

## News Release

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### **ANZ announces Community Foundation grant recipients**

ANZ today announced almost half a million dollars in grants to 27 charitable groups, funded through the ANZ Community Foundation. The grants, which total more than \$400,000, will support community organisations to deliver projects that advance financial wellbeing, housing, environmental sustainability and other related initiatives.

In 2024, the ANZ Community Foundation supported the largest number of charities since its inception. Grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$30,000 with seven in Victoria, seven across Queensland and the Northern Territory, six in New South Wales, three each in South Australia and Western Australia, and one in Tasmania.

Funded by ANZ employees, every dollar staff donate to the ANZ Community Foundation is matched two-for-one by the bank. Since 1988, 978 grants valued at more than \$7.6 million have been distributed to charitable groups across Australia.

ANZ Community Foundation Chair, Christine Linden, said: "The work of the Foundation goes to the heart of ANZ's goal to shape a world where people and communities thrive. This year, we are pleased to have increased both the number of grants and the value of funds distributed.

"Grants provided by the ANZ Community Foundation enhance the work of the recipient organisations. I am always inspired by the creativity and commitment of our grant recipients, who continue to make a significant impact in their communities," she said.

Grant recipients this year included Youngcare, a Brisbane-based disability support organisation that works to ensure young people with high care needs can live with freedom, dignity and choice.

Youngcare CEO, Greg Johnson said: "The funding from the ANZ Community Foundation will have an immediate impact. The grant will provide one-off funding for equipment, home modifications, as well as essential support and respite. The support from the ANZ Community Foundation goes beyond our standard funding requirements – it will increase the quality of life for those in need.

"Our long-term participation in this grant program has created lasting positive changes to the lives of young Australians with complex physical disabilities and their families, fostering independence, dignity, and a sense of belonging for these individuals," he said.

Applications for the next annual ANZ Community Foundation grants will open in early 2025.

#### **About ANZ Community Foundation**

ANZ Community Foundation uses regular donations from ANZ staff to provide grants to charities and organisations in local communities. The Foundation is a charitable trust funded by staff payroll donations and managed by ANZ staff. 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 that donations can go straight to charities across Australia.

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## 2024 ANZ Community Foundation grant recipients

Category	State	Organisation	Project	Grant amount
Housing Accessibility	NSW	Stepping Stone House	Stepping Stone House Independent Living Program (ILP)	\$20,000
Housing Accessibility	QLD/NT	YoungCare	Youngcare - At Home Care Grants Program	\$15,000
Housing Accessibility	QLD/NT	The Lady Musgrave Trust	Logan Housing Project - making houses comfortable homes	\$15,000
Housing Accessibility	QLD/NT	Wilya Ajjul Janta Aboriginal Corporation	The Wilya Janta Story - community-facing communications development	\$15,000
Housing Accessibility	VIC	Conscious Creative	HoMie Pathway Alliance	\$17,500
Housing Accessibility	VIC	Anika Legal Ltd	Eviction Support Service	\$17,500
Housing Accessibility	WA	Goldfields Community Legal Centre Inc	Tidy Tenant Project	\$22,000
Financial Wellbeing	NSW	Stepping Out Housing Program Inc	Financial Literacy for Female Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$10,600
Financial Wellbeing	NSW	Welfare Rights Centre	First Nations Community Centrelink Support Workshops	\$30,000
Financial Wellbeing	VIC	Meals With Impact Foundation Ltd	My Work, My Way	\$30,000
Financial Wellbeing	VIC	Go Girls Foundation Inc	Industry Link and Mentoring Program	\$5,000
Environmental Sustainability	NSW	Koala Conservation Australia Limited	Wild Koala Conservation Breeding Program	\$10,000
Environmental Sustainability	NSW	OzFish Unlimited	Forbes Community Carp and Clean Up Day	\$12,000
Environmental Sustainability	NT	Total Environment Centre Inc	Australian Microplastic Assessment Project	\$10,000
Environmental Sustainability	QLD	Greening Australia	Natures in Cities - Brisbane	\$25,000
Environmental Sustainability	VIC	Bush Heritage Australia	Restoring habitat for native species in Central Victoria	\$10,000
Environmental Sustainability	VIC	Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation	Koala Habitat Restoration Project	\$10,000
Environmental Sustainability	WA	Carbon Positive Australia Fund Limited	Miyawaki Forests - Perth	\$25,000
Thriving Communities	NSW	The Pyjama Foundation	The Love of Learning Program (Western Sydney)	\$30,000

Thriving Communities	QLD/NT	FOODBANK Queensland	Food for Kids	\$10,000
Thriving Communities	QLD/NT	Children's Ground Limited	Ample and wurdwurd (children) Thriving in Outdoor Learning	\$15,000
Thriving Communities	SA	Lolly Jar Circus Inc.	Social Circus Access	\$8,000
Thriving Communities	SA	Puddle Jumpers Inc	BunkDreams: Enhancing Comfort and Community at the new Puddle Jumpers Campsite	\$20,000
Thriving Communities	SA	HAS Foundation Australia Pty Ltd	Providing bespoke care packs for families who have a child with an illness that will shorten their life	\$7,500
Thriving Communities	TAS	Make-A-Wish Foundation of Australia Ltd	Victorian Wishes (For Tassie)	\$30,000
Thriving Communities	VIC	Red Nose Ltd	Cots on Country	\$7,500
Thriving Communities	WA	John's Vision Inc	Homeless Eyecare Service	\$20,000