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About the Hamer Family Fund

The Hamer Family Fund was established in 2004 as a sub-fund of the Melbourne Community Foundation to honour the lives and work of four siblings: Sir Rupert (Dick) Hamer, Alan Hamer, Alison Patrick and David Hamer.

Reflecting some of the key interests of these four people, the object of the fund is to support initiatives in:

- **the arts, especially the performing arts;**
- **innovation in care for the environment;**
- **talented youth;**
- **good government.**

Dick Hamer

Alan Hamer

David Hamer

Alison Patrick

We're on the web

The Hamer Family Fund website is at
www.hamerfamilyfund.com.au

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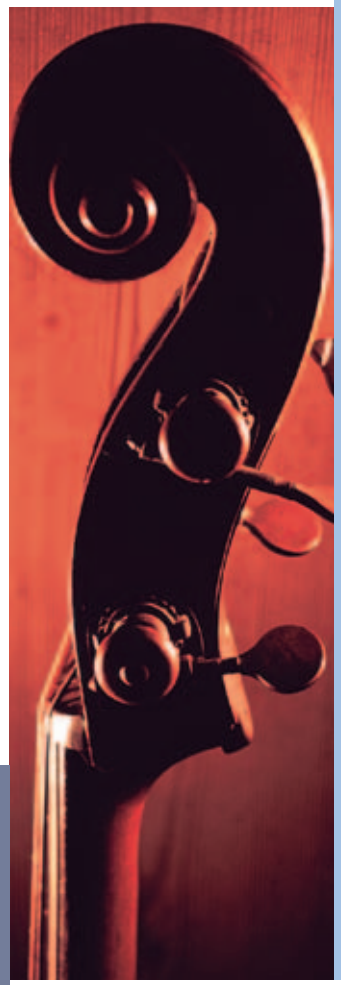
Looking back, looking forward



This year – we can hardly believe it – marks the fund's fifth birthday.

Looking back, we are proud of what we have achieved. We've built networks with a broad range of arts and environmental and civil society groups; we have hosted lectures on governance and environmental issues and, of course, have given grants and encouragement to a number of up-and-coming groups (see inside). It's been a wonderfully rewarding process.

We look forward, in the next five years, to building and consolidating our corpus and continuing to direct crucial seed money to support artistic talent, a healthy environment and good governance.

New sub-fund coming – see inside

A is for Atlas – a young performance company

In 2010 the Hamer Family Fund will give support to A is for Atlas, a diverse not-for-profit company dedicated to inter-artform exploration and the development of Australian artists. The company has a new project in production for performance in June. Heracles High 5 is a development from the Greek myth of Heracles. It explores the implications of the Heracles myth, with its notions of heroism and complacency, for modern Australian society.

Performances will run **23–26 June 2010** at the Meat Market, 5 Blackwood St North Melbourne. For further details see: www.aisforatlas.org.au

Top speaker for the Hamer Oration 2010

We are thrilled to announce that Professor Ross Garnaut will be the speaker for this year's Oration at the University of Melbourne. This oration is open to all and will focus on the ability of government to respond to the challenges of long-term planning around issues of climate change and economic growth. The date is Thursday 5 August (to be confirmed). We'll be sending out invitations, and there will be notices in The Age in the weeks before, but please mark this date in your diary.

A new venture: Patrick sub-fund

Alison Patrick

In our last newsletter we reported the death of Associate Professor Alison Patrick, sister to Dick, Alan and David Hamer. In her memory, her children and grandchildren will set up a sub-fund within our fund. In accordance with her passion for history and education, its aim is to support deserving students in attending the biennial George Rudé seminar in French History and Civilisation.

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra (MCO) provides permanent part time employment, and thus some financial security, for musicians honing their skills in smaller chamber ensembles. In this way, MCO hopes to enable brilliant young musicians to develop and sustain careers that can be based in Melbourne. Now it is extending the good work by starting up an excellent educational program. In 2010 we continue to support MCO with sponsorship of the second concert in the season and the regional tour associated with it.

For more information about the orchestra and its concert schedule see http://www.mco.org.au

The Hamer Quartet

Success in music competitions is essential for chamber musicians wishing to establish concert tours both here in Australia and overseas. The Hamer Quartet has an enviable record, having won both the jury and the audience first prizes for quartets and Musica Viva's award for the most outstanding Australian ensemble in the competition in the 2009 Asia Pacific Chamber Music Competition held in Melbourne. The Hamer Family Fund helped negotiate rehearsal space for the quartet and set aside grant money towards the quartet's preparation for the highly prestigious Banff International String Quartet Competition, to be held in Canada in August 2010.

Our growth target

We would love to expand our grant-making, which means of course that we need a larger corpus of funds. We've made an excellent start with a generous grant from the Pratt Foundation and an even more handsome donation from Lady Hamer. A 25% lift in the corpus is in our sights! See the back of this leaflet for details if you would like to help.

Rural futures congress

Recently we made a new connection, with the Climate Institute, based in Sydney.

TCI provides non-partisan, strategic advocacy based on strong policy analysis and research, and develops business and community partnerships. It is recognised as one of the leading commentators and innovators in Australia on climate change.

The Hamer Family Fund and the Hamer/Martin Environmental Fund have jointly given a grant towards TCI's regional consultation forums, which will bring together farmers, investors, scientists, government agencies and others in a series of high-profile congresses on the future of rural and regional Australia.

For more details about the Climate Institute, go to www.climateinstitute.org.au

BREAZE

In 2009 the Fund combined forces with the Reichstein Foundation to co-fund the employment of a part-time volunteer support officer at BREAZE (Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions Inc.). BREAZE is a wonderful example of practical local action on sustainability. For further details see: http://www.breaze.org.au/