



A Community Foundation for
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FOUNDATION SA

YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

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IS FROM OUR COMMUNITY,
AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

GROWING OUR IMPACT



Looking back on the last 12 months, I am so proud of all we've achieved and grateful for the opportunity to now lead Foundation SA as Chief Executive Officer.

In May, we celebrated our third anniversary which highlighted the Foundation's extraordinary growth with 37 funds established and a corpus of \$3 million. We also grew our team capacity, welcoming Chelsea Gillies in the role of Grants and Engagement Coordinator.

Our commitment to making philanthropy easy and accessible has seen new members join our giving community every month. I love hearing from our donors how much joy their giving brings them and the many ways Foundation SA is helping to maximise their impact.

A standout example this year was helping financial advisory firm, Morgans Exchange Place, use their sub-fund to provide multi-year support for Aboriginal children across South Australia by partnering with the Tjindu Foundation.

The rapid growth of our foundation and deepening community connections has caught the interest of government and peak associations. We were invited to share our experience with the Productivity Commission in Canberra in February as part of their exploratory work to grow giving in Australia.

Foundation SA also participated in a new initiative to help strengthen the network of community foundations in our state and lay the foundations for future growth with support from Community Foundations Australia and the South Australian Department of Human Services.

Finally, a special thank you to every one of our donors — you are the life force of our community foundation. Together we are growing our impact and helping create the change we want to see in SA.

Sophie Doyle
Chief Executive Officer



SUPPORTING THE CAUSES OUR DONORS CARE ABOUT

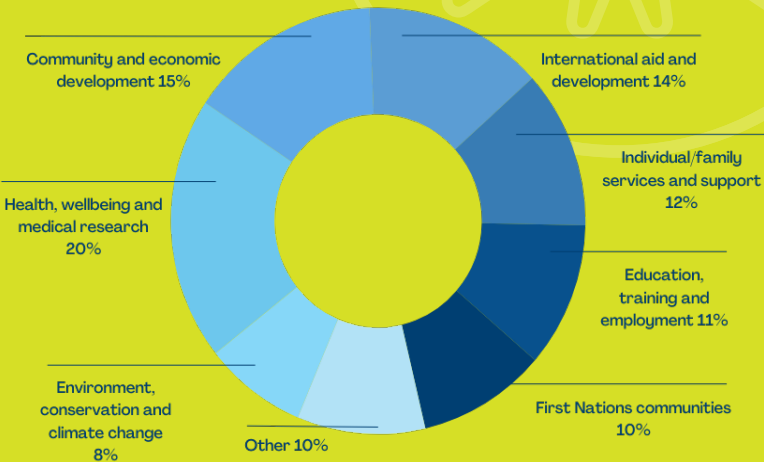


DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

In 2023/24, the Foundation SA giving community distributed \$555,469 in grants ranging in size from \$500 to \$50,000 to 59 charitable organisations. This is an increase from \$315,000 in the 2022/23 financial year.

As a community foundation, our donor advised fund model enables donors to select causes close to their heart, or use our granting expertise and advisory service, to find out where they can have the most impact.

This year our donors supported a wide range of causes:



NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

General donations to Foundation SA achieve impact through our annual Neighbourhood Grants program which supports vibrant community-led projects and initiatives across our state.

There was a sharp increase in the number of applications for Neighbourhood Grants this year, reflecting the cost-of-living

pressures and escalating cost of service delivery many local not-for-profits are contending with. During the 2023/24 financial year 65 applications were received — marking a significant increase from 17 in our first year.

A total of \$46,000 was distributed in grants to the South Australian-based organisations below.

Encounter Centre Inc — Community Mural

Creating strong community connections through a mural design and painting project that reflects the community.



ME/CFS South Australia Inc — Forever in Lockdown

Supporting the creation of an online art gallery showcasing art created by ME/CFS community members at risk of social isolation.

Defence Shed Port Adelaide — Bike Riding for All

Enabling the purchase of electric bikes that can be used by members who are unable to ride a push bike.

Hills Community Toy Library — Community Engagement

Providing loan toys to families of all backgrounds and hosting fun and engaging Messy Play Days for children aged 0–10 years and their carers.



Lefevre Unity Church Taperoo — Creating a community place for the lonely

Bringing socially isolated community members together for conversation, a barista made coffee and something to eat.

Open Space Contemporary Arts — Opal Evolution

Bringing new vitality to Andamooka through the creation of an annual multi-arts light, projection, street parade and music festival.



Careworks Incorporated — Families of Hope

Weekly drop-in in Davoren Park to foster community connections and offer enriching activities for parents, children and caregivers of all ages.

The Hut Community Centre — Sunset Sessions at the Station

Connecting people through food and music in a relaxed, inclusive and safe outdoor space at the community centre.



Sedan Hall — Sedan Stobie Pole Decoration (Stage One)

Bringing residents of all ages together with visiting artists to learn new skills and create symbols of community pride across the town.

Seeds of Affinity: Pathways for Women — Feeding our Community

Providing free healthy and nutritious lunches twice per week for women who have left prison and are transitioning back into the community.

West Coast Youth and Community Support — A Pridevember to Remember

Engaging and welcoming the LGBTQIA+ community in the Lower Eyre Peninsula to celebrate and enjoy all things rainbow.



Woodville West Community Garden — Open Day

Welcoming the Woodville West and surrounding community for a relaxed, family-friendly event with a focus on food security and sustainable living.



WHY I OPENED A SUB-FUND AT FOUNDATION SA: ELISABETH GAZARD



A believer in the power of education to provide pathways out of poverty and disadvantage, Elisabeth Gazard established the Penelope Award Fund at Foundation SA to help young people achieve the best personal outcomes from education.

The Fund supports students in Adelaide's western suburbs who are facing social and financial barriers to participation, inclusion and completion of the school's programs.

"I am not wealthy, but fortunately, I am now in the position to be able to give," Elisabeth says of her decision to establish the Fund.

"Through this system I can support my particular interest, but also involve my family in the process of giving to others.

"They are at a stage in life of working hard, caring for families and paying off mortgages, but I would like them to experience giving to help others and introduce them to the practice of philanthropy.

"Foundation SA enables us to participate in philanthropy and the wellbeing of the community. It allows us to follow our concerns and direct the giving process but provides the background work of compliance with the ATO and investment of funds."



LEAVING A LEGACY



Leaving a gift that benefits your community and cherished causes beyond your lifetime is one of the most powerful and generous actions we can all take.

Leaving a gift in your will to Foundation SA ensures that your charitable wishes will evolve into a lasting legacy.



There is no doubt that the effort put into our collection will be an ongoing legacy through Foundation SA.

Peter Von Czarnecki



About half of the funds established with Foundation SA have legacy plans in place.

This year we're honouring the memory and generosity of the late Peter Von Czarnecki, who, together with his wife Naomi, created a charitable bequest fund to give to multiple charities in perpetuity.



OUR IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS



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