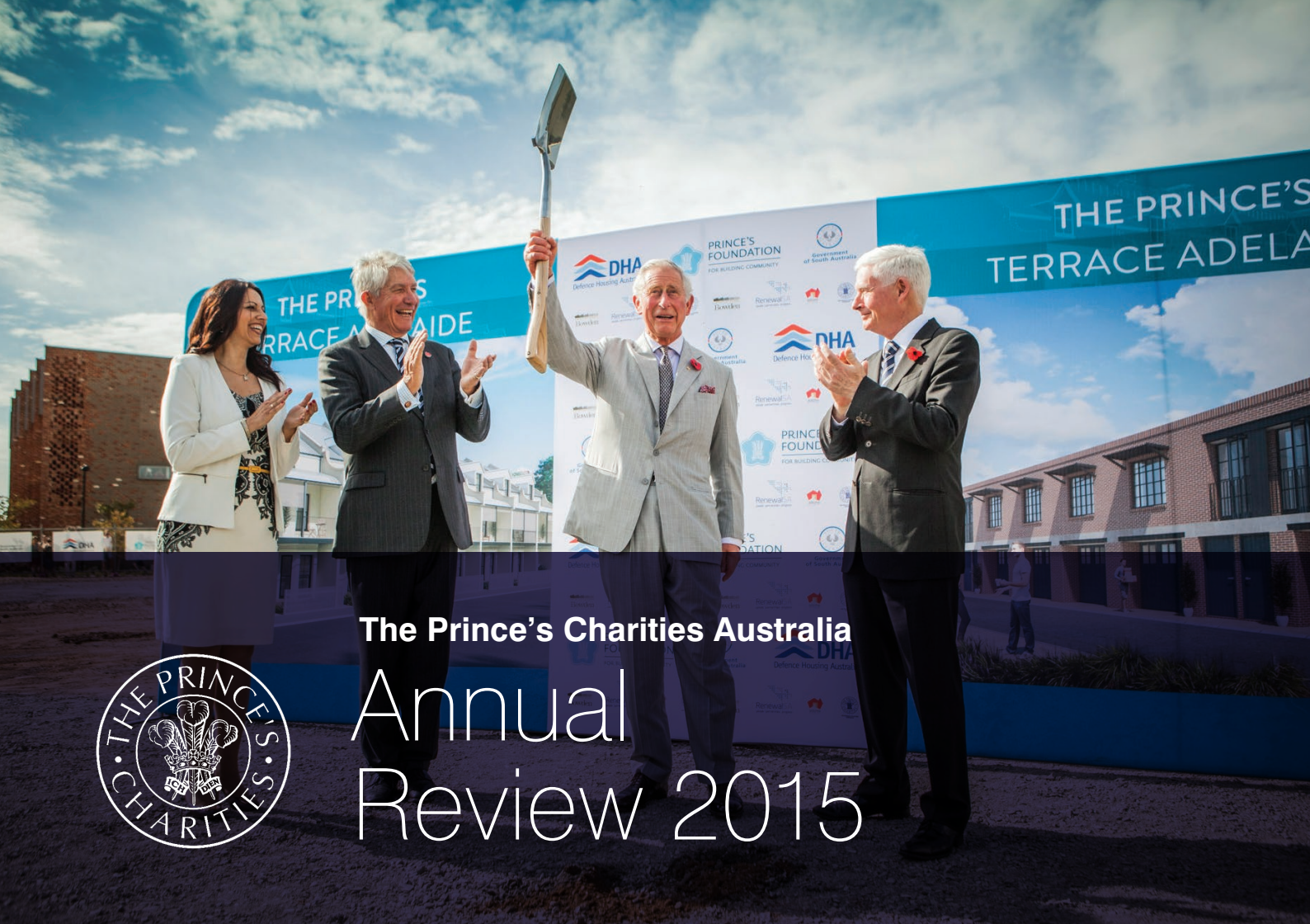




The Prince's Charities Australia Annual Review 2015





His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, President of The Prince's Charities Australia during the 2015 Australian Royal Tour.
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The Prince's Charities Australia



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“I am delighted to see the accomplishments of my Prince's Charities Australia after only a few years of operation. I sincerely thank those who have supported my charitable endeavours and the partners of my Australian projects who play a remarkable role in their delivery. I look forward to celebrating all of your continued successes.”

— His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, President of The Prince's Charities Australia



PCA Chairman, Tony Beddison AO, with His Royal Highness during the Sydney leg of His Australian tour. **Photo credit:** Flashpoint Labs

The Prince's Charities Australia is the coordinating presence for His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales' Australian charitable interests.

Established in 2013, The Prince's Charities Australia aims to develop project partnerships and enhance the coordination of H.R.H.'s charitable interests in Australia to deliver improved outcomes for local communities.

Focus areas

While actively seeking to grow and develop its portfolio of programs aligning with the charitable interests of His

Royal Highness, current initiatives of The Prince's Charities Australia include:

- Business education training to assist Australian Defence Force members in transition to civilian life
- Sustainable urban development
- Indigenous health, wellbeing and welfare
- Closing the gap between the boardroom and the community driving shared and positive social impact
- Assistance to rural communities to prepare for, and recover from, natural disasters
- Indigenous culture and the arts
- International collaboration to develop long term solutions for post-traumatic stress following natural and man-made disasters.

The year in review



“As we look toward a busy 2016, I feel confident we will continue to deliver similar innovative projects, with great impact for many Australian communities.”

— Tony Beddison AO, Chairman



A word from our Chairman

It has been a remarkable year of achievement for The Prince's Charities Australia.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our dedicated Trustees who have provided the guidance and engagement needed to deliver projects, of which we are very proud. I am also grateful to our operations staff, Janine Kirk and Aaron McNeilly, for their tireless efforts.

It is pleasing to see how our strategic plan is impacting on a number of programs.

Some major programs that have been in development for many months – some, over a year – have been implemented during 2015. As just one example, The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program, offering Defence members a career opportunity after their service, was piloted and received outstanding feedback from all 22 participants. His Royal Highness was delighted to meet with many of these participants during his Australian tour.

The time and care taken in the development of this program – the first of its kind in Australia – has produced great outcomes and we are currently recruiting participants for next year's program.

We are continuing to identify projects throughout Australia in which we can have an involvement, and where we can make a difference.

As we look toward a busy 2016, I feel confident we will continue to deliver similar innovative projects, with great impact for many Australian communities.

Tony Beddison AO
Chairman

A word from our CEO

In only a few years of operation, The Prince's Charities Australia has developed an innovative and diverse portfolio of projects.

PCA is privileged to work with outstanding partner organisations to deliver those projects, including: Phoenix Australia – Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health; the Australian Business and Community Network; EON Foundation Inc.; the National Museum of Australia, Defence Housing Australia, RMIT University and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

These organisations are committed to excellence and results. We are so very grateful for their partnership and enthusiastic engagement.

Further, we are fortunate to receive generous support from sponsors – generous not only in terms of their financial contribution, but also their deep engagement with, and belief in the value of our programs. The support of these sponsors is crucial to our capacity to operate and we sincerely thank The Pratt Foundation, Macquarie Group Foundation, DLA Piper, Ernst & Young and KPMG.

It is an honour to represent the charitable endeavours of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales in Australia. We take great care to deliver projects that align with H.R.H.'s areas of interest, but remain distinctly Australian, with positive impacts for Australian communities. In addition to our current range of projects, a focus for us in the coming year will be the area of disadvantaged youth. We are already hard at work to help address this complex and significant issue with the assistance of The Prince's Trust International.

Janine Kirk AM
Chief Executive Officer

Patrons and supporters

The Prince's Charities Australia is the fortunate recipient of generous support, which allows us to deliver our projects and make a positive contribution to Australian communities. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Patrons and Supporter organisations.

Patrons

Anthony Pratt – Founding Patron

Anthony Pratt is Executive Chairman of Visy, one of Australia's largest privately owned companies. Anthony is firmly committed to environmental causes, and a member of the Climate Group – a leading international environmental group founded by former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. Anthony sits on the National Board of the Muhammad Ali Museum and Education Center in Louisville, Kentucky, and is active in numerous charity organisations throughout Australia and the United States. His Patronages include the Australia India Leadership Dialogue; India Australia Israel Food and Water Security Dialogue; and the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.

We thank Anthony for his continued engagement with and support of our projects.

Dr Haruhisa Handa

Dr Haruhisa Handa is a Japanese philanthropist committed to supporting many humanitarian and cultural programs in Japan and internationally. Dr Handa, through the Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) organisation - of which he is Chairman - committed to principal sponsorship for The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program in 2015 and will continue as a patron of The Prince's Charities Australia in 2016. We are most grateful for his support.



Anthony Pratt



Dr Haruhisa Handa

“It's been a great privilege to support the advent to Australia of Prince Charles' leadership in the wide-ranging philanthropy ventures which he has encouraged and inspired over many decades.

In prompting some of H.R.H's core interests, such as environmental sustainability, education, disadvantaged youth, and responsible business, the Prince's Charities Australia is contributing innovatively to some of the key priorities which, through the Pratt Foundation, I and our company Visy also support.”

— Anthony Pratt, Executive Chairman, VISY and Founding Patron, The Prince's Charities Australia

Supporters



Key achievements in 2015



Tony Beddison AO, Chairman, The Prince's Charities Australia (second from left) with Mathew Rowe, Director of Operations, The Prince's Charities Canada (far left) and alumni members of The Prince's Operation Entrepreneur during the Welcome Dinner of PLYOB. **Photo credit:** D'Arcy Photography



Simon Watts, Navitas, during the Seeing is Believing visit



H.R.H. tours The Prince's Terrace Adelaide site

The Prince's Charities Australia has had a busy and exciting year in 2015, with a number of projects that have been in development for more than 12 months coming to fruition.

Project delivery

Project implementation has been a high priority for PCA in 2015. Projects that have been delivered this year include:

- The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program
- Seeing is Believing program
- Psychological recovery following community disaster: An international collaboration roundtable
- 'Encounters' Indigenous Scholarship Program
- The Prince's Terrace Adelaide.

The Royal Tour

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall toured Australia and New Zealand in November this year. Many of their engagements reflected the themes of the tour, which were community, culture and conservation. This tour was The Prince of Wales' 15th visit to Australia.

Welcoming a new patron

The Prince's Charities Australia welcomed Dr Haruhisa Handa as a new patron in 2015.

Dame Julia Cleverdon visits

The Prince's Charities Australia welcomed Dame Julia Cleverdon, DCVO CBE, in both April and October. Dame Julia engaged with various PCA sponsors and supporters, key charity groups and organisations.

Attendance at the Prince's Charities Conference held at Buckingham Palace

The PCA Chairman and Chief Executive were invited to attend the Prince's Charities Conference which provides an opportunity for all the charities established by His Royal Highness to come together and discuss a range of issues. Agenda items at the conference included governance, new digital trends, and new charitable activities.

Communications activities

The PCA website was updated to include picture galleries, news updates, better functionality and improved visibility across multiple devices. A quarterly newsletter was also introduced to further engage our growing number of stakeholders and supporters.

Project showcase

The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program



The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program's 2015 cohort. *Photo credit: D'Arcy Photography*



Principal partner



Corporate partners



A considerable area of charitable interest for His Royal Highness is the welfare of Australian Defence Force members and their families.

With this in mind, The Prince's Charities Australia designed a business training program specifically for Defence members transitioning, or recently transitioned, from full time military service.

The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program (PLYOB) takes place over an 18-month period with participants attaining a nationally recognised qualification in small business management upon completion of the program. The education component of the program is facilitated by RMIT University - an institution renowned for its business education.

The course work incorporates a business proposal, online learning and assessments, an intensive residential at RMIT University in Melbourne, and personalised mentoring from industry experts that extends for 12 months.

PLYOB's bespoke approach also considers the unique sensitivities that active military service can incur and includes support services for participants where required.

His Royal Highness has remained highly engaged in the program since taking an interest in its design. He provided a personalised video message of support to the 2015 program participants, which was played at the opening dinner event to launch the residential week in June.

Several of the program participants have corresponded with His Royal Highness and many were able to meet him during His Australian tour in November to personally speak with him about their business's progress.

Support for the program is widespread, including a personal endorsement from Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC, Chief of the Defence Force, and a number of organisations and philanthropists offering scholarships for individual participants.

The generous support of principal sponsor, Dr Haruhisa Handa of the World Wide Support for Development (WSD) organisation and corporate partners Defence Housing Australia and the Commonwealth Bank, is greatly appreciated by The Prince's Charities Australia and program participants.



Lieutenant Commander Rob Underdown, recipient of one of the inaugural Prince's Prize with Janine Kirk AM, CEO and Aaron McNeilly, Manager, The Prince's Charities Australia. **Photo credit:** RMIT

“The support, experience and knowledge provided through this program is without question the difference between operating a highly successful business and potentially becoming one of the statistics.

This is an opportunity you will not get anywhere else. It's not just the course learnings – it's the networks, the personal mentors with decades of business experience, and the support all the way through the program and post-program that really matter.”

— Rob Underdown, program participant 2015



The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program participants during their residential week at RMIT University, Melbourne. **Photo credit:** D'Arcy Photography

Already the 2015 cohort have achieved significant milestones with Captain Shaun Fisk winning the “Best Maritime Innovation” award at the recent “Pacific 2015 International Maritime Exposition, Major Cherisa Bellis securing her first major contract for her business Major Freedom and Brad Barr recently being granted a \$25,000 interest-free loan from RMIT's New Enterprise Investment Fund.

The entire 2015 program cohort will graduate by March 2016, with all participants providing feedback that they would recommend the program to fellow transitioning Defence members.

As a result of the highly successful pilot program, PLYOB will grow next year to include 25 participants. Applications for the 2016 program opened in November this year with enrolments to commence in April 2016.



His Royal Highness met global mental health experts and delegates during the official opening of the international Psychological Recovery roundtable in Sydney. **Photo credit:** Flashpoint photography



EON Foundation, a partner organisation of PCA, has been working with Bidyadanga school and community in the West Kimberley since October 2013 where there are now 3 thriving gardens. **Photo credit:** EON Foundation



His Royal Highness met with The Prince's Lead Your Own Business program participants during His tour in November. **Photo credit:** Flashpoint Labs



Mike Hirst, Managing Director of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, met with school students in Geelong during the Seeing is Believing program in October.

Photo credit: D'Arcy Photography



The National Museum of Australia hosted His Royal Highness for a tour of the Encounters exhibition, followed by the announcement of the 'Encounters' Indigenous Scholarship program, a partnership initiative with PCA.

Photo credit: George Serras, National Museum of Australia.



Design renders of The Prince's Terrace Adelaide which include eight house terrace and four mews apartments, Australia's first '6 Star Green Star' residential development. **Photo credit:** Defence Housing Australia

Psychological Recovery following Community Disaster: An International Collaboration



21 international mental health experts in discussion at the two-day international roundtable on post-disaster mental health. *Photo credit: Flashpoint Labs*

In partnership with Phoenix Australia – Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, The Prince's Charities Australia facilitated an international roundtable of mental health experts to establish a world-first protocol addressing post-disaster mental health.

The mental health effects of trauma and disaster generate major economic, health, and well-being challenges around the world. The increase of adverse weather conditions and terrorism related-disasters has brought this issue into sharp focus, with governments and health services keen to provide the best possible care for those affected. While most physical injuries heal, the unseen psychological scars can last a lifetime and cause distress and reduced functioning not only of the survivor, but also their loved ones.

The roundtable, which took place over two days in November, involved the development and evaluation of an internationally agreed protocol, which would assist individuals to overcome the mental health impacts of natural and man-made disasters in both an immediate and long term capacity.

A core group of 21 internationally leading mental health experts from the US, UK, Canada, Australia and the Asian region arrived at a consensus regarding the nature of the optimum intervention and a methodology to trial its effectiveness. Their presence at the meeting in Sydney is testament to the high priority of this issue across the world.

More importantly, the commitment shown by these experts to continue working on and promoting the project speaks powerfully to the likelihood of long term success.

His Royal Highness attended the official opening of the event in Sydney to meet with roundtable participants as well as Defence members, emergency services personnel, and other first-line responders to disaster situations who would implement the roundtable's protocol.

Over the two days, the core group of 21 agreed on the goals of the intervention, the target population for the intervention, the structure and the content, including a mix of strategies with an emphasis on reducing distress, enhancing and looking after social supports, and identifying and activating value driven behaviours.

The international consortium is now focused on the next stages of the framework development including the creation of delivery manuals and an evaluation methodology to test the framework in community.

The primary goal of this process is to reduce distress and disability in people and their families affected by trauma. The potential savings, both economically and in terms of human suffering, are enormous. This can only be achieved through an international collaborative approach to design and evaluate the intervention – we need to know what works, and for whom, before recommending the framework for an international rollout.

We would like to thank Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) for his support as Patron of the project.



Professor David Forbes PhD, Director of Phoenix Australia, with His Royal Highness at the roundtable's official opening in Sydney.

Photo credit: Flashpoint Labs



Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd), Patron of the Roundtable greeting His Royal Highness. **Photo credit:** Flashpoint Labs

“Hosting a roundtable of the brightest minds in mental health disaster response allowed us to develop an international ‘standard’ for mental health disaster relief, and an agreed international framework for evaluating its effectiveness. This is a landmark advancement.”

— Professor David Forbes PhD, Director, Phoenix Australia



Commissioner Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Victoria (second from left) and colleagues meet His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales during the roundtable Welcome Reception. **Photo credit:** Flashpoint Labs

Project showcase

The Prince's Terrace Adelaide



His Royal Highness turns the first sod at The Prince's Terrace Adelaide project, with DHA Chief Operating Officer Madeline Dermatossian (left), DHA Chairman The Hon. Sandy MacDonald, and South Australian Deputy Premier John Rau. *Photo courtesy of DHA*

A collaborative project between Defence Housing Australia (DHA), South Australian Government and The Prince's Foundation for Building Community (based in the UK), the The Prince's Terrace Adelaide project will construct 12 homes, all designed with the local environment, sustainability and the maintenance of community in mind. The joint venture is the first Australian development for The Prince's Foundation, helping to raise the awareness level and viability of sustainable residential developments, workplaces and communities.

The homes will be the first residential development in Australia to attain a '6 Star Green Star' sustainability rating – a great achievement and a real demonstration project of what can be achieved with strong partnerships and thoughtful design.

Located in the Bowden urban renewal precinct, the 8 house terrace and 4 mews apartment development features sustainable measures including local, low-carbon materials in the construction, locally sourced concrete made with fly ash, local granite and bricks re-used from old Bowden industrial buildings, as well as:

- Ceiling fans to control the indoor climate, complemented with small but high efficiency air conditioning systems for peak Adelaide temperatures;
- LED lighting and photovoltaic solar panels generating renewable energy to reduce the building's peak power demand; and

- High efficiency water fittings, with toilets and laundry fittings supplied with 100 per cent recycled water.

These features are expected to cut energy and potable water use by more than 50 per cent, and carbon emissions by more than 40 per cent compared with a typical house.

- The Adelaide demonstration build will be supported with a knowledge transfer program providing Training and education on sustainable building practices as well as materials and workshops to equip professionals, graduates and students with the skills they need to design, build and preserve sustainable urban environments.

During H.R.H.'s visit in November, The Prince of Wales turned the first sod on the construction project. Construction is now underway and is due to be completed in the second half of 2016.



‘Encounters’ Indigenous Scholarship Program



Peter Yu (far left), Chair, Indigenous Reference Group and NMA Board member with His Royal Highness at the ‘Encounters’ exhibition meeting Indigenous artists during the November tour. **Photo credit:** George Serras, National Museum of Australia

“We’re very excited to be able to offer professional development programs for Indigenous cultural and heritage curators which will allow talented young people to take leadership roles in their communities.”

— Dr Mathew Trinca, Director, National Museum Australia

In line with His Royal Highness’ commitment to preserving Indigenous culture, The Prince’s Charities Australia, the National Museum of Australia (NMA) and The Prince’s School of Traditional Arts forged a partnership to create a scholarship program for regional and remote Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander community cultural workers to undertake professional development.

The collaboration will link the Museum’s expertise in cultural documentation, preservation, research and communication to The Prince’s School of Traditional Arts’ strengths in the teaching of traditional arts and crafts with an understanding of the philosophy inherent within them.

The Encounters Indigenous Scholarship Program was developed in response to a call for community cultural training by NMA’s Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) as a legacy following the extensive stakeholder consultation process undertaken by the museum during the development of the Encounters exhibition. The Encounters exhibition features some of the oldest artifacts collected from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people along with contemporary Indigenous Australian works.

The initial pilot scholarship program will provide for six young cultural workers from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to undergo an intensive three-month program in both Australia and United Kingdom.

The London components of the scholarship program will include time at The Prince’s School of Traditional Arts, extended visits to the British Museum and Oxford and Cambridge Universities. In addition to the training, the scholarship will provide participants with a stipend and all accommodation and travel costs.

Participants will develop skills and knowledge over a diverse range of professional practices including exhibition development, collection practices, research and digital integration. The program will also help to connect international organisations with remote art centres and local organisations, with a view to future cooperative ventures.

At the beginning of their scholarship program, participants will be asked to identify a particular cultural challenge for their community, which they will work to address through their experiences and learning. By the end of the program, they will have developed strategies and an action plan for implementing when they return to their community.

The scholarships were announced following a visit to the Museum by His Royal Highness in November.

The Prince of Wales is Patron of both of the Encounters Exhibitions at the British Museum and the NMA.

Project showcase

Seeing is Believing program



CEO of Jetstar Australia and New Zealand, David Hall, at Northern Bay College in Geelong as part of the Seeing is Believing program.

Photo credit: D'Arcy Photography

“I feel inspired by the teachers’ work and challenged by the inherent issues. An eye opening experience and a privilege to participate, I am sure that with all of us together, we can achieve massive change.”

— David Hall, Jetstar Australia & NZ CEO and program participant

“We felt like the executives really connected with our story and the kids, and feel lucky to be included in this fantastic initiative. Thank you so much.”

— Craig Smith, Assistant Principal Whittington Primary School



Full Scheme Design & Transition Branch Manager of the National Disability Insurance Agency, Scott McNaughton, and CEO of the Thankyou Group, Daniel Flynn, discuss strategies at the Seeing is Believing facilitated workshop in Geelong. **Photo credit:** D'Arcy Photography

Seeing is Believing is a program originally developed by Business in the Community, one of His Royal Highness' UK Charities. The program aims to close the gap between the boardroom and the community by taking senior business leaders into the heart of communities to assess how their businesses can make a positive impact.

The UK program is a resounding success and has been operating since 1990. More than 9,000 senior business people have visited communities across the UK developing a deep engagement with local people and a better understanding of the issues they face.

In partnership with the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) – an organisation that pairs businesses with schools to improve educational outcomes for students – The Prince's Charities designed a tailored Australian version of Seeing is Believing. Over 20 senior business leaders took a day out of their schedules to visit three schools in Geelong, Victoria. Participating organisations included companies such as Bendigo and Adelaide Bank,

Jetstar, Optus, PwC, Bain & Company, Navitas, TAC, National Disability Insurance Agency, WorkSafe, and Hall & Wilcox.

As part of the visit, participants were briefed by school staff on the challenges faced by students and their families before entering the classroom to meet the students themselves and gain a personal view of their daily activities.

Following the visit, participants undertook a facilitated workshop to discuss their understanding of the challenges faced by the school communities, and how their business networks and resources could be of use to the schools and their communities.

Strategies will be developed in individual consultation with each participant in the coming months, and we look forward to bringing you news of the outcomes.

The program was profiled on ABC News Victoria in November.

Project showcase

EON Foundation Inc.



The school garden at Christ the King Catholic school in Djarindjin Lombadina, Dampier Peninsula, continues with targeted support from EON after 6 years integrating their Thriving Communities Program.

Photo credit: EON Foundation



The Hon. Sussan Ley, Federal Minister for Health during her October 2015 visit to the Bidyadanga School in the West Kimberley community EON has been supporting since October 2013 which now has three thriving gardens.

“We know H.R.H. The Prince of Wales is passionate about alleviating disadvantage amongst Australia’s Indigenous people. We have already benefited from and are extremely grateful for the support of The Prince’s Charities Australia.”

— *Caroline de Mori, Chairman, EON Foundation*

EON Foundation Inc. (EON) is a West Australian-based not for profit organisation that engages with remote Indigenous schools and communities in a long term capacity to construct and maintain edible gardens, and deliver a program encompassing gardening, nutrition education, cooking and hygiene.

EON was founded in 2005 as a food and nutrition focused healthy lifestyle and disease prevention program in Indigenous communities. Its ‘Thriving Communities’ program was specifically developed to address poor health conditions and subsequent negative impacts on education outcomes for Indigenous children, particularly in remote communities.

The Thriving Communities program is implemented in communities over five years, with an EON staff member working in the community every fortnight, assisting to build trust and deepen EON’s engagement and sustainability of the program in each community. The program is now established across 17 communities in Western Australia.

The Prince’s Charities Australia is partnering with EON as a supporter, and an advocate to help raise awareness of the impactful work carried out by EON as it seeks to raise funds to ensure its ability to work with more communities to address the disparity of health outcomes in these remote communities compared to the rest of Australia.

This year EON celebrated its 10th birthday by welcoming Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley to tour La Grange Community School and the edible garden it developed.

There are some 20 communities on the waiting list for engagement with the EON. With further financial support, the organisation is well positioned to meet this need and expand its services into a greater range of communities across Australia.

International visits



Ariel view of the Dumfries House in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Photo credit: Dumfries House

Trustees and supporters tour His Royal Highness's rejuvenated Dumfries House

The Prince's Charities Australia Trustees and supporters visited Dumfries House, Scotland, for a tour and private dinner with His Royal Highness. Dumfries House, built between 1754 and 1759, is set in 2,000 acres of land near Cumnock and is acknowledged as one of the most architecturally significant stately homes in the UK.

In his capacity as Great Steward of Scotland's Dumfries House Trust, H.R.H. headed a consortium of charities and heritage bodies which bought the house and its land in 2007. The purchase prevented the house, contents and estate from being broken up and lost to the nation. Dumfries House was opened to the public for the first time in 250 years in 2008. It is now operating as a tourist attraction, education and training centre and has helped to regenerate the local economy in East Ayrshire.

The Prince's Charities Australia Trustees and supporters who attended the event were able to see first-hand the impact of "place-based" sustainable business and community development.

Dame Julia Cleverdon visits – April and October

The Prince's Charities Australia was delighted to welcome Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE on two occasions in 2015. Vice President of Business in the Community and Special Adviser to The Prince's Charities, Dame Julia engaged with Australian philanthropists, business leaders and charitable organisations during visits in April and October.

During her October visit, Dame Julia played an important role in meeting with three Geelong schools in preparation for the implementation of our Seeing is Believing program in their communities.



Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE during one of her visits to Australia in 2015. **Photo credit:** D'Arcy Photography

Board of Trustees

Chairman: Tony Beddison AO

Paul Bassat

Margaret Jackson AC

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC (Ret'd)

Elizabeth Proust AO

Paul Sheahan AM

Tony Beddison AO

Tony Beddison AO is the Chairman of The Beddison Group, a national recruitment and staffing organisation that includes HOBAN Recruitment and Clicks IT Recruitment.

He has been the Chairman of the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, a Director of the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and a Director of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation. He is a Director of the Australian War Memorial ANZAC Foundation.

In 2002 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for service to business and the community, and in 2003 was awarded the Centenary Medal.

Paul Bassat

Paul Bassat is a co-founder and major shareholder in Square Peg Capital - an active investor in early stage and growth stage technology businesses.

Paul is a Director of Wesfarmers Ltd and a Commissioner of the Australian Football League (AFL). He is on the Board of the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, the Mount Scopus College Foundation and the P&S Bassat Foundation.

Paul co-founded SEEK, the world's largest online employment business, in 1997 and served as CEO and then as Joint CEO from 1997-2011.

Margaret Jackson AC

Margaret Jackson AC is Chairman of Spotless Group Holdings Limited and Ansett Aviation Training Limited. She is also the President of Australian Volunteers International.

Margaret was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in the General Division (AC) in June 2003 for service to business in diverse and leading Australian corporations; and to the community in the area of support for medical research, the arts and education. She was also awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001 for service to Australian society in Business.

Margaret holds an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Monash University.

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC (Retd)

Peter Leahy AC retired from the Army in July 2008 after a 37 year career, during which he attained the rank of Lieutenant General and undertook a six year appointment as the Chief of Army.

Since leaving the Army, Peter has joined the University of Canberra as a Professor, and the Foundation Director of the National Security Institute.

He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has been appointed to the Boards of Codan Limited and Electro Optic Systems Holdings Limited.

He also serves as Chairman of both Soldier On and the Red Shield Appeal Committee for the Australian Capital Territory.

Peter was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2007 for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force in command of the Australian Army and strategic staff appointments.

Elizabeth Proust AO

Elizabeth has held leadership roles in the private and public sectors in Australia for almost 30 years. Elizabeth left executive life at the end of 2005 to pursue non-executive roles and to work as a mentor and leadership coach.

She has worked in local, State and Federal Government, the oil industry and in banking, with roles including Managing Director at Esanda, Group General Manager HR and Corporate Affairs at ANZ, Secretary of Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria), and Chief Executive of the City of Melbourne.

Elizabeth is currently Chairman of Nestle Australia and Chairman of Bank of Melbourne. She is a Director of Perpetual and of the Sports Australia Hall of Fame. She is also a member of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council.

Paul Sheahan AM

Paul Sheahan AM was an Australian Test cricketer who played 31 Tests and three One-Day Internationals as an opening and middle order batsman between 1967 and 1974.

He served as Principal of Geelong College, where he was educated, and later Headmaster at Melbourne Grammar School – a position he held until his retirement in 2009.

Paul has been closely involved with a number of educational committees, in particular, as Trustee (and formerly Director) of the Sir Robert Menzies Foundation.

He was elected President of the Melbourne Cricket Club in 2011 and was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2014 for significant service to secondary education as a teacher, and through roles with sporting, charitable and community organisations.

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