



SIR DAVID MARTIN FOUNDATION  
**Annual Report**  
**2012/2013**



HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE IN CRISIS



**"Believe me please:**

Strength is more enjoyable than weakness,  
Happiness is more enjoyable than misery,  
Honesty simpler to stick to than dishonesty,  
Having an aim is more fun than drifting,  
Building is healthier than knocking,  
Knowledge is more useful than ignorance,  
Unselfishness is warmer than selfishness,  
Making friends is a better investment than making enemies,  
So... decide what is worthwhile in life,  
And go for it with all your might.

**Then you'll be worthy of your forefathers."**

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## ABOUT SIR DAVID MARTIN FOUNDATION

### Overview

Sir David Martin Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds and awareness for young people suffering problems such as substance abuse, mental illness, family breakdown, violence and juvenile crime. We fund a range of programs that support young people and assist them to transform their lives.

### History

The Foundation was created in 1990 by the late Governor of NSW, Rear Admiral Sir David Martin KCMG AO, who had a dream of “safety, hope and opportunity for all young Australians”.

During his time in office, Sir David was moved by the large numbers of homeless and disadvantaged young people who had no one to care about them, or their future.

His wish, upon retirement, was to help create an environment where young people from disadvantaged backgrounds could grow up with the resources to achieve their full potential. The Foundation works to realise Sir David’s dream by raising funds for innovative and effective youth crisis programs run by Mission Australia.

### our vision

That all young people can grow up in safety with hope and opportunity



### our mission

To fund effective programs that help young people in crisis regain their health, get off the streets and achieve their goals



## our core values

### RESPECTFUL

We strive to be respectful to both our supporters and clients and always treat them with dignity. We value compassion, customer service and meeting the needs of people on an individual basis.

### COMMITTED

We are committed and dedicated to the work we do. We remain devoted to our cause, no matter what challenges present. Our commitment mirrors the ceaseless effort of front line staff.

### EFFECTIVE

We focus on being efficient as a fundraising organisation and funding effective programs that change lives. Our constantly measured programs have proven outcomes and follow best practice. We strive to operate in a sustainable manner.

### HONEST

We seek to be honest at all times. We aim to act with integrity and to live out our values. We make every effort to be transparent and accountable in our dealings and recognise and appreciate the trust that donors place in us.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### Mr David Wills

**On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to report 2012/13 has been a strong year for Sir David Martin**

#### Foundation.

As a fundraising Foundation, of paramount importance is our ability to fund programs to help young people in crisis and this year our funding extended to \$2.2 million. This allowed Triple Care Farm to operate at full capacity, and also enabled our support of a portfolio of other wonderful youth welfare programs namely Creative Youth Initiative, South West Youth Services and the Shopfront legal service. At the same time an operating surplus of \$292,517 was put into the investment fund that helps cover staff costs and will be used for future program delivery.

Through these programs, hundreds of young people who were struggling with mental health, addiction and homelessness have been assisted in the last year.

As we work hand-in-hand with the Service Managers, the Board and executive are mindful of the questions: "how do we know these programs work, and how are young people's lives changed for the better?" Proving the effectiveness of community programs such as these is a complicated process as our students all present with varying issues and have different levels of communicative skills.

We are blessed to work with active Service Managers, who diligently measure and report on the outcomes of their work.

More detail on these measurements is provided later in this report but I am delighted by outcomes such as 71% of Triple Care Farm Graduates moving from chronic drug use at commencement of the program to abstinence or diminished use 6 months after graduation. In fact rather than relapse, thanks to the Aftercare Program, levels of drug and alcohol abuse continue to drop following Graduation. This reflects the life skills learned at the Farm, and the ongoing aftercare support combine to enable sustained healthy living.

Further evidence of the effectiveness of changing young lives came through external validation. 2012/13 saw these programs receive awards:

#### 2012/13 Awards



TRIPLE CARE FARM  
SILVER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN  
EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL  
SERVICE DELIVERY CATEGORY AT THE  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONFERENCE



CREATIVE YOUTH INITIATIVE  
ARTS AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARD  
AT THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND  
HEALTH CONFERENCE IN FREMANTLE



SOUTH WEST YOUTH SERVICES  
COMMUNITY GROUP INITIATIVE AWARD  
BY THE CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL





In addition, Myrna Williams, Senior Constable at Macquarie Fields police, who cover areas where crime, unemployment and disadvantage are endemic, sent a letter to South West Youth Services commending front line staff. It is pleasing to know these programs affect real change for the young people they work with, and also for their wider communities.

To fund these award-winning programs the Foundation endeavours to keep costs down, so as much money as possible goes directly to provision of service. This was demonstrated by the Foundation winning an international fundraising accolade; the 'Big Idea, Small Budget' award at the International Fundraising Congress in Amsterdam in October 2012 for our annual "AMP Abseil for Youth" fundraising event.

In reflecting on the Foundation team, in August 2012 we said goodbye to the General Manager, Jannine Jackson. Jannine was a passionate and skilled leader of the Foundation team from 2007 to 2012. Under her stewardship Sir David Martin Foundation grew its funding capacity significantly, allowing the expansion of Triple Care Farm, which now assists 100 young people each year, as well as the funding of the much needed welfare programs run out of South West Youth Services. We welcomed Alex Green as our new General Manager in late 2012. Alex brings a wealth of experience in not-for-profit organisations and I'm sure he will lead the Foundation to the next stage of its development.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking those who believe in helping youth in crisis, and give of their time and money to the Foundation to give these young people another chance at life. Thank you to my fellow directors, including Paddy Carney and Shane Little who joined the Board in late 2012 and Andrew Sharpe who joined in 2013 as part of our commitment to retain energy and a diverse skill set within the Board. Most importantly, thank you to the many generous donors, without whom none of this would be possible.

**"There are not many agencies who will work with young people from the age of 8 years however, Melissa and Bruce (youth workers) have managed to engage with many of these students....**

**Their work is of great value to the police as they work with some of our up and coming offenders trying to deflect them from committing further crime and disengaging from school."**

Myrna Williams  
Senior Constable, Macquarie Fields  
Police





## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

### Mr Alex Green

**I was honoured to join Sir David Martin Foundation as the General Manager in November 2012.**

The work of the Foundation is inspiring and rewarding and I am committed to ensuring we deliver on our Vision 'that all young people can grow up in safety, with hope and opportunity'. I thank my predecessor Jannine Jackson for leading the Foundation over the last five years and hope to continue the healthy growth seen under her stewardship.

In early 2013 the Foundation team developed a five year Strategic Plan which included plans of growth, not for growth's sake, but in order to assist more young people like two of the young people I met in my first month at the Foundation.



Jordan (pictured left and on page 4) is a striking young man. My first impression was of a bright beaming smile and infectious energy. But not so long ago he had been in a sad, lonely place.

When he should have been in the prime of his life, he was moving from one sofa to the next, searching for somewhere to shoot up drugs, and destroying all the relationships around him. That was before he came to Triple Care Farm and learned how to build a new life. When I met him, he was speaking with confidence to a room full of people about his transformation, and saw his pride, as with that beaming smile, he talked about rediscovering how to become a good role model for his infant son. He was a month into a new job, had reconnected with friends and family previously lost through his years of addiction and looked so healthy it was hard to believe he had so recently been in such a desperate state.

There are, of course, thousands of young people in crisis like Jordan who need help. But they need help that enables them to live strong independent lives, not rely on a lifetime of institutional support or to relapse after completing their program. Through our planning we recognised the Foundation should only fund 'effective' programs so we are looking at objective research options that will make the testing and refinement of program impact a continuing theme.

Highlights for 2012/13 included healthy growth of some of our fundraising programs, inspirational generosity from donors and partner Foundations, and a continued dialogue with Government which I hope will lead to sustainable funding agreements.

Our strategic plan includes the continuation of funding our current suite of programs – Triple Care Farm, South West Youth Services, Creative Youth Initiative and Shopfront – whilst also exploring the opportunity to launch a youth detox program in the next few years. Current options for young people seeking to free themselves from the ravages of addiction do no more than temporarily remove substances from the body, and failed detox attempts often lead to increased substance abuse. There is a real need for a service that helps young people get clean whilst addressing their underlying issues and connecting them with ongoing support services.

I am excited to be involved with the Foundation as we embark on this new chapter and I am dedicated to making it a success. I thank the many contributors to the Foundation who share this commitment. With so many young people needing help to get back on their feet, the need is great, but the resolve is greater.





## MESSAGE FROM LADY MARTIN

**Twenty three years ago, with a vision of a world in which young people can grow up in safety and with hope and opportunity, my late husband established Sir David Martin Foundation.**

So much has happened in that time. The challenges facing young people have changed. Australian society looks very different. But Sir David Martin Foundation still continues to strive to deliver David's vision through its funding of programs such as Triple Care Farm.

It was a pleasure to again celebrate the achievements of the students at the Farm at the 2012 Graduation ceremony. To see such transformations, from addiction to apprenticeships, from trauma to training and from homelessness to hope, gives me enormous joy and confidence that when generous donors are joined with skilled staff and young people committed to change, anything is possible.

At the Graduation ceremony it was particularly pleasing to hear from a woman called Debbie Seale. After arriving at the Farm 22 years ago with homelessness and disengagement problems, Debbie graduated and has gone on to enjoy happiness and fulfilment in her life. She has raised a wonderful family, has enjoyed a great career with the Salvation Army and is a shining example of how Triple Care Farm can make lasting change in troubled young lives. She told the Graduation Day audience that 'without Triple Care Farm, I'd be dead'. Her joyous story is the evidence that David's vision remains alive and well.

Whilst Debbie has gone on to raise her own family, an aim of many students at the Farm is to reconnect with their own family. Often their parents have given up hope, or have been estranged as a result of their child's problems.

With accommodation onsite for families to visit, and weekend trips home permitted during the latter stages of a student's time at Triple Care Farm, rebuilding love and trust with family is a key objective for many students. Families can of course provide vital support in a young person's continued progress.

I am very proud of all the Foundation continues to achieve, and particularly to see my family remain involved as I retain a Board role, my daughter Anna continues to work at the Foundation and other daughter, Sandy and son, William, fundraise and contribute. I will finish with my sincere thanks to the many generous Foundation supporters whose commitment to helping young people in crisis helped make Debbie's story possible.



Lady Martin at the 2012 Triple Care Farm Graduation

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### THE PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT

Sir David Martin Foundation supports five key youth programs:

- Triple Care Farm
- South West Youth Services
- Creative Youth Initiative
- Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
- Sir David Martin Foundation Scholarship Program

Each program is designed to help young people achieve long term sustainable changes to their lives, becoming productive members of society.

#### Issues faced by students upon enrolment into these programs can include:



PHYSICAL  
DISABILITY



MENTAL HEALTH  
ISSUES (ANXIETY,  
ADHD, SCHIZOPHRENIA,  
DEPRESSION, PERSONALITY  
DISORDERS)



HOMELESSNESS



SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE (PRIMARILY  
MARIJUANA AND  
ALCOHOL)



RECENT RELEASE  
FROM PRISON AND  
REINTEGRATION  
BACK INTO SOCIETY







**"I just wanted to write to thank you so much for all the help, encouragement and support you provided my son Adam. Triple Care Farm has been of enormous benefit to Adam – he has returned home with a more positive outlook and determination to not go back to where he was before coming to you. While it's been a challenging time the program has been the best thing and a life saver for Adam".**

Mother of Adam (student)

**"Triple Care Farm has helped me so much, they have helped me see that I can change for the better and have really made me feel that I belong. It is so hard for me to explain how it worked, but it has done miracles in my life."**

John, TCF Graduate



**"Matt is one of the best counsellors I've ever met and I've seen five [over 11 years including in detention]."**

Client with Youth Counselling Program



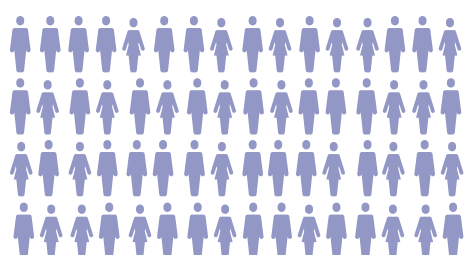


## Triple Care Farm

Located in Robertson, NSW, Triple Care Farm is an award-winning facility designed specifically to provide treatment and support for the co-morbid conditions of drug and alcohol addiction, and mental illness, within a residential setting.

Triple Care Farm received a Silver Achievement Award in Excellence in Clinical and Non-Clinical Service Delivery category at the Mental Health Services Conference. It was given in recognition of its ongoing provision of a quality residential rehabilitation program for young people with substance abuse issues and mental illness.

It's not the first time Triple Care Farm was been recognised for its holistic support. In 2009 it received the prestigious Excellence in Services for Young People at the National Drug and Alcohol Awards, followed by a silver award at the 2010 Mental Health Services Conference.



OVER THE PAST YEAR  
**98 students**

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRIPLE CARE FARM PROGRAM



**48 students**

WERE SUPPORTED BY THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM



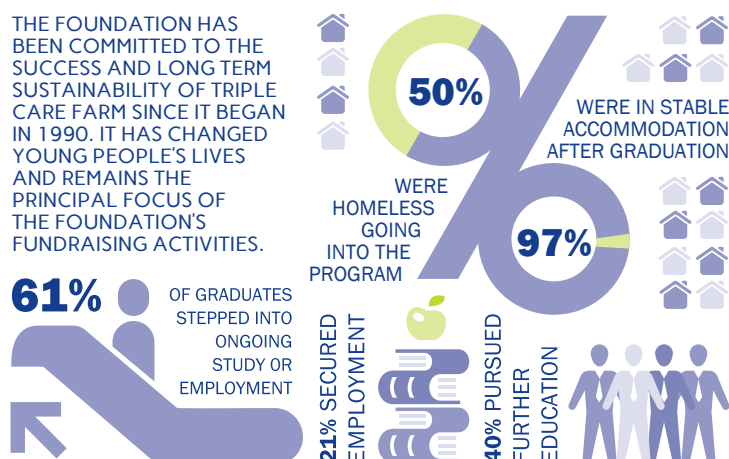
## About the Program

The Farm accepts young people aged 16-24, from all over Australia. With learning and change being a significant focus of the program, the young people are referred to as 'students' once they commence.

Involvement with the Triple Care Farm program can span 12 months, depending on the individual student's needs. Following their time on the Farm, students are offered the "Stepping Out" aftercare service which provides ongoing support for the six months following.

The 12 week residential program is organised into a series of activities designed to give the students structure, while they manage the emotional and physical impacts associated with detoxification. They learn how to recognise the core issues underlining their substance abuse and are taught the skills to make a positive change in their lives.

For many of the students, the Farm presents them with the opportunity to learn practical living and life skills. Over half the participants were homeless prior to arriving at the Farm and many have never experienced stable accommodation. The program provides them with a steady and consistent background in which to learn the skills necessary to establish and maintain positive social relationships, including conflict resolution and negotiation.



Students learn how to undertake domestic responsibilities including budgeting, cooking, cleaning and doing laundry. The program encourages students to work on their personal issues, develop healthy lifestyle practices, and to learn how to use time productively each day. For most students, their addiction has interfered with their education so, in addition to rehabilitation, they are provided with training in literacy and numeracy skills, and a range of TAFE accredited vocational courses that can lead to employment and further education. This structure and emotional support provides them with the skills that will support their return to the community and reduce the risk of relapse.

## TRIPLE CARE FARM CASE STUDY

Lewis\*, 20, graduated into the “Outbound” stage of the Triple Care Farm program on the 24th of January, 2013. His journey of 12 weeks bought him back from the depths of alcoholic depression, anxiety and suicidal idealisation.

Lewis came to Triple Care Farm with alcohol abuse issues that led to losing his job. His conflicts with family escalated and hearing of the recent severe sexual assault of a close friend bought him completely undone.

Lewis was desperate to leave behind the angry and negative person he had become and wanted to look forward to having a different outlook on life; one of happiness and the “chance to be a new person”.

The medical history for Lewis was building to the point where he was admitted for alcohol poisoning. Lewis was unhealthy and slowly killing himself. From the very beginning of entering the Triple Care Farm program, Lewis faced his demons head on.

**“...drinking is pointless.  
I feel sick and depressed  
when I drink.”**

Immediately he forged a strong bond with his counsellor, attending GP appointments and dedicating himself to Boot Camp and the Vocational and Education program.

Lewis graduated the Triple Care Farm program happy, healthy (having lost over 15 kilos) and skilled for employment and substance abuse abstinence. Shortly after leaving, he called the Farm to let them know he had been successful in securing a job as an Apprentice Landscaper.



**“Over his twelve weeks at Triple Care Farm, Lewis came to understand that both ups and downs are an inevitable part of life. Though at times his journey proved challenging, through his hard work and dedication, Lewis developed the skills to help him safely and effectively manage the challenges life presents. This knowledge and skill will ultimately help Lewis to achieve the goals he sets for himself, in order to create ‘a life worth living.’”**

Counsellor, Triple Care Farm

## South West Youth Services

Based in the Sydney area, South West Youth Services provides a preventative service that aims to prevent young people from entering the 'no home, no job' cycle.

It works with marginalised youth who have fallen out of the school system aged about 12-13 and have never been given the opportunity to participate in further education options. Many have experienced childhood sexual abuse, domestic violence, loss of a family member and, in most cases, have been shunned by society.

By providing a range of programs, South West Youth Services aims to work with young people by developing solutions based on their individual strengths. Taking a community based focus, rather than institutionalising young people, South West Youth Services works with them to develop positive interactions with the people in their lives, removing them from isolation and helping them to become functional members of their community.



**The Youth Crime Prevention Program also received a certificate of participation signed by the Superintendent of Macquarie Fields Police for our involvement in the HOPE programs throughout the 2012/13 financial year.**

## About the Program

In 2012/13 Sir David Martin Foundation provided funding for three of the important programs run by South West Youth Services.

### Youth Counselling Program

Since 2006, the Foundation has funded an intensive counselling service for young people helped by South West Youth Services and their families. Supported by their counsellor, they work through concerns relating to abuse, domestic violence, family relationships and mental illness. This program assists young people to develop strategies to cope with their problems in a productive manner.



### Post Release Support Program (PRSP)

This program works with teenagers aged 13-18 who are exiting the Juvenile Justice system. It provides an 18 week case management service, with 6 weeks prior to release from custody and 12 weeks post release. The aim is to reintegrate young people back into their community and increase their capacity to engage in pro-social behaviour, further training/education, employment and decrease criminal behaviour.



### Youth Crime Prevention Program

This program provides an intensive, solution-focused case management model to young people and their families in the Campbelltown and Liverpool regions. It offers educational, training and employment opportunities, whilst promoting pro social behaviours within the community, to young people who are at risk of developing further criminal behaviours.

Goals are developed across key outcome areas including accommodation, family, education and training, employment, legal issues, recreation, financial matters, physical and mental health, and support and intervention in alcohol and drug use.





## SOUTH WEST YOUTH SERVICES CASE STUDY

Shannon\* was fourteen when she was referred to the Youth Crime Prevention Program by Police.

Life took a tragic turn when Shannon lost her father in a horrific car accident. She was 12yrs of age when this had happened. Dealing with the grief and loss of her father is hard for anyone especially at such a young age.

When life started to resemble some form of peace for Shannon another tragedy occurred. She was sexually assaulted on her way home from school.

She soon started using drugs and alcohol, and was self-harming to deal with the mountain of pain she felt inside. She became known as the angry girl at school, amongst her friends and at home.

Shannon was expelled from mainstream schooling; her relationship with her mum was not supportive and her physical and mental health was beginning to deteriorate. Shannon started attending a behavioural school and began working with the case worker from the Youth Crime Prevention Program. Shannon had struggled to connect with anyone before but this time it was different: she really wanted to change the destructive path she was on.

With the intensive support that this program provides, life for Shannon started to improve. Shannon and the case worker began working together on her self-esteem, emotional awareness; drug and alcohol harm minimisation, self-harm reduction strategies and getting her education back on track.

Three months after entering the program, Shannon and her mum have reconnected. They spend time together working on craft projects; something that neither of them could have ever envisioned.

Shannon is also linked in with counselling support on a fortnightly basis where she is learning how to deal with the pain inside in productive ways.

The school she now attends reports that Shannon's behaviour has been remarkable and that she now applies herself to school work and is not the angry girl that they first met.



**“I did learn a lot from the program and I would like to say thank you for the time and effort you put in for us and thank you for listening.... Excellent quality, received the help I wanted, it has helped me a great deal!”**

Participant in the Youth Crime Prevention Program

## Creative Youth Initiative

Based in Sydney's Surry Hills, the program helps young people aged 16 to 25, develop their creativity through visual arts and music. This in turn builds self-esteem, encourages self-expression and provides positive learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. In addition, it provides young people with the opportunity to access free TAFE-accredited creative training programs as well as personalised individual support.

The service caters to young people who are facing varied challenges, including homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse, family breakdown, unemployment and disengagement from education. It consists of two programs run concurrently – Sounds of the Street and Artworks!

Program Manager Sera Harris said: "CYI is unique in that it provides structured creative programs run by practising artists and musicians, so the young people are receiving expert and professional tuition. But at the same time, while using music and art as an outlet for expression, they also have the support of a social worker to help them work through their individual challenges."

As part of our support, Sir David Martin Foundation funds the Student Support Co-ordinator role at Creative Youth Initiatives. This essential service looks after intake and referrals, and offers ongoing support and goal planning to students while they are at Creative Youth Initiatives. The Student Support Co-ordinator assists students in a number of areas including finding suitable accommodation, attaining employment, re-entering or enrolling in education or training institutions, counselling around mental health issues and offers ongoing daily support for students. It is this holistic approach of providing personalised support that makes the program such a success.

## About the Program

### Sounds of the Street








Sounds of the Street program is run over 20 weeks and teaches participants to compose, perform and record music, and eventually produce professionally mixed and mastered CDs of their own music. During the course they are encouraged to create songs, are introduced to music software and gain an understanding of the music industry. Students work both one-on-one and as a group, under the guidance of music tutors. By completing this course, students are also recognised as completing 4 modules towards a TAFE Certificate 1 in Music Industry Skills.

### Artworks!

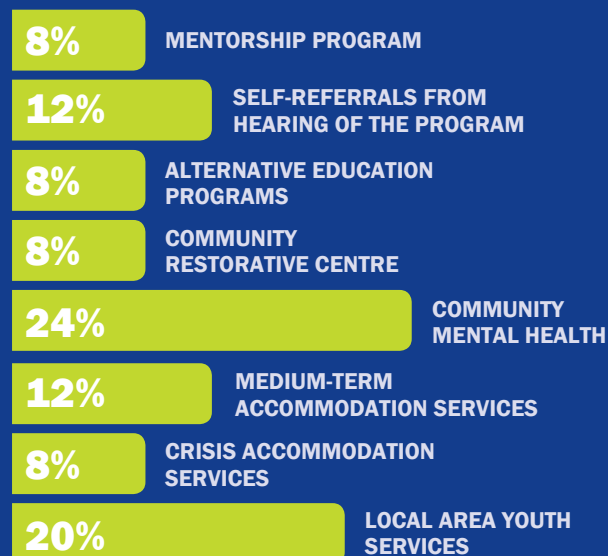
Artworks! is an accredited TAFE Outreach visual arts program, which provides materials, skilled one-on-one and group tuition and a safe place where young people can explore their creativity. The program enables students to examine a range of media including photography, painting, sketching, sculpture, printmaking and graphic design. The learning year culminates in the Artworks! Exhibition, which requires students to frame or finish their work, price it, create a theme and name their artwork, and communicate with the press and sponsors.

## Results

In late 2012 Creative Youth Initiative (CYI) team received the Arts and Mental Health Award at the 4th International Arts and Health Conference in Freemantle. The 20th birthday celebration included a report revealing over 1000 young people have passed through its innovative program since it was launched in 1993. The report also showed:

70%		EXPERIENCED INCREASED SELF ESTEEM AND SOCIAL SKILLS
65%		DEVELOPED INCREASED COPING MECHANISMS
100%		IDENTIFIED IMPROVED LINKS WITH SUPPORT SERVICES
25%		EXPERIENCED IMPROVED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
44%		IDENTIFIED AN INCREASED LEVEL OF MOTIVATION
60%		SUCCESSFULLY ENROLLED IN FURTHER EDUCATION
79%		IDENTIFIED AN IMPROVED SENSE OF BELONGING

## SOURCE OF CLIENT REFERRALS



## CREATIVE YOUTH INITIATIVE CASE STUDY

Q&A With female student, Clare\*, who graduated in 2012.

### What were you doing before CYI?

"Nothing really, I have a two year old son so I was taking care of him. I was engaged with Red Cross Young Parents program and was in temporary housing".

### Did CYI change you? How did you change as an artist?

"My self esteem, my confidence. Everything. I managed to learn basic piano in 6 months, that's really impacted on my music. Being able to play an actual instrument is a big thing when you're doing music".

### What does CYI have that isn't like other services?

"It was fun, you weren't judged and you could sing about absolutely anything and they never said that you couldn't. They gave you that freedom; they didn't treat you like a child. And Mel (the Student Support Coordinator) was always there, I had a LOT of problems and Mel was always there. It's a safe environment. I've never felt like I wasn't safe when I was at CYI".

### Do you think CYI made a difference in your life today?

"Yes, definitely. It's changed my personality, it's changed my view on things. I was, not violent, but very aggravated when I first came here, and through music and having to actually be somewhere made me feel like I actually belonged somewhere and I never formed good relationships in school. I was always the bullied one, so when I came here I was extremely nervous about being criticised by the other people. As soon as I came in here I just felt that I could do anything, say anything and I wouldn't be criticised".

### Was there a thing that changed everything? Can you think of a definitive moment where life didn't seem the same as before?

"It was after when I first started gigging and this guy asked me if I could play piano and I was like "Yeah, yeah I can!" and even though it's just basic, it's enough to get me through and that's when I really thought "hey, hold on, I am actually good at something here..."



## Shopfront

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre is a free legal service for homeless and disadvantaged young people aged 25 and under.

The service provides legal representation, advice, casework and referrals for individual clients. Shopfront also provides legal information and education for young people, youth workers and lawyers, as well as systemic advocacy work on legal and policy issues affecting disadvantaged young people.

The Shopfront is a joint project of Mission Australia, The Salvation Army and the law firm Herbert Smith Freehills.

Most of the Shopfront's clients are extremely disadvantaged by virtue of homelessness, mental illness, intellectual disability, past trauma, poverty and social exclusion. They tend to move around between the streets, refuges, boarding houses and other temporary accommodation. Others live in supported accommodation or Department of Housing properties.

### Shopfront works to achieve four main goals

#### To provide young people with legal advice and representation in court



The Shopfront is permanently staffed by lawyers and solicitors from Freehills law firm, who provide their time on a pro bono basis. The service advises young people on how to deal with a range of legal matters, including fines and criminal charges, domestic violence, family and child welfare law, social security, discrimination, employment and housing.



#### To educate young people about their legal rights

The people helped by Shopfront are some of the most disadvantaged young people in Sydney and the majority of them have little knowledge about their legal rights within the court or police system.

Shopfront works to remedy this by providing accessible information and resources to educate young people about their legal rights.

#### To educate youth workers about legal issues



The Shopfront provides legal training sessions and support materials to youth workers and programs across NSW.

By working with other services, the Shopfront seeks to help develop a holistic community-wide response to support disadvantaged people in all areas of their lives.



#### Campaign for improved laws and policies relating to disadvantaged young people

In addition to legal services, the Shopfront seeks to raise public awareness of the issues affecting young people, through government submissions and parliamentary enquiries. The Centre works towards an improvement in laws and policies and advocates for change that will benefit all disadvantaged young people.

## Results

In the financial year 2012/13, Shopfront took on 422 new legal matters, 173 of which involved new clients.

About 60% of our matters involved criminal law; many of these matters involved multiple court appearances as well as significant preparation time. We have also assisted numerous clients with outstanding fines, victims' compensation applications (all of which are long-running and time-consuming) and advice and referrals on a range of family, civil and administrative law matters.

Referrals continue to come from a range of services, with a majority from Salvation Army's Youth Service, Oasis. Other referring agencies include The Crossing, Inner City Youth at Risk, Youth Off the Streets, CatholicCare, and the early intervention mental health teams at Darlinghurst and Bondi Junction.

## Systemic advocacy

As well as direct client work, the Shopfront continues to make significant contributions to systemic advocacy and policy.

The NSW Government has recently passed a new Bail Act, which will take effect in 12 months' time and which we believe will be a significant improvement on the current system.

We believe that our input had a significant influence in shaping the new Act, especially in relation to how police deal with breaches of bail. We hope this will lead to fewer young people being arrested for breach of bail and instead being dealt with more appropriately.

The NSW Law Reform Commission has just released a draft report on sentencing. It appears that our input has had an impact on some of the recommendations. We have made further comments on the draft report, attempting to ensure that non-custodial sentencing options are accessible for homeless and disadvantaged people and flexible enough to meet their needs.



## SHOPFRONT CASE STUDY

Ioana\* is a young Samoan woman with a terrible history of abuse, both physical and sexual. She came to the Shopfront to ask about a claim for victim's compensation for repeated sexual abuse committed by her uncle. During the discussions Ioana disclosed ongoing abuse that she had suffered at the hands of her family.

She was brought to Australia by her grandma as a small child and left with a family she had never met before. She still does not know her age or the correct date of her birthday due to lack of proper documentation. In conversations with the Shopfront, she disclosed that she had been raped repeatedly by her uncle and beaten and abused by her aunt. In her close-knit community, no one believed her when she reached out for help. At 13 years of age she could no longer take the abuse and ran away. Her troubled life continued and by the age of 16 she had given birth to a son fathered by a violent partner.

Keen to help Ioana with her claim, the Shopfront enlisted help from solicitors from Freehills to prepare a strong case against her family. The legal team faced varied challenges including; finding documented evidence of the ongoing abuse and combatting affidavits signed by other family members stating Ioana was a liar. The team presented the evidence in a compelling light and appealed to the tribunal that evidence given by the family should be given little weight.

Ioana received a substantial amount of compensation for her two claims, coming to a total of \$83,500. This noteworthy compensation will help Ioana transform her life for the better, but more importantly the ruling confirmed for her that what happened was wrong.

## Scholarship Program

Each year, Sir David Martin Foundation provides scholarships to certain students of the programs to give them extra help as they re-enter the community. Assisting them with the resources needed to pursue further education or commencing work contributes to the high success rates of the programs.

### Results

Since the beginning of the year, the 2012 scholarship recipients have been using their scholarship funds towards items/courses that will aid them in further study or their career.

Sir David Martin Scholarships awarded in the period ending June 2013 included:

\$1,000 TO LUKE TO HELP WITH HIS FEES FOR A TAFE CERTIFICATE IV IN HUMAN RESOURCES

\$500 TO TYRONE FOR WORK WEAR AND BOOTS FOR HIS NEW CONSTRUCTION JOB

\$800 TO JESSICA FOR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO START JOB AS A CHEF

\$1,000 TO HARRY FOR ART SUPPLIES FOR HIS ILLUSTRATION COURSE AT ENMORE TAFE

\$1,200 TO ISABELLA TO ENABLE HER TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP FOR HER DESIGN COURSE AT TAFE

\$800 TO LARNEY FOR A KEYBOARD TO HELP HER PURSUE A CAREER IN MUSIC.

### Aims

Given the disadvantaged backgrounds from which many of the students come, lack of funds can provide a real hindrance to pursuing further education. The cost of fees and required equipment and materials can prove to be a deterrent. By providing scholarships to assist with these costs, students can make the most of opportunities to enrol in various courses and set themselves up for future careers.

Other students are willing to enter the workforce upon completion of our programs, but lack appropriate clothing and equipment or cannot afford to get essential certificates for industries such as hospitality and construction. Employment is important in establishing young people with the tools needed for a stable and independent life free from poverty. Sir David Martin Foundation also awards scholarships tailored to assist students in commencing work, in the form of equipment and clothing packages or certificates to ensure they are employment-ready.

### How scholarship recipients have utilised the money



LENNON HAS RECEIVED A PC , SO HE CAN COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS AT HOME WHILE STUDYING MUSIC CERT II AT ULTIMO TAFE. HE WILL BE APPLYING FOR MUSIC CERT III FOR NEXT HALF OF THE YEAR.



KATY HAS RECEIVED A GUITAR, WHICH SHE HAS BEEN USING FOR REGULAR BUSKING AROUND THE INNER WEST, GIGGING AT OPEN MIC NIGHTS AND WITH HER COVERS BAND. SHE IS ENROLLED IN MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS AT ULTIMO TAFE.



NYA HAS RECEIVED A MASCHINE AND HEADPHONES TO KICK START HIS DJ CAREER. HE IS ENROLLED IN MUSIC CERT II AT ULTIMO TAFE.



MARIE IS WAITING TO RECEIVE HER LAPTOP WHICH SHE WILL USE FOR HER FURTHER STUDIES. SHE HAS JUST COMPLETED HER YEAR 10 CERTIFICATE EQUIVALENT AND IS ENROLLED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AT TAFE.



STEWART WILL BE USING HIS SCHOLARSHIP TO PURCHASE ART SUPPLIES AND FOR A LIFE DRAWING COURSE. HE IS CURRENTLY AT TAFE COMPLETING A LITERACY AND NUMERACY COURSE.



TAYLA USED HER SCHOLARSHIP TO PURCHASE ART SUPPLIES FOR THE DESIGN COURSE SHE IS COMPLETING AT ST GEORGE TAFE.



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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CASE STUDY

Born into a war-torn country, Miriam\* grew up witnessing horrific violence and civil unrest. At barely 10 years of age, she was left to look after her younger siblings when her mother was brutally killed. The situation was clearly becoming dire for Miriam, and her uncle brought her to Australia when she was 13.

In Australia, her new life did not go the way she had hoped after her uncle married. His new wife was violent towards Miriam, not only causing her harm but fracturing the one remaining relationship she had.

Most nights Miriam was kept awake by nightmares of what she had witnessed in her war-torn country. Unbeknownst to her, she was struggling with Post Traumatic Stress. Compounded with her estrangement with her uncle, Miriam was forced into a life of couch surfing and occasionally sleeping rough. She was referred to Creative Youth Initiative (CYI) after finally receiving help from a crisis accommodation service.

As part of CYI's Sounds of the Street music program, she uncovered a love for singing and guitar. Miriam engaged well with vocal training and used singing in her native language as a means of reconciling with her troubled past. CYI not only fostered Miriam's talents and helped her explore her creativity, it offered practical support as well.

To encourage Miriam to foster her new-found talent, Sir David Martin Foundation awarded her a scholarship for singing and vocal lessons. These lessons helped her not only musically but also provided a means of finding self-worth and boosting her confidence. Nearly 6 months after graduating, Miriam is finally feeling safe and happy. In addition to working on her singing, she has secured a retail job. Reconnecting with her family is next on her list of goals; once she is more financially stable she hopes to help her siblings immigrate to Australia.



**"This scholarship allows me to continue my singing and vocal lessons. This is my emotional outlet... Without singing, I feel so emotionally bottled up. I need to continue to sing to deal with my feelings. Thank you Sir David Martin Foundation for providing me with the outlet."**

Miriam, Scholarship recipient

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## FUNDRAISING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sir David Martin Foundation manages a variety of fundraising events each year; they help generate program funding and also provide a platform for media and advocacy work. Here are just a few.

### AMP Abseil for Youth 2012

Over two days, 200 daredevil fundraisers abseiled down the side of Sydney's AMP building. This was only possible due to the invaluable contribution of the AMP Foundation. We thank them for their generosity and commitment.

Several celebrity ambassadors helped kick off the event each day, including Caroline Pemberton (former Miss Australia), Olympian Sally Pearson, the then Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (NSW) Victor Dominello, ABC 702's Adam Spencer and Channel 9's Brendan Moar.

In addition to AMP, the day wouldn't have been possible without Terry and the team at Adventure Out, our mountaineering Ambassador Andrew Lock OAM, the volunteers from the Royal Australian Navy and all our volunteers. The abseiling event over two days raised more than \$320,000 for the Triple Care Farm Program.

### Royal Australian Navy / Sir David Martin Foundation Fundraising Golf Day

The Naval Golf Association Charity Day was held at The Coast Golf Club, Little Bay, with spectacular views and the opportunity to spot the odd passing whale. Coordinated by Alan Hart and managed by our RAN Ambassador, Mark Klopper, the day was well run and enjoyed by the players. There was plenty of interest in the auction and raffle items and both were generously supported.

The day raised \$17,010 and the board and team of SDMF are grateful for the continued support of the Naval Golf Association and the hospitality of the Coast Golf Club.

### Anniversary 'Museum of Creative Hearts'

On April 11, 2013 CYI celebrated 20 year anniversary at the Muse Gallery, Ultimo. The anniversary attracted a lot of media attention with CYI being interviewed by Triple JJJ and FBI radio. Articles were written about "the Museum of Creative Hearts" in the Daily Telegraph, Inner Sydney Voice and other publications. The event also made it into the ABC evening news.

The 20 year anniversary also marked the launch of the research paper "That Thing That Changed Everything" written by Service Manager, Sera Harris. The research paper focuses on the benefits of using creativity as a positive tool for change with young people. It was also the launch of the documentary also named "That Thing That Changed Everything" created by CYI students and staff with the guidance of Storyteller Simon Dikkenberg. The event was part of Youth Week 2013.





**\$17,010 was raised at the Naval Golf Association Charity Day**

**2012 saw the AMP Abseil for Youth raise more than \$320,000 for the Triple Care Farm program**





## FUNDRAISING COMMUNICATIONS

Sir David Martin Foundation runs two fundraising appeals through the year; they each focus on the amazing transformation of one young person who has been a part of our programs.

### Christmas appeal

This year's Christmas appeal tells the story of Jo. Jo was 20 when we first met her at the Foundation. Burdened with crippling anxiety, Jo was hospitalised for major mental illnesses and exhaustion for over 8 months.

Her incredible turnaround came when she discovered the CYI Artworks! Program. The Foundation could see what Jo hadn't been able to see – that she had great potential as an artist – and she was awarded a scholarship to pay for art materials during her course.

The Christmas appeal also featured Christmas tags with Jo's artwork. She completed the course with flying colours, and then went on to study at the College of Fine Arts.



**“It's amazing, going from feeling there's nothing good about me to realising I am a good artist. I felt like a complete failure before. Completely hopeless. I'm still working on my issues but I'm able to achieve things now.”**

Jo, Creative Youth Initiative student and artist whose work featured on our Christmas tags



*Your  
Tree of Hope  
Christmas decoration*

Tear the tag in half and remove these instructions. Write your words of encouragement and support on the back of the left-hand tag.

Return it to us in the enclosed Reply Paid envelope together with your gift, if you are able to make one this Christmas.

*Please turn over...*

## Winter appeal

This Winter Tax Appeal introduced us to Debbie, a graduate of the Triple Care Farm program some 23 years ago. Debbie went from refuge to refuge, trying to find a place she belonged. She asserts that:

“If it wasn’t for Triple Care Farm ... I’d be dead.”

The Farm gave her a place to belong and to find her inner strength to achieve. She has become a brilliant role model to those suffering the same issues, and has become an incredible advocate of the Foundation’s work. Donors to this appeal gave young people the same chance for a new life.

## Aspire Newsletters

The Sir David Martin Foundation Newsletter, Aspire, is released four times a year to supporters including our wonderful and loyal pledge donors.

It is an important medium to keep donors up to date on the lives of the staff and young people involved in the programs, to communicate how their donations are being invested, and the outcomes they produce.

Aspire also gives supporters information on topics such as the latest research findings on addictions and the impact of mental health conditions. The newsletter is widely read and its success is due to the many people who provide relevant and interesting content.



# TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Sir David Martin Foundation structures long term relationships with a number of philanthropic, community and corporate organisations to maintain and grow the suite of programs to assist young people in crisis.

## Summary

From 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, Sir David Martin Foundation received over \$1.2 million from trusts, foundations, companies and community clubs and groups. Without such support we would not be able to provide the funds and resources necessary for the quality youth services that help hundreds of young Australians each year.

## Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge and especially thank the following organisations:

- AMP Foundation
- ANZ Trustees Foundation
- Bennelong Foundation
- Bill Leavey Foundation
- CIMB Australia
- Duff Family Charitable Fund
- Dunn Family Trust Fund
- Fairbridge Foundation
- Gosford RSL Sub Branch
- HMAS Barcoo Association
- Honeybees Gospel Choir
- James N Kirby Foundation
- Karen & John Kightley Foundation
- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- Macquarie Group Foundation
- Maple-Brown Family Charitable Foundation
- Michaela Arnott Foundation
- Miles Family Foundation
- Moore Family Foundation
- Naval Association of Australia
- Naval Golf Association
- Neilson Foundation
- NSW Gun Club Ltd
- Penn Foundation
- Property Industry Foundation
- QBE Foundation
- R A Gale Foundation
- RAN Sailing Association
- Rotary Club of North Sydney
- Royal Australian Navy
- Scanlon Foundation
- Skipper-Jacobs Charitable Foundation
- Tas Foundation Ltd
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Woodend Pty Ltd



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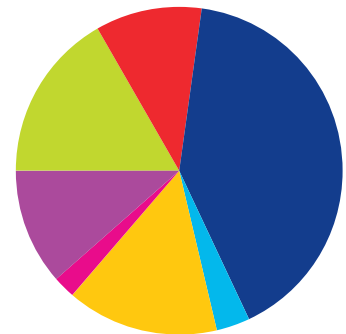
## SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT - 2012/13

### How you gave and how it helped young people

A summary of the financial report for Sir David Martin Foundation is shown below. A full copy of the report is available to download from [www.sdmf.org.au](http://www.sdmf.org.au).

#### Total Incoming Resources

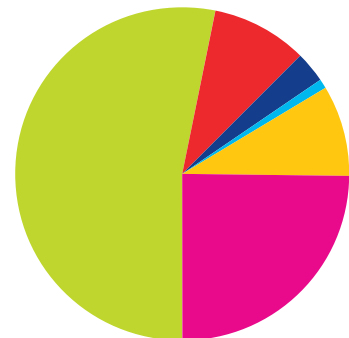
Fundraising appeals	\$561,314	16.7%	
Fundraising events	\$355,441	10.5%	
Philanthropic and corporate grants	\$1,375,802	40.8%	
Monthly giving	\$110,332	3.3%	
Bequest and legacy income	\$506,330	15.0%	
Community and other fundraising	\$73,548	2.2%	
Interest*	\$387,129	11.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,369,896</b>	<b>100%</b>	



\* Interest is calculated on a fixed rate of 5% of the Current Assets managed through the Trustee (\$7,986,684 as at 30/6/13). Our objective is to build this interest income to entirely fund personnel costs in order that more of the donated dollar go direct to service provision. Currently interest income covers 88% of personnel costs.

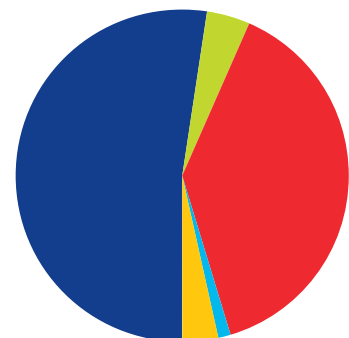
#### Total Outgoing Resources

Program funding (total)	\$2,236,678	66.4%	
Triple Care Farm	\$1,794,428	(53.2%)	
South West Youth Services	\$312,250	(9.3%)	
Creative Youth Initiative	\$100,000	(3.0%)	
Shopfront Youth Legal Centre	\$30,000	(0.9%)	
Distribution for future program funding	\$296,672	8.8%	
Expenses related to fundraising and administration	\$836,546	24.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,369,896</b>	<b>100%</b>	



#### Expenses related to fundraising and administration

Personnel costs	\$438,666	52.4%	
Occupancy and accommodation	\$34,923	4.2%	
Communications and events expenses	\$323,477	38.7%	
Transport and equipment hire	\$10,498	1.2%	
Other	\$28,982	3.5%	
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>\$836,546</b>	<b>100%</b>	



## Five Year Historical Context

INCOME	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/9
Fundraising income	\$2,514,087	\$3,250,214	\$1,762,936	\$2,442,006	\$1,297,845
Bequest income	\$468,680	\$2,784,185*	\$213,880	\$289,842	\$110,397
Investment income	\$387,129	\$404,417	\$354,917	\$314,258	\$267,430
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>\$3,369,896</b>	<b>\$6,438,816</b>	<b>\$2,331,733</b>	<b>\$3,046,106</b>	<b>\$1,675,672</b>
EXPENDITURE					
Personnel costs	\$438,666	\$459,071	\$422,132	\$343,602	\$296,409
Occupancy and accommodation	\$34,923	\$31,421	\$30,603	\$22,860	\$26,578
Communications and events expenses	\$323,477	\$357,800	\$251,249	\$225,501	\$242,124
Transport and equipment hire	\$10,498	\$13,674	\$15,373	\$22,408	\$19,857
Other	\$28,982	\$72,191	\$64,458	\$17,526	\$16,454
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>\$836,546</b>	<b>\$934,157</b>	<b>\$783,815</b>	<b>\$631,897</b>	<b>\$601,422</b>
Program funding	\$2,236,678	\$2,356,613	\$946,812	\$1,499,815	\$792,520
Surplus invested for future charitable expenditure	\$296,672	\$3,148,046	\$601,106	\$914,394	\$281,730
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>\$2,533,350</b>	<b>\$5,504,659</b>	<b>\$1,547,918</b>	<b>\$2,414,209</b>	<b>\$1,074,250</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,369,896</b>	<b>\$6,438,816</b>	<b>\$2,331,733</b>	<b>\$3,046,106</b>	<b>\$1,675,672</b>

## Balance Sheet

Assets	2012/13	2011/12
Cash and cash equivalents	\$17,204	\$14,383
Trade and other receivables	\$7,969,324	\$7,685,407
Other assets	\$156	\$125
Total current assets	\$7,986,684	\$7,699,915
Trade and other receivables	\$2,706,661*	\$2,706,661
Total non-current assets	\$2,706,661	\$2,706,661
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$10,693,345</b>	<b>\$10,406,576</b>
Liabilities		
Employee benefits provisions	\$13,308	\$17,871
Total current liabilities	\$13,308	\$17,871
Employee benefits provisions	\$1,351	\$6,691
Total non-current liabilities	\$1,351	\$6,691
Total liabilities	\$14,659	\$24,562
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$10,678,686</b>	<b>\$10,382,014</b>
Equity		
Settled sum	\$10	\$10
Accumulated surplus	\$10,678,676	\$10,382,004
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>\$10,678,686</b>	<b>\$10,382,014</b>

\* The Trust has recorded its interest in a bequest as a non-current receivable. This is a non-cash transaction – recognised as income in the 2011/12 year – which will be realised upon completion of a life interest. The value of these assets will be assessed on an annual basis and the amount of receivable will be adjusted accordingly. No adjustment was recorded in this period.

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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS



### Mr David Adams

Board of Governors member since 2007

David completed his university studies achieving a B.Sc. (Syd), and an MBA (UNSW). He had a well-established career in the finance industry, with Citicorp for six years before moving to Hill Samuel, which was later to become Macquarie Bank. He was a director of Hill Samuel and then Macquarie Bank from 1983 until 2001, and a member of the Bank's Executive Committee from 1987 until 2000.

David also served as Chairman of the Investment and Financial Services Association Ltd. David has been a Visiting Fellow at the School of Applied Finance at Macquarie University, where he taught an elective course to Master's Degree students.

*"I believe that we all have a duty to help others in our community, especially when no other help is available to them. I feel a sense of pride when we are able to help so many young people change their lives for the better because we have given them a fresh start."*



### Ms Paddy Carney

Board of Governors member since 2012

Paddy is a Chartered Accountant and holds a BSc (Hons) from the University of Wales. She is a member of the Board of Partners of PwC Australia where she has been a partner for over 12 years and currently leads PwC's focus on the Retail and Consumer sector in Sydney. Paddy was an inaugural Board member of the PwC Foundation and is also currently a Trustee of the Historic Houses Trust of NSW.

*"It's so easy to make the wrong choices when you are growing up. The Foundation helps young people get back on track and has consistently delivered great outcomes"*



### Mr Michael Crowley

Board of Governors member since 2011

Michael joined the Board of Governors of Sir David Martin Foundation in April 2011. He holds a B.Com (UNSW) and is a Fellow of The Stockbrokers Association of Australia. He is Managing Director of CIMB Securities International (Australia) and has worked in the securities and investment banking industry since 1971.

Michael is currently a member of the Advisory Board of DATS Environmental Services Limited and was a director of Balmoral Beach Club from 2002-2008.

*"The objectives of the Foundation strongly appeal to my philosophy that charities should concentrate on helping young Australians reconnect with the community through education and awareness of the challenges for our youth. The Foundation provides a framework that enables troubled young members of our society to become proud and productive Australians."*





## Rear Admiral Tony Horton AO RAN (Rtd)

Board of Governors member since 1990

Rear Admiral Tony Horton entered the Royal Australian Naval College as a 13 year old Cadet Midshipman, one year behind David Martin. His last naval posting was Flag Officer Naval Support Command, where he relieved David Martin. His service career included staff and command postings; he completed the Australian Army Command and Staff Course, and holds a BA(UNE). He became a Member of the Order of Australia in 1981 and an Officer in the Order in 1991. Following his retirement from the RAN in 1991, he worked in the public health environment, was a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, a director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of NSW, a Trustee of the HM Bark Endeavour Foundation, and is a patron of the RAN Communications Branch Association and a Naval Reserve Cadet Unit.

*"As a naval colleague of Sir David Martin, I was honoured to join the Foundation's Board at its inception. I shared his views on the need to provide help for youth in crisis. My belief in the need for the Foundation, its aims and its important work, remains as strong today as it was then."*



## Mr Shane Little

Board of Governors member since 2012

Shane began his professional career as a recruitment consultant with the international recruitment company Hays in Ireland. He immigrated to Australia in 2004 and continued his career as a regional director of the business until 2012, when he joined Hydrogen Group as the Managing Director of Australia. His first involvement with the Foundation was in 2011 when he spent time at Triple Care Farm as part of an executive training group that partnered with Sir David Martin Foundation.

*"Having been able to see first-hand the unbelievable work that the Foundation supports at Triple Care Farm, I was honoured to be considered for membership of the board. I feel a real sense of pride that in a very small way I am giving something back to young people that haven't had the easiest starts in life"*



## Lady Martin OAM

Board of Governors member since 1990

Lady Martin was born and brought up in the Western District of Victoria. She was a boarder at Clyde School for 9 years. She began Nursing at Alfred Hospital but married Sub Lieutenant David Martin before finishing the course. Lady Martin has three married children, 2 daughters and a son. One daughter is married to a Naval man, the other to the son of a Naval man and her son is in the Navy. Lady Martin has continued Sir David's dream to give hope, safety and opportunity to youth in crisis.

*"It has been an honour to have been involved in the Foundation for more than 20 years. Each year I have been delighted to see young people graduate from the programs we support – all of them having the opportunity to return to their family."*



## Mrs Maggi Morgan

Board of Governors member since 2002

Maggi was born and educated in Northern Ireland. She worked in tourism and advertising before marrying a Royal Naval Officer and moving to the South of England. Maggi had the pleasure of meeting Sir David Martin on several occasions. Moving to Australia in 1983, She worked with the Multiple Sclerosis Society for 24 years as Manager of Volunteer Services NSW. During that time she coordinated a team of regular volunteers for MS clients and chaired the Friends of MS Committee, which raised money for young people with MS residing in Nursing Homes throughout NSW.

*"I made a personal commitment to become involved on the day I heard the speech made by Sir David Martin to launch the Foundation. He expressed his despair about the increasing numbers of homeless youth in crisis who had lost their way in life. He announced his plan to establish a Foundation to work with Mission Australia to help rehabilitate and support these young people to enable them to turn their lives around and get off the streets, regain their health and achieve their goals."*



## Rear Admiral Chris Oxenbould AO RAN (Rtd)

Board of Governors member since 2010

Rear Admiral Chris Oxenbould joined the Navy at the age of 15 and had a career of over 37 years, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral and retiring as the Deputy Chief of Navy in 1999. His career was biased towards fleet operations and training, including several command postings. Chris served with David Martin as the navigating and operations officer in HMAS Torrens when Captain David Martin had command of the ship. On retiring from the Navy, Chris worked with the NSW Government, spending 2 years in the Premier's Department, 2 years as Chief Executive of the Newcastle Port Corporation and 4 years as the Chief Executive of NSW Maritime, during which time he was seconded to Sydney Ferries Corporation for six months as the Chief Executive. Chris retired from NSW Maritime in March 2008 and now works part-time as an adviser on maritime and Defence matters.

*"I have been a keen observer of the Foundation and its great achievement for many years and am pleased to be a part of the team."*



## Mr David Wills - Chairman

Board of Governors member since 2000

David has been a Governor of Sir David Martin Foundation since 2000, and has been Chairman since 2007. He holds a B.Com (UNSW) and is a Chartered Accountant. He was a partner of Coopers & Lybrand and then PricewaterhouseCoopers for 25 years, retiring as Deputy Chairman in 2004. Mr Wills is currently a non-executive director of Washington H Soul Pattinson and Director of Westfarmers General Insurance Ltd, as well as a director of a number of unlisted companies.

*"Our reward comes when you see how grateful the students are at their graduation. With the support of our donors, I believe we are making a contribution to improving the lives of hundreds of young Australians."*



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