



Courier Charity Fund

The Courier Charity Fund was established in July 2002 as a long-term community commitment, operating as a Sub Fund of The Ballarat Foundation.

It has benefited and will continue to benefit regional-based charity organisations for specific, tangible projects.

The aim is to have enough invested to be able to give away a sizeable amount each year without touching the capital invested. It will then become a fitting legacy for future generations and reflect The Courier's role in the community since its inception in 1867.

The Courier Charity Fund has done an extremely effective job of raising funds through engaging the community in events ranging from black tie dinners and a visit from RocKwiz to the building of two houses and the renovation of a third, as well as numerous other smaller functions. Taking a lot of hard work but equally providing fun and rewards of generosity to the many individuals and organisation involved, The Courier Charity Fund provides a great model for others to mirror.

The following projects have been funded by The Courier Charity Fund:

[Male Bag Foundation - Prostate Cancer Biopsy Machine Probe](#)

Providing increased availability of prostate biopsy services at Ballarat Health Services.

[Life Education Ballarat & District - Life Education Mobile Learning Centre \(MLC\) upgrade.](#)

Upgrading the MLC enabling more children to visit and be educated.

[Centacare Ballarat - Peplow house Kitchen upgrade.](#)

Upgrading the kitchen at Peplow house to enable education in cooking skills for the residents.

[State Emergency Service Ballarat](#)

Purchasing two external defibrillators and two first aid kits for use in rescue vehicles.

[Child & Family Services Ballarat](#)

Art and cultural workshops for Indigenous clients in Out-of-Home Care and their carers.

[UnitingCare Ballarat](#)

Enid Rogers Jubilee Kindergarten kitchen upgrade.



Janine Owen Fund

Janine completed a Commerce Degree at the then University of Ballarat, and it was here that she met her husband Tim. Following university, Janine had a successful finance career in Ballarat with Ballarat Regional Industries (BRI), Goodman Fielder (Sunicrust Bakeries) and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

After Janine's accidental death in 2012, The Ballarat Foundation assisted Tim to create a Sub-Fund as a lasting legacy in her honour. As part of the fund, an education support fund was created for students studying Commerce, preferably at Federation University Australia (formerly University of Ballarat). The sub-fund also provides general support to local families in need or has supported Ballarat people who are studying Commerce at other Universities in Australia.

The following projects will be funded either entirely or partially by The Janine Owen Fund:

One Humanity Shower Bus

Ensuring dignity and hope for homeless people in our city through the provision of hygiene services. The bus offers not only shower facilities but provides the essentials to support personal hygiene and referral to other support services.



Mercy Associates - Care Packages

Providing care packages for ongoing support to families and individuals seeking emergency accommodation and support after a violent incident or to avoid danger.

UnitingCare Ballarat: Meals for Change

A social inclusion program, where young people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness can purchase a meal at a local community café without stigma or financial exclusion. Members can purchase meals of up to \$15 value from partnering cafés for \$3, with Meals for Change reimbursing partner cafés the difference.