

# MAKING CHANGE TOGETHER

FIVE YEARS OF THE IMPACT FUND



AUSTRALIAN  
COMMUNITIES  
FOUNDATION

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1997 - 2022  
YEARS OF GIVING

Australian Communities Foundation acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants and Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work. We pay our respects to all Elders past, present, and emerging.

Sovereignty has never been ceded. This always was and always will be Aboriginal land and that is why supporting Indigenous self-determination is a key focus area of the Impact Fund.



Lama Lama ranger, Lisa Peter. Credit: Annette Ruzicka and Country Needs People. Impact Funders support the Country Needs People campaign which promotes Indigenous Ranger and Protected Area Programs.

# IMPACT FUND MAKING CHANGE TOGETHER

The Impact Fund is a movement of funders and changemakers working for a fairer and more sustainable Australia. Together, we support the boldest solutions to the biggest issues facing people across our country today.

**“From environmental justice and Indigenous solidarity, to upholding democracy and celebrating equity and equality – when you and I give together like this, we direct powerful energy to advance a vision of the country we all want to live in.”**

**Rueben Berg, proud Gunditjmara man and  
Australian Communities Foundation Director**

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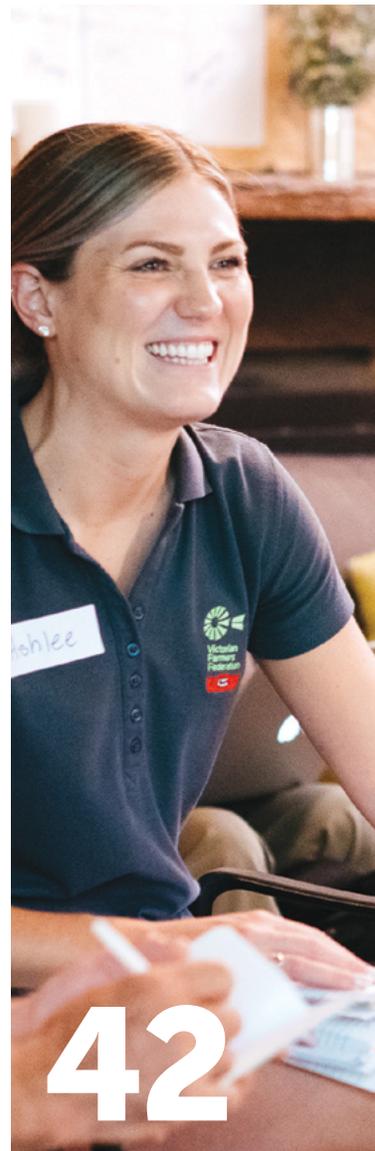
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# WELCOME



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

# WE MADE THIS HAPPEN

**Five years ago, with your support, we started the Impact Fund to bring funders and changemakers together to tackle the biggest issues facing Australia. You shared our vision of giving in a way that reflects the kind of fair and sustainable country we all want to live in.**

A collective giving vehicle focused on social and environmental impact was an idea that was two years in the making, building on important work that had come before. But it was an idea whose time had most definitely come.

Many of you got behind the Impact Fund because 2017 was a year to draw a line in the sand. We saw this most clearly with the win for marriage equality. The win was proof of what happens when Australians unite, and what can be achieved when we back good people to do good work.

The Impact Fund has been backed by ambitious donors like you who wanted to see action on equality, democracy, Indigenous rights and the environment.

You got behind big bold ideas like putting farmers at the frontline of the work to protect climate and five years on, Farmers for Climate Action is one of the biggest

farmer representative groups in Australia. You gave the go ahead to back the Alliance for Gambling Reform, and within a few short years, major supermarkets were pulling out of pokies. And you were ready when the Australian Gun Safety Alliance asked for help to counter a growing gun lobby as it tried to wind back the National Firearms Agreement set up after the 1996 Port Arthur tragedy.

**“Impact Funders and Partners are making change together on our journey towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia.”**

2017 was a turning point for Indigenous recognition with the launch of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which Impact Funders supported early and wholeheartedly. Now in 2022, we are on the cusp of seeing an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in states around the country.

Impact Funders also supported Apryl Day from the Dhadjowa Foundation to turn the tragedy of her mother’s death in custody in 2017 into an event that helped overturn public drunkenness laws in Victoria which unfairly targeted Aboriginal people. Apryl and

Dhadjowa’s work continues to stoke the fire of the movement to stop Indigenous deaths in custody.

Impact Funders and Partners are making change together on our journey towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia. By giving together through the Impact Fund, we are becoming a more powerful voice for the causes we believe in.

This country often lauds the achievements of its sportspeople and celebrities. We invite you to celebrate a different kind of star: the activists and campaigners behind our 40 Impact Partners.

You supported this vision of a collective giving fund. We can’t continue to grow this important work without you. Read on for how, together, we are shaping a future we can all be proud to hand on to the next generation.



**Maree Sidey, CEO  
and Eric Beecher, Chair**

# THE POWER OF GIVING TOGETHER

The Impact Fund supports work across four areas:

TACKLING INEQUALITY

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS  
SELF-DETERMINATION

SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

The Fund has grown significantly over its first five years with learning and collaboration at its core.

In this report we celebrate the 100+ Impact Funders who have contributed over \$4 million, but more importantly, the game-changing work that funding has enabled, led by more than 40 civil society organisations – our Impact Partners.

**“As someone whose career has been dedicated to achieving positive human rights change, what really struck me about the Impact Fund was the innovation, willingness and creativity to set something up that was able to respond to nationally significant opportunities for positive change – defending human rights, protecting the environment, and improving social justice.”**

**Hugh de Kretser, Executive Director,  
Impact Partner Human Rights Law Centre**



# \$4+

million raised

# 100+

funders giving together

# 40+

civil society partners supported

# 15+

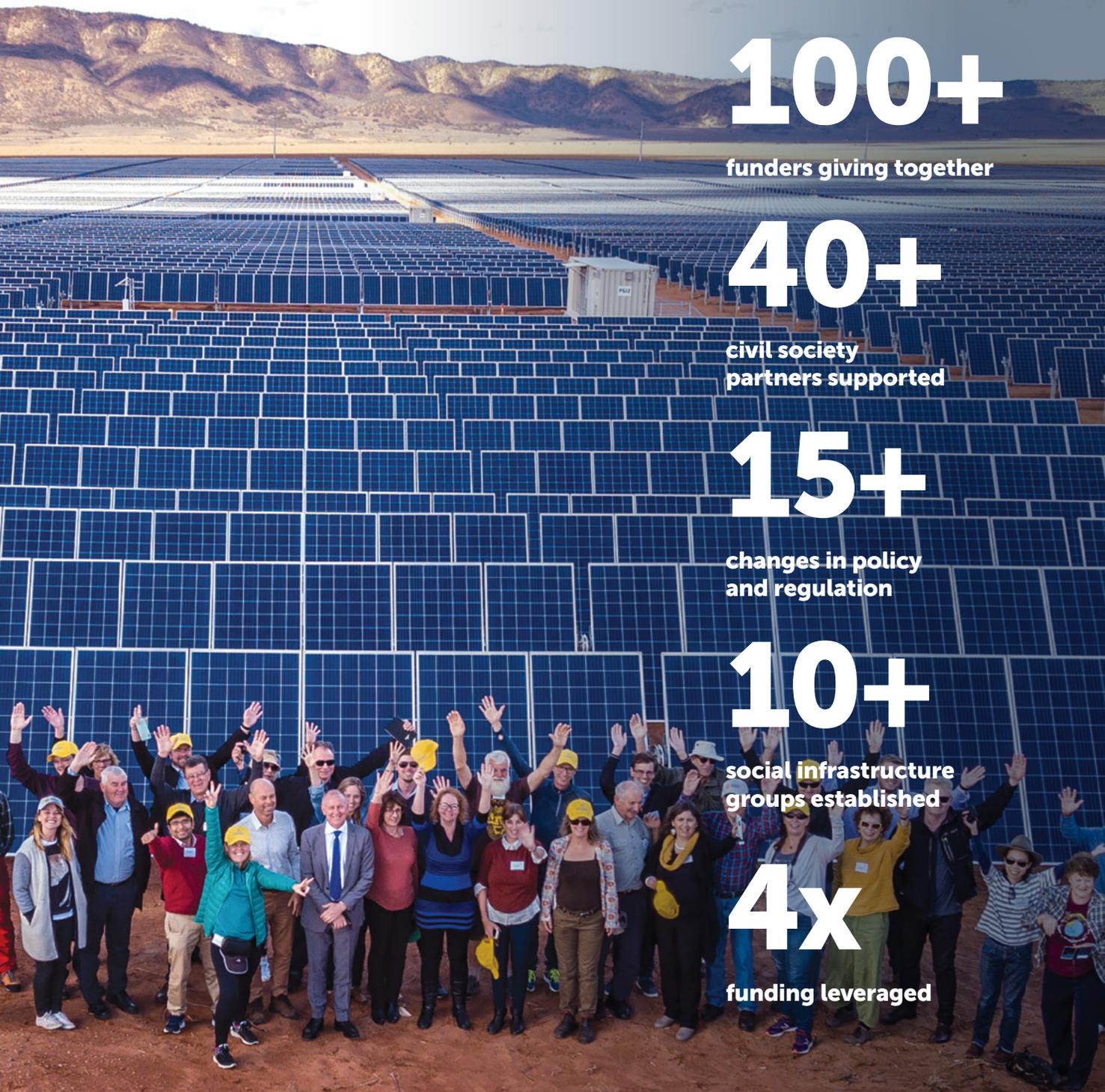
changes in policy and regulation

# 10+

social infrastructure groups established

# 4x

funding leveraged



Impact Funders first supported the Climate Council in 2017 to build public support for climate solutions such as the transition to renewable energy. Credit: Dean Holland.



# WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER SO FAR

Here are some highlights of what our Impact Partners have achieved so far with the support of Impact Funders and many others, highlighting the power of targeted collective giving.

## 2017

### MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Marriage equality achieved for all Australians

**Partner:** Equality Australia / Human Rights Law Centre



## 2018

### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Abortion decriminalised in QLD and NSW, and safe access zone laws defended in VIC and TAS

**Partner:** Human Rights Law Centre

### GUN SAFETY

Australia's first coalition for gun safety established, working on gun policy, legislation and regulation

**Partner:** Australian Gun Safety Alliance



### PUBLIC INTEREST JOURNALISM

Voice for public interest journalism established

**Partner:** Public Interest Journalism Initiative

### CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Organisation established to mobilise shareholders to hold corporations to account

**Partner:** Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility

## 2019

### POKER MACHINE REFORM

Coles, Woolworths and 9 AFL clubs divest from gambling through pokies

**Partner:** Alliance for Gambling Reform



### MEDEVAC

191 refugees and people seeking asylum brought to Australia from offshore detention to access urgent medical care

**Partner:** Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

## 2020

### FARMER-LED CLIMATE ACTION

National Farmers' Federation commit to net-zero emissions by 2050

**Partner:** Farmers for Climate Action

### ULURU STATEMENT

Uluru Statement's 'historic offering of peace' recognised at the Sydney Peace Prize

**Partner:** Indigenous Law Centre

### SAVING THE REEF

Over \$600 million in government funding secured to protect the Great Barrier Reef

**Partner:** Australian Marine Conservation Society



### INDIGENOUS JOBS ON COUNTRY

Over \$800 million in government funding secured to support 80 Indigenous ranger groups

**Partner:** Country Needs People

## 2021

### INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN CUSTODY

Grassroots organisation established to support Indigenous families affected by deaths in custody

**Partner:** Dhadjowa Foundation



### INCOME SUPPORT

JobSeeker increased by \$50 a fortnight

**Partner:** Australian Council of Social Service

### WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELLBEING

Federal Government 2021 budget commitment of \$3.4 billion for women's health, safety and economic wellbeing

**Partner:** Economic Media Centre

### DECriminalISATION OF PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS

Public drunkenness laws that discriminate against Indigenous people decriminalised in Victoria

**Partner:** Dhadjowa Foundation

## 2022



### RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BILL

Divisive Bill that would have wound back anti-discrimination laws shelved indefinitely

**Partner:** Equality Australia

# HOW IT WORKS



Adrienne Walters (centre), Acting Legal Director at the Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC), has been crucial to HRLC's successful work in protecting reproductive rights. Credit: HRLC.

**“The Impact Fund harnesses a collective process to identify worthwhile projects and bring together groups of donors to provide significant donations to organisations.”**

**Paul O’Shea (O’Shea-Thompson Fund), Impact Funder**

# 1.

## **SUPPORTING THE WORK**

Your donation to the Impact Fund is pooled with others. All donations are responsibly invested and income from investments helps grow the Fund. This is just one way you can show your support. You can also contribute directly to the work of Impact Partners (co-funding) or support the work behind the Fund – see **Get involved** on page 42.

# 2.

## **IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE**

Australian Communities Foundation works with the Impact Fund community and civil society experts to identify priority issues and windows of opportunity for change across four Impact Areas: inequality, democracy, Indigenous self-determination, and the environment.

# 3.

## **MAKING CHANGE TOGETHER**

Once we identify an organisation or project working on a priority issue, Australian Communities Foundation commits funding from the Impact Fund, which is pooled with contributions from Impact Funders towards the Impact Partner’s work.

**“I like finding out about new opportunities for change and being able to come together with other funders to make it happen.”**

**Karen Mahlab AM, Impact Funder**



Impact Funders meet to assess funding opportunities in 2018.

## FROM IDEA TO ACTION

# THE MAKING OF THE IMPACT FUND

**At Australian Communities Foundation, we recognise collective giving as a force for change. That's why, with the support of significant bequests, we launched the Impact Fund – to help more people give together and maximise their impact.**

Key to the Fund's success has been the strong foundations that were laid through initiatives like MacroMelbourne, which ran from 2003 until 2011.

"Through MacroMelbourne, our giving community has a strong history in supporting donors and NFPs to share knowledge and work together to tackle place-based disadvantage," says Maree Sidey, CEO. "As part of our evolution to a national community foundation, we drew on the success of this history and applied a national lens."

"We built on the momentum in the sector at the time and, with the support of globally respected leader Alison Taylor,

then at Centre for Social Impact in New Zealand, developed the Impact Fund as one of the first national collective giving initiatives in Australia," says Maree.

"We chose the Fund's four focus areas – inequality, democracy, Indigenous self-determination, and the environment – because of the scale and entrenched nature of the challenges they present to our country."

The Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) was one of ACF's early partners on the national stage with the release of \$5,000 of funding to send the first lawyer to Manus Island. HRLC then became one of the first recipients of support from the Impact Fund for its work on marriage equality and abortion reform.

Hugh de Kretser, HRLC's Executive Director, says that early support for advocacy and the subsequent emergence of the Impact Fund in 2017 was game-changing.

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**Maree Sidey, CEO,  
Australian Communities  
Foundation**



Impact Funders and Partners at the Impact Fund 2019 Showcase.

## TYPES OF GRANTS

### LARGE GRANTS

Impact Funders join forces annually to give meaningful support to community organisations. These grants are often over several years, which gives our Partners much-needed stability, and usually range from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

### AGILE GRANTS

Impact Funders often step in to give rapid agile funding to urgent needs. We work hard to get agile funds out the door quickly so we can make full use of unexpected opportunities to advance a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

### AGILE GRANTING IN ACTION

Impact Funders showed the power of collaboration during the Covid-19 pandemic, when they came together to support our cohort of Impact Partners to respond quickly to the fast-changing environment.

### WHAT TYPES OF WORK DO IMPACT FUNDERS SUPPORT?

There are many routes to positive systemic change. The Impact Fund community's strongest focus to date has been on building public awareness of issues and advocating for policy change. This is closely followed by the community's focus on building and strengthening social infrastructure. In addition, a quarter of work supported has focused on collaboration between different civil society groups.

**"We are so grateful that Impact Funders understand the need to act when windows of opportunity arise to support positive reform, but also to respond when threats impact LGBTIQ+ people, women and other vulnerable communities."**

**Anna Brown, CEO, Impact Partner Equality Australia**

# OUR IMPACT



Impact Funders supported the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) in 2017 to bring the Cairns tourism industry and the climate movement together to fight for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef. Credit: AMCS.



# THREE LAYERS OF IMPACT

## THE IMPACT FUND IS MAKING CHANGE:

# 1.

### ON THE GROUND

Our funding community supports good people to do good work. Impact Funders show leadership by funding a range of initiatives, including work that often struggles to attract funding, such as social and civic infrastructure. The Australian Gun Safety Alliance, for example, was established with support from the Impact Fund and is today the only group speaking out about the lobbying power of the firearms industry.

# 2.

### WITHIN OUR GIVING COMMUNITY

The Impact Fund brings funders together to build momentum around the significant issues we all care about. With learning and accessibility at its core, the Impact Fund helps our giving community find and fund solutions in hard-to-reach places.

**“The Impact Fund enables collaborative giving for impact of a structural nature on crucial issues of common wellbeing.”**

**Steve Rothfield (Fairer Futures Fund), Impact Funder**

# 3.

### ACROSS THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR

Together with our friends in philanthropy, we demonstrate how funding social and environmental change works best when it is collaborative and systemic.

**“It’s been fantastic to see the evolution of philanthropy and the growth of initiatives like the Impact Fund backing systemic change with a real eye to the big issues facing our nation.”**

**Hugh de Kretser, Executive Director, Impact Partner Human Rights Law Centre**



# TACKLING INEQUALITY

Impact Funders support people working to increase opportunity across social, economic, political, and cultural arenas. Together we support equality for everyone and work to reduce inequality along the lines of race, culture, gender, sexuality, faith, age, ability and location.

## OVER \$950,000 RAISED FOR IMPACT PARTNERS TACKLING EQUALITY

<b>ALLIANCE FOR GAMBLING REFORM</b>	Campaign for pokies divestment
<b>ANGLICARE TASMANIA</b>	Tasmanian poker machine reform
<b>ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE</b>	Medical Evacuation Response Group Preventing Homelessness Fund for Medical Evacuees
<b>AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE</b>	Raise the Rate for Good campaign Poverty and Inequality Partnership in Australia
<b>EQUALITY AUSTRALIA</b>	Marriage equality campaign All Schools Same Rules campaign Religious Discrimination Bill campaign
<b>EVERYBODY'S HOME</b>	Investing in social and affordable housing
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CENTRE</b>	Promoting women's reproductive freedom in Australia
<b>PRIDE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA</b>	Queer Refugee Sponsorship Fund
<b>PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE</b>	Asylum Seeker Health Rights Project Covid-19

**“The Impact Fund community helps people directly affected by poverty and inequality to participate in our democracy and have their voices heard. The community’s support for the Raise the Rate for Good campaign is a clear example of that.”**

**Dr Cassandra Goldie, CEO, Impact Partner ACOSS**



Impact Funders are supporting the Everybody's Home campaign to fix Australia's housing system and ensure everyone has access to safe and stable housing. Credit: Council to Homeless Persons.





Former Mayor of the City of Whittlesea, Kris Pavlidis, joined the Alliance for Gambling Reform's 'Pokies Play You' campaign in 2018. Credit: Julian Meehan.



LEARN MORE

## CASE STUDY | ALLIANCE FOR GAMBLING REFORM

# PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM GAMBLING HARM

### Did you know that 20% of the world's poker machines are in Australia?

The Alliance for Gambling Reform works nationally to show how gambling destroys lives. The Alliance is a coalition of over 60 groups and was first supported by the Impact Fund in 2017. They work with people with lived experience of losing their families and livelihoods to gambling addiction to show that the gambling industry is profiting from the pain and suffering of thousands of Australians.

“We knew these stories were key to making this into a public health issue, not a matter of individual shame, and the Impact Fund community understood our vision from the beginning,” says Tony Mohr, Executive Director of the Alliance from 2016 to 2020.

Coles and Woolworths supermarkets and nine AFL clubs all made the decision to divest their family-friendly brands from pokies after the Alliance revealed that their investments were fuelling a public health crisis.

Tony says the ongoing relationship with the Impact Fund and ACF has been invaluable.

“ACF has not only connected us with supportive donors; the team’s work has helped us map the gambling landscape and refine our campaign.

“What the relationship demonstrates is that Impact Funders are willing to back risky ideas and uncertain paths to advance social change,” says Tony. “That’s an important role I continue to see the Impact Fund play.”

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**Tony Mohr, Executive Director (2016–20), Alliance for Gambling Reform**



Anna Brown and activists from Minus 18 delivering a petition to Parliament House in Canberra.  
Credit: Equality Australia.



## CASE STUDY | EQUALITY AUSTRALIA

# UNITING AUSTRALIANS TO SUPPORT THE LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY

**“The marriage equality win in 2017 was the most successful campaign in Australian political history,” says lawyer Anna Brown who was working at Impact Partner, the Human Rights Law Centre, at the time.**

“The campaign was won because across people in Australia stood up as allies for their LGBTIQ+ friends, relatives and colleagues.”

Now, as Founding CEO of Equality Australia (EA), Anna aims to create broader legal and social change to ensure the LGBTIQ+ communities are treated with dignity and respect.

“It is really wonderful to have funders like the Impact Fund community who understand that to protect equality we need the freedom to respond swiftly to the political landscape.”

Following the marriage equality win, Equality Australia took

on a broader remit of work, including campaigning to close loopholes that make religious schools exempt from laws that protect LGBTIQ+ people. Impact Funders supported EA’s other programs including the ‘All Schools, Same Rules’ campaign, high-profile activities with people like Olympian Ian Thorpe and Courtney Act, and work with multi-faith organisations, women’s and disability groups, and unions and businesses to build a broad base of consensus around their issues. Then in 2019, the Federal Government started to promote the now infamous Religious Discrimination Bill.

“The Bill was supposed to prohibit religious discrimination, but what was drafted would have wound back hard-fought protections for LGBTIQ+ people, women, minority faith communities and people with disabilities,” explains Anna.

“The Impact Fund’s support enabled us to advocate against the Bill and, throughout that process, we built stronger connections with faith communities, multicultural communities, people with disabilities, women and other affected communities. We now have this incredible network through which we’re building consensus about the importance of laws that protect us all equally.”

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**Anna Brown, Founding CEO, Equality Australia**





ACOSS CEO, Cassandra Goldie, with Raise the Rate supporters. Credit: ACOSS.



## CASE STUDY | AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

# RAISING THE RATE TO KEEP AUSTRALIANS OUT OF POVERTY

**Dr Cassandra Goldie from the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) is very clear: “Poverty is a lack of cash, it’s as simple as that. It’s not a personality fault.”**

Australia’s main income support payment, JobSeeker, is just \$45 a day, forcing people to make heartbreaking decisions between rent, food, or medicine.

In 2018 Impact Funders supported the ACOSS-led Raise the Rate campaign.

The campaign has since been working to change how the public views people on JobSeeker and to ultimately change policy.

“Thanks to the campaign and support from Impact Funders, we were able to convince the Federal Government to introduce the Coronavirus Supplement, and almost double JobSeeker during the pandemic,” explains Cassandra.

The Government stopped the Supplement in early 2021 but did respond to campaigning with a permanent \$50 increase to fortnightly JobSeeker payments.

“This is the Government’s most significant increase for vulnerable people in over 25 years, but it is still below the poverty line and should be increased,” Cassandra says. “Thanks to the donor community, we will continue to stand with people in poverty to work for what we know is right.”

Now called Raise the Rate for Good, the campaign continues to help people on income support to share their stories and secure a real increase to JobSeeker so that everyone has enough to cover the basics while going through tough times.

“The Impact Fund is a powerful demonstration of the value of philanthropy being involved in advocacy,” says Cassandra.

“You can fund direct services, you can provide charitable responses, but if you back advocacy you can really change Australian society.”

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**Dr Cassandra Goldie,  
CEO, ACOSS**



Senior Solicitor Jane Leibowitz meets with a client. Credit: Public Interest Advocacy Centre.



## CASE STUDY | PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE

# PROTECTING ASYLUM SEEKER HEALTH RIGHTS DURING COVID-19

**Australians are proud of our country's healthcare system. However, if you are among the most vulnerable people in Australia, such as someone seeking asylum and living in detention, then adequate healthcare is not available to you.**

Solicitors Lucy Geddes and Jane Leibowitz are working to change this. They lead the Asylum Seeker Health Rights Project at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC). One of their biggest successes came when they released damning reports on government inaction and ran strategic litigation to influence government policy. As a result, people living with Hep-C in detention can now access anti-virals that help prevent liver failure and cancer.

When Covid-19 hit, Lucy and Jane focused on protecting the 1,500 people in overcrowded detention from the threat of potential outbreaks.

"The people who the Government detains in our name are trapped in crowded, high-risk environments," says Lucy.

"They are unable to practise the physical distancing that is required to minimise the risks of infection," adds Jane. "They are often sleeping in shared rooms with up to six people, eating in crowded food halls and sharing bathroom facilities."

PIAC moved quickly to file a complaint with the Commonwealth Ombudsman for 14 detained asylum seekers.

An outbreak among asylum seekers inside Melbourne's Park Hotel in October 2021 brought public attention to the issue and showed the importance of PIAC's work in this space.

"The Park Hotel Covid outbreak reflects what we already know from our case work," says Lucy. "People in Australian

immigration detention are not getting timely access to the medical care they desperately need, including Covid vaccination."

Four of the 14 clients from the complaint filed by PIAC have since been released from detention, and the Ombudsman has committed to meet regularly with PIAC.

Lucy, Jane and the team are continuing to fight for the health rights of people in immigration detention.

**"It was heartening to see how quickly Impact Funders supported our response to the impact of Covid-19 in Australian immigration detention centres."**

**Lucy Geddes, Senior Solicitor, Public Interest Advocacy Centre**



# STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

Impact Funders support work that strengthens Australia's democracy. Together we encourage trust and accountability, civic participation, a diversity of voices in public debate, and an improved, more inclusive and representative democratic system.

## OVER \$1.1 MILLION RAISED FOR IMPACT PARTNERS STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

<b>AUSTRALIA REMADE</b>	New Public Squares Building a vision for a new Australia
<b>AUSTRALASIAN CENTRE FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Using shareholder activism to build civil power in capital
<b>AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY NETWORK</b>	#OurDemocracy campaign
<b>AUSTRALIAN GUN SAFETY ALLIANCE</b>	Establishing Australia's first coalition for gun safety
<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX</b>	Measuring the Australia we want
<b>AUSTRALIAN PROGRESS</b>	Collaboration accelerator program Media training for First Nations families whose loved ones have died in custody
<b>CENTRE FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY</b>	Increasing transparency and accountability in government
<b>DOCUMENTARY AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION</b>	Big Deal documentary: Impact and outreach campaign
<b>ECONOMIC MEDIA CENTRE</b>	Diversifying the voices shaping our economic narrative
<b>PUBLIC INTEREST JOURNALISM INITIATIVE</b>	Securing a strong future for public interest journalism in Australia Advising on the News Media Bargaining Code
<b>RESET AUSTRALIA</b>	Developing a Digital Rights Ecosystem in Australia Misinformation Medic campaign
<b>THE AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE</b>	Tax is Good campaign

**"Without the Impact Fund I would not have heard about many of these funding opportunities. The Fund's focus on democracy has highlighted for me the urgent need to strengthen public interest journalism and our democratic processes more generally."**

Ewan Ogilvy, Impact Funder





With support from Impact Funders, the team at the Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility is mobilising shareholders to hold corporations to account. Credit: Wolter Peeters.



The Australian Gun Safety Alliance is working to help all Australian states and territories to follow the National Firearms Agreement established after the 1996 Port Arthur tragedy.



## CASE STUDY | AUSTRALIAN GUN SAFETY ALLIANCE

# PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S GUN SAFETY LAWS

**Stephen Bendle stands between laws that keep us all safe and a gun lobby that wants to weaken those laws.**

In 2017, the gun lobby was gaining influence in the debate over gun safety legislation. The Impact Fund community moved quickly to support the establishment of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance (AGSA), which is now a recognised voice for gun safety.

“Before the Impact Fund supported AGSA, there was no one talking to government about firearm safety – the only consultation was dominated by the firearms industry,” explains Stephen, Convenor of AGSA.

AGSA is on the front foot now, lobbying states and territories to fully implement the National Firearms Agreement, which was set up after the Port Arthur tragedy 25 years ago. AGSA is also advocating for the

integration of state and territory firearms registers.

In 2021, Stephen and the team worked with Australian governments to implement a permanent National Firearm Amnesty.

“Finding unregistered or unwanted guns is a significant step in protecting the community from guns that could be used illegally,” says Stephen.

“We’re the only organisation that represents the views of the vast majority of Australians – up to 90 per cent – who either support our current gun laws or would prefer them to be tighter,” says Stephen.

“We bring those voices to the table when it comes to firearm safety, and we will forever be thankful to the Impact Fund community, who saw an opportunity to take this need off the page and into action.”

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**Stephen Bendle, Convenor, Australian Gun Safety Alliance**



Economic Media Centre (EMC) Co-Director Jessica Kendall (second from right) with community leaders participating in EMC's media training. Credit: EMC.



## CASE STUDY | ECONOMIC MEDIA CENTRE

# ELEVATING THE VOICES OF COMMUNITIES FACING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE

**When Covid-19 first hit, it exacerbated economic inequality. State and federal governments implemented economic policies, and billions of dollars were poured into the economy, but many of these policies reinforced existing economic inequalities.**

In 2020, a review of media coverage in six major daily newspapers found community voices were entirely missing from public discourse on economic policy. Recognising that public discourse is a key lever of policy change, Impact Funders moved to support the Economic Media Centre (EMC) – a partnership between Australian Progress and Australian Council of Social Service – working to ensure policymaking is informed by community voices.

EMC Co-Director Jessica Kendall knew that any

campaign for economic justice had to start with the voices of people with lived experience.

“Community leaders have the solutions to address economic challenges, but so often they’re locked out of media debates,” says Jessica. “EMC builds the media capacity of small non-profit organisations to engage in policy debate by delivering high-impact media support at key moments, including media training, media strategy and messaging advice.”

Jessica and Co-Director Aliya Ahmad have delivered media training to 330 media spokespeople, which has directly resulted in securing nearly 6,000 media stories. Together, with the behind-the-scenes lobbying and research led by ACOSS, EMC’s work to date has helped shift policy narratives on 10 key economic issues, and in some cases

directly impacted policymaking, such as the Federal Government committing \$3.4 billion for women’s health, safety and economic wellbeing in the May 2021 Budget.

“Our theory of change is simple,” says Aliya. “By building the capacity of grassroots and community spokespeople to participate in policy debates in the media, we help secure more inclusive economic policies.”

**“The Impact Fund connected us with funders who understood the crucial role that people with lived experience can play in shifting debate for a more inclusive economy.”**

**Kirsty Albion, Executive Director, Australian Progress**





Stills from the Big Deal documentary featuring the film's host, Christiaan Van Vuuren.

## CASE STUDY | BIG DEAL DOCUMENTARY

# SHINING A LIGHT ON DARK MONEY IN POLITICS

**Until a couple of years ago, no one was laughing about the fact that powerful people and corporations are buying the attention of our major parties. In fact, most people didn't know about it.**

That was until director and comedian Craig Reucassel (The Chaser's War on Everything; War on Waste), Jungle Entertainment and the Shark Island Institute decided to make *Big Deal*, a Madman feature film and two-part ABC documentary about dark money in politics.

Comedian Christiaan Van Vuuren of *Bondi Hipsters* fame was the perfect choice as host, a political innocent stumbling through the murky corridors of power.

*Big Deal: Is our democracy for sale?* was released September 2021. Since then, the film has had an audience reach of over 5.3 million in theatres, online, on the ABC and in media coverage.

The film team partnered with fellow Impact Partner, the #OurDemocracy campaign, an alliance of over 50 civil society groups pushing for more transparency in politics. The promotion of the campaign via the *Big Deal* documentary led to 12,000 active members. Mainstream media coverage was secured in 21 print outlets, 34 online and five television appearances.

Impact Funders were willing to invest in the development of the democracy campaign associated with the film well before filming had begun. "This made all the difference to the quality of the story we could tell – the constraints of visual satire meant we had to search high and low for the right case studies and that took time," says Leeanne Torpey, the film's Impact Producer.

"The value of funding being made available before production cannot be underestimated. Impact Funders understood the power of this film. Because of their vision, we found a way to channel people's frustration about the lack of political transparency into active support for democracy as we move into a crucial election year."

While the ABC brought its full impact department to bear behind the film, the team also secured coverage from outlets you wouldn't expect to cover the issue of money and politics.

For instance, the documentary received a glowing review in *The Australian*, and rated well when it featured on *Gogglebox* with an audience of almost one million tuning in. One *Goggleboxer* summed up this sentiment perfectly, saying "that was the most interesting political show I've watched in my life... and the first."



*Big Deal* and its work with the #OurDemocracy campaign is helping get people excited about the role they can play in standing up to the big money that influences Australian politics.

**"Impact Funders came on really early and made all the difference to the quality of the story we could tell... they totally understood the power of this film."**

**Leeanne Torpey, Impact Producer, *Big Deal***

**"Being made aware of important projects like the *Big Deal* documentary and the Economic Media Centre is a real plus. Also having contact with helpful, efficient and convivial staff makes the gifting process a joyful experience."**

**Ewan Ogilvy, Impact Funder**



# SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION

Impact Funders support projects and organisations that are led by Indigenous peoples – the best people to improve outcomes for their communities. We stand behind Indigenous peoples in their fight for truth, treaty and self-determination.

## OVER \$850,000 RAISED FOR IMPACT PARTNERS SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION

<b>BARRMAL BIJARRAL</b>	Developing cross-cultural understanding and capacity in philanthropy
<b>CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS</b>	Central Australian Viral Zone to stop the spread of Covid-19 to remote First Nations communities
<b>CHANGE THE RECORD</b>	Raise the Age campaign
<b>DHADJOWA FOUNDATION</b>	Supporting the fight to stop black deaths in custody
<b>INDIGENOUS LAW CENTRE, UNSW</b>	Voice, Treaty, Truth: Progressing the Uluru Statement
<b>JUMBUNNA INSTITUTE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH</b>	Journey to Give Stand and Respect
<b>KOONDEE WOONGA-GAT TOOR-RONG</b>	First Nations perspectives on Reimagining Australia
<b>SNAICC – NATIONAL VOICE FOR OUR CHILDREN</b>	Family Matters campaign to eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care

**“The Impact Fund is a great initiative. It brings together like-minded funders to amplify impact. The due diligence that sits behind the Fund is excellent.”**

**Gemma Salteri (Executive Director, CAGES), Impact Funder**



Impact Funders are supporting Change the Record's Raise the Age campaign to increase the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years old. The Raise the Age campaign shares stories like the one told by Dajuan Hoosan in the *In My Blood It Runs* documentary, pictured here with his father James Mawson and grandmother Margaret Anderson in front of the United Nations building in Geneva. Credit: Maya Newell.





Professor Megan Davis, Aunty Pat Anderson AO and Noel Pearson with members who participated in the Uluru Dialogues at the Sydney Peace Prize announcement. Credit: Indigenous Law Centre.



## CASE STUDY | INDIGENOUS LAW CENTRE

# PROGRESSING A FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

**First Nations communities in Australia agree on this: a structural approach is needed to improve health, social and economic outcomes for Indigenous peoples.**

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was issued to the Australian people in 2017 as a way forward, and Impact Funders stepped up to support the work in its crucial early days.

“As we walk together as a nation towards a referendum, the work of the Uluru Dialogue is more important than ever,” says Professor Megan Davis, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous UNSW. “The support from the Impact Fund community has had a tremendous impact on our ability to do that work.”

The Uluru Dialogue is the collective of First Nations leaders from across Australia with the cultural authority

and mandate of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. They work with constitutional lawyers at the Indigenous Law Centre (ILC), UNSW Sydney. They want to see a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution.

“The problem is structural. This means that the solution needs to be informed by First Nations peoples through a process that is meaningful to us,” says Megan.

“Prior to COVID, our work was a complex operation of legal and political advocacy plus community education. Since then, we have had to switch from a highly mobile approach to online, but we are as busy as ever engaging thousands of Australians in the ongoing work towards a Voice to Parliament.”

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**Professor Megan Davis,  
Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Indigenous UNSW**



Aunty Tanya Day's family march to raise awareness of Black deaths in custody. Credit: Charandev Singh.

## CASE STUDY | DHADJOWA FOUNDATION

# PUTTING AN END TO INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN CUSTODY

### Apryl Day wishes she never had to start the Dhadjowa Foundation.

"If our people weren't dying in police custody, there would be no need for it," says Apryl who played a key role in the Victorian Government's 2021 move to decriminalise public drunkenness. Apryl's mother might still be alive today if this had happened 30 years ago after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Aunty Tanya Day, Apryl's mother, was arrested in December 2017, after falling asleep on a train in Victoria. While in police custody, she fell and hit her head and was left on the cell floor for three hours. She died 17 days later.

Dhadjowa Foundation supports Indigenous families that have lost loved ones in custody.

"We are there for families from the moment of sorry business to coronial and court hearings," explains Apryl. "The Impact Fund has been there for us in the same way. It is that wraparound support that makes all the difference."

So far Apryl has supported 18 families seeking justice for loved ones. This is emotionally draining work, but the practical support from Impact Funders means a huge amount.

"Knowing I can pay for families to travel long distances and sometimes stay away from home for weeks so they can be sure that people in power are accountable to their loved one – the Impact Fund community has made all the difference."

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**Apryl Day, Founding Director, Dhadjowa Foundation**



# SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

Impact Funders protect Australia's natural ecosystems by supporting people working towards a safe and stable climate. Together we shine a light on solutions and seek justice for those at risk from the impacts of climate change.

## OVER \$1.1 MILLION RAISED FOR IMPACT PARTNERS SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

### 350.ORG AUSTRALIA

Our Islands Our Home campaign  
Jobs, Climate, Justice: Shifting the politics of the recovery towards climate and quality jobs

### AUSTRALIAN MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Saving the Reef by choosing coral over coal

### CLIMATE AND HEALTH ALLIANCE

Action on Climate and Health

### CLIMATE COUNCIL

Winning the national energy debate

### CLIMATEWORKS AUSTRALIA

Net Zero Emissions Transport Roadmap

### COUNTRY NEEDS PEOPLE

Indigenous Rangers and Indigenous Protected Areas

### FARMERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Developing a national strategy on agriculture and climate change

### GRATA FUND

Landmark case for climate

### INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Protecting Australian species against extinction

### RENEW AUSTRALIA

Climate Resilient Homes campaign

### TOMORROW MOVEMENT

Climate Jobs Guarantee

**“You can’t think about the environment without climate change, and you can’t think about climate change without protecting democracy. You definitely can’t think about climate change without Indigenous peoples who are custodians of 80 per cent of the world’s biodiversity. Impact Funders recognise this – it’s all interconnected.”**

Anonymous Impact Funder



Impact Funders are backing the Our Islands Our Home campaign to build a powerful Torres Strait Islander led climate justice movement. Credit: 350.org Australia.





Chair of Yintjingga Aboriginal Corporation, Gavin Bassani (right), Lama Lama Trust Chairperson, Karen Liddy (middle) and Ranger Lisa Peter (left). Credit: Annette Ruzicka.



## CASE STUDY | COUNTRY NEEDS PEOPLE

# PROTECTING COUNTRY AND CULTURE THROUGH INDIGENOUS LAND MANAGEMENT

**“Country needs people, and people need Country,” says Patrick O’Leary, Executive Director at Country Needs People (CNP). “The two keep one another healthy.”**

Over 40 Indigenous land and sea management groups work together with CNP to protect nature and benefit communities.

“To manage land well and to protect biodiversity and nature, we need to support the people who have managed this continent for over 60,000 years,” says Patrick.

While Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) were first initiated over 20 years ago, communities have struggled to get enough adequate long-term funding to support the scale of land and sea management required across Australia. But Impact Funders

are fuelling CNP’s work to change this story.

“Our work reinforces communities’ ongoing connection to land and culture. We work with partners to support jobs on country and in turn people are supporting their own wellbeing,” says Patrick.

By working across party lines, CNP has secured a Federal Government commitment of seven years of meaningful funding for over 80 Indigenous ranger groups. This combines with funding wins in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

“Impact Funders have helped us grow from a campaign to an independent organisation, delivering significant dividends for our environment and Indigenous wellbeing,” says Patrick. “The CNP model is now

being adapted internationally with the Land Needs Guardians movement in Canada pursuing the same recognition of the benefits of traditional land management for both Country and people.”

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**Patrick O’Leary, Executive Director, Country Needs People**



Farmer for Climate Action, Rob Lee, is a sheep and beef farmer in central west NSW. Credit: Claire Boyle.



## CASE STUDY | FARMERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

# GIVING A PLATFORM TO FARMERS ON THE FRONTLINE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**Not many people know that Farmers for Climate Action (FCA) is one of the biggest farmer representative groups in Australia. In a few short years, FCA has started a movement of 7,000 farmers leading the way on climate solutions and calling for strong climate policy.**

In 2018, Impact Funders were early supporters, paying for staff to do the work of building a national campaign. “What was great was that Impact Funders knew we needed to pay staff to build a movement,” says Fiona Davis, CEO, FCA.

“Farmers are on the frontlines of climate change and, as some of the most trusted spokespeople on the issue, they are changing the conversation on climate change in rural Australia.”

Fiona and her staff support farmers to speak confidently on climate solutions within their communities and the

agricultural sector and with their MPs, which is even more important in an election year.

“Impact Funders should take great pride in what we have achieved so far,” Fiona says. “I love working with our donors and hearing what is interesting to them, what we’ve missed and what we can add. This is a critical role the Impact Fund community has played. The support has shaped how we think about our work and really set us up to succeed.”

FCA’s biggest policy win so far is bringing the National Farmers’ Federation on board with a commitment to net-zero by 2050. That win is followed closely by FCA’s work in bringing all the state and federal agriculture ministers in Australia together on a national work plan to tackle climate change within the sector.

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# OUR FUNDING COMMUNITY



Jake, Bec and Adam Milgrom from the Tripple Fund support a range of work through the Impact Fund, including the Dhadjowa Foundation, the Economic Media Centre and the Our Islands Our Home campaign.

## CASE STUDY | TRIPPLE FUND

# FINDING AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE

**“The Impact Fund is a great ally in finding high-impact funding opportunities.”**

**Bec Milgrom and her siblings Adam and Jake run Tripple, a 100 per cent impact private investment company using capital as a force for good. They do this through a combined effort of investments and grantmaking.**

When it comes to grantmaking, the Milgroms focus most of their efforts on systems change and seek impactful and innovative approaches to philanthropy. For them, the Impact Fund is a great ally in finding high-impact funding opportunities that they are unlikely to find without it.

“ACF staff’s expertise and sector knowledge gives us a high level of trust in their funding recommendations,” says Bec. “That’s especially true when it comes to making our grants work meaningfully in high-impact areas like advocacy and movement building.”

Bec credits the Fund with amplifying the impact of her family’s giving.

“Working together with other funders through the Impact Fund builds energy around important issues that are often harder to find and fund, and provides additional confidence by being a part of a collective.

“Importantly, the Fund simultaneously takes some fundraising pressure off organisational leaders, leaving them to focus their energy on getting the work done while introducing them to donors who they might not have otherwise had access to.”

The Milgroms value the Fund’s approach to work with civil society partners.

“We appreciate the Impact Fund’s holistic approach to funding the organisations it supports,” says Bec. “We believe strongly in giving organisations autonomy over how to best use the funds, rather than tying them up in specific deliverables which can sometimes make grants more work than they’re worth. It’s exciting to see the Impact Fund promote this approach.”

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**Bec Milgrom (Tripple Fund), Impact Funder**





Bruce and Ann McGregor. Credit: Madeline Bishop.

## CASE STUDY | BRUCE & ANN MCGREGOR

# STAYING INFORMED ON THE BIGGEST ISSUES

**Ann and Bruce McGregor have a long history of getting involved in causes they care about. “We haven’t just been on the giving side of things. We’ve always worn many hats,” says Bruce.**

The couple are heavily involved in protecting and restoring their local Merri Creek in Melbourne’s north. Ann is President of the Merri Creek Management Committee and Vice-President at Friends of Merri Creek, while Bruce is President of the Victorian National Parks Association.

The couple opened a Named Fund at ACF in 2006 and have co-funded with the Impact Fund every year since its inception.

“The Impact Fund is an important mechanism for helping identify critical issues for Australia and focusing giving to organisations and campaigns working on

solutions,” says Bruce.

Ann and Bruce are strong supporters of Impact Partners in the environment area, including Country Needs People and the Invasive Species Council.

“We tend to only really talk about our environmental philanthropy because that’s the space we’re most confident in, but we also give to a number of social causes,” explains Ann.

“We spend less time researching social issues though, so being connected to the Impact Fund helps us stay informed on the biggest issues facing Australians.

“For example, the Impact Fund showcase presentation about the Uluru Statement gave us the chance to hear directly from the Indigenous advocates and their aspirations.”

For Ann and Bruce, one of the best things about being

involved with the Fund has been getting others on board.

“The Fund is a great way to engage all kinds of givers in impactful giving,” says Bruce. “One of the key reasons we co-fund is to encourage others.”

“We circulated the Impact Fund proposal from the Invasive Species Council around the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network to attract additional co-funders. Collaborative funding is a very effective way for smaller funders to resource larger, impactful projects.”

**“The Impact Fund is an important mechanism for helping identify critical issues... so being connected to the Fund helps us stay informed on the biggest issues facing Australians.”**



Steve Rothfield and Jackie Yowell

## CASE STUDY | JACKIE YOWELL & STEVE ROTHFIELD / SAFFRON ZOMER

# FUNDERS PASSING THE BATON TO CHANGEMAKERS

**In March 2020, Australia was grappling with its first Covid outbreak and powerful players in Australia were seizing the chance to push through anti-democratic reform.**

Lawyer and activist Saffron Zomer could see that the time was right to start the Australian Democracy Network (ADN). Leaders at the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Human Rights Law Centre and the Australian Council of Social Service supported her vision of bringing the social change sector together to support a thriving democracy.

ACF Impact Funder Jackie Yowell and her husband Steve Rothfield quickly saw the potential in the idea.

“We got behind the work together with other ACF donors because we were greatly concerned about civil advocacy organisations

threatened with restrictive regulations,” Jackie says.

Saffron was key to the Hands Off Our Charities (HOOC) campaign which was the precursor of the ADN. HOOC showed that proposed government reform would threaten advocacy groups that spoke out if they saw detrimental laws or policies, and was successful in getting the proposals amended.

Jackie was gratified when HOOC was successful. “It gave us optimism, which is why we have continued to support ADN,” says Jackie.

For Saffron, this support made all the difference. “Impact Funders like Jackie coming together to fund our first staff role – our Campaigns Director – turned us from a one-woman band to a pro-integrity movement... it was critically-timed money.”

Jackie and Steve count themselves fortunate to have had successful careers, as well as voluntary roles with civil society organisations, and are happy to have the means to support changemakers like Saffron.

“We’ve got terrific admiration for people from the younger generation like Saffron who have all these qualifications and put them to work for the common good,” says Jackie. “It’s a privilege to support someone who has the skill to do what needs to be done and not flinch from it.”



Saffron Zomer



# ABOUT US



Linh Do supports the causes she cares about through her Named Fund at Australian Communities Foundation.



**The Impact Fund is led by the Australian Communities Foundation – a non-profit organisation that supports structured giving.**

With 25 years of experience in catalysing positive social and environmental change, we make philanthropy easy and accessible for people all over the country.

#### **OUR VISION**

As Australia's only national community foundation, our vision is to activate a nation of givers to create a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

#### **OUR ROLE**

As a broker of change, we enable, support and amplify giving. We connect those who can give with those making positive change.

#### **OUR PROMISE**

We are an organisation built on strong values, using capital as a means of achieving impact.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

We're a community of giving made up of 400+ funds and foundations created by individuals, business people, families, couples, young professionals, retirees, and everyone in between. What unites us is our desire to make a difference.

#### **OUR VALUES**

As we work towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia, we are guided by four underlying values: inclusion, agency, courage and fairness.

We are grateful to those of you behind the funds and foundations that call ACF home, and to those of you behind the private funds that treat ACF as a trusted partner to guide their giving.



### **100% RESPONSIBLE INVESTING**

As of the 2021 financial year 100 per cent of our portfolio is responsibly invested. We are also the first philanthropic foundation in Australia to sign onto the UN Principles for Responsible Investment.



# GET INVOLVED

**There is great joy in coming together to back a positive vision for our future.**

**Interested in becoming an Impact Funder or continuing your support?** We invite you to join us because smart changemakers need wise backers who understand that change takes time.

**“The Impact Fund curation has been fantastic. You share in the enthusiasm about impact with other donors – you all feel good about it. I’m so used to deliberating long and hard about how and why we donate. The idea it can be organised collaboratively and effectively with an eye to real impact is very compelling.”**

**Jackie Yowell (Fairer Futures Fund), Impact Funder**

# BECOME AN IMPACT FUNDER

There are three key ways you can become an Impact Funder or extend your existing support.

## 1.

### SUPPORT THE WORK BEHIND THE IMPACT FUND

Love what you have read in this report? You can support the Impact Fund's core costs so we can continue to build this important work. This model adds so much value, but it is resource intensive, and necessarily so.

Support the work behind the Fund so together we can mobilise even more ambitiously for our partners and continue to grow this game-changing and high-impact approach to giving.

## 2.

### GIVE AN UNTIED DONATION TO THE GRANTS POOL

Throughout this report you will have read how timely giving makes all the difference. When you give a donation to the Impact Fund, you enable our community to respond to windows of opportunity for positive change.

#### BEQUESTS

If you are interested in leaving a legacy to the people who come after us, consider leaving a bequest to the Impact Fund. Your legacy will inspire the next generation of people working toward a vision of justice for us all.

## 3.

### GIVE TO AN IMPACT PARTNER

Let's continue to fund people creating the change you read about in this report. We are so excited about the breadth of talent in the Impact Fund, game-changers one and all, who are continuing their important work towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

Give to any of the 40+ Impact Partners working tirelessly on the frontlines of positive change.



READY TO SUPPORT?

## CONTACT THE TEAM

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### **TO OUR IMPACT FUNDERS**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the 100+ Impact Funders who have already shared in our vision of philanthropy for the people.

Together, we are shifting the balance of power for a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

### **TO OUR FRIENDS IN PHILANTHROPY**

We acknowledge that the incredible achievements in this report have been supported not only by the Impact Fund, but by many other trusts and foundations. We celebrate the collective generosity and vision of philanthropy in Australia.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

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## TO OUR IMPACT PARTNERS

Thank you to our 40+ Impact Partners who are leading the way on our journey towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE	EQUALITY AUSTRALIA	EVERYBODY'S HOME	HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CENTRE
PRIDE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA	PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE	AUSTRALASIAN CENTRE FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY	
AUSTRALIA REMADE	AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY NETWORK	AUSTRALIAN GUN SAFETY ALLIANCE	
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX	AUSTRALIAN PROGRESS	CENTRE FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY	
DOCUMENTARY AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION	ECONOMIC MEDIA CENTRE	PUBLIC INTEREST JOURNALISM INITIATIVE	RESET AUSTRALIA
THE AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE	BARRMAL BIJARRAL	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS	CHANGE THE RECORD
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AUSTRALIAN MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY	CLIMATE AND HEALTH ALLIANCE	CLIMATE COUNCIL	
CLIMATEWORKS AUSTRALIA	COUNTRY NEEDS PEOPLE	FARMERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION	
GRATA FUND	INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL	RENEW AUSTRALIA	TOMORROW MOVEMENT

**“Impact is a word that’s used freely and ambitiously, but it’s a word that carries real bite when you look at the range of projects, and their outcomes, that have been supported by the Impact Fund.”**

**Eric Beecher, Chair, Australian Communities Foundation**





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