience and peer support experts Mark Bidwell and Chris Foord. MC Joe Godsell from advertising agency TBWA/Adelaide also provided a compelling presentation on the power of advertising in delivering public health messages.

The Foundation was proud to present AdMental along with event partners the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia (MHCSA) and the Adelaide Advertising and Design Club (AADC).



PUBLIC IMAGINATIONS OF THE FUTURE PROJECT

In 2023 the Don Dunstan Foundation was proud to join a collaborative project with The University of Adelaide focusing on how, in what ways, and by whom 'the future' is imagined.

Led by Professor Simone Dennis, Head of the School of Social Sciences, the project aims to give voice to marginalised groups including the elderly, the terminally ill, homeless and dispossessed people, children and young people, and people living with disability, so that their imaginations of the future are included in our collective vision for the future.

As the project has rolled out over the year, there have been a series of initiatives including hundreds of interviews designed to uncover public desires and dreams, anxieties and fears about the future. The Foundation has been pleased to assist with recruiting people to be included in the research to ensure that the voices of those who are not always included in discussions about the future are amplified.

This exciting project stemmed from the recognition that many global surveys report that the future is anxiously imagined, especially as we collectively worry about COVID, the economy, and the health of the planet. At the same time, there is much hope for the future when solutions are proposed by experts or when problems seem to abate, but not everyone has opportunity to have their ideas of the future included.

We look forward to the outcomes of this project which is aimed at finding new ideas about a better future for more of us, especially focusing on how exclusion – from the city, the university, from participation in the future – can be addressed.

"The future is what you realise happened at the end of the day, and so you mustn't be afraid of this thing called 'the future'. I think a lot of people are afraid of it. I mean, I can see why – there's climate change, there's war, there's so many things to worry over. I don't believe in being crippled by that kind of tyranny. To care about those things is different from being afraid of them. At the end of the day, the future you had at its beginning has come to pass. So what did you do? That's how I see it. You should have done something, something that you care about."

— Evelyn, 94 years old

"I think we need to put the people back into the future. It's almost as though we – like, ordinary people – don't own the future anymore. We need each other, because things like capitalism are not bigger than us. We built it, we own it. I think we should think about that together."

— Mark, 22 years old

"The future? It's tiring to think about because we always have to fight to be, just to be. We live in an extremely racist country. Our young people can't just be. We have to teach them how to fight. I think it is getting harder rather than easier, just because of the exhaustion of it."

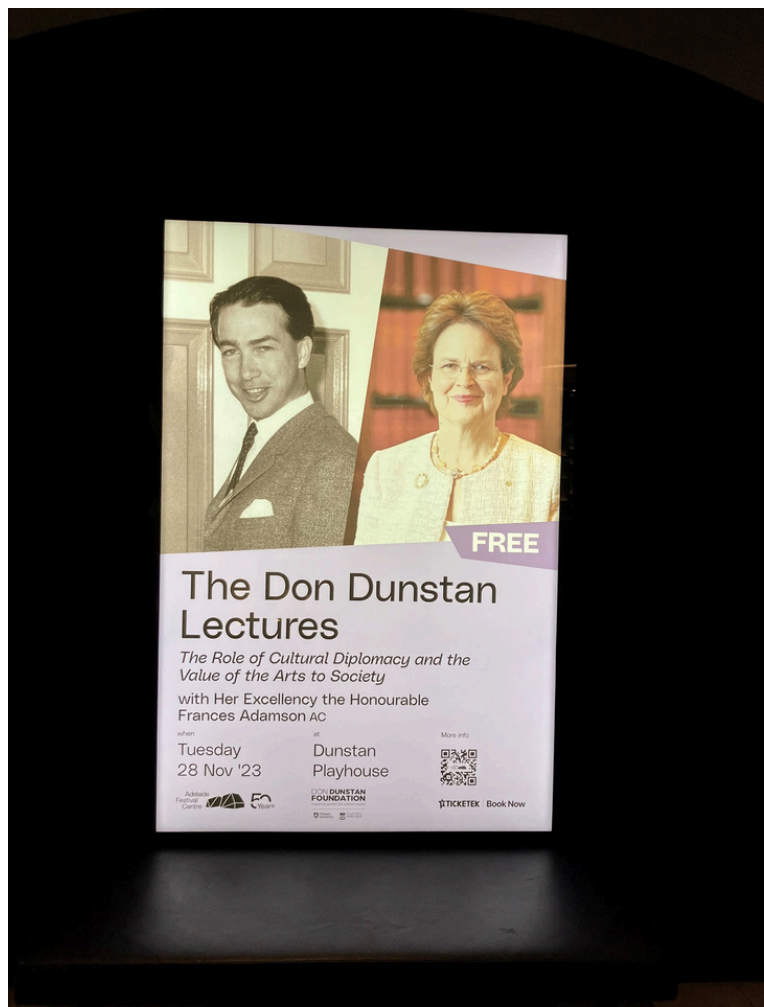
— Ben, 58 years old, Aboriginal generational fighter



DUNSTAN DECADE MILESTONES

Adelaide Festival Centre turns 50

In 2023 the Adelaide Festival Centre celebrated its 50th birthday and the Foundation was very proud to work with the AFC team as presenting partners of a series of Dunstan Lectures to mark the significance of this milestone and the leadership shown by Don Dunstan in bringing our beloved AFC to reality.





The first two of the Don Dunstan Lectures featured Governor, her Excellency the Hon Frances Adamson and former Premier Hon Mike Rann speaking at the Dunstan Playhouse in November and December. These free lectures, which were attended by hundreds of people, explored the role of cultural diplomacy and the value of the arts to society and Don Dunstan's creative legacy in film and screen and his wider arts legacy in South Australia.



Celebrating a special Sister City

The Foundation was proud to take part in a variety of activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Sister City relationship between Georgetown, Penang and Adelaide. This included spending time with delegates from the Penang Island City Council who visited Adelaide celebrating the continuing friendship between the two States over the last 50 years and the vision of Don Dunstan and his counterpart Dr Lim Chong Eu in creating this relationship back in 1973.

Dunstan had a very strong interest in fostering cultural, tourism and business opportunities between the two cities and States and using it to promote a change in Australia's perception of our role in our region.

A very democratic birthday for the Legislative Council

In 2023 we marked 50 years since the Dunstan Government achieved landmark reforms to our democracy in South Australia, ensuring a democratically elected Legislative Council as we know it today.

Legislative change in 1973 overhauled the archaic and inequitable conditions governing voting for, and representation on, the Legislative Council, and established a true "one vote one value" electoral system. With Dunstan's leadership, and despite bitter opposition, the Parliament reformed the Legislative Council to give full adult franchise to voters in the Legislative Council elections and remove the property qualifications that restricted who was able to vote. Importantly, voting for the Council was, for the first time, to be opened to all on the electoral roll for the House of Assembly!

Dunstan drove forward the creation of a single state-wide electorate of 22 members, with 11 elected each time, based on a system of proportional representation. The new Council was designed to be deadlocked and make a party majority hard to gain, making it more genuinely a house of review for legislation passed through the Lower House.



NEWS, SUBMISSIONS AND PAPERS



The Foundation's work is underpinned by communicating our messages effectively to the community. We proactively shine a light on important issues by engaging with the print, broadcast and digital media and by producing other publications to share our message. Throughout 2023 we promoted key events and activities, which included a dedicated Referendum campaign promoting a Yes vote, along with recognising Dunstan Government milestones, through our social media channels.

Our coverage through published articles and news items across a range of media outlets helps to raise awareness of our activities and supports a more inclusive society. These included articles and news stories focused on topics including the annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, the recipients of the SALA and Our Mob arts prizes, the AdMental event, SA Organisations for Yes activities, the Coercive Control public forum, the IPAA Don Dunstan Oration with Hon Mike Rann, the Dunstan Lectures at the Adelaide Festival Centre, and the appointment of Dr Sanjugta Vas Dev to the DDF's Committee of Management.

We also seek to provide advice to policy decision-makers on issues that are important to our work and that impact on vulnerable groups in our community. This is often done by making submissions to public consultations or inquiries run by government or statutory authorities. Submissions range from broad statements of principle to detailed and technical policy advice. In 2023 we made the following submissions:

Criminalising Coercive Control: **Submission to the South Australian Government Consultation**

This submission was prepared to share the Don Dunstan Foundation's perspectives on the draft Criminal Law Consolidation (Coercive Control) Amendment Bill 2023, which would create a new criminal offence of coercive control.

A Stronger, More Diverse and Independent Community Sector: **Submission to the Australian Government**

This submission was prepared in partnership with Community Centres SA, the peak body for South Australia's community centres and neighbourhood houses, to share the perspective of this part of the sector in response to the Department of Social Services' issues paper on improving support for community sector organisations.

We produce a regular e-newsletter that is sent to our supporters, where we share updates about Foundation activities, event and ticket booking information, news from our partners, and opinion pieces on topics of importance to the Foundation and our community. We are very grateful to Douglas Gautier AM, CEO and Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival Centre, and Ms Tanya Hosch, Executive General Manager Inclusion and Social Policy at the AFL, for contributing wonderful op eds in 2023 on the 50th anniversary of the AFC and the Referendum respectively.

OUR PEOPLE



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM, Chair

Professor Peter Hoj AC, Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Adelaide

Professor Colin Stirling, Vice-Chancellor and President, Flinders University

The Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO, Director

Ms Cathie King, Director (and Chair, Committee of Management)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Ms Cathie King, Chair (and Director)

Dr Nathan Manning, The University of Adelaide

Ms Gerrie Mitra PSM, Community representative

Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu, Flinders University

Professor Ian Goodwin-Smith, Flinders University

Associate Professor Megan Moskos, The University of Adelaide

Dr Sanjuga Vas Dev, Community representative

STAFF

Executive Director: **Kate Baldock**

Strategic Policy and Engagement Specialist/Acting Executive Director: **Gaby Hummel**

Corporate communications and events consultants: **Leah Manuel, Danielle Gordon, Paul Shaw**

INTERNS

The Foundation extends our thanks to **Maruca Ciulacu-Nemteanu, Gilson Bomfin Da Silva Filho, Harry Baulderstone, Shafa Pragiwaka, and Glanson Serrao** who joined us as interns in 2023 and worked on special projects in the areas of the reconciliation and the referendum, the Dunstan legacy, and data analytics and business systems.

Without their contributions of expertise and time, the Foundation could not have achieved its many outcomes in 2023 and is grateful for their involvement and support.

Interns are recruited by the Foundation through internship coordinators at tertiary institutions.

VOLUNTEERS

The Foundation is grateful for the many committed volunteers who provided their support in 2023 across a range of activities, including assisting at events, undertaking research and projects, and assisting in the office. Thank you to **Lucas Su (Lijie Su)** for your graphic design work in producing this report. Thank you to **Christopher Garrand, Francesco Di Zazzo, Simon Lancione, Rohan Gaskin Charles, and Allison Murchie** for your contributions over the year. Without your knowledge, skills and time, the Foundation could not have achieved our outcomes in 2023 and we are grateful for your ongoing commitment and support.

To register your interest in volunteering, please contact the Foundation or visit www.dunstan.org.au/support

VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

The amazing group of volunteers who assisted at the 2023 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration event were recognised by the University of Adelaide's Vice-Chancellor in the annual University Volunteer Awards.

At a ceremony held in December to mark International Volunteers' Day, our volunteers were commended for their contribution to this successful event, for their commitment to supporting the Foundation's work to inspire action for a fairer world, and for approaching their volunteering tasks with good humour and professionalism.



LEN KING SCHOLARS

After nine successful years of supporting talented law students through their degrees, the Len King Scholarship program drew to a close at the end of 2023.

From its establishment in 2014, the Scholarship program supported 16 students from The University of Adelaide and Flinders University in their law studies.

The Scholars came from a range of different backgrounds and experiences and, accordingly, benefited in many different ways from the support of the Scholarship, which allowed them to meet living or study costs to give them the best possible chance at academic success. We have been particularly heartened to learn about the positive contribution they are making to our community in their chosen fields and the impact of their scholarship.

Congratulations to all of the Len King Scholars on your achievements!

We take this opportunity to thank most sincerely our grants administration partner, Wyatt Trust, for their support of the program, and acknowledge the work of the Len King Scholarship Committee, as well as the generosity of the King family, in ensuring the success of the Scholarship.

SUPPORT US

Donations

Donations are an important source of financial support enabling the Foundation to continue our work to inspire action for a fairer world. You can donate via the Foundation's website.





www.dunstan.org.au/support

E-news

The Foundation produces e-newsletters about its impact including current projects and events. Subscribe to the e-newsletter through the Foundation's website.

www.dunstan.org.au/sign-up/

Follow us

-  Facebook - [dondunstanfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/dondunstanfoundation)
-  Instagram - [dondunstanfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/dondunstanfoundation)
-  Twitter - [@DonDunstan](https://twitter.com/DonDunstan)
-  LinkedIn - [the-don-dunstanfoundation](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-don-dunstan-foundation)

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	156,317	217,702
Trade and other receivables	422	9,193
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,685,548	1,582,564
Total current assets	1,842,287	1,809,459
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4,633	7,242
Intangible assets	-	2,646
Total non-current assets	4,633	9,888
TOTAL ASSETS	1,846,920	1,819,347
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	23,867	12,011
Contract liabilities	85,000	92,912
Employee benefit liabilities	9,931	-
Total current liabilities	118,798	104,923
TOTAL LIABILITIES	118,798	104,923
NET ASSETS	1,728,122	1,714,424
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	1,728,122	1,714,424
TOTAL EQUITY	1,728,122	1,714,424



CONTACT

The Don Dunstan Foundation
Level 8, 115 Grenfell St
Adelaide SA 5005

P: (08) 8313 3364

E: dunstan.foundation@adelaide.edu.au

W: www.dunstan.org.au

RAISE AGENCY
TIME DART