



IMPACT REPORT

2019/2020

The Forde Foundation Board of Advice would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Queensland. We acknowledge their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past, present and emerging.



The Children's Memorial Garden, Neerkol c. 2016.
St Joseph's Home, Neerkol (1885–1978). Rockhampton.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

This year marked an incredible milestone in the history of the Forde Foundation.

For 20 years the Foundation has enhanced the quality of life for Forgotten Australians and other care leavers through its grants program.



Established 20 years ago with an investment of \$4.15M from the Queensland Government, it is remarkable to realise that since commencement there have been over 5,657 grants valued at \$3.27M.

Our small grants program helps to make a difference to the lives of people who suffered abuse or neglect in Queensland institutions. While we are proud of the Foundation's achievements, we know that we could do so much more if we had additional funds, and our Board is driven to find new ways to extend the resources we have so we can provide more help and assistance.

2020 was a challenging time for all Trust Funds and the impact of COVID-19 has put immense pressure on our Forde Foundation finances. There is further discussion about the Board's approach later in this report.

There are many people to whom I owe thanks. Every connection has made an impact on me and for that, I thank you. Sadly, this will be my last Impact Report as Chair of the Forde Foundation. In May 2021, I will have completed the end of my third and final term. This is the maximum period I can serve on the Forde Foundation Board of Advice. I am exceptionally proud of the work and achievements of our Board but more than the work we have accomplished it has been a privilege to walk alongside so many brave and courageous Forgotten Australians.

I would like to thank the Forgotten Australians who have guided me in my journey as a Board member and Chair of the Foundation.



The Board is supported by many dedicated people. In particular, I would like to thank:

- The Foundation's Patron, Ms Leneen Forde AC
- Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland
- Mr Samay Zhouand, Acting Public Trustee of Queensland and CEO
- The Honourable Di Famer MP, former Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
- The Chair of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Task Force, Mr Bob Atkinson AO
- Micah Projects CEO Ms Karyn Walsh and the team at Lotus Place
- The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and our Executive and Support staff
- Executive and staff of the Public Trustee
- Queensland Oral Health, Queensland Health
- The retailers and service providers who assist grant recipients
- My fellow Board members.

While I finish in this role this year, I will continue to look for ways I can support and assist the work of the Foundation.

As I sign off for the last time please know that....

I see you

I hear you

I believe you

I honour you.

You will be remembered for your bravery. We will never forget and must continue to advocate to ensure this never happens again.

The 2019/20 Impact Report marks 20 years of the Forde Foundation and I dedicate it to each of you.

Rob Ryan

CHAIR

FORDE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF ADVICE



FORDE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a perpetual and independent charitable trust that exists to improve the lives of Forgotten Australians and other people who were in the care of Queensland institutions or foster care as children.

The Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives of Forgotten Australians, and other people who were in the care of Queensland institutions or foster care as children, through the provision of a transparent and easy to access grants program.

OUR VISION

- We lead a sustainable, perpetual trust that helps improve the quality of life for Forgotten Australians and other people who were abused or neglected in care, through advancing their health, education and welfare.
- We pay respect and honour the experiences of Forgotten Australians and other care leavers who were abused or neglected in institutions and systems that were meant to support and care for them as children.
- We acknowledge the disadvantages many Forgotten Australians and other care leavers have had to overcome as a result of their childhood experiences.

OUR IMPACT

Since 2000, the Forde Foundation has provided:

\$3.27M
in grant funding
for
5,657
grant items

GRANTS PROGRAM



The grants program provides Australia-wide assistance and targeted financial support in the areas of education, employment, health and well-being.

There are three types of grants - dental, personal development and health and well-being.

One of the grants that has the greatest personal impact is the dental grant. Interstate applicants can choose their own private dentist or those who live in Queensland can choose between their private dentist or a Queensland Health dental clinic.

A Letter of Intent between the Forde Foundation and Queensland Health allows dental grant recipients to receive a course of free dental treatment without being on public waiting lists.

The personal development grant can assist applicants to:

- Improve their life skills so they can live more independently
- Improve their employment opportunities by gaining a certification or qualification
- Develop an interest in activities that are of therapeutic benefit.

The health and wellness grant can assist applicants to:

- Improve their ability to live more independently at home or with their families
- Maintain or enhance their connection to their community
- Maintain or enhance an active lifestyle
- Support their needs to improve their immediate quality of life
- Maintain or enhance their general health and wellness.

Grants are assessed by the Board of Advice at the end of each calendar quarter. The recommendations from the Board of Advice are provided to the Public Trustee of Queensland for final approval.

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE 2000

41%

Necessities

*white goods, furniture and
home maintenance*

18%

Dental

*teeth extraction, dentures
and check-ups*

13%

Medical

*medical expenses, special
beds and glasses*

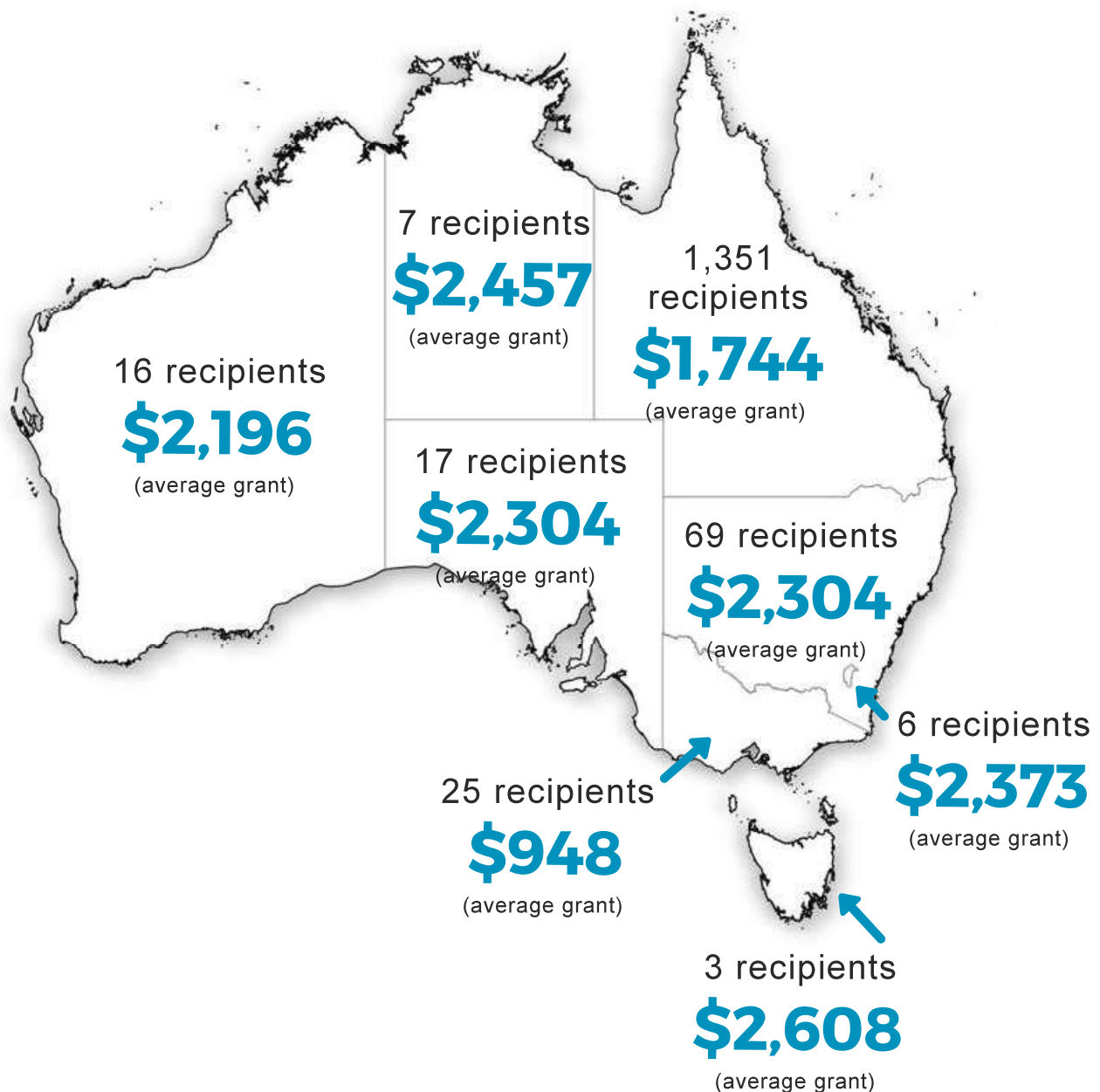
14%

Employment and education

*ongoing education, short
courses and computers*

GRANTS AUSTRALIA-WIDE

Average Grant Value: \$1,750
(2019—2020)



948

DENTAL GRANTS

948 grants worth
\$578,000

705

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE GRANTS

705 grants worth
\$438,620

488

HEALTH GRANTS

488 grants worth
\$313,886

410

BED GRANTS

410 grants worth
\$352,385

FORDE REGISTRANTS BY AGE GROUP

As at the 30 June 2020, there were **2,042 people registered** with the Forde Foundation, made up of the following age groups:

Under 20	←→	1%
21—30	←→	13%
31—40	←→	20%
41—50	←→	25%
51—60	←→	25%
61—70	←→	11%
71—80	←→	4%
81—90	←→	1%

OUR ENVIRONMENT



The COVID-19 context has impacted across the world. The Board of Advice recognises that Forgotten Australians and other care leavers are likely to be experiencing significant impacts from the pandemic. We note in particular the possibility of financial, mental and physical health impacts, possible difficulties in accessing services and supports in the community, and possible social isolation.

As such, the Forde Foundation Board of Advice has determined that, although we are operating with less money available for grants, we will continue to support the needs of Forgotten Australians and other care leavers through our grants program.

We have identified the following priorities:

- Laptops and communication devices to assist people to access services from home and to connect with others
- Needs emerging relating to COVID-19 hotspots
- Other emerging needs related to the pandemic.

It has been two years since the commencement of the National Redress Scheme for people who experienced institutional childhood sexual abuse. We acknowledge the concerns that continue to be raised by survivors of abuse and their advocates in their experience of the Scheme. We continue to monitor the way the Scheme operates and offer support and advocacy where we can.

We note that the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has continued throughout the year. We provided a submission to the Commission, highlighting the difficulties that can be experienced by Forgotten Australians and care leavers as they age, particularly relating to the barriers to accessing aged care, the complexity of health and social needs of some Forgotten Australians and care leavers and the concerns of some Forgotten Australians and care leavers as they face residential aged care and re-institutionalisation. We welcome the proposed recommendation from Counsel Assisting the Commission in relation to mandatory trauma-informed practice training for those working with older people and hope that this proceeds to final recommendation and implementation.

We welcome the announcement of funding for a memorial for survivors of abuse. We note that a collaborative, co-design process is underway and we hope this creates a place of solemn and appropriate remembrance and reflection for survivors of abuse and their families, and for the whole community.



FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS

“

I just wanted to pass on a big thank you.

As of this morning the ramps are in and Bob is so happy to have the help. He will be able to come home and be a bit more mobile.

He can sit outside with his dogs and his wife. Anne feels a bit better about his chance of not falling over anymore.

Thanks again from Bob*, all his friends and family.
xxoo

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**Name has been changed to protect privacy*

“

I'd like to thank you for the dental grant I received last year. As I don't have any concession card or savings, the grant made a huge difference for me and without you it wouldn't have happened.

Thank you for being so dedicated. Well done to you and the team at the Foundation.

*Alison**

**Name has been changed to protect privacy*

”

“

Thank you very much for the grant for the bed.

I have a bad flu and am still recovering. I don't have anyone here helping me and would be stuck without the grants from the Forde Foundation as I am 72 and have osteoporosis.

*Karen**

**Name has been changed to protect privacy*

”

“

I wish to thank the Forde Foundation and everybody involved for granting my request for a brand new hospital adjustable bed.

I have never been as comfortable in a bed and been able to sleep peacefully through the night as I do.

*Julia**

**Name has been changed to protect privacy*

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“

Thank you ever so much for giving me a grant. I really appreciate your help and kindness too.

*Penny**

**Name has been changed to protect privacy*

”

OUR PATRON

Ms Leneen Forde AC



In 1998, the Honourable Ms Leneen Forde AC was appointed to Chair the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions. The Commission of Inquiry has become known simply as the Forde Inquiry and it was the first inquiry into child abuse and neglect in institutions in Australia. The subsequent report was tabled in the Queensland Parliament in June 1999.

In the foreword of the report, Ms Forde dedicates the report to those who came forward to tell their stories and to all the victims of abuse in institutions and hoped that it would be a small step on the long road to healing and reparation.

The Forde Foundation was established in 2000 as a result of the Forde Inquiry and Ms Forde was the founding Chair of its Board of Advice. She held the position for seven years before accepting her current role as Patron of the Forde Foundation.

Prior to the Forde Inquiry, Ms Forde already had a distinguished career. Born Leneen Kavanagh in Ottawa, Canada, Ms Forde worked as a medical laboratory technician and studied part-time for a Bachelor of Arts before moving to Australia in 1954.

Ms Forde worked in the Haematology Department of Royal Brisbane Hospital for two years before commencing full-time legal study following her husband's death in 1966. She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland in 1970 and began her career as a solicitor. From 1974 to 1992, she was a Partner of Cannan & Peterson legal practice and in charge of probate and estates.

Ms Forde was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1993 and is a Dame of Grace in the Order of St John of Jerusalem. She was International President of Zonta from 1990 until 1992 and Queenslander of the Year in 1991. From 1992 to 1997, Ms Forde was the Governor of Queensland. She was the first woman to take on the role in Queensland and the second woman to be appointed to the position of Governor in Australia.

Ms Forde was the Chancellor of Griffith University for 15 years, from 2000 to 2015, and continues to serve her community.

OUR BOARD



Mr Rob Ryan - Chair (since 2013)

Rob is the Executive Lead, Strategic Partnerships and External Engagement (Child, Youth and Families) with Life Without Barriers and he also runs his own consultancy business. Prior to this role Rob was the CEO of Key Assets, a not-for-profit children, family and community service agency and he had responsibility for services across Asia-Pacific. Rob has worked in a range of senior roles in both Government and Non-Government for more than 27 years. Rob has previously held Board responsibilities with the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN – QLD Branch) and was the Deputy Convener of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Advisory Council. Rob has a long commitment to Forgotten Australians and this is his third term on the Forde Foundation Board.



Ms Jo Searle (since 2012)

Jo has significant experience in the education and human services field, including at senior levels across both government and community sectors, and led the delivery of the Queensland Government Redress Scheme which commenced in 2007. Ms Searle is currently an Independent Decision Maker for the National Redress Scheme.



Professor Susan Dann AM (since 2014)

Susan is Professor of Marketing and Foundation and Head of the National Peter Faber Business School, Australian Catholic University. Susan's publications include eight books, with two shortlisted for awards. Susan's not-for-profit board experience includes St Vincent's and Holy Spirit Health, Ozcare, Quality Improvement Council, AFL Queensland and General Practice Queensland. She served on the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and is a Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal member. In 2018, Susan was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for her contributions to business education and social marketing.



Ms Dawn Juratowitch (since 2014)

Dawn is a social worker with more than 30 years' experience working in the area of child protection, and in direct services and senior management positions in Queensland and New South Wales. She was on the editorial board of *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*. She is currently the Director of a professional practice providing counselling, mediation, strategic engagement and assessment.



Mr Kevin Mar Fan (since 2014)

Kevin chairs the Ernst & Young's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and leads the firm's Technology Risk practice in Queensland. He's a Chartered Accountant and Certified Information Systems Auditor who brings more than 20 years' experience across both public and private sectors in Australia, USA and Europe. Kevin currently serves on the Board of Logan Together and Loreto College Coorparoo. He's also Past President and current Director of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Brisbane Chapter and has served on several ISACA global committees and working groups.



Ms Kim Woolgar (since 2015)

Kim has more than 30 years' experience in some of the more complex human services portfolios. She has held extensive leadership roles within the public and non-government sector. Kim has a strong commitment to addressing the lifelong needs of those impacted by the child protection system.



Ms Anne Livingstone (since 2015)

Anne is the Projects and Research Director at Global Community Resourcing, an award-winning Australian company. Her work focuses on business transformation and innovation agendas for the community-care sector. Anne has more than 35 years' experience in the sector across a variety of state, national and international roles.



Ms Sonya Beyers (since 2017)

Sonya Beyers is Director of Governance by Design, a leading consultancy and advisory firm guiding boards to evaluate the governance, processes and legal frameworks in their organisation, redefine the director-board relationship and foster leadership from the boardroom. Sonya's wealth of consulting, legal and directorship experience enables her to bring a collaborative mindset and offer measurable solutions to help Forde Foundation meet the needs of its cohort. She is a qualified solicitor, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia and has obtained IDP-C from INSEAD.



Dr Malgosia Zlobicki (2017 to 2020)

Malgosia is an experienced university educator with broad expertise in ageing and life quality, designed environments, cultural diversity, interpersonal communication and business management, strategic planning and program evaluation, social welfare and education. For many years, Malgosia has been a leader of university research projects, postgraduate theses supervisor, overseas students' mentor, gerontology consultant, public speaker and writer.



Ms Sarah Lim (since 2018)

Following a career in social policy, legislation review and development in the Queensland Government, Sarah began work in UnitingCare Queensland (UCQ) in 2013. A large part of her role was monitoring and understanding the lessons coming out of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and how they impacted on UCQ across the breadth of its services. During this time, Sarah dealt with many survivors of abuse who were seeking to engage with UCQ. Now as National Director of Uniting Church Redress Ltd, Sarah continues her commitment to righting the wrongs of the past and to restoration of relationships for survivors, the Church and the broader community.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Forde Foundation's finances in Financial Year 2020 (FY20).

In particular revenue is down by three-quarters compared to FY19 as investment returns have dropped sharply.

The value of the Foundation's investments upon which it derives income also decreased resulting in a net loss on financial assets held at fair value of \$136,622 being recognised in FY20.

This loss together with the reduced income resulted in an operating deficit of \$93,044 in FY20.

Looking ahead, the ongoing uncertainty in financial markets will likely mean income and investment values remain low for some time, so the Foundation will need to make some tough decisions around grant prioritisation during this period.

The Board of Advice is conscious that many Forgotten Australians and care leavers have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and we are continuing to consult with the Public Trustee of Queensland on strategic options for the Forde Foundation to enable us to best serve our members and the broader cohort.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Forde Foundation Statement of Comprehensive Income For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Distribution income	21,394	87,459
Donations	344	398
Interest income	9,747	16,433
Imputation tax credits	-	9,839
Trustee fee rebates	21,549	21,187
Net gain on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	-	73,031
Total Revenue	53,034	208,346
Expenses		
Net loss on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	136,622	-
Audit fees	5,445	5,445
Insurance expense	1,012	1,400
Legal fees	2,201	7,907
Trustee fees	643	6,857
Other expenses	155	497
Total Expenses	146,078	22,106
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus From Ordinary Activities	(93,044)	186,240
Distribution expense	117,624	147,231
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	(210,668)	39,009
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive (Loss)/Income For The Year	(210,668)	39,009

The Forde Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	897,376	905,935
Receivables	3,132	73,142
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	3,019,151	3,155,773
Total Assets	3,919,659	4,134,850
Liabilities		
Payables	23,996	28,518
Total Liabilities	23,996	28,518
Net Assets	3,895,663	4,106,331
Total Amount Held In Trust		
Capital account	3,742,450	3,857,334
Accumulated surplus	153,213	248,997
Total Amount Held In Trust	3,895,663	4,106,331

The Forde Foundation
Statement of Changes in Trust Funds
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Capital \$	Accumulated Surplus [amount available for distribution] \$	Total Funds \$
Balance as at 1 July 2018	3,783,905	283,417	4,067,322
Comprehensive income for the year	-	39,009	39,009
Donations	398	(398)	-
Gain on revaluation of financial assets	73,031	(73,031)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2019	3,857,334	248,997	4,106,331
 Balance as at 1 July 2019	 3,857,334	 248,997	 4,106,331
Comprehensive loss for the year	-	(210,668)	(210,668)
Distribution income	21,394	(21,394)	-
Donations	344	(344)	-
Loss on revaluation of financial assets	(136,622)	136,622	-
Balance as at 30 June 2020	3,742,450	153,213	3,895,663

The Forde Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
<i>Inflows:</i>		
Donations received	344	398
Distributions received	76,948	86,200
Trustee's fee rebate received	21,646	21,141
Interest received	9,747	16,433
Imputation credits received	9,839	8,671
<i>Outflows:</i>		
Distributions paid to beneficiaries	(117,624)	(147,231)
Trustee's fees paid	(4,310)	(6,774)
Supplies and services paid	(5,149)	(13,274)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	(8,559)	(34,436)
Net Decrease In Cash and Cash Equivalents	(8,559)	(34,436)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financial Year	905,935	940,371
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Financial Year	897,376	905,935

Please note: Full statements can be obtained from the Public Trustee of Queensland.

TIMELINE

1998



Establishment by the Queensland Government of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions (known as the Forde Inquiry).

1999



Report by the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions tabled in Queensland Parliament.

Joint statement of apology by the Queensland Government and Head of Churches tabled in Parliament to those harmed in Queensland Institutions during their childhood.

Queensland Apology to the Stolen Generations.

2000



Establishment of the Forde Foundation Trust Fund.

Inaugural annual Child Protection Week Remembrance Day event.

2007



Commencement of the Queensland Redress Scheme.

2008



National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

2009



National Apology to Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants.

2010



British Prime Minister officially apologises to all child migrants sent overseas under the British Government's child migration scheme.

Finalisation of the Queensland Redress Scheme.

Statement of Apology by the Queensland Government to former children under state care who were inappropriately placed in adult health facilities.



We must all accept responsibility for children—our most valuable and vulnerable asset. Honourable Leneen Forde



2011



Catholic Church apology for forced adoptions policies and practices.

2012



Uniting Church apology for forced adoption policies and practices.

Queensland Government apology for forced adoption policies and practices.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard announces the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

2013



National apology for forced adoption policies and practices.

Public hearings begin for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

2014



The Royal Commission presents its Interim Report to the Governor-General of Australia and to the Governors of States and Territories.

The Federal Government extends the Royal Commission to December 2017.

2017



The Royal Commission has their final sitting and presents the final report to the Governor-General. There were 409 recommendations made.

A commemorative book of messages from people with lived experience is handed to the National Library of Australia during the final sitting of the Royal Commission.

2018/
2019



Prime Minister Scott Morrison delivers a National Apology to victims and survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

The Commonwealth and all states and territories joined the National Redress Scheme.

OUR COVER

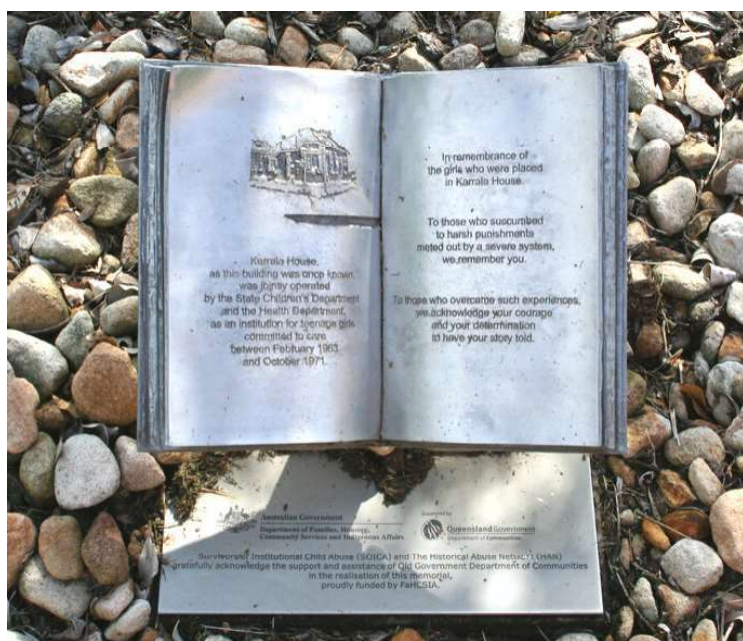


'boy' by Gavan Fenelon c. 2004. Emma Miller Place, Roma Street, Brisbane. Photographed by Mark Fenelon.

MEMORIALS FOR FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS

In recognition of the estimated 500,000 Forgotten Australians.

We acknowledge the strength of those with lived experience of institutional child abuse. Their courage and determination to tell the truth and break the silence then and now is important for us all.



TOP LEFT - Riverview Memorial for Residents c. 2012. Home for Girls (1897–1898). Home for Boys (1898–1977). Ipswich.
BOTTOM LEFT - Karrala House c. 2000. Karrala House (1963–1971). Ipswich.
RIGHT - 'Trees' by Gavan Felton. Enoggera Boy's Home Memorial c. 2011. Enoggera Boy's Home (1906–1978). Brisbane.

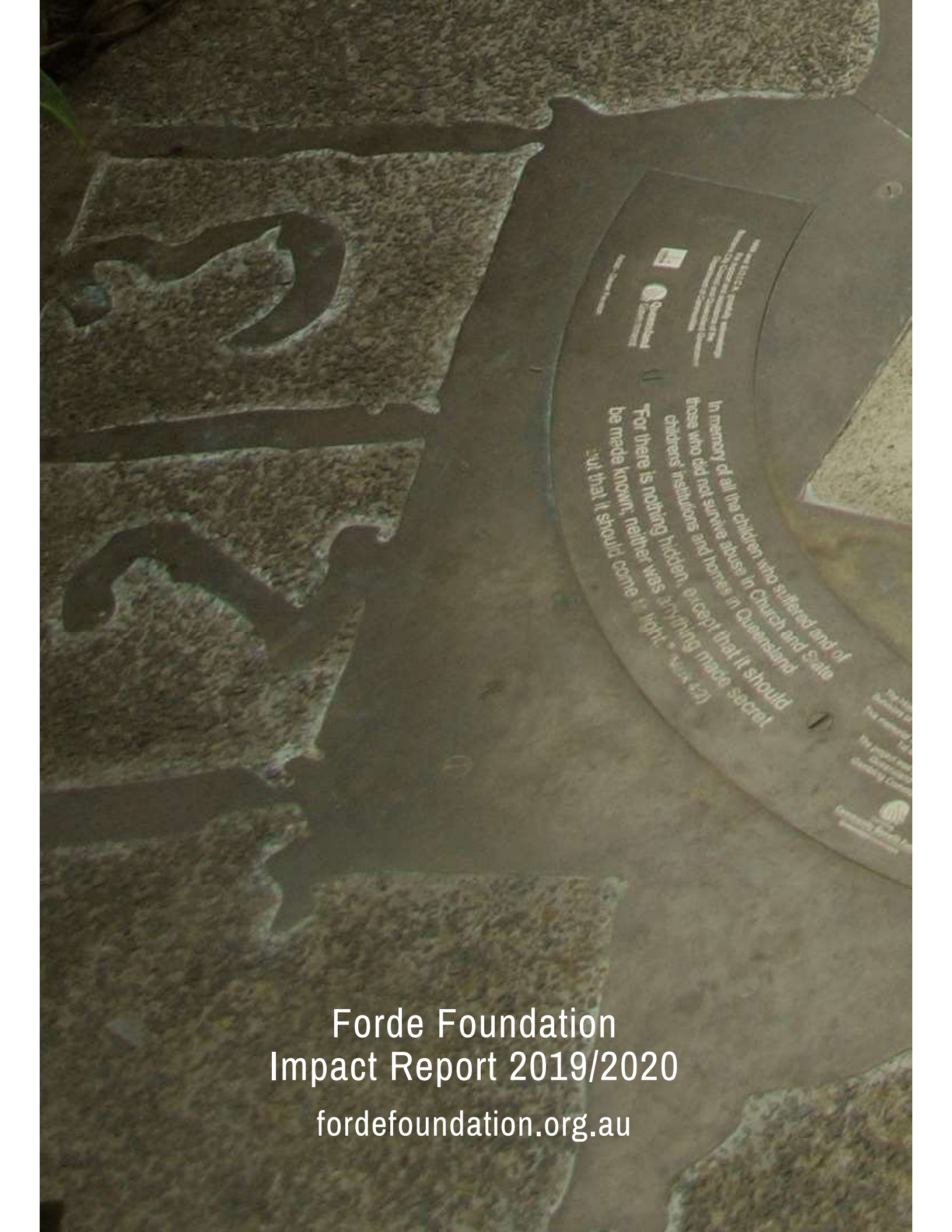


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OPPOSITE PAGE TOP - Enoggera Boys' Home Memorial Wall Art by Sam di Mauro. Enoggera Boys' Home (1906–1978). Brisbane.

OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM - Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants Memorial c. 2015. Rockhampton Botanical Gardens, Rockhampton.





In memory of all the children who suffered and of those who did not survive abuse in Church and State children's institutions and homes in Queensland

"For there is nothing hidden, except that it should be made known, neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light." (Luke 8:2)

Queensland Government
St. Mary's Children's Home

The St. Mary's Children's Home
The memorial to the children who suffered and died
The project was funded by the Queensland Government
Queensland Government
St. Mary's Children's Home

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