



Welcome from the Chances Coordinator

2017 was a very busy year for the Chances team. We welcomed some new staff members, moved locations, had three funding rounds and attended and organised several fundraising and promotion activities.

In 2017 Chances staff worked closely with 73 tertiary recipients, with the majority attending universities located outside of Mildura. This academic year the Chances for Children District Selection Committees assessed 39 applications from young people throughout the Mallee Family Care catchment area who were eager to start their first year of tertiary studies. We have also been able to assist 24 year 11 and 12 students through the Keeping Kids at Secondary School fund. Assistance provided through this fund includes compulsory school fees, books and materials, uniforms and compulsory camps.

It has also been a special honour to present our community partnership scholarships for 2018.

Coming up in this newsletter you will be introduced to Erica who is a Chances Alumni. Stories like Erica's are inspiring and highlight the opportunities that this program provides in allowing a young person to realise their dream and reach their potential. We love hearing and sharing these stories as they are evidence of the impact that even the smallest donation to our program can make. To continue the work of Chances for Children, the program relies heavily upon the generosity of our community. If you would like to learn more about how your organisation, or you as an individual, could assist Chances to support our young people, please contact the Chances team on 5023 5966.

If you would like to receive these newsletters via email please contact the Chances team.

Warm regards

Jackie Heaysman

The Wentworth & District Community Bank Branch Chances Scholarship

was awarded to Olivia Watt who is studying a Bachelor of Health and Medical Science at the University of Adelaide. Olivia is in her first year at Uni and has found the transition to Adelaide easier with the support of Chances and her WDCB scholarship. This scholarship is made possible through the WDCB Community Development Funding grants.

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La Trobe University and Chances for Children Agribusiness Scholarships

are awarded to a commencing student to support their studies in Agribusiness. These are kindly donated by Mildura Charity Golf Day – Mildura Fruit Company, Nangiloc Colginan Farms and Wakefield Transport. Scholarships were awarded to Nicole Alicastro and Julia Payne.



Julia, Ferdi & Nicole



Bavani, Jackie, Ashlee & Anastasia

La Trobe University Mildura Chances Scholarships

are awarded to full-time students who have overcome personal challenges and are successfully completing an undergraduate program at Mildura Campus. Scholarships were awarded to Ashlee Vining, Bavani Palakrishnan and Anastasia Gackenhaimer-Shaw.

Chances SuniTAFE Scholarships

are awarded to students that will be studying at one of the SuniTAFE campuses. Scholarships were awarded to Larni Edwards and Genevieve Mengler



'Award winning nationally acclaimed blues guitarist and Chances alumni Erica and her band LazyEye are winning awards'!

LazyEye



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Debut Album Move Me won "Album Of The Year"

(2013 SA Blues & Roots Awards)

"Most Outstanding Group"

(2014 SA Roots & Blues Awards)

"Best Blues Act"

(2014 Fowlers Live Music Awards)

Album House Of Trouble peaked at #3

(Australian Blues & Roots Airplay Charts March 2014)

"Group Of The Year"

(2015 Australian Blues Awards - Chain Awards)

Hole In My Pocket nominated for "Song Of The Year" (2015 Australian Blues Music Awards -

Chain Awards)

Album Single Malt Blues debuts at #1,

(Australian Blues & Roots Airplay Charts March-Dec 2015)

2016 International Blues Challenge, Memphis, Tennessee (Quarter Finalist)

"Most Popular Blues / Roots Artist" Nominee

(2016 South Australian Music Awards)

Pocket The Black named "Blues Album Of 2016"

(Adelaide Roots & Blues Association)

Dear Chances For Children,

I'm Erica Graf, Chances For Children empowered me to launch a career as an international Musician.

I grew up in Merbein with a single Mum and moved out of home when I was 18. I spent the next 3 years trying my best to make a living in the music industry. I was running my own guitar tuition business and doing what performing I could.

At that time I had very little money and was completely frustrated. I didn't know what step to take next that would move me towards the vision and dreams I had for my life.

At 21, I was one of 10 selected out of 140 guitarists who auditioned to study a Bachelor of Music Performance in Jazz at Adelaide University.

I received a scholarship from Chances for Children in 2009. The support Chances gave me at the age of 21 living away from home in a new city was invaluable. I was so grateful to be able to focus 100% on my studies without the distraction of financial pressures.

As a result, the skills I developed and the people I met have led me into a growing career as an international musician. Chances for Children are making a real difference in the lives of real people.

For that, I'm extremely grateful and proud to a part of this wonderful legacy.

Chances, dare to dream!

Yours sincerely,

Erica Graf

Chances Alumni Erica is very grateful for the support that Chances provided her and has shared her story via YouTube.

<https://www.lazyeyeband.com/home>

Erica also recently penned an open letter to Chances for us to share with our supporters to show what an amazing difference you make.

Kicking goals for Chances



Saturday 27th January saw the first inaugural series of seven-a-side soccer matches to raise funds for Chances. David Morello of Morellofert had the idea to hold the event as a way of giving back to the community and identified Chances as his charity of Choice. The idea came about through a conversation between David and Richard Byllaardt from Nutrano Citrus. Both David and Richard have played soccer locally and came up with the idea to organise a charity soccer game. Donations of \$500 were pledged by several of their key suppliers and the event raised in excess of \$5,000. Despite record temperatures of 46c at 8pm the evening event was very well supported and a great night was had by all.

This event will now become annual and held in September/October with the next game scheduled for later this year.



Annual Charity Golf Day a huge success

Once again the annual golf day which is organised by Nangiloc Colignan Farms, Mildura Fruit Company and Wakefield Transport was a huge success.

Chances has been a recipient of this event since it began 12 years ago.

This year the event raised a massive \$108,000 profit which was shared between Chances and other local charity groups. The Chances proceeds of the Mildura Charity Golf Day went towards the first La Trobe Agribusiness Chances for Children and Mallee Family Care scholarship.



TOUR DE MURRAY

2018

WALK RUN RIDE

Rotary Club of Mildura and Chances for Children held the 18th annual Tour de Murray on Sunday 18th March 2018. RACV committed to being our major event partner again this year.



Once again the event proved to be a huge success with 346 participants walking it, running it, or riding it in events ranging from 2.5km to 88km. Participants in the family walk/ride were encouraged to decorate their bikes and prams in yellow and to dress themselves and the family pet in the theme colour.



A shout out to our TdM volunteers and sponsors



An event like Tour de Murray doesn't just happen, it takes months of planning and a whole lot of volunteers. We would like to acknowledge the great team of Rotary Club of Mildura and Chances for Children volunteers that gave so willingly of their time to ensure that this year's event was a success.

This year's event had a focus on family, fun and a healthy community. Once again the Rotary Club of Mildura provided their famous healthy brunch and Paul and his team from Club Aquarius provided a free pre run warm up.

Stay up to date with Chances by joining us on social media.
Like and follow our Facebook page to keep informed about scholarship opportunities, upcoming events, recipient stories and much more.
#daretodream

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Rotary Club of Mildura, Mallee Family Care and Chances for Children would like to thank the following business for their sponsorship and support of the 18th Tour de Murray.

We also want to thank the 346 people who registered for this event to support our local community.

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