



**Australian  
Community  
Philanthropy**

# **Annual Report 2018/19**

ABN 11 128 866 419

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Australian Community Philanthropy acknowledges the traditional custodians of the country where ACP and its Community Foundation members operate and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



*COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS*

Connecting people who care  
with causes that matter



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# About Australian Community Philanthropy

Australian Community Philanthropy (ACP) is a philanthropic support organisation by and for Community Foundations.

ACP was established to

1. build the capacity of community foundations in Australia
2. help create an optimal operating environment for the growth of community foundations  
and
3. provide a focus point for the community foundation movement's interaction with external stakeholders

*including government, donors, philanthropic sector peers, national and international organisations.*

ACP provides information, resources and professional development opportunities for its community foundation members. It advocates for public policy reform to strengthen community foundations by achieving a more enabling operating environment.

ACP is a Company Limited by Guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.



## Thanks to our partners and supporters

Australian Community Philanthropy acknowledges with sincere appreciation the generous support of our leading members, philanthropic partners and *pro bono* professional advisers – all champions of the community foundation movement.

Thank you. ACP's work would not be possible without you.





## Chair's Report

**Ben Rodgers**

From Fremantle to the Fleurieu Peninsula, from Ballarat to Buderim, community foundations across Australia distributed more than \$30 million in grants in the 2018 financial year to community groups and projects in places that 8.5 million Australian call home.

We learnt this through the 2019 Community Foundation Census, one of Australian Community Philanthropy's (ACP) key initiatives this year.

The census showed that our community foundation sector is dynamic, resilient and resourceful. Collectively, Australian community foundations are responsible for more than \$415 million in assets under management. Thirty-nine foundations - four out of five of them working in regional areas - provide resources and leadership for community engagement and development, from Albany in the west to Mackay in Queensland and many places in between.

The 2019 Community Foundation Census updated data available about our sector. This research is helping to inform ACP's 'Blueprint' project which combines a review of the community foundation sector in Australia to date with ideas for strategic development. At the time of preparing this annual report, work on 'Blueprint' is nearing completion. We look forward to sharing it with ACP members and stakeholders for your input. Thanks again to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and Gandel Philanthropy for supporting this important work.

ACP has had an eventful and successful year in 2018/19.

The lead-up to the federal election in May highlighted the potential for a coordinated approach to policy reform. ACP engaged extensively with Members of Parliament and Candidates right across the political spectrum regarding regulatory reform, targeting electorates where community foundations are active. This work continues today, some of it jointly with our colleagues at Philanthropy Australia.

ACP has also been working with Philanthropy Australia through the year to formalise closer collaboration between our organisations. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding in July and look forward to working increasingly closely together towards our shared goal of inspiring more and better philanthropy throughout Australia.

Visits to Australia by Fred Blackwell, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation in September 2018 and in April by Brian Frederick, former CEO of the Community Foundation of Lorain County in Ohio USA were among the highlights of the year. Both Fred and Brian generously shared their knowledge and experience with audiences at various presentations, offering fresh perspectives, practical ideas and inspiration. Learning from and with each other in this way helps accelerate our collective effort,

We welcomed Matt Jenkins, CEO of the Ballarat Foundation, as a new Board Member and Gerlinde Scholz as our new Executive Officer in September 2018. Gerlinde builds on the work of her predecessor in this role, Kate Buxton, who continues her passion for community foundations at Mirboo North.

Moore Stephens (Vic) have been appointed as our new honorary Auditors. We reiterate our thanks to previous auditors Peter Young and Associates from South Australia for their *pro bono* support over many years, which we have also formally acknowledged.

In financial terms, 2018/19 was a good year for ACP. Revenue was in the order of \$121,000, and the operating result for the year with a deficit of \$341 was very close to breaking even. Retained earnings of \$57,433 provide a base on which to build for the future.

My thanks to all our supporters and members, my Board colleagues and in particular to our Executive Officer for everything you all contribute to making ACP what it is today and is aspiring to become.

We are all 'better together', and together better able to make a difference to the people, places and causes that matter to us and the communities we serve.

Keep up the great work!



**Ben**

Melbourne  
October 2019



## Executive Officer's Report

**Gerlinde Scholz**

When I joined ACP 12 months ago, I was not aware what an interesting, challenging and richly rewarding experience this would be. Thanks to all ACP members, partners and the Board for being so welcoming and supportive.

Throughout the year, ACP has tried to balance the needs of members with some internal capacity building and exploring strategic opportunities. All three require significant attention. While the scales may have tipped further this way or that on occasion and not always been balanced, progress is being made in all areas and that is encouraging.

The Chair's report has highlighted the on-going advocacy campaign around DGR1 status, the 2019 Census and 'Blueprint' project, strengthening our relationship with Philanthropy Australia, and a number of events.

Meanwhile, some essential operational improvements have been made in the background, including a move to a different finance system, implementation of a new database, and a much-needed overhaul of the website that is still in progress.

As this report goes to print, 'Better Together': the 2019 National Community Foundations Forum is only days away. I am looking forward to the Forum and meeting many more ACP members in person.

The year also brought some amazing learning opportunities, from the Beechworth Festival of Change in April, to the Community Foundations of Canada "All In" conference in British Columbia in June that I was able to attend with generous bursary support from CFC – both inspiring experiences in very different ways.

Growing an organisation from a small base is a challenge. Among many other things, it requires persistence and good support. ACP is fortunate to be able to draw on outstanding support.

Sincere thanks to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Australian Communities Foundation and Community of Giving for providing terrific work spaces for ACP, Campbell Faulkner at William Buck, George Dakis and Nicholas Smith at Moore Stephens, Alice Macdougall and Samantha Loff at Herbert Smith Freehills for their professional advice and support, and Scott Peacock and Bec Bridges for their hands-on work at ACP. And thanks to Ben Rodgers and the Board for engaged leadership.

I am looking forward to what we will achieve together over the next 12 months.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Scholz'.

Gerlinde

## ACP Program snapshot



### Advocacy

September 2018: Treasury submission  
February - May: Pre- and post-election letter campaign, selected MPs, electorates with CFs  
Personal engagement with Minister Fletcher and Shadow Minister Leigh pre-election

### Census

35 community foundations invited to participate  
30 responses; response rate = 86%  
*for snapshot of findings, see overleaf*



### Events

Forum 'Lite' with Fred Blackwell, Sept.2018  
Brian Frederick visit, March / April 2019  
Webinar on political campaigning, May  
Planning & preparation for NCF'19

### Members

29 Community Foundations  
2 individuals  
membership income budget 100% realised



### Vital Signs

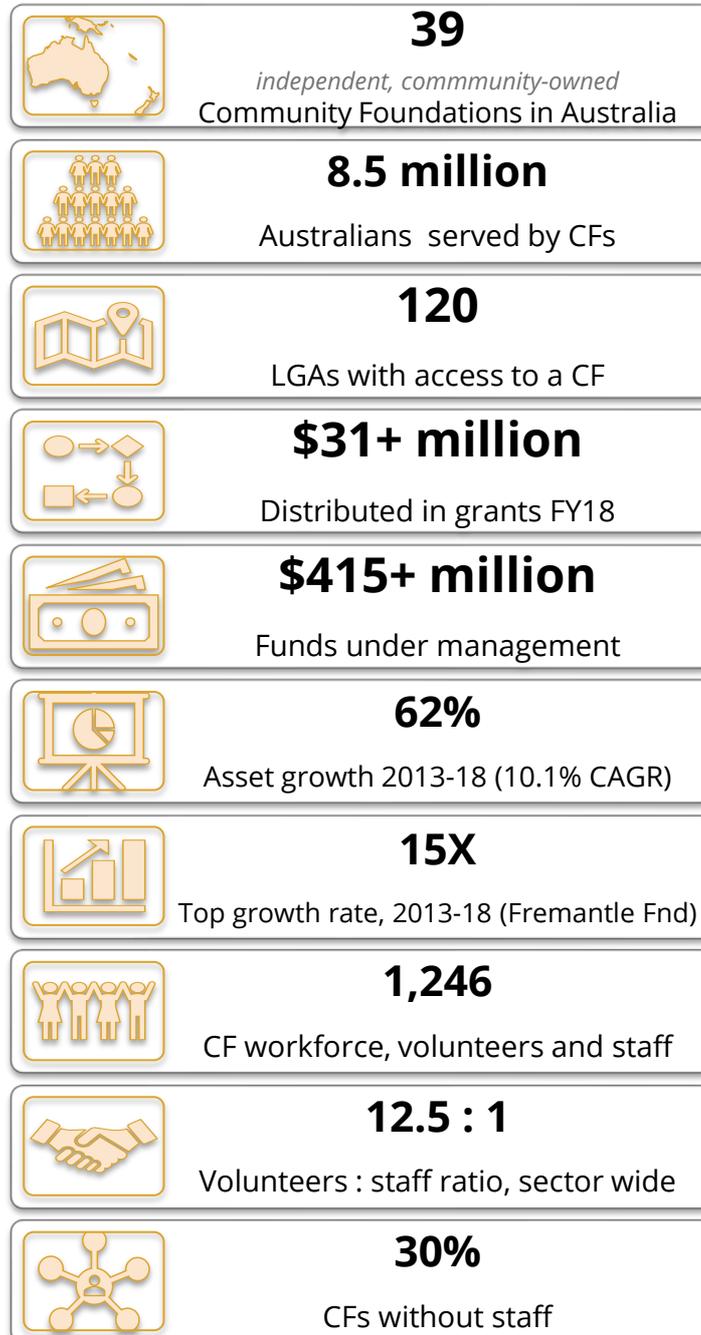
2 new Vital Signs reports:  
Canberra Vital Signs, October 2018  
Mackay Vital Signs, July 2019

# Members 2019

## Australian Community Philanthropy

Albany Community Foundation  
Australian Communities Foundation  
Ballarat Foundation  
Bass Coast Community Foundation  
Border Trust  
Brian Page (Individual Member)  
Buderim Foundation  
Denmark Community Foundation  
Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation  
Fleurieu Community Foundation  
Foundation Broken Hill  
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal  
Fremantle Foundation  
Geelong Community Foundation  
Give Where You Live Foundation  
Hands Across Canberra  
Inner North Community Foundation  
Into Our Hands Community Foundation  
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation  
Mackay Community Foundation  
Mirboo North & District Community Foundation  
Mornington Peninsula Foundation  
Northern Rivers Community Foundation  
Red Earth Community Foundation  
South West Community Foundation  
Stand Like Stone Foundation  
Sue Charlton (individual member)  
Sydney Community Foundation  
The Southern Highlands Foundation  
Tomorrow Today Foundation  
Upper Murray Innovation Foundation

## Community Foundations | sector snapshot 2019



Sources:

ACP 2019 Community Foundation Census.

Additional information sourced from Community Foundations' Annual Information Statements published at [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au)

Comparative data from 2014 ACP *Mapping the Community Foundation Sector* survey.

Data reflect status at 30 June 2018

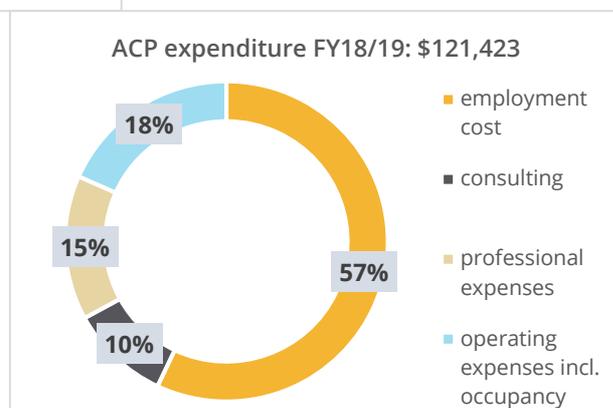
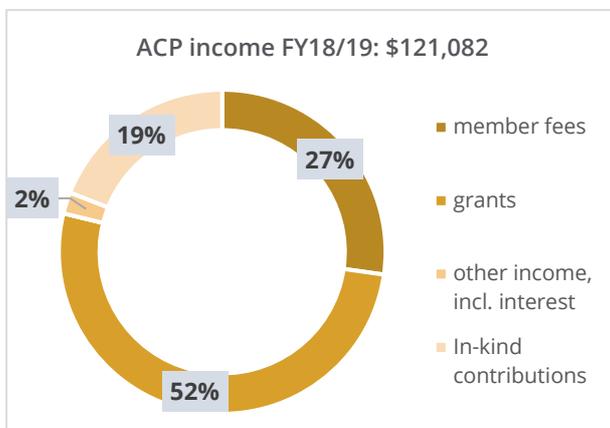
# Finance Report

For the 2019 financial year, Australian Community Philanthropy received income of \$121,082 and incurred \$121,423 in expenditure, resulting in a minor operating deficit of \$341. Retained earnings at the end of the year amounted to \$57,433.

Revenue for the year was \$121,082 with more than half of that received through grants from the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, and Dr Annie Duncan and Peter Duncan through the Fairness Fund, a sub-fund of the Australian Communities Foundation.

Memberships and in-kind support are the other key contributors to ACP operating resources. In-kind contributions are vital; they include provision of office space and facilities by Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation and Australian Communities Foundation and *pro bono* professional legal advice, accounting and audit services.

Employment related costs were the biggest single expenditure item and the main driver for increased expenditure in 2018/19 compared to the previous year.



# Abridged Financial Statement

## Statement of Profit or Loss

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

### Australian Community Philanthropy - 30 June 2019

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		2019	2018
		\$	*Restated
	Note		\$
<b>Income</b>			
Membership Fees		33,000	33,076
Grant Revenue		62,425	39,750
In-Kind Contributions	1	23,072	-
Conference Revenue		-	52,025
Other revenue		2,585	1,871
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>121,082</b>	<b>126,722</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee benefits expense		69,231	36,325
Consulting expenses		12,191	-
Conference Expenses		-	37,450
Professional expenses	1	17,718	-
Occupancy costs	1	5,354	-
Other expenses		16,929	12,522
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>121,423</b>	<b>86,297</b>
<b>Net (loss) / profit before tax</b>		<b>(341)</b>	<b>40,425</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net (loss) / profit before tax</b>		<b>(341)</b>	<b>40,425</b>

#### Notes

1. During the 2019 financial year the company has performed an internal review of the in-kind support received and elected to value and record these contributions received within the Statement of Profit or Loss. Professional expenses include Accounting, Legal and IT related support.

\* In the comparative year the Statement of Profit and Loss was incorrectly presented on a cash basis. This presentation error has been corrected in the comparative year and restated as required by Australian Accounting Standards.

# Abridged Financial Statement

## Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2019

### Australian Community Philanthropy - 30 June 2019

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	66,414	54,651
Trade and other receivables	5,000	5,500
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>71,414</u>	<u>60,151</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>71,414</u></u>	<u><u>60,151</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	4,938	2,377
Employee benefits	4,043	-
Deferred income	5,000	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>13,981</u>	<u>2,377</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>13,981</u></u>	<u><u>2,377</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>57,433</u></u>	<u><u>57,774</u></u>

## Governance

The Board of Australian Community Philanthropy brings together a skills-based group of up to nine Directors appointed in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

The Board provides oversight for planning, risk management and operations and ensures compliance with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

Board composition is reviewed regularly to identify skills gaps and recruitment needs.

At the 2018 AGM, Shelley Boyce was re-elected for a second term and Matt Jenkins was elected as a new Director.

From July 2018 to June 2019, the Board met ten times.

<b>Director</b>	<b>No. of meetings eligible to attend *</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>
Shelley Boyce OAM	10	8
Sally Gamble	10	8
Matt Jenkins	8	8
Georgie McKay	10	7
Ben Rodgers	10	10
Maree Sidey	10	9
Dylan Smith	10	10
Genevieve Timmons	10	7

\* 'Eligible to attend' means number of meetings held while director was in office.

## Board of Directors *from 2018 AGM*



**Shelley Boyce OAM**

*Elected to ACP Board 2015, re-elected 2018*

Chair, Southern Highlands Foundation (NSW)



**Sally Gamble | Company Secretary**

*Elected to ACP Board 2016*

Chair, Tomorrow Today Foundation (Vic)



**Matt Jenkins**

*Elected to ACP Board 2018*

CEO, Ballarat Foundation (Vic)



**Georgie McKay | Treasurer**

*Elected to ACP Board 2016*

CEO, Stand Like Stone Foundation (SA)



**Ben Rodgers | Chair**

*Elected to ACP Board 2016*

EO, Inner North Community Foundation (Vic)



**Maree Sidey**

*Elected to ACP Board 2017*

CEO, Australian Communities Foundation (Vic)



**Dylan Smith**

*Elected to ACP Board 2013, re-elected 2016  
Chair 2016/17*

CEO, Fremantle Foundation (WA)



**Dr Genevieve Timmons**

*Elected to ACP Board 2017*

Director, Mornington Peninsula Foundation (Vic)

## Looking ahead

As this report goes to print, community foundation practitioners around Australia are preparing to gather on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia for the 2019 National Community Foundations Forum.



The 2019 Forum theme **Better Together** affirms the central role of collaboration and solidarity in community philanthropy. At the Forum, we will explore how we can work better with different partners to strengthen local impact for our communities in response to the big challenges we all face –social, economic, environmental and cultural.

ACP members will also consider how community foundations can work more closely together as a sector to amplify our collective voice and visibility.

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