

FOUNDATION SA

A Community Foundation for SOUTH AUSTRALIA

UNLOCKING AND AMPLIFYING LOCAL GENEROSITY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-LED CHANGE

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2026

Shylie and Mark, Mackintosh Family Fund

GROWING OUR IMPACT

It's been a landmark year for Foundation SA with the appointment of our inaugural Board of Directors and months of behind-the-scenes activity culminating in our successful transition to independence.

Our operations and governance are now managed and administered from Adelaide and Foundation SA has become a fully independent Company Limited by Guarantee, with a Community Charity Trust DGR1 registered with the ACNC from 1 July 2026.

This opens up exciting new avenues for giving, with private ancillary funds (PAFs) now able to give directly to Foundation SA and our funds, plus expanded granting opportunities for our Sub-funds.

Thank you to our donors for your patient support as we navigated the transition and the temporary disruption it caused.

This year we welcomed two new part-time team members, Sarah Aylett (Foundation Support Officer) and Rebecca Batchelor (Grants & Engagement Coordinator).

We also developed our 2026–2031 Strategy which reflects the evolution of our role in growing community-led philanthropy in South Australia and captures our ambitions to deepen our impact.

The 2025 Neighbourhood Grants round was boosted by the success of our fundraising campaign which raised $66,720 and meant we were able to support 16 community-led initiatives across the state.

Thank you to our donors, our grant partners, and everyone who supported us this year. We look forward to creating even more impact together as the Foundation SA community continues to grow.

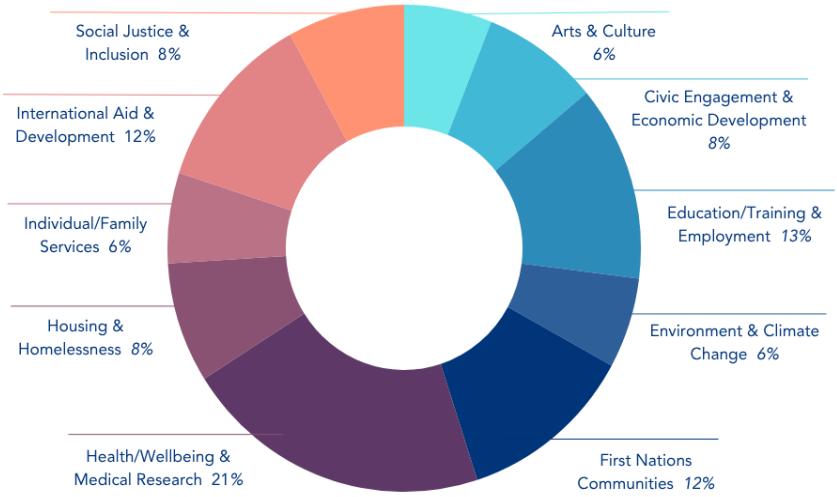


Jennifer Duncan
Chair



Sophie Doyle
Chief Executive Officer

SUPPORTING THE CAUSES OUR DONORS CARE ABOUT



FOUNDATION SA AT A GLANCE

SINCE INCEPTION

$2.59M

FIVE
Years of operation

55
Total sub funds

2.1 FTE
Staff members

$4.8M
Funds under management

422
Grants distributed

FY 2025/26

5
New funds established

$592,977
Total grants

77
Organisations supported

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.

Sixteen organisations received Neighbourhood Grants in 2025, funded by Foundation SA, Sub-fund holders, a private foundation and fundraising.

A total of $66,720 was distributed for the following community-based projects.

Achilles Adelaide — Athlete Sponsorship for Events
Achilles Adelaide supported people with disability to participate in the City to Bay running event by assisting with costs such as race entry, travel and accommodation.

Careworks Incorporated — Families of Hope Plus
Careworks supported families in Davoren Park to reduce social isolation and build community connections through family-led activities, coffee drop-ins, excursions and community events.

Feast Queer Youth Drop In — Rainbow Pride Days
Feast Queer Youth Drop In delivered nine themed sessions for LGBTIQA+ young people, using guest speakers, creative activities and celebrations to build connection, wellbeing and resilience.

SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance — Trans Peer Support
SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance supported trans and gender-diverse people through peer meetups, gender-affirming resources, workshops and community events, strengthening connection, wellbeing and resilience.



In Home Hospice Care Inc — Volunteer Education and Skills Training
In Home Hospice Care expanded its volunteer training program, supporting recruitment and education in palliative care, CPR, compliance and emotional support to strengthen community-based care in Mount Gambier.

Kapunda High — Her First Kick
Kapunda High introduced Her First Kick, encouraging girls to try Australian Rules Football in a supportive environment while building confidence, teamwork and connections with local clubs and role models.

United Way South Australia Inc. — Possum's Playgroup
United Way South Australia supported Possum's Playgroup, providing an inclusive early childhood program that encourages child development, literacy and parent connection, including a dedicated space for parents to connect.



Lolly Jar Circus Inc — Inclusive Disco
Lolly Jar Circus hosted an inclusive disco for children and young people with disability or at social risk, providing a safe and welcoming space to build friendships, confidence and social connections.



Gawler Community House — Art Workshop Plumbing and Sink
Gawler Community House improved its community art workshop by installing a sink with running water, creating a more functional space for participants, facilitators and future activities.

Hands of Hope Foundation — Community Lunch and Life Skills Program
Hands of Hope Foundation launched a weekly program combining community lunches, hospitality training and life skills workshops to support vulnerable people, particularly survivors of family and domestic violence.



Neighbourhood Node — Minor Works Program Volunteer Training
Neighbourhood Node trained volunteer project guides to support its Minor Works Program, empowering residents to lead small-scale neighbourhood improvements and strengthen community connection and belonging.

Seeds of Affinity — Pathways for Women
Seeds of Affinity supported formerly incarcerated women to build confidence and community connections through meaningful volunteering, helping participants overcome barriers to ongoing engagement and pathways to employment and education.

Southern Koala and Echidna Rescue — Building Bonds for Wildlife
Southern Koala and Echidna Rescue are creating a sheltered Connection Canopy at its headquarters, providing a space for volunteers, students and the community to gather, learn and connect.

The Here for Good Foundation — Men's Learning Circles
Here for Good Foundation delivered peer-led learning circles for men, supporting conversations around emotional resilience, self-awareness and positive behaviour to help prevent family and domestic violence.

The Hut Community Centre — Flavours of Our Community
The Hut Community Centre delivered monthly cultural cooking classes, bringing people together to share food, stories and skills while reducing isolation and providing meals for families experiencing food insecurity.



Lobethal and District Shedmen Inc — Concrete Aprons and Drainage
Lobethal and District Shedmen improved access to their community workshop by installing concrete aprons and drainage, helping make the space safer and more usable year-round, for the thriving community space.

GROWING COMMUNITY WITH EVERY HARVEST



With food insecurity on the rise and food wastage sitting at 7.6 million tonnes per year, Fruit Share Adelaide is working to bridge the gap by harvesting excess fruit from backyard trees, old orchards and commercial farms across Adelaide and the Hills and redistributing it to food banks, community centres and schools.

"Wherever there's fruit, we'll pick it," says Fruit Share Adelaide's Founder, Brett Dunstone.

Fruit Share's impact has grown year on year, with its harvest increasing from 11.5 tonnes in 2024 to more than 20 tonnes in 2025 and around 90 organisations taking delivery of the produce. Its operations rely entirely on volunteers, with more than 100 volunteers taking part in the harvesting to date.

"It's still a pretty lean operation," Brett says. "I have a trailer and we pretty much use our own vehicles."

Foundation SA Sub-fund holders, Shylie and Mark Mackintosh from the Mackintosh Family Fund, recently supported Fruit Share Adelaide with a grant that has helped purchase a new software system to improve volunteer management and logistics.

"We learnt about the opportunity to support Fruit Share through the team at Foundation SA," Shylie explains.

"We were happy to support something that makes such good use of people's excess fruit (including ours). Anything that made the volunteer organising more streamlined seemed a very good use of a relatively modest donation."

After getting by with spreadsheets and Google forms, the software has been a game changer for managing Fruit Share's volunteers including sign-ups and coordinating teams for different harvest locations.

"The software makes the process easier and more accessible which is important because a lot of our volunteers are older or retired or not as comfortable using technology," Brett explains. "It's also less of a manual process and less reliant upon me being the single point of coordination."

Read the full story and more stories of impact on the Foundation SA website.





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