

Giving for a thriving and inclusive Australia

Australian Communities Foundation is a non-profit organisation that supports and enables smart, rewarding and effective giving. We nurture values-led philanthropists who give with purpose, strategy, and heart.

Powered by community-led change and courageous philanthropy, we envision an Australia where everyone belongs, equity is a shared commitment, and connection sparks a future full of possibility.



OUR VISION

A thriving and inclusive Australia

OUR PURPOSE

We empower a vibrant community of philanthropists with Australia's best giving solutions, unlocking funds to create meaningful change for people, place, and planet.

Our Theory of Change

To create a thriving and inclusive Australia, we will support more people to give meaningfully and effectively, connecting them to purpose through our platform.



Our Impact Drivers and Outcomes



GROW

ACTIVATE GIVING

By providing tools and advice for effective giving, we build strong relationships and turn trust into action and advocacy.

INVEST FOR IMPACT

We deepen our community's impact and drive positive social returns through our responsibly invested portfolio.

EXPAND PATHWAYS

Our Community Charity structure opens up innovative ways for donors to give, collaborate, and unlock change.



CONNECT

SUPPORT A NATIONAL COMMUNITY

We're home to an engaged, vibrant, and growing giving community spanning the country, working together to amplify impact.

CREATE LASTING LEGACIES

We support donors to build lasting legacies that reflect their values and create enduring impact.

MOBILISE THE NEXT GENERATION

By connecting with emerging philanthropists and families, we're helping shape the future of giving in Australia.



INSPIRE

DRIVE BEST-PRACTICE GIVING

We equip donors with tools, insights, and guidance to give strategically, inclusively, and for long-term impact.

PARTNER FOR CHANGE

Through our flagship Impact Fund and advisory services, we enable smarter giving in partnership with community.

ADVOCATE FOR REFORM

We collaborate with the sector to champion reform and strengthen Australia's giving ecosystem.



SUSTAIN

LEAD WITH INTEGRITY

We operate with transparency, resilience, and purpose, showing how mission-driven philanthropy can thrive.

ENABLE WITH TECHNOLOGY

We use smart systems and processes to deliver seamless service and scale structured giving.

MEASURE WHAT MATTERS

We track progress against our Theory of Change to ensure our work delivers meaningful outcomes.



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The Australia we envision

At Australian Communities Foundation, we envision an Australia where every person and community can thrive – where inclusion, equity, and collective wellbeing are not aspirations, but lived realities.

A thriving and inclusive Australia is one where everyone has equal opportunity to live a life of dignity, safety, and purpose. It's a country where education, healthcare, housing, and meaningful work are accessible to all, regardless of background or postcode. Where First Nations knowledge and leadership are central to our shared future, and where diversity is not just accepted, but celebrated.

In this Australia, social cohesion replaces division. People are connected – through community, culture, and care. We listen deeply, understand across difference, and act with empathy. Polarisation gives way to participation, and democracy is strengthened by robust, independent media and accountable governance.

Our economy evolves to put people, place, and planet at the centre. Power and resources flow to communities, and systemic reform shapes a just and sustainable future. Environmental stewardship becomes the norm, guiding choices that restore, renew, and leave the world a better place for generations to come.

We imagine a future where no one is left behind. Where people have the time and opportunity to connect, learn and contribute, and where culture and creativity flourish. A future powered by a vibrant not-for-profit sector and communities that lead, collaborate and innovate.

This is our work: to help build a future where hope, opportunity, and belonging are shared by all. A future shaped by collective action, courageous philanthropy, and community-led change.