

## News Release

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### ANZ grants \$316k to local charities

ANZ today announced it has granted \$316,399, through its Community Foundation, to 16 charitable organisations that are delivering projects to improve financial wellbeing, housing and environmental sustainability.

The Community Foundation is funded by ANZ employees, and for every dollar they contribute through the workplace giving program the Bank matches it with an additional two dollars. Since 1988, more than 900 grants valued at more than \$6 million have been distributed.

Chair of the Foundation Sarah Stubbings said: "Fundraising for charities is always a significant challenge, and even more so over the past 18 months, we are glad we can support these organisations that are passionate about improving access to housing, improving people's financial wellbeing and supporting sustainable environments.

"It's so great to see our ANZ people continuing to contribute some of their pay each week to help fund these vital projects and make a difference to the lives of many Australians in the process," Ms Stubbings said.

This year 16 grants were given, with the average recipient receiving \$20,000. Five grants were in Victoria, three in New South Wales, three in South Australian, two in Queensland and Western Australia, and one in Tasmania.

Pillar	Location	Community Organisation	Funds will go towards...	Amount
Financial wellbeing	VIC	Jesuit Social Services	Deliver 10 intensive financial literacy workshops to women from migrant/refugee background.	\$29,830.00
	QLD	Endeavour Foundation	Improving financial literacy and independent living skills for Australians with intellectual disability.	\$27,000.00
	NSW	Fighting Chance (Avenue)	Develop accessible software for 400 adults with disability to track, save and spend their remuneration which they earn through Avenue's microbusiness.	\$20,000.00
Housing	NSW	Taldumande Youth Services	Building a bedroom that will provide emergency accommodation for young people who are in need of help.	\$21,485.90
	VIC	Lighthouse Foundation	Provide trauma-informed, therapeutic support to support young people impacted by neglect, abuse and homelessness.	\$30,000.00
	NSW	Wentworth Link Housing	Deliver Ready2Work program to 25 Link Housing residents	\$25,000.00

Environmental sustainability	VIC	Totally Renewable Yackandandah Inc	Install a battery ready solar system, roof-top insulation and an efficient air conditioner.	\$20,000.00
	WA	Bush Heritage Australia	Purchase monitoring cameras to managing predation threats to native animals across 40,000 hectares in Fitz-Stirling Reserves.	\$27,808.00
	QLD	Gympie & District Landcare Group Inc	Stabilise an eroding 1.5km section of Mary River riverbank that is delivering sediment and nutrients to the Great Barrier Reef.	\$15,000.00
	SA	Adelaide and Hills Koala Rescue - 1300KOALAZ	Plant new trees and create corridors with fire retardant plants to help keep the koalas safe.	\$24,585.00
Other	VIC	The Nappy Collective	Redistribute 500,000 nappies through twice yearly collections.	\$15,000.00
	SA	Disabled Surfers Association of Australia - South Australian Branch	Purchase an additional beach shelter that can provide shelter for disabled participants and carers on Moana Beach.	\$1,688.00
	SA	Operation Flinders Foundation Inc.	Expand the reach of the Peer Group Mentor (PGM) Program for at risk youths and supporting them with education and wellbeing needs.	\$10,000.00
	WA	Zephyr Education Inc.	Help children whose education has been disrupted by domestic violence get back to school as quickly as possible by supplying them with everything they need for that purpose (e.g. uniforms, shoes, textbooks and stationery, school bags, computers and iPads).	\$20,000.00
	VIC	Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (T/A NextSense)	Invest in technology for blind or low vision children to support their transition to primary school.	\$11,962.00
	TAS	Tassie Mums	Distribute of 40 safe sleeping places for vulnerable and at risk babies/children in Tasmania.	\$17,040.00

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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:** Since inception, ANZ's Workplace Giving program has distributed over \$16 million to our community partners. At the 2020 Workplace Giving Excellence Awards, ANZ won the '[Best Employer Response to a Crisis](#)' category, and recognised with Silver in the [Most Innovative Charity & Employer Partnership](#) together with The Smith Family.