

News Release

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ANZ grants \$250k to local charities

ANZ today announced that its Community Foundation has granted \$250k to 16 charitable organisations to deliver projects that support financial wellbeing, housing access and environmental sustainability.

For every dollar ANZ employees contribute to the Foundation the Bank matches it with an additional two dollars. Since 1988 more than \$5m has been granted to charities in local communities around Australia.

Chair of the Foundation Sarah Stubbings said: "It is great to see so many ANZ staff contributing some of their pay each week to make a difference to the lives of people and communities across the country, particularly in such a difficult year.

"The breadth and creativity of the projects put forward this year demonstrates how passionate local charities are about improving access to housing, improving people's financial wellbeing and supporting sustainable environments.

"We are pleased to support the charitable sector every year but especially this year as it has struggled with restrictions on fundraising events, volunteering drives and in-person programs," Ms Stubbings said.

This year 16 grants were made ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 - six in Victoria, three in New South Wales, two in Queensland and Western Australia, and one in each Northern Territory, Tasmania and South Australia.

Pillar	Region	Community Organisation	Funds will go towards...	Amount
Financial Wellbeing	Melbourne, VIC	GoGirls Foundation	...supporting 6 financially disadvantaged women to complete a 4 month program to become 'work ready'	\$15,000
	Mount Druitt, NSW	Sunnyfield	...purchasing two laptops for use by participants in adult education classes for people with a disability	\$5,027
	Marrickville, NSW	Dress for Success	...funding the cost of transitioning the Career Support & Dressing Program to a virtual model (admin, IT and postage)	\$10,000
	Shepparton, VIC	Regional Opportunities Australia	...providing 13 refugees and their families with placement and relocation services	\$25,000
Housing	Sydney, NSW	Kari Foundation	...supporting Aboriginal youth to transition from Out-of-Home Care to independent living by funding housing maintenance and supplies	\$20,800
	Melbourne, VIC	Society Melbourne	...delivering Financial Literacy training to homeless youth ('train the trainer' model) in partnership with Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ Money Minded, as part of an intensive employment and training program	\$7,400
	Surfers Paradise, QLD	Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care Inc	...supporting families fleeing family violence to overcome barriers to accessing the private rental market	\$20,800
	Melbourne, VIC	National Homeless Collective	...providing 2 weeks of rent-in-advance on payback scheme, together with a support worker, for women escaping family violence	\$20,800

Environmental Sustainability	Arnhem Land, NT	Karrkad Kanjdji Trust	...funding the Warddeken Indigenous Rangers to implement a cool burning program in the threatened Anbinik rainforest, supporting biodiversity, employment and traditional land practices	\$30,000
	Perth, WA	Plastic Free Foundation	...to conduct education campaigns on plastic reduction in schools and the community	\$15,000
	Melbourne, VIC	Yarra Riverkeeper Association	...running a community clean up event covering 30kms of the Yarra River	\$17,500
General thriving communities	Melbourne, VIC	Bridges Connecting Communities Limited	...addressing digital exclusion of seniors and people with a disability by providing 5 digital devices with 12 months of access for the delivery of training on avoiding financial abuse	\$10,000
	Hobart, TAS	Second Echo Ensemble	...providing opportunities for people with a disability to build skills in arts performance	\$20,000
	Playford, SA	United Way South Australia Incorporated	...running three weekly reading and craft sessions for children of families experiencing disadvantage	\$8,000
	Sunshine Coast, QLD	A Brave Life Ltd	...providing 100 'baby bundles' of newborn essentials to young parents	\$5,725
	Armadale, WA	Hope Community Services Ltd	...purchasing a new van to deliver food hampers and other social supports to disadvantaged people	\$18,948

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About ANZ Community Foundation: ANZ Community Foundation uses regular donations of ANZ Staff to provide grants to small yet impactful charities and organisations in local communities. The Foundation is a charitable trust funded by staff payroll donations and managed by ANZ staff – a National Advisory Board and State Committees. ANZ staff can join the Foundation and make regular donations from their pay which is matched by the bank at the rate of \$2 for every dollar donated. ANZ covers all administration costs so your donation is tripled and goes straight to charities across Australia.

About ANZ Workplace Giving: Celebrating 15 years of operation, ANZ's Workplace Giving program has distributed over \$13 million to our community partners. In June 2020, it celebrated 1 year of ANZ double-matching employee donations through this program. In October 2020, ANZ was announced as a finalist in the 2020 [Workplace Giving Excellence Awards](#) in the 'Best Employer Response to a Crisis' category. Winners will be announced on 25 November 2020.