



May 2016 Newsletter

Alice Sloan Trust has now reached 10 years of growth and continues to grow through the support, love and care of so many.
Our heartfelt thanks go to all.

Alice Sloan Trust is making a difference to the lives of young people by providing opportunities that may otherwise not be available. Under the guidance and governance of the Australian Communities Foundation, Alice Sloan Trust partners with like-minded people organisations to provide financial and in-kind support in varied endeavours.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to participate in our upcoming events and update you on the activities of the Trust.

Upcoming Events

'Walks of Life'

Enjoy a winter walk on the 1st June, or the first week of winter 2016. The Walks of Life continues to be the main awareness and fundraising event of the Trust, and as always we love to hear about your 'Walks'.

2016 Biennial Women's Luncheon

Saturday, October 22nd
Toorak College, Mount Eliza

We look forward to having your company once again on this afternoon of friendship as we gather amongst beautiful works of art. A little 'tempting' taste of what is in store this year will be on show in the Mt Eliza Village for the month of June. A 'Winter Walk' in Mt Eliza could give you a heads up for a luncheon this year with a little difference!

\$100 per person and a 'yellow' plate to leave behind as a memory.

(We hope that guests can each bring a dinner or entrée plate with a touch of yellow, to use on the day and in future luncheons. You may like to scout homeware and antique stores or even grandma's bottom cupboard!)

To find out more and reserve your ticket, please visit the Alice Sloan Trust website.
<http://alicesloantrust.org.au/2016-womens-luncheon/>

Trust Activities

Alice Sloan Expedition “Our Mountains, Our Journey”

Through our ongoing partnership with the Outdoor Education Group, Alexandra Secondary College and Berry Street, the 10th Annual Alice Sloan Expedition took place in January 2016. Students from Alexandra Secondary College succeeded in completing a 10-day multi-challenging journey. The girls are now engaged in a youth program that promotes community involvement. This includes public speaking, fundraising and peer support to local primary school students. Ten years of Alice Sloan Expeditions were marked in a celebratory and reflective manner in January with a riverside reunion of student participants, partnership friends and families associated with the program. It was an uplifting and heartfelt day and made us feel incredibly fortunate to have gathered.

Boys Journey

We have recently partnered with the Outdoor Education Group and Rotary in the establishment of a 10-day journey for young men and boys. In answer to the needs of the community and in a desire for the creation of a similar but different program to that of the girls Alice Sloan Expedition, we have supported the commencement of this new program.

Heads Together for ABI Camps

Alice Sloan Trust has been continuing and growing our partnership with Heads Together, providing both financial and in-kind support to the Heads Together camps. Heads Together camps are for families with a child who has suffered a brain injury. These camps enable families to build connections with others in similar situations, to give and receive support and to have a lot of fun. The recent camp in 2016 was once again a great success.

Briars Camp

Our relationship with Ardoch Youth Foundation continues and we are in awe of all they do. We feel privileged to be involved. The association has led to the provision of financial and in-kind support to enable Ardoch to run an annual camp with a primary school in Frankston. The camp is held at the Briars in Mt Martha for children who would have otherwise had this opportunity. The next camp will be held in August this year and we encourage in-kind support through volunteering by coming along to the camp. Ardoch have an established volunteer support program in place, if you are interested please look on the Alice Sloan Trust website for more details.

Breakfast Club

The Alice Sloan Trust Student Group at Toorak College commenced a breakfast club in association with the Ardoch Youth Foundation with another local Frankston Primary School. In addition to preparing and supplying a nutritious breakfast, Toorak College students support homework tasks and engage in fun activities with the primary school students. An increase in volunteers will allow another day to potentially run the breakfast club so once again volunteering is encouraged.

HICSA

The Trust's partnership with Healesville Community Services Association (HICSA) continues, with usage of the car purchased by the Trust for the HICSA L-P Program. This program provides young people vehicle and mentoring access for driving lessons and the waiting list of students wishing to commence lessons continues to rise! HICSA continue to look out for those wishing to volunteer their time to assist with the lessons. It is a privilege to be a part of the journey of HICSA and we look forward to working with them into the future.

A few other things...

MITS

We are very excited about the establishment of Melbourne Indigenous Transitional School (MITS) in Richmond. Through the Alice Sloan Trust's association with the founders – we are watching and waiting, supporting and encouraging from the sidelines the growth of this school. The Trust is hoping to commit to supportive involvement with the school

Wattle Blooms

Wattle Blooms have begun to burst and a dear friend of the trust has continued a request for all who wish, to gather and slightly dry and post little sprigs of wattle, so that a piece of artwork can be created in time for display at the Women's Luncheon this year.

If you didn't collect any blooms last year on your winter walk you may find an opportunity this year!

Further smaller grants and activities of in-kind support continue in different ways, such as involvement in knitting groups, individual garment making and shipments to a South African Outreach centre, as well as specific financial donations to direct activities.

**The unique programs our partners offer provide support to children to
discover inner strengths, build resilience
and connect with others and their communities.**

The Alice Sloan Trust continues to be the beneficiary of generous support from many individuals, families and organisations. We thank you all for your strength, generosity, ideas and faith.

For more information on any of our programs,
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For all that we share and all that we do together – Thank you.

