

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS IN 2023–24

With your help, Hands Across Canberra experienced another year of strong growth. We reached \$5.3+ million in assets and passed \$6 million in grants since inception, both proud milestones.

Raising awareness and cultivating empathy in our city

- Our Canberra Philanthropy Award was presented to the late **Terry Snow AM**, marking his remarkable legacy to Canberra and the region.
- The Canberra Day Appeal reached **50% more people** with many activations by our 81 campaign partner charities.
- Sporting teams and events are partnering with Hands Across Canberra to spread the message of give where you live: the Raiders, Brumbies, Owls and Cricket ACT helped us reach over **250,000 people** this year.

Partnering for a Canberra for all

- We're grateful to call **350+ organisations** our community partners. They're on the front lines, looking after people doing it tough.
- Philanthropy Australia recognised the Canberra Foundations Collaborative with a nomination for **Most Impactful Collaboration**.
- Our partners grew in number and strength: Corporate supporters of the Canberra Day Appeal doubled from 2023 to 2024. We welcomed **Bendigo Community Bank** as a new core partner.
- 700 people** ran their hearts out at our first Canberra Day Appeal Fun Run in partnership with the ACT Government.

Giving and granting where we live and earn

→ \$1.5 MILLION

Over **\$1.5 million** was distributed to charities by Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund.

→ \$3.0 MILLION

Over \$3 million was raised during the year, and the Perpetual Fund grew from \$1.2 million to \$1.8 million.

→ \$500,000

Our most successful End of Financial Year (EOFY) campaign to date raised more than \$500,000 in donations for Canberra, testament to Hands Across Canberra's profile in the community.

→ \$1.5 MILLION

Our major grant round with the Canberra Foundations Collaborative distributed more than \$1.5m into the community sector for a third year in a row and supported a total of 63 projects.

→ \$220,000

The Sue Salthouse Leadership Fund doubled to \$220,000 increasing capacity to support opportunities for people with disability to build their skills and experience, representation and leadership.

WHAT OUR GRANTS ACHIEVED.

Our grants flowed into all areas of need in our city this year, supporting a myriad of causes. They:

- kept healthy and fresh food in pantries supporting food insecure families
- amplified voices of renters and those in the justice system
- made extracurricular activities more accessible to vulnerable Canberrans
- safeguarded vulnerable children and women
- empowered people with disability by building their leadership capabilities
- supported shelter and food relief efforts for homeless people in our community
- built belonging in our city



GRANT RECIPIENT

Stepping Stone

"Stepping Stone provides a really safe and comfortable environment for people who may not feel welcome in other spaces... while they're gaining skills and employment that's providing an income, they can also form relationships".

Vanessa Brettell, founder, Stepping Stone café



Hands Across Canberra
Your Community Foundation



Chief Minister's
Charitable Fund

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY, TOGETHER.



Impact Report 2023–24

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WELCOME TO A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

Welcome to a year of change and transformation for Hands Across Canberra, as community foundations around Australia enter a major growth phase.

Working with our Canberra Collaborative partners the Snow Foundation, John James Foundation and Aspen Medical, we made more than \$1.5million worth of grants to projects across the community, meeting urgent need.

More than 350 charities used our platform to raise funds and together, we gathered the city for the Canberra Day Appeal, focussing attention on giving where you live.

This report provides a brief glimpse into all the ways your generous donations are strengthening our community. Thank you to each and every person who has given of their gifts, time and talents to make this possible.

Together, the future looks brave and bright.



Greg Boorer (Chair) and Genevieve Jacobs (CEO)
Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

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.

OUR NETWORK

We're building a network of local businesses, foundations and organisations who give where they live:

ABC Canberra Radio; ActewAGL; the ACT Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate; the ACT Community Services Directorate; ACT Government including Canberra Services Directorate, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs; ACT Master Builders' Association and its members; Academy of Interactive Entertainment; Aldermane; Aspen Foundation; Aspen Medical; Asset Construction Pty; Australian Community Foundation; Australian Information Industry Association; BAL Lawyers; Bellchambers Barrett; Bendigo Community Bank; Blackshaw; Brindabella Insurance; Canberra Airport Group; Canberra Business Chamber; Canberra CDC; Canberra FM; Canberra Innovation Network; Intravision; Canberra Physiotherapy; Canberra Plastic Surgery; the Canberra Symphony Orchestra; Canberra Weekly; Cantlie; Capital Chemist; Carpet One and CBI Blind; Carter & Co.; Charterpoint; Christine Shaw; CityNews; the Clear English Company; Cordelta; Cre8live; Coordinate; Corecom; Cricket ACT; CTO Consulting; Deloitte; Downer Professional Group; Dymocks ACT; East Hotel; Elston; EPC Solar; Ernst & Young; Excelerated; Foundant; Fujitsu; Funraisin; Ginninderry; Grow Right; Hindmarsh; Hoff Foundation; IBM; Icon Water; IKEA; Independent; JB Were; John James Foundation; John McGrath Auto; Kane Construction; King O'Malley's; KPMG; Luton Properties; Maloney's; Monarch Building Solutions; MV Lawyers; the National Gallery of Australia; the National Zoo & Aquarium; Noetic; NS Family Law; Owls Rugby Club; Parker Coles Curtis Lawyers; PBS Building ACT; Prophecy; PWC; Raiders; Reason; Region Media; Renaissance Homes; Rosella Street; Salesforce; SAP; Seeing Machines; Sneddon Hall & Gallop Lawyers; SOLVit; SpringOUT Festival; Swell; Syndeticon; Synergy; Tabcorp; Tall Foundation; Tesserent; Togetha Group; The Jetty; The Millhouse Ventures; , the Snow Foundation; the University of Canberra; Toyota Canberra; Transport Canberra; Trilogy; Trinity Law; Unify Solutions; Village Building Company; WIN; Yellow Edge; Zango.

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 231 projects with over \$2.69 million, leveraging more than \$6.47 million in additional funds for community projects.

Responding to emerging needs throughout the Canberra region, in 2023–24 the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund:

- joined HAC supporters and 81 charities for the Canberra Day Appeal, **raising \$750,000** for the community sector
- developed an Impact Measuring Tool with Canberra's community foundations; administered a collective grant round valued at over **\$1.5 million and funded 28 projects** through CMCF
- granted **\$330,000** to the community sector to address mental health, employment, housing and belonging challenges

WE ARE GROWING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF CHANGEMAKERS

In 2023–24, we welcomed new donors and established four new named funds.

We now hold 22 Named Funds, founded by locals who are committed to building our community. These permanent endowments for Hands Across Canberra will address the changing needs of Canberrans over time.

With gratitude we acknowledge the following changemakers: 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 MacnJulie 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 Fund; the Chinnery Fund; the Lotus Collective; and the Thompson Family Fund.

In 2023–24 we welcomed the following funds to the Hands Across Canberra Family of Giving:

- SpencerKay Named Fund
- Hamlin Hall
- ACT Community Fund
- Gaul Family Fund

Thanks to the donors who believe in the power of giving where you live.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Bendigo Community Bank

"There is no better local foundation than Hands Across Canberra and Bendigo Community Bank absolutely loves the work that HAC does to support the over 350 local charities within our community helping our most vulnerable.

"Its ethos is a synthesis of the core values of the Bendigo Community Bank, and we very much look forward to working with HAC over the next year".

Ivan Slavich, CEO Bendigo Community Bank

WHO WE ARE

We are Canberra's community foundation. We raise funds for Canberra's most vulnerable, we invest it to make it grow and we give it back in grants. We help people give back by connecting generous donors with causes they care about.

Three pillars underpin our work – awareness, partnering and giving. Through them, we help community organisations and businesses make a difference in our community.

HAC works with more than 350 local not-for-profit organisations, raising funds and creating awareness.

We strive to strengthen community well-being, now and for future generations. We do this by promoting philanthropy, creating partnerships, and supporting diverse charitable organisations. Since 2018, the foundation has also administered the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund.

GRANT RECIPIENT

ACT Men's Table

"Men are saying they can better relate to their emotions and that's having ripple effects into their families. It translates to better emotional regulation, managing life's ups and downs and the anger that damages other relationships. Wives and daughters notice their men are in a better place".

Michael Collins, CEO Men's Table.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Capital Chemist

"Supporting Hands Across Canberra not only strengthens local charities and organisations but also maximises the impact through donations.

"We would urge other businesses to support and become involved with Hands Across Canberra knowing that the financial assistance that they give is invaluable and supports so many disadvantaged in our community".

Melita Flynn, Community Program Manager, Capital Chemist

HAC TEAM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Greg Boorer
(Chair)

Charles Cramer
(Deputy Chair)

Edward Le Quesne
(Treasurer)

Fiona Hindmarsh, John Kalokerinos, Katherine Trebeck, Michelle Steele, Sammy Williamson and Catherine Rule (observer)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Sue Hart,
Commerce Management Pty Ltd

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Bellchambers Barrett

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(CEO)

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(outgoing CEO)

Peter Campos
(Business Manager)

Julia Lieser
(Grants and Partnerships Manager)

Liz Howarth & Emmanuel Rodriguez (Outgoing)
(Communications and Engagement Manager)

Jo Dean-Ritchie
(Communications and Engagement Manager).

Volunteers

A big thank you to the 26 fabulous volunteers who helped us throughout the year with our grant rounds, our awareness raising raffles, the HAC website; our sporting events and the inaugural Canberra Day Appeal Fun Run – you embody the spirit of Canberra.

A Heartfelt thank you

And to our outgoing CEO, Peter Gordon, a heartfelt thank you for all your contributions to Canberra.

GRANT RECIPIENT

Orange Sky

"I come down for a chat but it is also good in winter when I can get a hot shower. I do OK at the moment but it is always good to have people to talk to. The volunteers help me think about what positive things I have in my life and I feel comfortable talking to them".

Rob, friend of Orange Sky
(Canberra)