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This impact report is a testament to the positive changes we are making together. We are grateful for our supporters' commitment to moving our community forward today, tomorrow and in perpetuity. Your generosity speaks volumes.

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We particularly acknowledge the work of our 369 charity partners. It is they who do the real work, looking after so many people and families. They make sure no one goes hungry, children are cared for in the hardest of times and that vulnerable members of our community get the support they need. We also applaud the many charities who have stepped up to support Canberrans impacted by the housing crisis.

## Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

The Chief Minister's Charitable Fund (CMCF) is administered by Hands Across Canberra. Since its inception in 2018, the CMCF has supported more than 203 projects with over \$2.36m and has leveraged more than \$5.3m in additional funds for community projects.



Chief Minister's Charitable Fund



## OUR NAMED FUND HOLDERS ARE CHANGEMAKERS!

These changemakers established permanent endowments for Hands Across Canberra to address the changing needs of Canberrans over time. With gratitude we acknowledge the Boorer Family Fund; the Bray Family Fund; the Canberra Women's Giving Circle; the Carolyn Joy Spiers Fund; the Carter and Co Fund; the Christine Shaw Family Fund; the Hala Batainah Fund; the Macn Julie Family Fund; the Narrabundah Fund; the O'Donnell Family Fund; the Peter Gordon Family Fund; the Running Rare Fund; the Strickland Fund; the Sue Salthouse Leadership Fund; the Chinnery Fund, G & A Keys Family Fund, John Kalokerinos Fund and the Thompson Family Fund.

## THE HANDS ACROSS CANBERRA TEAM

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And a big thank you to our fabulous volunteers: Lesley Daw, Sara Burns and Carolyn Page.



**Hands Across Canberra**  
Your Community Foundation



**Chief Minister's  
Charitable Fund**

**THE  
POWER  
OF  
COMMUNITY**

**THANK  
YOU  
CANBERRA!**

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2022-23

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Hands Across Canberra acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## WHO WE ARE

Hands Across Canberra (HAC) is the National Capital's community foundation. Since 2010, HAC has been working with local not-for-profit organisations to raise awareness of need and leverage impact in the community. Since 2018, the foundation has also administered the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund.

Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund strengthen the charitable sector in the capital by connecting and building partnerships between donors and community organisations.

Three pillars underpin our work – awareness, partnering and giving. Through them, we help community organisations and businesses to make a difference to those in Canberra that need it most.



Hands Across Canberra

## WELCOME

Hands Across Canberra is delighted to present our Impact Report 2022–23, showcasing a year of remarkable progress and renewed hope. In the post-pandemic era, we have focussed on empowering our community and celebrating the generosity that defines our capital. In this report we highlight the initiatives that have shaped the past year.

We recognise that there is much more to be done. Hands Across Canberra remains committed to increasing the impact of philanthropy and building a resilient, compassionate community. With new projects, partnerships and initiatives on the horizon, we are excited to continue making a difference in the lives of Canberrans doing it tough and encouraging more people to 'give where they live'.

A big thank you to our donors and supporters! This report is about your achievements, and we could not have accomplished them without you. The 2022–23 period has been a testament to the unwavering spirit of our community. Together, we have overcome the challenges of the past and embraced a future where everyone belongs.



Greg Boorer (Chair) and Peter Gordon (CEO)

Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

HANDS ACROSS CANBERRA BELIEVES IN  
**THE POWER OF OUR COMMUNITY**  
TO DRIVE  
**POSITIVE CHANGE IN AREAS OF DISADVANTAGE.**  
BY PARTNERING WITH  
**SUPPORTIVE BUSINESSES, AGENCIES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS,**  
HANDS ACROSS CANBERRA RECEIVES EVERY-DAY PROOF THAT  
**TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS IN 2022–23



Raising awareness on need

**3 MAJOR FUND/AWARENESS-RAISING INITIATIVES** (Gears 4 Giving, the Canberra Day Appeal and the End of Financial Year (EOFY) Appeal) resulted in more than \$1.1m in donations and raised awareness of need in our city

We launched the **CANBERRA PHILANTHROPY AWARDS** to recognise individuals and businesses that have made a mark on Canberra. Our **FIRST 2 AWARDEES** are Jo Farrell and John Hindmarsh AM

Over **250,000 PEOPLE** weekly heard our 'Give where you live' message in the lead up to Canberra Day

Through social media, we now reach over **124,000** different users. Importantly, a **750% INCREASE** in Instagram visits suggests that we are connecting with young people more than ever

### WHAT WE LEARNED Community insights

The compound effects of inflation, the cessation of pandemic payments and crumbling social networks **HAVE INCREASED DEMAND ON SERVICES**, with new families (including working families) requesting assistance to cover every day items

Food pantries have seen a steep increase in visitors, many of whom are new and **NEW FOOD PANTRIES ARE POPPING UP AROUND THE CITY**

At the same time, because of inflation, falling donations and depleted reserves following the pandemic, many in the community sector **ARE STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN SERVICES** and/or **RESPOND TO INCREASED DEMAND**

Funding and staff resources are affecting **ACCESS TO SERVICES**

**"THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE GREATER THINGS"**



Giving and granting

**OVER \$2.3M** was raised during the year, and the amount in the Perpetual Fund<sup>1</sup> grew from \$670k to \$1.2m. The Perpetual Fund included the establishment of our first seed-funding account<sup>2</sup>

Hands Across Canberra distributed **\$1.9M** to charities. That means, together with the Canberra Foundations Collaborative **OVER \$3M** were mobilised in support of local causes

We ran **3 FUNDING ROUNDS** in partnership with the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund, Aspen Medical, A+P Leemhuis, and the Canberra Foundations Collaborative (John James Foundation and the Snow Foundation) which distributed more than \$1.75m into the community sector and supported a total of **106 PROJECTS**

We ran a **RELIEF AND CAPITAL UPGRADES** grant round, which attracted many applications. We are grateful to our major donor, Asset Construction Pty Ltd, for coming to the table and supporting this grant round and **47 PROJECTS** this year

Together with partners in community and government, and in honour of the late Sue Salthouse, the Sue Salthouse Leadership Fund supported its first **THREE SCHOLARS** with the aim of building the leadership capabilities of people with disability

### WHAT WE LEARNED Granting insights

With **RIISING INFLATION AND COSTS**, organisations are finding it hard to cover relief and capital upgrades

The **COMMUNITY SECTOR IS SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY** and this year we gave the largest number of multi-year grants we have ever committed

The number of grant applications decreased but the **AMOUNT REQUESTED HAS INCREASED**.

In particular, requests have doubled in the areas of Mental Health and **WELLBEING; DISABILITY; AND BELONGING** – either in amount or number of projects – and made up our largest areas of giving this year

- 1 A fund that is invested to provide long-term support for the community in perpetuity
- 2 A type of donor-advised fund that allows people to start on a journey towards structured giving with minimal investment.

**"IT'S IMPERATIVE WE SUPPORT OUR CHARITIES AS BEST WE CAN IN ALLEVIATING THE EFFECTS OF THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS, WHICH IS PUSHING FAMILIES INTO POVERTY"**