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ABOUT THE HAMER FAMILY FUND

The Hamer Family Fund was established in 2004 to honour the lives and work of four siblings: Sir Rupert (Dick) Hamer, Alan Hamer, Alison Patrick and David Hamer. David Hamer died in 2002, Dick in 2004.

Reflecting some of the key interests of these four people, the objects of the fund are to support initiatives in

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



Dick Hamer



David Hamer



Alison Patrick



Alan Hamer

The Hamer Family Fund Management Committee

Current members are:

- Alan Hamer
- Barbara Hamer
- Sarah Brenan
- Daniel Brenan

- John Brenan
- Alastair Hamer
- Jonathan Hamer
- Andrea Hamer

Barbara Blandy provides invaluable database support.

Welcome to our first newsletter.



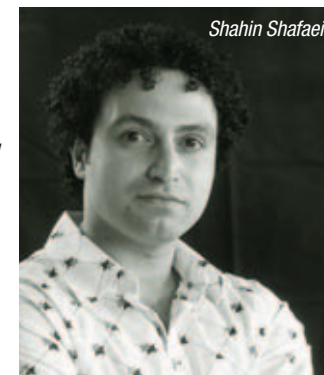
Sir Gus Nossal

It is a little over a year since the public launch of the Hamer Family Fund at Hamer Hall, with Sir Gus Nossal as the presiding genius. At the launch, our first grants were presented: one to a very fine student at the Victorian College of the Arts, and one to a community circus group.

2005-06 GRANTS

Shahin Shafaei

Shahin is an Iranian actor and playwright with an MA in English Literature from Teheran University who was forced to flee his country because of his beliefs. Shahin was awarded a place in a new postgraduate course at the Victorian College of the Arts – a project-based course in cultural leadership that has attracted interest around the world.



Shahin Shafaei

The grant from the Hamer Family Fund was made as a contribution to his fees.

Shahin presented a report to the Fund committee, describing the main project he undertook - helping South Sudanese youths in Dandenong to make a documentary film. He intends to continue this work, and has also been chosen to be part of a project celebrating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Dutch in Australia. We look forward to hearing more from this dedicated and talented young man.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

'The government majority in the Senate; a nail in the coffin of responsible government?'

by Harry Evans, Clerk of the Senate
an initiative of the Australian Study of Parliament Group,
supported by the Hamer Family Fund

Tuesday 3 October

6.30 p.m. for 7

Legislative Council Committee Room,
Parliament House, Spring St, Melbourne
Free admission, refreshments provided.

The subject of this lecture was very dear to David Hamer's heart. As a federal member of parliament 1976-1990, deputy president of the Senate and a notably independent thinker, he was instrumental in making the Senate an active agent in policy and legislation. He published a book *Can Responsible Government Survive in Australia?* (reissued 2006, available from the Department of the Senate, Canberra), arguing for significant reforms.

2005-06 GRANTS (cont.)



Westside Circus

The second grant for 2005 was made to Westside Circus, a lively not-for-profit organisation offering workshops for schools, businesses and community groups, and the chance to train and perform for young people aged 12-25.

The Hamer Family Fund grant was directed towards a community project run in tandem with North Yarra Community Health, designed for the children of two high-rise estates and culminating in a performance at Westside's exciting new space in Fitzroy.

2006-07 GRANTS

Australia Pro Arte

Next year the Fund will sponsor the work of the Australia Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, an ensemble that includes some of the best young talent Melbourne has to offer.

The APA was invited by BMW Australia to run a series of concerts in the BMW Edge auditorium at Federation Square. Each concert is introduced by a professional musician and in most instances showcases a new composition that was commissioned especially for the orchestra. These concerts are broadcast by ABC-FM. The orchestra also performs in regional centres and aims to be a flag-bearer for Victoria, Federation Square and Melbourne.



Photograph by Vito Vampatella

The Hamer Family Fund grant will pay for next year's launch concert. Watch out for the opener in the Under Glass '07 series.

Victorian College of the Arts students

Thanks to a special offer from Lady April Hamer, the Hamer Family Fund will support students at the Victorian College of the Arts. The 2007 awards will fund two items: first, a much-needed repetiteur position, and second, living costs for a student in special need. Details will be released in the next newsletter.



David Goudie, VCA, 2006

HOW THE FUND IS MANAGED

The Hamer Family Fund was established under the auspices of the Melbourne Community Foundation. To find out more about MCF, go to www.communityfoundation.org.au or phone Andrea Rumph, Director, on **03 9412 0412**.

Fund management is the responsibility of a sub-committee of MCF's Board, together with Carnbrae, an investment and financial planning company. Auditing is carried out pro bono by KPMG.

The investment return on funds for 2005-06 was 18.7%, with close to \$25 million in pooled funds under management.

Committee

Decisions about grants and the hunt for further donations are handled by the Hamer Family Fund Management Committee. So far the Committee has consisted entirely of family members. We are keen to hear from anyone who supports our goals and has energy, time and relevant skills or expertise to contribute to our work.



Daniel Brennan, Lady April Hamer, Alastair Hamer

How you can help

We have much to do, improving our database, establishing a website, building networks and generating more money to increase the fund corpus.

To enquire about joining the committee, contact John Brennan on **0409 197 707** or Jonathan Hamer on **9643 4148**.

To send a suggestion or potentially useful contact: email Sarah Brennan on SarahB@allenandunwin.com or phone **9665 5024**.

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