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purpose

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The Trust aims to honour the life of Sir Albert Coates and to increase knowledge of his approach to life's challenges.

This is achieved by promotion of the Coates Memorial publications, education programmes, educational scholarships and awards at all levels.

It requires a focussed drive for donations, bequests and other fundraising activities.



Ted Lynes

chairman's report

Once again it is my pleasure to report positively on the work of the Trust. The committee members, collectively and individually, strive hard so that we meet our goals within the time guidelines. This means that applications for awards are called for, applicants interviewed, and decisions made and verified in a timely manner so that our presentations to the successful applicants can be made at the most appropriate occasion.

The Trust acknowledges the financial support we get from local businesses: Davis Bus Lines, Webster Dolilta Finance Ltd. and Sebastopol Bowling Club. Valuable support is offered by the University of Ballarat, Sovereign Hill, the Gold Museum, Beechworth Bakery (Ballarat), the University of Melbourne, the Department of Health Victoria, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

The Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women, in conjunction with the Victorian Veterans Council, are extremely generous with their annual donation of funds. It is of interest that while they support our Trust particularly in the field of Emergency Care, the Legion has a similar arrangement with the Nurses Memorial Centre in the field of Aged Care Nursing.

The many Friends of Sir Albert continue to support our work with words of encouragement and donations. Their generous words help ease the load.

Ted Lynes
Hon. Chairman

During the past year the Coates Trust has consolidated its grants program and continued to raise funds to support its various awards.

The first Annual Report was published in time for the Oration and the document was used to not only report on the previous year, but to provide a summary of the first decade of activity. Included were numerous photographs and details of the range of awards, major donors and supporters and the various activities conducted by the Trust to underpin the award program. The Trust thanks Elizabeth Trudgeon for designing and coordinating the production of the report. In addition to the twenty-four page full production, a summary four page version was prepared and sent to everyone on our database.



Roger Trudgeon

secretary's report

Awards presented by the Trust continue to be supported by the Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women and without this vital help it would not be possible to provide them.

The two **Lunch with Speaker** presentations were well supported with our guest speakers providing stimulating presentations. Tony Gherardin spoke about the health aspects of international travel and Jeremy Johnson spoke on the five decades of Sovereign Hill and the major developments that had occurred over the history of the renowned attraction. The lunches are attended by anything from 50 to 90 people each time and apart from hearing good speakers, it is a great chance to catch up with supporters and friends of the Trust. The Trust was generously supported by donations of prizes for the raffle including Ambulance Victoria, Sovereign Hill, Sebastopol Bowling Club, Beechworth Bakery and Trust members donating wine and gifts.

The Coates Oration saw an audience of over eighty see presentations made to several of the award winners and hear the oration from Prof. Mark Hogarth of the Burnet Institute. Prof. Hogarth spoke about developments in immunology research and its impact on the world population, linking this back to the concerns and interests of Sir Albert Coates.

The Coates Trust meets monthly, with committee members all contributing in many ways by carrying out the tasks associated with the awards. The jobs include everything from arranging and attending award interviews and assessment meetings, preparing for the lunches and the oration, managing the accounts and keeping the growing archive of the Trust's work.

The Coates Trust website has been an important way of introducing people to the story of Albert Coates and the work of the Trust. In 2012, the site was redesigned with a new masthead and a new structure for the information presented. The Trust thanks Elizabeth Trudgeon for creating the new design layout and Wayne Hines of Virtual Bean for putting the new site into effect. The Trust acknowledges the City of Ballarat and Lateral Plains who provide much needed support for the web server used by the Coates Trust.

In concluding I thank all committee members of the Trust and other supporters who so generously keep the numerous awards and activities operating so smoothly each year.

Roger Trudgeon
Hon. Secretary

Introduction

The Trust has again performed exceedingly well with its financial strategy, which is aimed to ensure ongoing success against the following four **Critical Objectives**:

To provide substantial scholarships at primary, secondary, tertiary, graduate and post-graduate levels focussing predominantly on the medical profession.

To seek donations at private, institutional and corporate levels to sustain scholarships and awards.

To grow the Trust's equity to provide an ongoing income stream for our scholarship objectives.

To minimize operating costs of the Trust.

The Trust gratefully acknowledges all donations received during the year ranging from major donations to those made by individual supporters from all over Australia.

It is pleasing to report that of the \$71,680 donations received during the financial year 89% was applied to Scholarships, also the Trust's equity has increased by 14.45%.

The Trust has redeemed its liability for printing and publishing the book 'Against the Odds' and future sales from that source will produce a small income stream.

Finally, it should be noted that the present bleak worldwide financial outlook is expected to adversely affect the Trust's income revenue in 2012- 2013, due to dropping interest rates.

Rudy Novotny
Hon. Treasurer

donations

Donations for the year 2011 - 2012

Donor	Purpose	Amount
Collection Box at Sculpture	General ACMT	\$4
Various for Pryor Fund	Visual Arts Award	\$350
Sebastopol Bowling Club	Primary School Awards	\$400
Various Book Donations	General ACMT	\$485
W & D Finance	Bio Medical Science Award	\$2,800
Various incl. Functions etc	ACMT Nursing & Surgical Awards	\$7,641
Australian Legion (Victorian Veterans Council)	Rural Nursing upgrades	\$60,000
		Total Donations \$71,680



Rudy Novotny

treasurer's report 2011-2012

The Coates Trust continues to seek donations for the scholarship fund.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and tax receipts are issued.

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Albert Coates Memorial Trust
Treasurers– Auditors Report (summary) for Financial Year 2011– 2012

In the auditors opinion the attached Statements of Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for the Sir Albert Coates Memorial Trust are properly drawn up so as to give a true and correct view of the financial affairs and operations for the Year. The GST obligations have also been reviewed.

The Total Equity of the Trust at 30/06/2012 is \$83,815.62 (including the James Pryor Fund of \$13,604.80). The above also includes a projected GST refund of \$77.00 for the June 2012 quarter and accounts for a Liability of \$2,500.00 for "Legion" Scholarship Advances.

Income & Expenditure Summary.

	2010-2011	2011- 2012	% Change
Income	\$70,140.63	\$81,753.71	+ 16.56%
Expenditure	<u>\$61,944.12</u>	<u>\$73,514.42</u>	+ 18.68%
Surplus	\$8,196.51	\$8,239.29	+0.52%
Donations	\$57,489.60	\$71,680.35	+24.68%
Equity	\$73,236.30	83,815.62	+14.45%
Scholarships	\$55,724.60	63,500.00	+13.95%

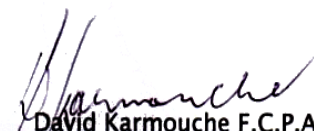
Comments and Financial highlights for the audit period:

- 2011- 2012 has been a very satisfying result in all respects
- The book printing liability (Against the Odds) has been fully discharged
- Due to the present declining financial situation (Interest rates) we must expect significant reductions of income levels for the next year
- Scholarships awarded: \$

Surgical (Melb.)	5,000.00
Nursing (BU)	2,500.00
Visual Arts (BU- Pryor)	2,500.00
Rural Nursing Post Grad (3)	48,000.00
Rural Health Clinical	3,000.00
Bio Medical (BU- W & D)	2,500.00



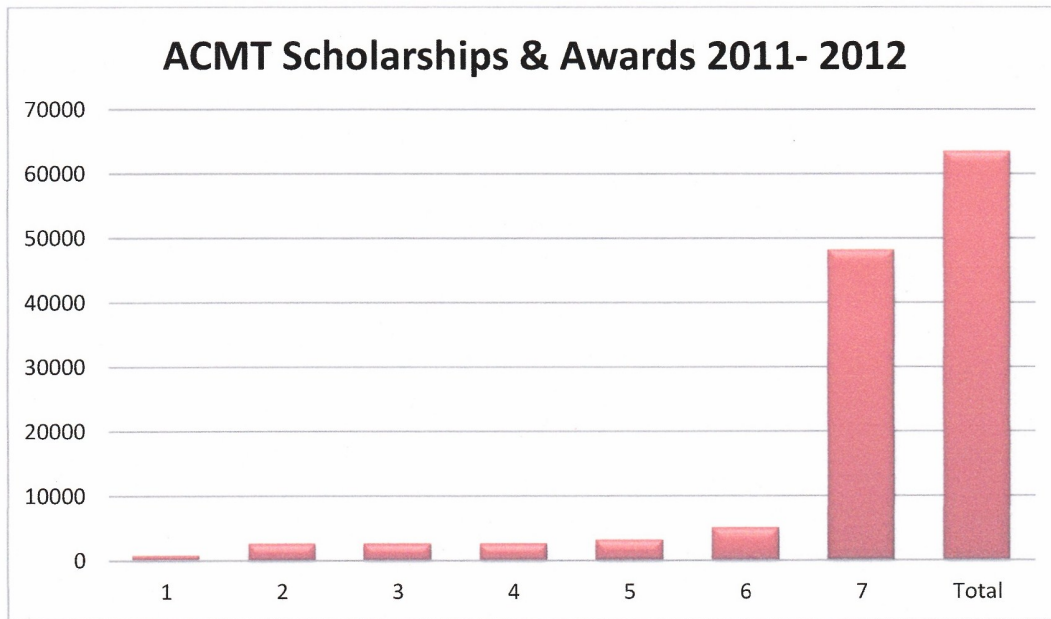
Rudy Novotny
Hon. Treasurer



David Karmouche F.C.P.A.
Hon. Auditor

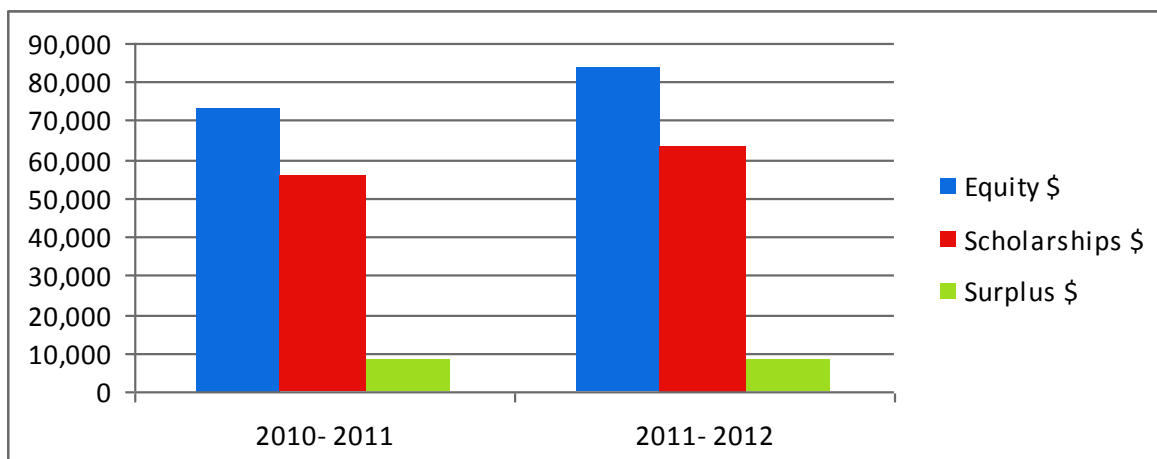
Attachments: Profit & Loss 2011/ 2012 comparison with previous year.
Balance sheet as of 30/06/2012

Donations continue the Trust's work and over \$2 are Tax Deductible



- 1 ACMT- Sebastopol Bowling Club Price for Mt Pleasant Primary Students, \$600
 - 2 ACMT Prize for the School of Nursing, University of Ballarat, \$2,500.
 - 3 ACMT- J. H. Pryor Prize for Arts Academy University of Ballarat, Visual Arts student \$2,500.
 - 4 W & D Finance Prize for the School of Bio Medical Science, University of Ballarat, \$2500.
 - 5 ACMT Award for student in Rural Clinical School, University of Melbourne, sponsored by the Australian Legion of Ex- Service Men & Woman, \$3000.
 - 6 ACMT Award for top student in the Graduate Diploma of Surgical Anatomy, University of Melbourne, sponsored by the Aust. Legion of Ex-service Men & Women, \$5,000.
 - 7 ACMT Nursing Scholarships for Post Graduate training of Emergency Care Nurses, sponsored by the Aust. Legion of Ex-service Men & Women. Three awards in 2011- 2012 totaling \$48,000,
- Total Scholarships awarded for 2011- 2012 were \$63,500!

ACMT - Financial Year Comparison 2011 - 2012 with previous year.



trust members 2011-2012



Mr Roger Trudgeon
Hon. Secretary



Mr Ted Lynes OAM
Hon. Chairman



Mr Rudy Novotny
Hon. Treasurer



Ms Desley Beechey



Mrs Winifred Gherardin



Mr Walter Gherardin OAM



Mr Michael Kent



Mr Bruce Clark



Ms Gwenda McManus



Mr Roger Mitchell FRACS



Mrs Lorna Morgan



Dr Don Moss



Mr Jock Prodger



Mrs Marie Pryor



Mr Neil Shiells



Mr David Karmouche **Hon. Auditor**



Dr Allan Donelly



Dr Andrew Dean

medical scholarship advisors



Rachel Taylor speaking at the 2011
Oration Dinner

awards

The **Albert Coates Memorial Trust**, supported by generous donors, raises funds to sponsor a number of student awards at Secondary, Tertiary and Post-Graduate levels, as well as two awards at Sir Albert's primary school. Amongst the criteria for the awards is a demonstrated ability to achieve academically whilst overcoming challenging circumstances.

Total scholarships awarded for 2011 - 2012 were \$63,500.

Recipients of awards for 2011/12:

Awards sponsored by the Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women

University of Melbourne - Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Post - Graduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy

Annual award: outstanding graduate of the course \$5,000

Award recipient: Dr Anthony Dinh Ta

University of Melbourne - Rural Clinical School

Annual award: top surgery student \$2,500

Award joint recipients: Lachlan Brennan, Matt Morey

(2011/2012 - 2 at \$1,500 total \$3,000)

Department of Health Victoria - Rural Nursing Awards

Annual scholarships for regionally based nurses to undertake post-graduate training in Emergency Care nursing.

Value of awards: \$16,000 each

Award recipients: Susan Hollingworth

Jade Beechey, Rachel Taylor

(2011/2012 - 3 at \$16,000 total \$48,000)

Awards sponsored by the Albert Coates Memorial Trust

University of Ballarat

School of Nursing - Albert Coates Prize

Annual scholarship:

2nd Year undergraduate \$2,500

Award recipient: Krystal Morris

University of Ballarat

School of Visual Arts - James H. Pryor Award

Annual scholarship:

2nd year undergraduate \$2,500

Award recipient: Carleen Harmon

Award Sponsored by W & D Finance

University of Ballarat

School of Biomedical Science

Annual scholarship:

2nd year undergraduate \$2,500

Award recipient: Ingrid Wise

Awards Sponsored by Davis Bus Lines

Ballarat Secondary Schools Inspirational Award

Three annual scholarships of \$500 for students and \$250 for schools.

Award recipient: No award

Awards Co-sponsored by Sebastopol Bowling Club and Coates Trust

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Annual scholarships to year 6 boy and girl to assist with transition costs for secondary school. Each award: \$300



awards

Award Sponsored by Rotary Club of Melbourne

Sir Albert Coates Young Achievers Award

Annual award: \$1000

Award recipient: Andrew Asten, 2012



Houses in the Village and below Anna with Primary School children



Catching up with scholarship awardees

Photographs supplied by Anna Steer

Anna Steer received a Rural Clinical School Award in 2010 which enabled her to undertake her elective study overseas in Belize in Central America. She writes:



Andrew Asten being presented with the Sir Albert Coates Young Achiever award by The Governor of Victoria, The Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC on 21st March, 2012.

Andrew worked for the Oak Tree Foundation, an Australian Aid and Development Organisation.

Photograph: Courtesy, Rotary Club of Melbourne

'With a Lonely Planet guide and passport in hand, I set off on my medical elective adventure....to a small developing country on the stunning Caribbean coastline. Based at Hillside Health Care International, I was to spend one month living amongst and caring for the beautiful people of Belize. Belize is a country with numerous languages and ethnic groups but English is the National language.

The economy of Belize is dependent upon agriculture, tourism and more recently mining and crude oil extraction. In aid of the economy and attracting the tourist dollar the country has succumbed to Westernisation and subsequently is seeing the detrimental health effects associated with our glutinous lifestyle. Previously unheard of in these communities, heart disease, diabetes and hypertension are now the major causes of morbidity and mortality. I was fortunate to spend four weeks as part of the team at HHCI. Over this short period of time, the medical knowledge and skills I arrived with rapidly developed.

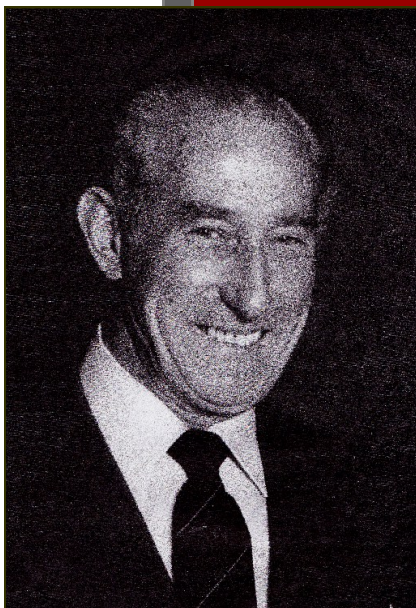
The main area I practised in the HHCI clinic was women's health. I was the only female student doctor for the team and thus was required to institute the Pap smear screening and birth control programs, conduct pelvic and breast examinations, counsel patients on family planning and provide support and advice on sensitive issues such as sexually transmitted infections (STI) and termination of pregnancy.

Being in a predominantly farming cropping area, farming injuries were common yet rather different to what we would see in Australia. Accessing healthcare in the rural area of southern Belize was a major issue. To try to overcome this barrier in the delivery of health care Hillside runs 'Mobile Clinics'. Pregnant mothers would arrive having walked 15km from a neighbouring village with twelve of her children following.

It was on these secondments (into remote villages) into the rainforest where we would encounter widespread tropical disease and untreated chronic conditions. From Leishmaniasis, malaria and dengue fever to tuberculosis, Norwegian scabies and end stage chronic obstructive lung disease in young women from cooking over wood fires.

Overall it was an amazing experience and I sincerely thank the Albert Coates Trust for providing me with the means to be able to seize this opportunity to learn and teach medicine in a developing nation'. (An extract from Anna Steer's letter)

vale arthur coates



Arthur Coates

Arthur Coates became a member of the Memorial Trust Committee because of his inquisitiveness. He was intrigued that his elderly neighbour rode a bicycle across Ballarat to attend meetings at the Gold Museum.

On enquiry he discovered the Albert Coates Memorial Trust. After some research into the reason for the formation of the Trust he determined to help raise the profile of another Coates - although there was not any obvious connection between them except both had Coates ancestors from the Ipswich area of Suffolk.

Arthur was the entrepreneurial member of the Trust Committee. He devoted his time to inviting businesses to fund scholarships and awards. His business contacts in Ballarat were widespread, and he pursued them all with a wonderful single-minded approach. The success of his endeavours had many benefits, not the least was an energising of the committee to produce brochures, booklets, and the website that might further the aims of the Trust.

Arthur's energy, determination and his great sense of humour and goodwill are elements of his life that will remain with those of us who were fortunate to know and love the man.

Ted Lynes



L to R:

Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Andrew Smith, University of Ballarat, Prof. P Mark Hogarth, Burnet Institute, and Ted Lynes, Chair of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust, prior to the 2011 Oration at the Brewery Theatre, University of Ballarat.

Photograph: Elizabeth Trudgeon



L to R:

Neil Shiells, ACMT Committee Member, Jeremy Johnson, guest speaker, CEO Sovereign Hill Museums Association, Jock Prodger, ACMT Committee Member, at the Sebastopol Bowling Club, March 2012, ACMT Luncheon.

Photograph: Arthur Coates



Pro Vice Chancellor of Ballarat University, Prof. Andrew Smith, presenting awards at the 2011 Coates Oration Dinner.

Photographs: Elizabeth Trudgeon



Martin Starick

Emergency Nursing Scholarship
awardee speaking at 2011 Oration
Dinner



Debra Daniels

Emergency Nursing Scholarship
awardee speaking at 2011 Oration
Dinner

Albert Coates Oration Dinner

The Oration Dinner was held on Thursday November 10th, 2011 at Prospects Restaurant at the University of Ballarat SMB Campus. Fifty-eight people attended.

The highlights of the evening were the three informal talks given by recipients of the Coates scholarships. The student presentations were given by Rachel Taylor, Martin Starick, and Debra Daniels.

Rachel has just recently been awarded a 2012 scholarship to undertake further post-graduate nursing training which will assist her work at the Ballarat Base Hospital. She spoke enthusiastically about the opportunity given to her to further her studies.

Martin spoke about how his scholarship had allowed him to progress from a nursing career to becoming a paramedic serving the South West Region of Victoria. Martin was accompanied by his father, Peter Starick.

Debra spoke movingly of the impact of the scholarship in allowing her to pursue a Masters Degree in nursing. She spoke about the challenges of balancing her studies with the pressures of working and family life and how much the confidence shown in her by the Trust had helped her achieve her goals.

All speakers thanked the Trust for its support and later interacted with the many guests present.

In addition to the speakers, most of the 2011 award recipients from the University of Ballarat and the rural medical scholarships were present.

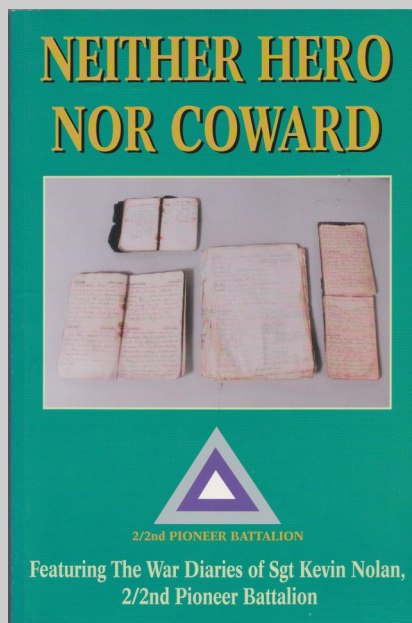
Acknowledging the work of the Trust, George Logan from the Victorian Veterans Council presented a very welcome cheque for \$60,000 which ensured the continuation of the rural health scholarships and other awards in the year ahead.

Roger Trudgeon

oration dinner & luncheons

A gift from Kevin Nolan

In the foreword I. D. Stevenson wrote: 'This is not a war story, nor is it an historical treatise, it is a day to day account of an ordinary man dealing with extraordinary circumstances.....it is a triumph of the human spirit and all who read this book should feel both proud and humble that Kevin Nolan, former Sergeant with the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion, P.O.W. and survivor of the Burma Railway, has chosen to share these experiences with us.'



The Archive

The archive was established in 2000 and is housed in twenty archive boxes with larger items on shelves. All material is in archival storage conditions. It is a growing archive and donations of photographs or text material are welcome.

Donations received for the archive have included Walter Gherardin's photographs taken during the earliest exhibitions about Albert Coates and the development of the Coates sculpture in 1999-2000.

Books donated during this year included: *Neither Hero Nor Coward*, featuring the War Diaries of Sergeant Kevin Nolan, 2/2nd Pioneer Battalion. This book included references to Albert Coates.

Supporters provide news clippings, periodicals and other extracts from publications which refer to Albert Coates and the prisoner of war experiences during WW2.



The Gold Museum exhibition in 1999
Walter Gherardin



Photograph of Albert Coates' medals

Sir Albert Coates' medals

Walter Gherardin has donated a set of photographs taken at the exhibition in the Gold Museum and in the RHSV space in Melbourne. Included in this donation are the items shown.