



A Community Foundation for
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



FOUNDATION SA
IS FROM OUR COMMUNITY,
AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



FOUNDATION SA

YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

Peter and Natalie, Giving with Gratitude Fund

GROWING OUR IMPACT



As we mark Foundation SA's fourth anniversary, we're also celebrating our biggest year yet thanks to our generous community of donors.

During the 2024/25 financial year, we welcomed six new Sub Funds, bringing the total number of Foundation SA Sub Funds to 47. The value of our funds under management grew to \$4.1 million and will continue to grow in perpetuity to support the changing needs of South Australian communities.

In our first four years, we distributed more than \$2 million to grassroots projects across South Australia which is an incredible achievement. Thank you to every one of our donors — the individuals, families and businesses — who helped make that happen. It's a result we can be proud of.

As we grow towards full independence as a standalone community foundation, this year a community-led committee was appointed to begin the process of selecting our inaugural board. We look forward to introducing our board members in late 2025.

The community foundation sector is growing in Australia as more and more people learn how accessible strategic

giving can be. In late 2024 community foundations from across Australia came together in northern NSW for a biennial forum. I was proud to have the opportunity to share the work of Foundation SA and our leadership role in the SA Community Foundations Initiative (SACFI).

SACFI members have launched a strategic plan, supported by SA Department of Human Services, with a goal of ensuring every South Australian has access to a community foundation where they live.

Finally, the DGR (deductible gift recipient) reforms have begun and Foundation SA will soon attain DGR1 status which will make giving to community-led initiatives even easier.

Together with our donors and grant partners, we've supported so much positive change in our communities, and I'm excited to see our impact grow even more in the year ahead.

Sophie Doyle
Chief Executive Officer



SUPPORTING THE CAUSES OUR DONORS CARE ABOUT

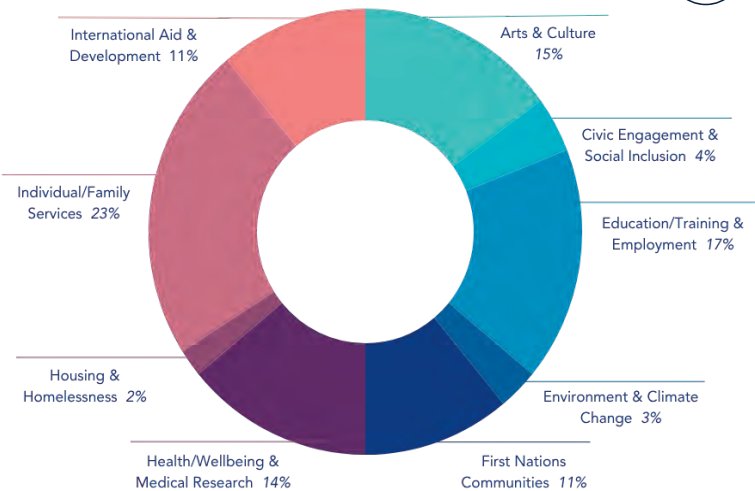


DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

In the 2024/25 financial year, the Foundation SA giving community distributed \$544,228 in grants ranging in size from \$520 to \$50,000 to 83 charitable organisations.

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 biggest strategic impact.

This year our donors supported a wide range of causes:



NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS



Foundation SA's Neighbourhood Grants provide funding of up to \$5,000 per grant, to grassroots projects that enhance wellbeing, inclusivity, and resilience across South Australia.

Applications for Neighbourhood grants are assessed by a volunteer committee of community members and Foundation

SA staff, helping us understand and stay close to the issues and emerging needs of our communities.

During the 2024/25 financial year we received 48 applications. Ten organisations received grants from a funding pool totalling \$43,000.

Soldier On — Veterans' Coffee Sips in Adelaide
Soldier On held weekly Veterans' Coffee Sips in Mawson Lakes, offering veterans and their families regular opportunities to socialise and connect.



Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council SA — Community Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Lunches
The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council delivered six community lunches for networks and clients, providing a safe space to support each other's social and emotional wellbeing without formal agendas.

Christie Downs Community House — Monthly Silent Disco Events
Christie Downs Community House hosted monthly Silent Disco events for young people aged 12–21, creating an inclusive and safe social activity.



Parents Who Have Been There — Neonatal Community Connections
Parents Who Have Been There facilitated regular Neonatal Parents Playgroups and Family Fun Days, connecting families who shared the experience of neonatal care.

Cancer Patients Foundation — Look Good Feel Better
The Cancer Patients Foundation provided face-to-face and virtual Look Good Feel Better workshops, helping cancer patients manage the physical and emotional impacts of treatment.



Hands of Hope Foundation — Trauma Recovery Programs
Hands of Hope Foundation delivered an eight-week Trauma Recovery Program for 24 women, supporting their healing journey after family and domestic violence.

ActNow Theatre — Young Theatre Makers Program
ActNow Theatre delivered a nine-week theatre-making program for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, combining creative workshops with pastoral care.



The Nurtured Village Hampers — Village of Support Limestone Coast
The Nurtured Village Hampers ran monthly meet-ups at an indoor play space for mothers and children in the Limestone Coast, fostering connection and support during early parenthood.

Mid-Murray Our Town — Youth Hub
Mid Murray Our Town co-designed a Youth Hub with local young people in Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Walker Flat and Nildottie, providing a safe space for connection, creativity, and life skills development.



Find out more:



Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network — Caring Connected Communities Editing and Publishing Project
The Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network produced a podcast and six printed publications sharing stories of resilience from local community members.



CREATING RIPPLES OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Natalie and Pete established the Giving with Gratitude Fund in 2022 as part of their legacy planning.

The Fund supports community-based initiatives that empower women and girls through skills development, education, health and infrastructure improvements.

Natalie and Pete (pictured on the front cover) have also made an ongoing commitment to Foundation SA's annual Neighbourhood Grants to support stronger, more connected communities.

"As a proud sponsor of Foundation SA's Neighbourhood Grants program, we've seen first-hand how supporting grassroots initiatives empowers communities to connect, innovate and grow," Natalie says.

"It's rewarding to help turn community groups' visions into reality and foster a thriving future.

"We look forward to supporting another year and seeing more positive ripple effects unfold."

Natalie at work volunteering



FOUNDATION SA AT A GLANCE



SINCE INCEPTION



FOUR

Years of operation



47

Total sub funds



1.5

Staff members



\$4.1M

Funds under management



\$2M

Total grants distributed

2024/25



6

New funds established



110

Grants distributed



\$4,950

Average grant amount



83

Organisations supported

OUR IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS



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