



**Australian
Community
Philanthropy**

an introduction to Community Foundations in Australia

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About Community Foundations

- registered charities
- build permanent assets from community contributions to address local priorities
- community-owned and -managed; mostly volunteer-led
- independent of (e.g.) family or institutional trustee, political, religious or corporate entities
- community leadership role, convening partnerships and collaborations to help drive change
- democratic, grass-roots change makers

**“Community foundations
are always about
creating inclusive spaces
for engaged citizens
to develop and take up ideas
for the good of all,
pool resources
and create local impact.”**

*Building Bridges for Local Good.
Association of German Foundations, 2017*

In essence, community foundations are about solidarity and cooperation for the common good.

Community Foundations offer a practical model for building inclusive, democratic, fairer and more sustainable communities.

A strong Community Foundation sector offers communities a chance to have a say over what matters to them. This is especially important and empowering for marginalised communities.



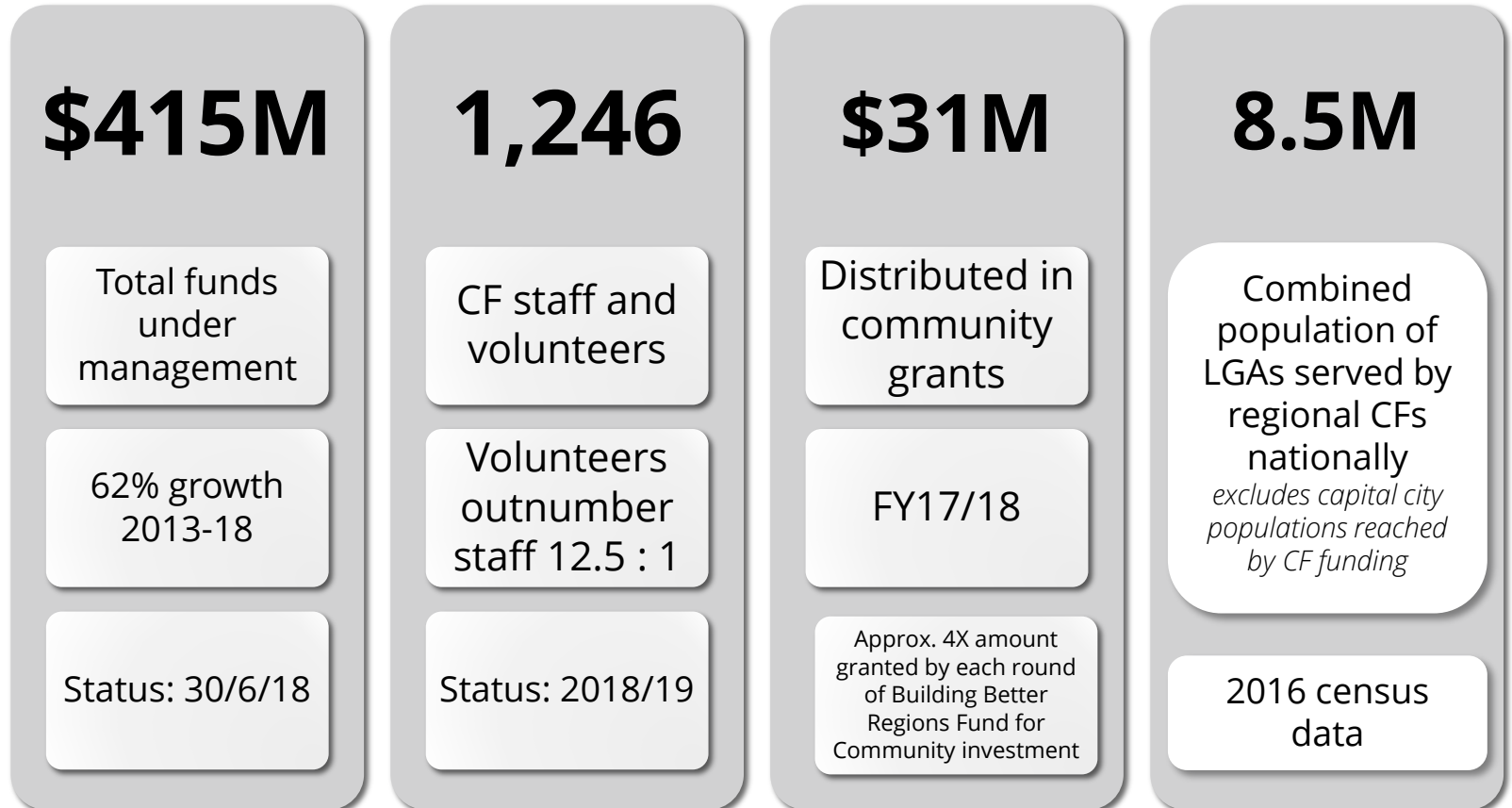
Community Foundations in Australia (2020)

- 40 foundations
- found in all states and ACT
- 18 (45%) in Victoria
- 4 out of 5 (80%) operate in regional areas
- 36 (90%) less than 20 years old

Community Foundations in Australia | 2020

LOCATION	FOUNDATION	LOCATION	FOUNDATION
Albany, WA	Albany Community Foundation	Greater Melbourne, VIC	Australian Communities Foundation Inner North Community Foundation Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation Mornington Peninsula Foundation
Albury-Wodonga, VIC/NSW	Border Trust (Community Foundation for Albury-Wodonga Region)	Kinglake, VIC	Kinglake Ranges Foundation
Ballarat, VIC	Ballarat Foundation	Leongatha, VIC	Leongatha District Community Foundation
Ballina, NSW	Northern Rivers Community Foundation	Mackay, QLD	Mackay Community Foundation
Bega, NSW	Mumbulla Foundation	Marysville, VIC	Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation
Benalla, VIC	Tomorrow Today Foundation	Mirboo North, VIC	Mirboo North & District Community Foundation
Bendigo, VIC	Community Foundation for Central Victoria	Mount Gambier, SA	Stand Like Stone
Bowral, NSW	Southern Highlands Foundation	Myrtleford, VIC	Into Our Hands Community Foundation
Broadford, VIC	Mitchell Community Resources and Advocacy Group (MCRAG)	Nuriootpa, SA	Barossa Regions Community Foundation
Broken Hill, NSW	Foundation Broken Hill	Packenham, VIC	Casey Cardinia Foundation
Buderim, QLD	Buderim Foundation	Port Lincoln, SA	Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation
Canberra, ACT	Hands Across Canberra	Sunshine Coast, Qld	Sundale Community Foundation
Corryong, VIC	Upper Murray Innovation Foundation	Sydney, NSW	Sydney Community Foundation
Denmark, WA	Denmark Community Foundation	Tumut, NSW	Community Foundation for the Tumut Region
Durong, QLD	Red Earth Community Foundation	Victor Harbour, SA	Fleurieu Community Foundation
Fremantle, WA	Fremantle Foundation	Warners Bay, NSW	Lake Macquarie Foundation
Geelong, VIC	Geelong Community Foundation Give Where You Live Foundation	Warrnambool, VIC	South West Community Foundation
Glenorchy, TAS	Glenorchy Community Fund	Wonthaggi, VIC	Bass Coast Community Foundation

Dimensions of Community Foundation sector in Australia



Source: Community Foundations Census, Feb/March 2019



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ABOUT US



Purpose

To support and promote community philanthropy and community foundations within Australia by

(a) providing information, resources, networking opportunities, training, fellowships and peer support opportunities;

(b) creating the optimum operating environment for the growth of community foundations in Australia; and

(c) acting as a focus point for consultation between the community foundation movement and external stakeholders such as government, donors and partner organisations.

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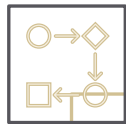
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REGISTERED CHARITY





What we do



Connector

- Events & engagement
- Conferences
- Convening around specific place or issues
- Coordination for multi-party projects and collaboration



Skills Builder

- Member services, advice and support
- Tool kits, resource sharing
- Webinars, peer learning, mentoring



Sector Champion

- Research & evidence base
- Build community knowledge & understanding
- Place-based research (e.g. Vital Signs)
- Thought leadership
- External & international engagement

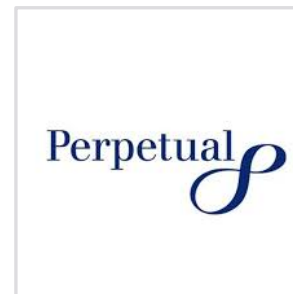


Advocate

- Research and submissions
- Campaigns
- Policy advocacy

Partners

Projects and
Capacity Support



Pro bono operational support

Essential support that enables ACP to make a difference for our community foundation members





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