
Mazda Foundation



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individuals and important causes throughout Australia*

R E P O R T T O T H E C O M M U N I T Y

Chairperson's 1995/1996 Report



*Former Mazda
Foundation
Chairperson –
Benn Chijimatsu*

The Mazda Foundation has continued its support of a wide range of community programs and I am pleased to present this report for the financial year ending June 95 as well as an outline of several projects that the Foundation is currently funding.

In doing so, I would like firstly to acknowledge the support and commitment of my fellow Foundation directors:

- Peter Harvie
Group Managing Director
Austereo Limited
- Don Kinsey
Director
Communicators Melbourne (Former
Public Relations Manager – Royal
Children's Hospital, Victoria)
- Stephen Kroker
Partner
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Ken Taylor
Partner
Price Waterhouse
- Christine Unsworth-Screen
Public Relations Manager
Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria
(Appointed 16 June 1995)
- Robert Allen
Dealer Principal
Parkland Mazda
(Appointed 9 November 1995)
- Robert Jenkins
Dealer Principal
Penfold Mazda
(Appointed alternate Director for
Mr R Allen – 9 November 1995)
- Terry Dodd
Managing Director
West End Mazda
(Retired 12 October 1995)
- Mike Ackland
Managing Director
City Mazda
(Alternate Director for Mr T Dodd)
(Retired 12 October 1995)
- Yasuhiro Chijimatsu
Managing Director
Mazda Australia Pty Limited
(Chairperson passed away 17 March 1995)

It is with much sadness that we must acknowledge the sudden and untimely death of the former chairperson of the Mazda Foundation, Mr Benn Chijimatsu.

Mr Chijimatsu, who was managing director of Mazda Australia, died unexpectedly during a business visit to Japan.

Although he had been a part of Mazda Australia for only a short time, Mr Chijimatsu enthusiastically undertook his role as chairperson of the Mazda Foundation and with his clear sense of direction, made a great contribution to the deliberations and decision making of his fellow Foundation directors.

We will miss his personal warmth, sense of humour and his wise counsel. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Kimie, and his family.

Throughout the year, the Mazda Foundation continued to receive numerous applications for grants from many deserving causes.

Unfortunately, the Foundation was unable to assist many worthy applications although, in the year to June 95 it was able to provide some \$241,500 in grants to a broad range of organisations.

The Foundation continued its support of organisations developing Australia's cultural links with Asia primarily through the ongoing grant to Asialink and through a significant investment in the Australian Multicultural Foundation's Japanese language program.

Our grant allocation also placed a heavy emphasis on supporting disadvantaged members of our society, particularly through the Sacred Heart Mission in the Melbourne suburb of St Kilda and Skillshare programs in Albany and Derby/West Kimberley in Western Australia.

Once again there was a focus on youth with our support for Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, the Victorian School for Deaf Children and several schools or organisations which cater for children with specific disabilities.

Mazda Foundation also continued its support for the arts, with sponsorship of the Ballarat based Royal South Street Society.

In addition to the community support outlined in the following pages, the Foundation contributed \$40,000 to the Australian Olympic movement as a half share of the proceeds from a Mazda Foundation Fundraising Dinner.

Royal Children's Hospital

In 1995, the Mazda Foundation provided a \$50,000 grant to the Royal Children's Hospital to enable it to establish a Learning Difficulties Centre.

The Centre commenced operation in January 1996 under the direction of Professor Margot Prior and is fulfilling a great need in the community through the assessment and treatment of children who have specific difficulties in coping with basic academic skills.

A multi-disciplinary centre, it offers assessment and remedial treatment for children aged seven years and older who are experiencing difficulties in learning skills such as reading, spelling, writing and mathematics.

The Centre offers educational, psychological and behavioural assessment and develops remedial programs tailored to a child's specific needs.

Staffed by educational psychologists and remedial teachers, the Centre draws on the expertise of a number of areas of the Royal Children's Hospital.

It also has access to a broad network of specialists in areas such as paediatrics, speech pathology, neuropsychology as well as occupational and behavioural therapy.

The Centre actively involves both parents and school teachers in its remedial programs and offers them guidance in managing learning and behavioural difficulties.

It is also committed to providing research resources and professional training to graduate students in psychology and education as well as to professional groups such as teachers, paediatricians and special educators.

Fully self-funding, the Centre has developed a module for measuring the progress of the children undertaking its remedial activities and will continuously evaluate its programs.

Asialink



Asialink is a centre at the University of Melbourne and is sponsored by the Myer Foundation and supported by the Mazda Foundation. It is primarily involved with education, public affairs and arts programs and its activities in 1995 are detailed below.

Asialink's stated mission is to create a new generation of Australians who are confident and capable of living and working in the Asian region and who are able to ensure a prosperous future for Australia in the most economically dynamic region of the world.

The Mazda Foundation has supported Asialink since 1991 and committed \$40,000 to the program in the past year.

The Asialink Education Program, has been active for three years and during that time it has:

- produced nine *Access Asia* series of teacher and student books and one video designed to introduce schools to studies of Asia. A further three titles will be produced in 1996.
- developed a network of 285 'magnet' schools throughout Australia involving some 10,800 staff and 155,000 students in teaching and learning about Asia.
- secured strategic partnerships with 99 philanthropic, corporate, government and educational organisations in Australia and Asia to develop projects aimed at the professional development of teachers, the use of new technology and the development of innovative curriculum resources.
- negotiated a 'National Statement on Studies of Asia' and commenced working with State and Territory curriculum authorities to include studies of Asia in curriculum policy documentation.
- developed a teacher-education strategy and sent 146 educators to Asian countries for professional development. In 1995-6, 150 educators will undertake study tours to Asia.

It has continued its publication of titles for use by both teachers and students.

Partnerships have been developed with universities in all States and Territories to provide a professional development course for primary teachers. In 1996, a course for secondary teachers will also be offered.

The Asialink Public Affairs Program was expanded in 1995 with a heavy schedule from February through to November. The program included 19 seminars from leading Australian and international authorities and covered a wide range of topics concerning business and social issues in the Asian region.

The Asialink Lecture Series aims to provide leading Melburnians with the opportunity to hear prominent Asians and Australians present their visions for the region in the 21st century. In 1995 lectures were presented by Philip Brass, managing director of Pacific Dunlop Ltd, The Hon John Howard, then Leader of the Opposition, and President Fidel V Ramos, President of the Philippines.



Other projects conducted by Asialink include the Asialink Circle which links young professionals with leaders in the region and provides appropriate information. Universities and employers are beginning to recognise the Circle as a source of recruitment for graduates and young professionals with Asia skills.

The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Asia Awards provide funds for young eminent Australians to pursue their vocation in the countries of Asia.

The Dunlop Asia Leadership Program aims to develop a group of young leaders in the Victorian business and government community who have the ability to manage the complex issues inherent in Australia's

evolving relationship with the Asian region.

In the arts area, Asialink's activities expanded to cover a performing arts program in addition to its wide range of seminars, conferences, exhibitions and arrangement for artists in residence.

The Mazda Foundation is proud to be associated with such an innovative and very professional organisation.

Victorian School for Deaf Children Inc

The Victorian School for Deaf Children Inc (VSDC Inc) was founded in 1862 by Frederick John Rose, himself deaf.

VSDC Inc provides a range of high quality, relevant and responsive services, programs and facilities for deaf/hearing impaired and/or communication impaired students as well as their families throughout Victoria.

It is the proprietor of two campuses – the Victorian College for the Deaf in Melbourne and the Princess Elizabeth Junior School in Burwood.

The VSDC Inc provides these schools with valuable support services such as health care, social welfare, recreation support, independent living skills training, vocational guidance, audiological and residential services.

In 1995, a \$25,000 Mazda Foundation grant was allocated for the 'visual communication system' used at the Victorian College for the Deaf campus. This system enables students and deaf staff to access information via a teletext system and closed circuit video system.

The College follows the philosophy known as 'Total Communication' which supports the right of deaf students to have access to all forms of communication they need in order to develop language competence and communication skills.



The visual communication system also allows students – from seven to 21 years – access to a wide range of educational television programs and videos that previously would have been reserved for hearing students.

This is possible because the system has the ability to show programs or videos with sub-titles running along the bottom of the screen.

The system also has the ability to display pre-recorded messages, for example, 'Evacuate the Building', as well as daily bulletins from the principal and other specialist staff.

For students, it provides an effective and efficient way to gain access to many different types of information.

Australian Multicultural Foundation

The Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF) was established in 1988 as a legacy of Australia's Bicentenary. Its objectives are to:

- cultivate in all Australians a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures.
- promote awareness among the people of Australia of the diversity of cultures within Australia and the contribution of people from all cultures to the development of Australia.
- spread tolerance and understanding between all cultural groups through any appropriate means.

Over the past seven years, the AMF has been involved in a broad range of activities which have encompassed many diverse groups within our society.

The variety and breadth of projects undertaken reflect the commitment of the Foundation to foster and support initiatives which examine social issues that have as their common theme communication in its broadest sense.

Whether communication issues involve police and ethnic relations, employment of overseas qualified professionals, the promotion of languages other than English, social justice and law, youth, health, the aged or the arts, the chief purpose is to provide more effective methods of transaction amongst groups within our culturally diverse society.



One of the many programs conducted by the AMF is the Australian Language Certificates. The Certificates were introduced by the AMF in 1990 to promote, celebrate and encourage the learning of languages in schools.

Languages available in the Certificates program are Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Indonesian and these are available at both the beginner and intermediate levels.

Over 1,000 schools and some 60,000 students throughout Australia and New Zealand have participated in the Australian Language Certificates since its inception.

The program makes a contribution to Australia's future in terms of the career development of our young people and promotes and celebrates our rich cultural diversity while maintaining a view to developing and expanding our international contacts.

In 1995, the Mazda Foundation has supported the AMF through a grant of \$25,000 towards the Japanese component of the Australian Language Certificates program.

Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda

The Sacred Heart Mission works in the St Kilda area of Melbourne with people who have been pushed to the very edge of society.

This includes the poor, homeless or unemployed, people who have had their lives destroyed by alcohol or drugs, and people with psychiatric illness who are not receiving adequate support.

The Mission team consists of 50 staff with the support of over 250 regular volunteers. Its services include a meal program, home care for the elderly, the running of an aged care hostel, material assistance, a health clinic, residential services, recreation and art programs and a specific women's program.

One of the Mission's major accomplishments is its reputation for creating recreational, art and educational opportunities for the homeless, and in particular the young homeless people in the St Kilda area.

In support of this activity, a Mazda Foundation grant of \$17,500 was provided for equipping a new Community & Education Centre in the library area of the former Sacred Heart Primary School property in St Kilda.

The Centre is running a training and education program as well as a work opportunity program and has been operational since April 1996.

The capital grant was used to fit-out the Centre as well as provide furniture, computers and audio visual training aids.

Royal South Street Society

The Royal South Street Society has been conducting its performing arts eisteddfod in Ballarat, Victoria, for the past 104 years.

It is known throughout Australia as the largest and longest running eisteddfod in the country and it attracts large numbers of entrants from all States as well as overseas.

In 1995 the Society hosted 8,231 entries in its competitions and judged 68,233 on-stage performances. It also distributed \$110,000 in prizes.



The Society's aim is to encourage performing artists in various fields including aerobics, callisthenics, dancing, brass bands and solos, instrumental solos and orchestras, pianoforte, electronic and pipe organ, classical and modern singing, choirs, speech and drama, one act plays and television auditions.

The eisteddfod caters for both novice and experienced artists from three years-of-age to adult and competitions run from mid-August to November each year.

In 1995 the Mazda Foundation provided a grant of \$15,000 to the Royal South Street Society to assist in the running of its eisteddfod. The grant was primarily used for the Mazda Instrumental and Festival of Bands Section as well as for adjudicator expenses, theatre costs and support for other sections of the eisteddfod.

Many people from all walks of life have graduated through the eisteddfod competitions including Amy Castles, Sir Bernard Heinz, Peter Dawson, Gladys Moncreiff, Mary Grant Bruce, Joan Kirner, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and past Prime Minister James Scullin.

The Society is a voluntary organisation with a committee of 14, two full-time staff and a dedicated band of volunteer workers.

Derby/West Kimberley Skillshare

Skillshare aims to encourage, assist and support the unemployed by implementing training courses and individual support services which enable clients to build vocational, economic and social skills relevant to local employment opportunities.

Derby/West Kimberley Skillshare commenced operation in July 1992 and was the first Aboriginal focused project in the north of Western Australia.



It assists the long term unemployed by offering training in various vocations including office skills with a focus on computer operation and typing, as well as manual occupation skills such as carpentry, welding and hospitality.

The Derby/West Kimberley Skillshare program received a grant of \$10,000 for staff to purchase and implement the Pacific Institute 'Pathways to Excellence' program.

Albany & District Skillshare

A grant of \$10,000 was also awarded to Albany & District Skillshare for the purchase and implementation of the Pacific Institute 'Pathways to Excellence' program.

Albany & Districts Skillshare provides employment related programs through structured competency based, articulated training and self paced learning to long term unemployed and other disadvantaged job seekers.

Its main objectives are to enhance attendees employability and assist in their personal development.

Ascot Vale Special School

Melbourne's Ascot Vale Special School was established in 1980.

It caters for mildly intellectually handicapped students, many with accompanying emotional, physical and co-ordination disabilities.

The main campus provides for primary and secondary students, while the Annexe Education Centre offers a work education course which prepares students for post school options.

A Mazda Foundation grant of \$5,000 was provided to the Ascot Vale Special School in 1995 to enable it to update its computer facilities and in particular purchase the Acorn special needs software package which is used throughout the school.

Dandenong Valley School

A grant of \$5,000 was allocated to the Dandenong Valley School to assist with a project titled 'Dipping-In' — the development of a school-based Hydrotherapy Centre.

Dandenong Valley School, the largest special developmental school in Victoria, caters for children with severe and multiple disabilities from the areas of Berwick, Cranbourne, Dandenong and Pakenham.

Illoura Early Intervention Centre

Illoura House is an Early Intervention Centre in the City of Knox catering for infants and young children with disabilities and significant developmental delays as well as their families.

A grant of \$4,800 was provided to enable Illoura House to purchase computer equipment and software. The technology has been specially designed to assist children with various types of disabilities.

Programs have been developed for those at pre-school level with slower rates of development and the computers have adaptations which enable their use by those with physical disabilities.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge with thanks, the contributions provided by individuals and organisations noted elsewhere in this report including our auditor, Geoff Roberts of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, who provided his services without cost to the Mazda Foundation.

It is also important to recognise that Mazda Australia Pty Limited donates a cash sum to the Mazda Foundation for every Mazda and Eunos vehicle sold in Australia and provides all administrative time and expenses without charge to the Mazda Foundation.

I trust that when you reflect upon the objectives of the Mazda Foundation and the causes it supports, you may consider the benefits of making a contribution to the Mazda Foundation towards a better, more compassionate Australia.



Takehisa Motoda
Chairperson
Managing Director
Mazda Australia

Financial Statements

Mazda Foundation extract from audited financial statements balance sheet as at 30th June 1995.

Current Assets	\$
Cash at Bank	69,447
Short Term Deposits	475,000
Interest Receivable	<u>6,089</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>550,536</u>
Non Current Assets	
Long Term Deposits	<u>550,000</u>
Total Non Current Assets	<u>550,000</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>1,100,536</u>
Current Liabilities	
Creditors	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Net Assets	\$ <u>1,100,536</u>
Accumulated Funds	\$ <u>1,100,536</u>
Income	
Donations Received:	
Mazda Australia Pty Limited	66,446
Mazda Dealer Associations and Mazda Dealers	3,000
Mazda Customers and Mazda Staff	<u>1,223</u>
	70,669
Interest received and receivable	80,964
Surplus from Fund Raising Activities	<u>182,384</u>
Total Income	\$ <u>334,017</u>
Expenditure	
Grants	241,504
Legal Fees	-
Accounting and Other Service Fees	-
Director's remuneration	-
Auditor's remuneration	-
Insurance	383
Government and Bank Charges	92
Total Expenditure	\$ <u>241,979</u>
Net Surplus for the year	\$ <u>92,038</u>
Accumulated Funds at start of year	\$ <u>1,008,498</u>
Accumulated Funds at end of year	\$ <u>1,100,536</u>

Statement of Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and, except where stated, do not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non current assets.

Donations are brought to account on a cash received basis whereas interest and expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

Taxation

Income Tax has not been provided for as the Foundation is exempt from taxation under Section 23(j) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

The Foundation is eligible to receive donations under Section 78(I) (a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

The above information has been taken from the Financial Statements of Mazda Foundation which have been audited by Mr G Roberts of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Mazda Foundation

Established in 1990 as a public benefit trust, the Mazda Foundation is administered through an independent body and provides endowments as appropriate each year. The aims and objectives of the Foundation include:

- assistance to young people through education and employment skills development.
- assistance in the development of technology to help improve Australia's international competitiveness.
- assistance towards the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment.

Contributions to the Mazda Foundation are tax deductible. Communications and donations should be directed to: The Secretary, Mazda Foundation, PO Box 183 South Melbourne, 3205, Victoria, Australia. Facsimile: (03) 9690 9771.

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