

The John Villiers Trust Timeline



Established on John's death in 2002, JVT continues his legacy of supporting organisations to achieve transformative impact in Queensland communities through active engagement and strong partnerships.

2002

John passes away peacefully on 11 July, 37 days short of his 90th birthday. In his Will he bequeathed his estate of approximately \$6.75 million solely for the benefit of charities working in Queensland.

Darvell Hutchinson AM, is appointed Executor of John's estate and founding trustee. The Melbourne-based Helen Macpherson Smith Trust commences management of The John Villiers Trust (JVT).

2004

JVT commences its grants program to assist and improve the lives of Queenslanders. Darvell Hutchinson AM, is appointed as Chair.

2007

Marcus Langdon is appointed a trustee.

2012

July marks the tenth anniversary of JVT and its distribution of 59 grants totalling \$2.96 million to benefit Queensland communities.

2015

After eight years of valuable service and dedication, Marcus Langdon retires from the Board to make way for the appointment of Queensland-based trustees. Dr Ian Galloway AM and Chris Barnard are appointed to the Board.

2016

Stephen Muggleton is appointed to the Board. JVT expresses its grateful thanks to the trustees and management of the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust as it transfers its operations to Brisbane with the appointment of Kerrie Mattiske as Queensland Manager and a new office located in Teneriffe.

2017

Sadly, trustee Chris Barnard passes away with JVT acknowledging his unlimited support and his true love of philanthropy. Dr Cherrell Hirst AO and Elizabeth Jameson are appointed to the Board.

1912

John Villiers is born in London, England.

1927

John is awarded a P&O scholarship and undertakes a three year apprenticeship on P&O ships to the Far East and Australia.

1934

After a career as an Able Seaman around the Australian coast, he moves to Queensland to work on the land until the outbreak of World War II.

1966

John retires to Yeppoon and Rockhampton.

1962

John appoints Darvell Hutchinson AM as his accountant and professional advisor.

1947

After serving in the 26th Battalion and transferring to the Royal Australian Air Force in 1941, John is discharged and returns to the land, purchasing a 300 acre farm between Mackay and Sarina.

2018

JVT applies to The Supreme Court of Queensland for a variation of the Trust Deed to enable its registration as a Public Ancillary Fund (PuAF). Together with its registration under the Collections Act (Qld) JVT will soon be able to accept tax deductible donations from the public to further its growth strategy.

2019

Under the direct management of Darvell Hutchinson the trust grew to \$24.8 million by 2019.

Darvell's vision for the trust to become a PuAF was realised and a new strategic intent to focus on the wellbeing and development of children and youth in rural, regional and remote Queensland was implemented. Changes to the management and operations of the trust occurred to ensure the future growth of the trust as a registered PuAF.

After 17 dedicated years of leadership, Darvell Hutchinson AM retires as JVT's inaugural Chair and in his words; *"I have been privileged to be involved with every grant JVT has made since it commenced its grants program in 2004. I promised John I would nurture his intended benefaction through its formative years."* There is no doubt Darvell delivered on his promise.

Stephen Muggleton retires from the Board with the grateful thanks of the Board, whilst Dr Cherrell Hirst AO is appointed as Chair. Ashley Davis and Persephone Lobb are appointed to the Board.

Queensland Manager Kerrie Mattiske leaves the organisation after almost 4 years of service assisting Darvell in laying the foundations of the company in Queensland and JVT appoints Samantha Kennerley as its inaugural Chief Executive Officer.

2020

Tony Gambling is appointed to the Board.

In its 18th year, JVT has now distributed \$8.5 million to Queensland charities with \$713,428 to nine organisations in 2020 as its first year as a PuAF.