GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT

2025-2026

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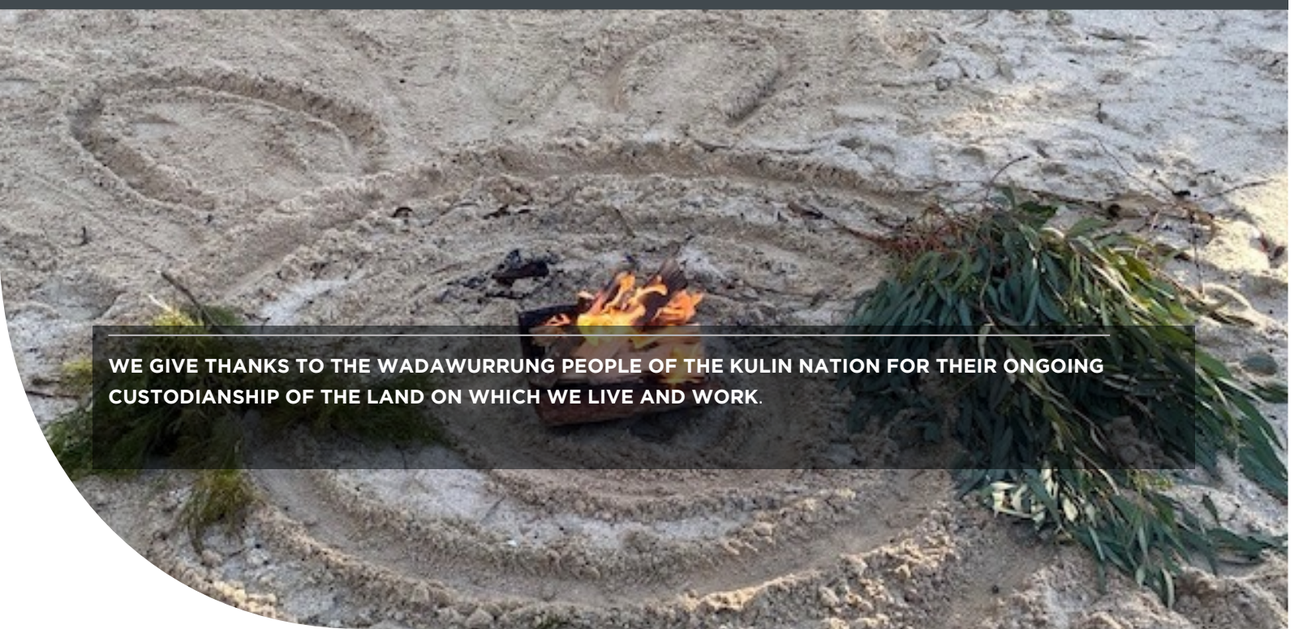
THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS OF COUNTRY THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA. WE RECOGNISE THE LOSS OF LANDS AND CULTURE, KNOWING THE CONSEQUENCES FOR PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS. WE PAY OUR RESPECT TO FIRST NATIONS ELDERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THESE LANDS AND WATERS HAS NEVER BEEN CEDED.



WE GIVE THANKS TO THE WADAWURRUNG PEOPLE OF THE KULIN NATION FOR THEIR ONGOING CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE AND WORK.



ABOVE PHOTO: SURF COAST TREK 2026 RAISED APPROXIMATELY $300,000 FOR KIDS+ AND THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION

OUR COVER

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE STAFF & CLOVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE CEO LIZ BONNER.

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WE EXIST TO CREATE A FAIRER COMMUNITY

WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS A GEELONG REGION WHERE EVERYONE CAN ACCESS EMPLOYMENT, SECURE HOUSING AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD.

TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY, WE RESPOND TO IMMEDIATE NEEDS WHILE INVESTING IN LONGER-TERM SYSTEMIC CHANGE TO ADDRESS INEQUITY AND GIVE EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.



About us

THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION IS GEELONG'S OLDEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FOUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN 1954. FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS WE HAVE RAISED FUNDS TO SUPPORT FAIRER AND MORE EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES ACROSS GEELONG.

We are a unique, place-based community foundation with trusted local roots and deep community connections. We work in partnership with our community to help people and places thrive.

We know the inequities in our community are too complex for any one organisation to solve. That's why we work to connect and support communities to respond together.

Together with our donors, partners, volunteers and community organisations, we are working towards a region where equity, inclusion and shared opportunity shape everyday life.

Our work is collaborative, bringing together community generosity, local knowledge and research to inform grants to community organisations, build strategic partnerships and develop initiatives that test new approaches to complex challenges.

Our approach is a combination of responding to immediate needs and investing in longer-term systemic change. We support access to food, housing and employment while addressing the conditions that create and sustain inequity though advocacy and community conversations that strengthen understanding and inspire action.

Our focus areas:

Food Security
Ensuring everyone has access to sufficient, healthy and nutritious food with dignity and choice.

Housing Justice
Working towards a community where everyone has a safe, secure place to call home.

Inclusive Employment
Everyone who wants to work should have the opportunity and support to participate in meaningful employment.

> **We believe that the challenges facing our community now are urgent. Our philanthropic response is a unique 'spend now' model. We invest the funds we raise directly into community priorities as they arise now, to support place-based responses.**
>
> **Collective giving for local impact.**
>
> - Give Where You Live Foundation 2030 Strategy.



OUR MESSAGE

AS WE REFLECT ON ANOTHER YEAR OF MEANINGFUL IMPACT, WE CELEBRATE THE PEOPLE, PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARED COMMITMENT THAT MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE. THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF PROGRESS, COLLABORATION AND REFLECTION, AS WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEEDS AND WORK TOWARDS CREATING FAIRER, MORE EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GEELONG REGION.

Message from our Chair & CEO

AT THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION, WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IN OUR REGION DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES OR WHERE THEY LIVE.

While our region continues to grow and prosper, we know that the benefits of this growth are not shared equally. Rising living costs, housing pressures and barriers to employment continue to impact individuals and families, reinforcing the importance of our work.

Throughout 2025–26, we invested almost $2.2 million into our community to respond to these challenges and strengthen our commitment to addressing the underlying causes of inequity. We invested over $1.3 million in community grants and funding.

One of our key initiatives this year was the launch of our first Social Innovation Lab, focused on housing justice. Building on the findings of our Home Truths research, the Lab brought together people with lived experience, frontline service providers, researchers and community leaders to explore new approaches to one of our region's most complex challenges. Through this co-design process, we committed $150,000 to support two innovative projects focused on preventing homelessness and creating more effective pathways to housing and support.

Our Community Choice voucher program continued to provide critical emergency relief and support to our community partners. We supported more than 15,000 people to access essential food, medication and household items with dignity and choice.

At The Paddock Community Farm, our growing partnership with Feed Me Inc helped strengthen local food production and the region's food relief system.

Through GROW, we continued to demonstrate how collaboration between industry, government and community can create meaningful employment opportunities for people facing barriers to work.

None of this work happens in isolation.

The generosity of our donors, corporate partners, workplace giving supporters and volunteers continues to be the foundation of everything we achieve. Through our appeals, fundraising events and community partnerships, we have seen the extraordinary willingness of people across our region to give, connect and take action.

We also acknowledge the dedication of our Board, staff and volunteers, whose commitment, expertise and belief in our purpose continues to drive the Foundation forward.

As we look ahead, this year also marked an important period of reflection and planning as we undertook work to refresh our Strategy.

This process provided an opportunity to reflect on our achievements, listen to the changing needs of our community and shape our priorities for the years ahead.

Our community told us that trust, connection and collaboration are essential to creating a fairer, more inclusive community. This work also reinforced the importance of responding to immediate community needs while also investing in longer-term systemic change.

Our refreshed Strategic Plan 2026–2030 outlines the priorities for the next chapter of the Foundation. Guided by the voices of our community, we remain ambitious about what we can achieve together as we focus on strengthening our role as a funder, connector and advocate to support fairer, more inclusive communities now and into the future.

We are committed to creating lasting change and a Geelong region where every community thrives through equity, inclusion and shared opportunity.

Thank you for being part of this important work.







Daleene Kroger
Board Chair



Zac Lewis
Chief Executive Officer

2025–2026 Impact Snapshot

IN THE 2025-2026 FINANCIAL YEAR THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION INVESTED $2.2 MILLION INTO CREATING A FAIRER COMMUNITY ACROSS GEELONG.

THE IMPACT

$2.2 million
invested through funding and our own change initiatives into the Geelong community.

$1.3 MILLION
in grants and funding into the community.

43 COMMUNITY
partner organisations focused on social equity funded across the Geelong region.

COMMUNITY CHOICE

6,442 COMMUNITY
Choice food and pharmacy vouchers distributed.

15,007 PEOPLE
assisted through Community Choice.

GROW

51 PRIORITY
jobseekers participated, with 44 commencing placements.

49,000 EMPLOYMENT
hours were delivered. Exceeding the 45,000 hour target by nine per cent.

THE PADDOCK

Over 1,600kg
of fresh healthy produce grown.

Nearly 30,000 HOURS
of inclusive volunteer opportunities created for over 30 NDIS participants to build confidence, gain access to community connection and develop independent living skills.

FUNDRAISING

$729,084 RAISED
from campaigns and appeals.

3,282 PEOPLE
attended fundraising and awareness raising events.

Our strategic goals

AS WE CONCLUDE THE FINAL YEAR OF OUR PREVIOUS STRATEGIC PLAN, THE CHART BELOW HIGHLIGHTS THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS TOWARDS CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, MEASURED AGAINST THE PLAN'S FOUR STRATEGIC GOALS.

These goals help bridge the gaps in our region and create a fairer and more equitable community for all. Our strategic goals guide our organisation and the focus of our work in our community.

OUR CHANGE INITIATIVES	GOAL 1 CATALYSE SYSTEMS CHANGE	GOAL 2 BUILD COMMUNITY ASSETS	GOAL 3 INCUBATE INNOVATION	GOAL 4 DATA RESEARCH, EVALUATION, ADVOCACY
Social Innovation Lab	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Paddock	✓	✓		
Feed Geelong	✓		✓	✓
GROW	✓		✓	✓
Grant funding	✓	✓	✓	✓

A renewed vision for our community

THIS YEAR, THE FOUNDATION WORKED WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS TO REVIEW AND REFRESH OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, SETTING A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

Our new 2026–2030 Strategic Plan is guided by our renewed vision of a Geelong region where every community thrives through equity, inclusion and shared opportunity.

The plan outlines our strategic goals and provides a roadmap for how we will work alongside our community and partners, strengthen connections, grow community giving and drive meaningful, lasting change.

Building on more than 70 years of community impact, our strategy reflects our commitment to working collaboratively, addressing the underlying causes of disadvantage and creating a fairer, more inclusive Geelong region.

Explore our new strategy

Discover our vision, strategic goals and priorities for 2026–2030.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN.

OUR IMPACT: INNOVATION & INITIATIVES

THROUGH INNOVATION, COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVES, WE ARE CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES, ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES AND DRIVING LASTING CHANGE TOWARDS A FAIRER, MORE EQUITABLE GEELONG REGION.

Understanding the issue: Home Truths research report

Released during Homelessness Week in August 2025, Home Truths: Local Insights into Homelessness, provides an evidence base to strengthen the Geelong region's response to homelessness. Led by the Give Where You Live Foundation and Deakin University's HOME Research Centre, the research explored the pressures facing local services and opportunities to better support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Using Deakin's STICKE systems mapping method, the research brought stakeholders together to identify service gaps, map the challenges facing the system and develop potential solutions. It highlighted the need for a system that can respond to changing community needs, rather than simply expanding existing services as demand grows.

Key findings:

- Homelessness in Greater Geelong increased by 51.5 per cent in the five years to mid-2021. In 2023–24 alone, more than 4,800 people sought homelessness support in the region, highlighting the pressure on frontline services.
- Five 'Home Truths' emerged from the research, identifying priorities for immediate action and longer-term change.
- A critical shortage of housing and accommodation was among the most pressing issues, with limited access to private rentals and a severe undersupply of social housing contributing to homelessness.

The research also highlighted the need for stronger collaboration and information sharing. Participants described a fragmented system, while identifying opportunities to build stronger networks, share knowledge and coordinate services to improve support.

These findings provided the foundation for our first Social Innovation Lab, helping turn local insights into new approaches to prevention and support.

"Everyone's so busy having conversations about what the perfect housing outcome should be, we're getting stuck in the minutiae... and we're missing that every single day we have that conversation, people are sleeping on the streets and experiencing traumatic events." - Home Truths research participant

Home Truths was jointly funded by the **Anthony Costa Foundation, City of Greater Geelong, Geelong Community Foundation, Geelong Connected Communities and the Give Where You Live Foundation.**



THE SOCIAL
INNOVATION LAB

— by The Give Where You Live Foundation —

The Social Innovation Lab

How can we intervene earlier to create housing justice across our region?

This question guided Give Where You Live Foundation's first Social Innovation Lab Homelessness Challenge.

Building on insights from our Home Truths research, undertaken in partnership with Deakin University, the Lab explored the underlying factors contributing to homelessness and opportunities to intervene earlier, before people reach crisis point.

Through the Lab's Design and Innovation Circle, we brought together people with lived experience of homelessness, frontline service providers, government representatives, researchers and community leaders.

People with lived experience shared valuable insights into the barriers people face when seeking help, navigating services and finding safe, trusted support. Combined with the knowledge and expertise of service providers and other participants, these perspectives helped build a shared understanding of where existing systems could work better.

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PHOTO: SOCIAL LAB HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE WORKSHOP.

> **"We chose this story because it captured the human experience, not just a service being provided, but how people were treated and how that experience transformed them as individuals."**
>
> - Participant in the Most Significant Change story review group

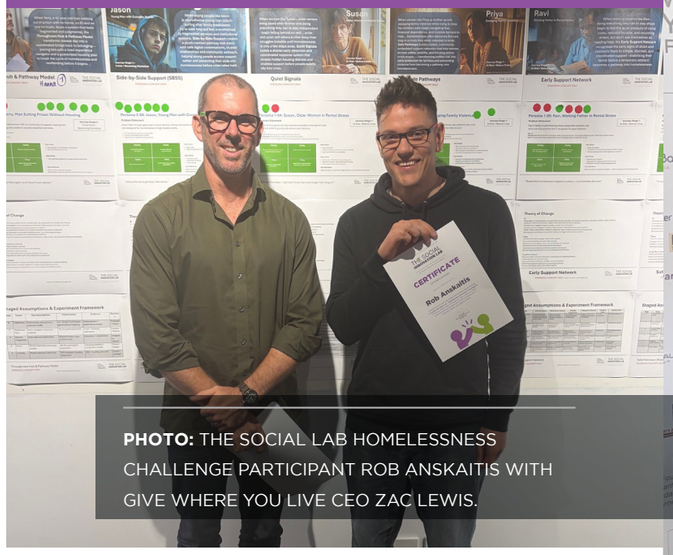

PHOTO: THE SOCIAL LAB HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT ROB ANSKAITIS WITH GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE CEO ZAC LEWIS.

OUR IMPACT: INNOVATION & INITIATIVES

Developing new approaches to homelessness

Across six workshops in February and March 2026, 14 participants worked collaboratively to develop nine innovative concepts spanning homelessness prevention, early intervention and crisis response.

The ideas explored opportunities to identify early signs of housing stress, connect people with support before circumstances escalate and create safer, more accessible pathways to assistance.

As the concepts evolved, participants considered how each approach could work in practice, who it would support and how organisations could collaborate to deliver meaningful outcomes.

The workshops also strengthened relationships across sectors and gave participants practical experience in developing ideas together. That collaboration matters because people experiencing homelessness often navigate several services at once.

Working together helped participants see where someone might lose contact with support and where services could make the next step clearer.

Two of the nine concepts were selected for funding, giving local partners the opportunity to test how these approaches could work in practice.

> **"This is an opportunity to learn how innovation can be applied to social issues in a way that genuinely shapes people's lives.**
>
> - Participant of The Social Innovation Lab Homelessness Challenge



PHOTO: THE SOCIAL LAB HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS WITH GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION'S DAVID SPEAR AND HANNA GOORDEN

Investing in solutions: Social Innovation Funding

Through our Innovation Fund, this year we committed $150,000 to bring two new ideas emerging from the Social Innovation Lab to life. The investment will support projects over the next 12 months, creating opportunities to experiment with new approaches to preventing and responding to homelessness.

MELI

Meli's Belonging Before Crisis initiative - $50,000

A $50,000 investment will support an early intervention initiative aimed at preventing youth homelessness, primarily targeted to meet the needs of teenage girls. The project will explore how belonging and connection can act as protective factors for young people at risk of homelessness, strengthening support before a crisis develops.

THE POWER IN YOU PROJECT

The Power in You Project's Throughcare Pathway Pilot Program - $100,000

A $100,000 investment will support a regional pilot for people leaving custody who face risks of homelessness, unemployment and further involvement in the justice system. The approach seeks to learn about how we can better provide coordinated support informed and led by lived experience; starting before release and continuing as people return to the community.



PHOTO: ZAC LEWIS AND DAVID SPEAR FROM THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION WITH MELI'S JOSE TAYLOR AND MAYOR STRETCH KONTELJ OAM

> **Both initiatives will be supported and evaluated. This will help us understand what works, where approaches need to adapt, and whether successful elements could be expanded to strengthen the region's response to homelessness.**
>
> **Through the Innovation Fund, we're giving promising ideas the opportunity to be tested, evaluated and, if successful, scaled to create lasting impact for our community.**
>
> - Zac Lewis, CEO, Give Where You Live Foundation

OUR IMPACT: INNOVATION FUNDING

Building a pathway from custody to community: The Power in You Project

Leaving custody can be a critical transition for people at risk of homelessness. Securing stable housing and rebuilding community connections are central to the next chapter of their lives.

With $100,000 from the Foundation's Innovation Fund, The Power in You Project will deliver its regional Throughcare Pathway Pilot Program. The initiative will support people leaving custody who are at risk of homelessness, unemployment and repeat involvement in the justice system.

Guided by the findings of Home Truths research report, the Throughcare Pathway pilot will focus on coordinated support that begins before release and continues through reintegration into the community. Project leaders with lived experience of their engagement with the justice system will guide the approach, helping shape support around the challenges people face during this transition.

By connecting support across this period, the project aims to help participants secure stable housing, strengthen community connections, and reduce the risk of homelessness and reoffending. It offers an opportunity to test how a more connected pathway can improve support at a point when people may be particularly vulnerable.

The Foundation will support the evaluation of this initiative to build evidence about what works and its potential to strengthen the region's response. This investment marks the beginning of the pilot; its learning and outcomes will inform what comes next.

The project demonstrates how the Social Innovation Lab can connect research and community expertise with practical investment, giving a new approach the opportunity to be tested.



PHOTO: KANE NUTTALL AND NATHAN JONES FROM THE POWER IN YOU PROJECT WITH GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE'S DAVID SPEAR AND BROOKE HYLAND

OUR IMPACT: SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION NOW HAS TWO OF ITS KEY INITIATIVES CERTIFIED AS SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, DESIGNED TO GENERATE REVENUE WHILE ALSO CREATING A FAIRER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.

THE PADDOCK
COMMUNITY FARM

— by The Give Where You Live Foundation —

The Paddock Community Farm

Growing local food and strengthening food relief.

This year, The Paddock took an important step towards expanding community food production through a new partnership with Feed Me Inc.

The Foundation's seven-acre community farm in Leopold brings together food production, inclusive skills and learning pathways, community connection, social belonging and employment. Growing fresh produce locally enables us to strengthen the region's food relief system, while creating opportunities for people facing barriers to work.

This year, The Paddock Crew transformed 1,600 square metres of land into four productive, irrigated farming beds, creating space for Feed Me Inc to grow fresh, nutritious food for households across the Bellarine and Greater Geelong.

A longstanding community grant partner of the Foundation, Feed Me Inc brings experience in food rescue, meal preparation and community engagement. As our key farming partner, Feed Me Inc will build on this work by growing produce that can be used directly in the meals it distributes, helping respond to increasing demand and uncertainty around food supply.

The partnership aims to produce 4,000 kilograms of fresh produce annually to contribute to 20,000 meals. These goals reflect the potential of local food production to support a more reliable supply of nutritious ingredients for community food relief.

By connecting The Paddock's growing capacity with Feed Me Inc's community reach, we are investing in a stronger local food system—one that brings food production and community support closer together.

Feed Me
Bellarine, Geelong, Surf Coast
no questions no agendas
Rescuing food to feed members of the community for free on the Bellarine
www.feedmebellarine.com.au
REGISTERED CHARITY



PHOTO: FEED ME INC'S LANA PURCELL WITH FEED ME INC VOLUNTEERS

> **This partnership with the Give Where You Live Foundation means every kilo of food we grow is food we can put directly back into our community, supporting families who are already doing it tough**
>
> - Lana Purcell, CEO and Founder, Feed Me Inc



PHOTO: FORD AND THE PADDOCK CREW VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON FEED ME INC GARDEN BEDS

GROW

GROW Program

Building pathways to lasting employment

Through the GROW Program, the Foundation works with employers, government and community partners to grow employment opportunities for people facing barriers to work. By connecting investment in major projects with local skills, training and support, we help build pathways that extend beyond the life of a single project.

In 2025–26, the final evaluation of the Geelong Early Engagement Social Procurement (GEESP) Strategy demonstrated the impact of this approach at the new Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre.

Developed through a partnership between Development Victoria, the Foundation and gforce, with Built joining as principal contractor, GEESP combined paid training and placements with mentoring, practical support and coordinated employment pathways.

Participants continuing in construction were progressing towards their four-year apprenticeships, with ongoing trade school training supporting their qualification pathways.

The impact extended beyond employment. Participants interviewed and surveyed reported greater confidence, practical skills and a clearer sense of their future. Employers also reported increased confidence in supporting people facing barriers to work.

A pathway to a career

For Ali, finding stable employment after finishing school had been difficult. Through GEESP, he accessed a supported pathway into an electrical apprenticeship with Stowe Australia at Nyaal Banyul.

On site, Ali developed practical skills, built relationships with his team and earned enough to purchase his own tools. The experience helped him see a future in the industry.

GEESP's legacy is both the opportunities created for participants and the learning it offers for future projects. The evaluation showed that employment targets work best when supported by early collaboration, paid training, mentoring and connections to ongoing work. Through GROW, we are using these insights to help more local investment create lasting employment opportunities.

> **I really feel like this is a great way to get a good job, a good career, for now and later on.**
>
> - Ali, GEESP Participant



PHOTO: GEESP PARTICIPANT'S AT NYAAL BANYUL GEELONG.

Employment and training outcomes

The final report recorded:

51 **PAID EMPLOYMENT**
outcomes for priority jobseekers.

49,000 **HRS**
of employment were delivered. Exceeding the 45,000 hour target by nine per cent.

34 **PARTICIPANTS**
remained employed following the project.

14 **PARTICIPANTS**
completed the eight-week pre-employment training program, while another five moved into on site employment before completing the program.

13 **PARTICIPANTS**
progressed to other GROW supported projects, including Tarratarra Stadium in Armstrong Creek and the Waurn Ponds Sporting Complex.

OUR IMPACT: FEED GEELONG

THE FOUNDATION HAS INVESTED IN THE FOOD RELIEF SECTOR SINCE OUR INCEPTION IN 1954. FEED GEELONG EXISTS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN THE GEELONG REGION.

FEED GEELONG

Community Choice voucher program: Access to essentials with dignity & choice.

The Foundation's Community Choice voucher program helps people experiencing financial hardship across the Geelong region to access food, prescription medication and essential household items.

Working with local community agencies and participating businesses, the program provides vouchers that allow people to choose the support that best meets their needs. It also reinvests funding into local pharmacies, cafés and food outlets, supporting our regional economy.

In 2025–26, $212,145 worth of food, pharmacy and material aid vouchers were redeemed. This included $148,408 for food and pharmacy purchases and $63,737 for household essentials.

Most food vouchers were redeemed at Geelong Foodshare, helping households access groceries, while other participating food outlets and cafés offered meals and opportunities for social connection. Pharmacy vouchers supported access to medication, and our material aid partner, The JUNK Group, provided furniture and whitegoods, including 85 fridges, 45 washing machines, 12 dryers and 26 microwaves.

Cost-of-living pressures remained a leading reason people sought support. Agencies also reported increased demand from people with disability and people identifying as LGBTQIA+, highlighting the importance of accessible, inclusive assistance.

Beyond meeting immediate needs, Community Choice helps people participate in everyday community life. As one voucher recipient reflected:

"It doesn't make me feel like I'm different. I can sit down, enjoy my meal, and feel part of the community."

OUR IMPACT IN 2025–26:

$212,145
in vouchers redeemed across food, pharmacy and material aid.

6,442
food and pharmacy vouchers accessed by community members.

15,007
people supported, including 8,271 adults, 1,676 young people and 5,060 children

WHO COMMUNITY CHOICE SUPPORTED

62%
of voucher users were female.

66%
sought support due to cost-of-living pressures.

21%
lived in single-person households.

25%
were people with disability.

45%
lived in the priority postcode areas of 3214 or 3219.

OUR IMPACT: FEED GEELONG

Local leaders strengthening Community Choice

In 2025, the Foundation worked with participants in the Committee for Geelong's Leaders for Geelong program to explore how the Community Choice voucher program can strengthen its reach and continue providing dignity and choice to people facing challenges.

Participating for the second consecutive year, the Foundation welcomed fresh perspectives from a team of local leaders focused on the future of our voucher program. Their work provided valuable insights and recommendations to help guide its ongoing development.

The team presented its findings at the Leaders for Geelong Project Presentation Breakfast at Kardinia Park Stadium, alongside four other projects of regional significance.

Their recommendations reflected a shared commitment to ensuring Community Choice continues to offer dignity and meaningful choice to those who need support.

We thank the Committee for Geelong and the project team for bringing their skills, ideas and regional knowledge to this work. Their contribution demonstrates how local leadership and collaboration can help strengthen community support.



PHOTO: LEADERS FOR GEELONG PARTICIPANT GROUP WITH ZAC LEWIS AND SALLY EDGERTON FROM GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE.



THE DIFFERENCE WE'VE MADE:

Making a difference through Community Choice.

For one local mother working towards reunification with her children, putting food on the table had become an ongoing challenge.

With the rising cost of living, she was facing difficult choices between paying rent, buying petrol and purchasing food and essential personal care items.

When she reached out to Whittington Neighbourhood House for support, staff recognised that the groceries available through their food relief program weren't enough to meet her family's needs.

Thanks to the Foundation's Community Choice voucher program, she was able to choose groceries that suited her family's needs, stock her pantry and fridge, and provide healthier lunches for her children.

The support also opened the door to further opportunities, with the mother enrolling in a cooking class to build her confidence and learn how to prepare nutritious meals on a budget.

More than providing food, Community Choice vouchers offer dignity, choice and practical support, helping local people and families navigate challenging times.

OUR IMPACT: FUNDING

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION HAS DISTRIBUTED ALMOST $1.3 MILLION IN FUNDING TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE GEELONG REGION.

Funding

Over the last financial year, the Foundation provided funding to 43 organisations from across the Geelong region totaling almost $1.3 million.

43 COMMUNITY
partner organisations funded across the Geelong Region

$1.3 MILLION
provided in funding to community organisations

Annual Grants

In June 2026, the Foundation allocated $421,250 across 17 organisations through our Annual Grants funding, with a focus on food security and homelessness assistance, supporting individuals and families most affected by the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

This year's funding supported longstanding partners alongside new grant recipients, strengthening access to food relief, healthcare, accommodation and employment opportunities across our region. Recipients included Feed Me, Lazarus Community Centre, The Outpost, Street Side Medics and Whittington Neighbourhood House.

60% of Annual Grant applications sought funding for food security initiatives, while 40% focused on homelessness assistance. These figures highlight the growing need for essential support as the ongoing cost-of-living crisis places pressure on local households and frontline services.



PHOTO: OUR CEO ZAC LEWIS WITH PLATINUM PARTNER BEYOND BANK'S CAM MURNANE AND THE OUTPOSTS AMY HUNTER.

THE OUTPOST

For The Outpost, a $30,000 grant will help sustain its food relief service as demand continues to grow. With a 50% increase in demand over two years, the funding will support nutritious meals and a welcoming place where people can find connection and belonging.

The Outpost isn't just a meal service; it's a lifeline that reaches far beyond the plate. This grant of $30,000 equates to an incredible 9,803 nutritional meals we'll be able to distribute in our community and will provide ongoing comfort and support to those we serve, nurturing connection and providing a hand up when it's needed most.

- Amy Hunter, The Outpost Board Chair

THE OUTPOST

THE DIFFERENCE WE'VE MADE:

Cooking up confidence and connection

In 2025, Cultura received a $15,000 grant from the Foundation to deliver Let Him Cook, bringing men from culturally diverse backgrounds together to cook, share meals and build friendships.

Across more than 20 cooking sessions, 19 men shared over 600 meals and supported more than 80 families. Participants exchanged recipes, developed practical skills and shared their cultures in a welcoming environment where everyone had something to contribute.

For Abdullah, the program became an opportunity to grow in confidence. Initially quiet and waiting for direction, he gradually began sharing recipes, demonstrating cooking techniques and helping others. Over time, he took greater responsibility for preparing meals and contributing to group discussions, recognising that his knowledge and experience were valued.

Through cooking together, participants built connections across language and cultural differences. The impact extended beyond the meals prepared: new friendships, greater confidence and a stronger sense of belonging grew around the table.

> **Before I just come and follow. Now I feel comfortable to show other people and help. I am happy when people enjoy the food we make.**
>
> - Participant, Cultura's Let Him Cook program





PHOTO: PARTICIPANTS FROM CULTURA'S LET HIM COOK PROGRAM.

OUR IMPACT: GRANT FUNDING

Strategic Partnership grants

The Foundation's Strategic Partnership Grants support initiatives aligned with our priority areas that address the underlying causes of inequality. Through multi-year investment in locally led solutions, these grants help drive systemic change and lasting community impact.

In 2026, we invested $215,000 across three strategic partnerships, continuing the second year of our three-year commitments.

These sustained partnerships give organisations greater certainty and flexibility to deliver their strategies, respond to community needs and address the conditions that contribute to inequality.

The Good Neighbourhood Project — $75,000

Supporting locally led community and economic development in Norlane, helping deliver the organisation's strategy and strengthen opportunities for local participation.

Geelong Foodshare — $40,000

Providing core operational funding to support its vital role in the region's food security and emergency food relief system.

Neighbourhood Economics — $100,000

Supporting its strategy to create a fairer economic future and inclusive economic opportunities in communities experiencing entrenched disadvantage.

$215,000
INVESTED through Strategic Partnership grants

3 ORGANISATIONS
FUNDED through Strategic Partnership grants

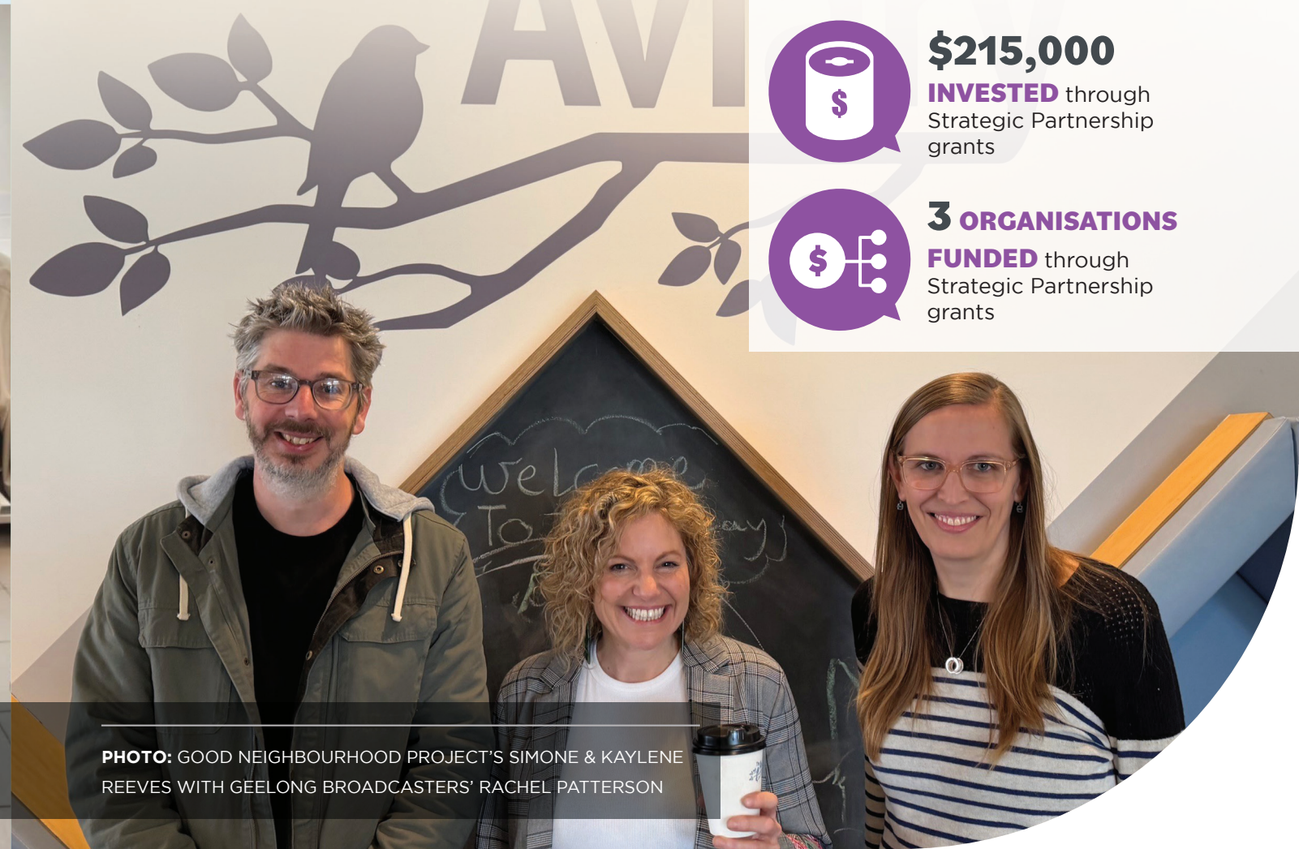

PHOTO: GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT'S SIMONE & KAYLENE REEVES WITH GEELONG BROADCASTERS' RACHEL PATTERSON

THE DIFFERENCE WE'VE MADE:

A postcode should not determine your future

The Foundation's strategic partnership with Neighbourhood Economics reflects our commitment to addressing the systems that hold inequality in place and creating opportunities for more people to share in our region's prosperity.

Our involvement with Neighbourhood Economics began in its infancy through a partnership with The Difference Incubator to help seed the initiative. Building on that early collaboration, we now provide multi-year support through our Strategic Partnership Grants, including $100,000 in 2025–26 to support delivery of Neighbourhood Economics' strategy.

Neighbourhood Economics focuses on communities where economic growth has not translated into shared prosperity. Its work explores how locally led economies can create greater opportunities for participation, ownership and lasting community wellbeing.

Turning local insights into action

This year, Neighbourhood Economics released a new report 'A Postcode, Not a Destiny', bringing together economic analysis, engagement with regional businesses and institutions, and kitchen-table conversations with residents of Norlane and Corio.

The report explores how these neighbourhoods connect with the wider Geelong economy, where value is created and who benefits. It highlights that, despite regional growth, opportunities for local participation remain limited.

Its findings reinforce the importance of looking beyond employment alone to consider who owns businesses and assets, how economic value is shared and whether wealth stays within the communities where it is generated.

The report highlights both the challenges and the opportunities to build a more inclusive local economy, providing an evidence base for approaches that strengthen local enterprise, ownership and community participation. By supporting Neighbourhood Economics, the Foundation is helping create the conditions for a fairer economic future shaped by local strengths and knowledge.



Neighbourhood Economics

> **We want to reimagine local neighbourhood economies where prosperity has not been equally shared. A fair economy isn't impossible, it's overdue.**
>
> - Bill Mithen, Neighbourhood Economics

OUR IMPACT: GRANT FUNDING

Pitch Up Geelong: Connecting our community for change

Pitch Up Geelong is the Foundation's live crowdfunding event, connecting local community partners and donors, while raising awareness of critical issues affecting our region.

It provides an opportunity for organisations to share their stories of impact, build support and raise vital funds, highlighting the power of collective giving and community spirit.

In August 2025, 180 people came together to raise more than $83,000 for three community organisations:

- **Geelong Foodshare — over $24,000** for community-led food education programs that help people grow, choose and prepare healthy, culturally appropriate meals.
- **The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre — over $27,000** for Respect Starts Here, working with sporting clubs to build respectful, inclusive environments and address the underlying drivers of family and sexual violence.
- **CatholicCare Victoria — over $24,000** for Settle Well, helping refugee young people access education and employment pathways through tailored support and community connection.

Donations were matched up to $30,000 through contributions from the Foundation, Anthony Costa Foundation, Town and Country Pizza, and Findex Community Fund. We also thank event partners Evans and Partners and Geelong Regional Libraries for their support.

Through the generosity of everyone involved, Pitch Up Geelong helped these organisations strengthen their work and connect with new supporters.

3
Organisations funded

$83K
invested across these organisations

> **The money that we have raised tonight is fantastic. It gives us more opportunity to support the young people in our program, giving them choice and control over their education and employment opportunities.**
>
> - Sarah Cunningham, CatholicCare



PHOTO: 2025 PITCH UP GEELONG PITCHING ORGANISATIONS WITH TOWN AND COUNTRY CEO JOE ROSSI.
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

THE DIFFERENCE WE'VE MADE:

Building confidence and connection through food

At Pitch Up Geelong 2025, Geelong Foodshare raised more than $24,000 to help establish Cook. Connect. Share., a practical food education program at its Mercer Street Education Kitchen.

The program brings people together to prepare and share meals, building cooking skills, confidence and connections. With funding from the Foundation through Pitch Up Geelong, between May and July 2026, it engaged more than 55 participants, with 20 sessions delivered or booked. Activities were tailored with community agencies to suit each group's needs and cultural backgrounds, supported by eight volunteer chefs.

For a group of newly arrived Afghan men seeking asylum, a session delivered in partnership with Cultura offered an opportunity to develop skills for independent living. For many, it was their first experience preparing meals themselves. Cooking and sharing spaghetti bolognese provided a welcoming introduction to unfamiliar food, healthy eating and affordable meal preparation.

One participant shared:

"It's been very interesting for us to learn these new skills, participate in the kitchen, and learn more about healthy eating and affordable cooking."

By combining practical food skills with opportunities to connect, Geelong Foodshare's Cook. Connect. Share. is helping participants feel more confident preparing nutritious meals and more connected to the people and services around them.



"A very fun experience and good to be around other men going through the same transition.

- Participant, Cook. Connect. Share.

PHOTO: PARTICIPANTS OF COOK. CONNECT. SHARE.



PHOTO: GEELONG FOODSHARE CEO ANDREW SCHAUBLE AT PITCH UP GEELONG 2025
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

IMPACT ENABLERS

OUR IMPACT ENABLERS ENSURE OUR BUSINESS AS USUAL ACTIVITIES REMAIN STRONG AND ALLOW US TO PURSUE OUR STRATEGIC GOALS



PHOTO: FORD VOLUNTEERS AT THE PADDOCK

2025–2026
Fundraising snapshot

THE 2025–2026 FINANCIAL YEAR SAW THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION INVEST $2.2 MILLION BACK INTO THE GEELONG COMMUNITY THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUPPORTERS INCLUDING TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATE PARTNERS, WORKPLACE GIVING, CAMPAIGNS, APPEALS, AND EVENTS.

THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY DRIVES OUR IMPACT

$1.1 MILLION
received from Trusts, Foundations & grants

$527,471 DONATED
by corporate partner organisations

$515,470 RAISED
from fundraising events

$1,057,664 RAISED
from campaigns, appeals & workplace giving

94 PEOPLE
volunteered to support the Foundation

3,282 PEOPLE
attended fundraising & awareness raising events



PHOTO: PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2026 SURF COAST TREK
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

Fundraising & communications

Annual fundraising and events continue to be the lifeblood of the Give Where You Live Foundation's revenue base.

Our fundraising and communications connect community generosity with local action. Through appeals, events and stories of impact, we raise vital funds, build awareness of community needs and bring people together to help create a fairer Geelong.

Give Geelong Appeal

Almost $100,000 raised for our community

The 2026 Give Geelong Appeal brought local businesses, donors and supporters together to help fund our Annual Grants program and the organisations delivering frontline support across our region.

Running from 13–20 March, the Appeal launched with Footy Gear Friday, with workplaces wearing their team colours and donating to support their community. Matched giving partners Hanlon Industries and Virtual IT Group helped amplify this generosity, matching donations up to $15,000.

Close to 250 guests attended the Give Geelong Breakfast, where actor, author and advocate Madeleine West shared powerful insights on honesty, courage and connection. The event was supported by BBC Digital and Australian Skin Face Body.

Together, the Appeal and Breakfast raised almost $100,000. We thank everyone who contributed, alongside media partners K Rock 95.5, Bay 93.9 and Times News Group, for helping share the Appeal's message.

34th e&s Golf Classic

More than $100,000 raised

A sold-out field of 128 golfers representing 32 businesses came together at Curlewis Golf Club on 13 February 2026 for the 34th e&s Golf Classic.

The day combined golf, on-course activities and a fundraising luncheon and auction, demonstrating the generosity of our business community. Funds raised support the Foundation's work in food security, homelessness assistance and inclusive employment.

We thank presenting partner e&s, venue partner Curlewis Golf Club, luncheon sponsor Adroit, prize donors and participating businesses. Congratulations to Novotel Geelong, winners of the Kaye Sinclair Perpetual Trophy.

Over its 34-year history, the Golf Classic has raised more than $2.4 million for our community.



PHOTO: THE TEAM FROM FAGG'S MITRE 10 WITH "THE PRO" AT THE 34TH ANNUAL E&S GOLF CLASSIC WHICH RAISES FUNDS FOR THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION.
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

Conversations That Matter: Homelessness with Nedd Brockmann

Conversations That Matter creates space for our community to explore important issues, hear different perspectives and turn greater understanding into action.

On 27 May 2026, our fifth event brought together community leaders, service providers, advocates and people with lived experience for a conversation about homelessness and housing insecurity. Supported by GMHBA and TAC, the event featured endurance athlete and philanthropist, Nedd Brockmann.

Nedd spoke about the experiences that shaped his advocacy and the importance of acknowledging and connecting with people experiencing homelessness. His message encouraged guests to consider how everyday acts of care, alongside giving and volunteering, can make a difference.

Local voices informing community action

Facilitated by MC Sarah Ashmore, the local panel featured Amy Hunter, Chair of The Outpost; Josephine Taylor, Director of Youth, Housing and South West Services at Meli; and Jessie Moore, an advocate drawing on lived experience to call for greater access to social housing.

Together, they explored rising demand for services, the impact of stigma, opportunities for earlier intervention and the importance of dignity and connection. Their perspectives grounded the discussion in local experiences and highlighted the shared responsibility for responding to homelessness in 1954."

Turning conversation into support

Nedd donated his speaking fee to support homelessness initiatives, enabling the Foundation to provide a $25,000 grant to We Are Mobilise. Working with Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, this funding will help people experiencing homelessness in Geelong enter and remain in housing.

By bringing lived experience, frontline expertise and community generosity together, Conversations That Matter strengthened understanding of homelessness and generated practical support for people in our region.

> **"You can have a really beautiful life if you give. Our time spent here may as well be spent giving.**
>
> — Nedd Brockmann



PHOTO: NEDD BROCKMAN IN CONVERSATION ON HOMELESSNESS AT THE 2026 CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER EVENT.
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

Volunteers

The Give Where You Live Foundation is fortunate to have the support of dedicated volunteers who generously contribute their time, skills and expertise to help create a fairer Geelong community.

From our Board and Grant Review Panellists to our Loaned Executives, corporate volunteers and those who support our fundraising events and activities, our volunteers play an invaluable role in helping us achieve greater impact across our region.

We sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered their time throughout the year.

Community and Business Grant Review Panels

Our Community and Business Grant Review Panels play an important role in supporting the Foundation's grant making process.

Bringing together community members and local business representatives, our volunteer panellists generously contribute their time, knowledge and diverse perspectives to review funding applications and help inform decisions about community investment.

We thank our panellists for their commitment to ensuring our grants respond to local needs and contribute to meaningful, lasting impact across our region.

Corporate Volunteering at The Paddock

Throughout the year, we welcomed teams from a range of local businesses and organisations, including Ford, TAC, WorkSafe, GMHBA and the City of Greater Geelong, to volunteer at The Paddock, our community farm in Leopold.

These corporate volunteering days provided an opportunity for employees to step away from their workplaces, connect with colleagues through team-building activities and give back to their local community.

We thank these organisations and their employees for generously contributing their time and energy to support The Paddock, helping strengthen local food security and create a fairer, more resilient community.

Loaned Executive Program

Our Loaned Executive Program brings together professionals from local businesses and organisations who generously share their time, skills and networks to support the Foundation's fundraising efforts.

Through their involvement, Loaned Executives help strengthen connections across our community, raise awareness of our work and inspire others to give back.

2025 Loaned Executive team

Diana Osmanovic **Adroit**

Aaron Wallace **Air Radiators**

Ethan Vines **Arthur St Digital**

Callum Whitehead **Barwon Water**

Pia Kirkwood **City of Greater Geelong**

Sunny Singh **City of Greater Geelong**

Xanthia Gregory **Coulter Legal**

Kate Rowland **Coulter Legal**

Dan Stone **Faggs Mitre 10**

Andrew Medland **Gallagher**

Wendy Mills **GMHBA**

Conor Reddan **Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority**

Ella Handreck **Harwood Andrews**

Tristan Burke **Harwood Andrews**

Jemimah Fitzgerald **Harwood Andrews**

Saad Almashouq **TAC**

Shannon Beulke **TAC**

Carolyn Tonkin **The Geelong College**

Sandra Garvey **The Gordon**



PHOTO: CITY OF GREATER GEELONG VOLUNTEERS AT THE PADDOCK

Our supporters

Our generous supporters, including individuals, businesses, trusts and foundations, play a vital role in helping the Give Where You Live Foundation create a fairer, more equitable Geelong community.

Through their generosity, commitment and shared belief in our vision, we can respond to immediate community needs while investing in longer-term solutions that create lasting change across our region.



PHOTO: PLATINUM PARTNER BEYOND BANK SUPPORTING THE FEED GEELONG APPEAL.

Platinum Partners

We sincerely thank our Platinum Partners for their ongoing commitment and leadership in supporting the Foundation and our work across the Geelong region.

Beyond Bank AUSTRALIA

FAGG'S MITRE 10 BELMONT TIMBER TradeCentre MITRE 10

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

NOVOTEL GEELONG

Trusts and Foundations

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the trusts and foundations that have contributed to our work throughout 2025–26. Their investment helps us support local organisations, respond to emerging community needs and create opportunities for lasting change.

- Anthony Costa Foundation
- Percy Baxter Charitable Trust
- The Muffin Foundation
- The Oswald Hearne Trust
- Howard Glover Perpetual Trust
- The Roy O and Constance M Young Trusts
- The Shine On Foundation
- Dawn Wade Foundation

This year we are delighted to welcome Novotel Geelong as a Platinum Partner of the Give Where You Live Foundation.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to creating a fairer, more equitable Geelong community and making a positive impact across our region.

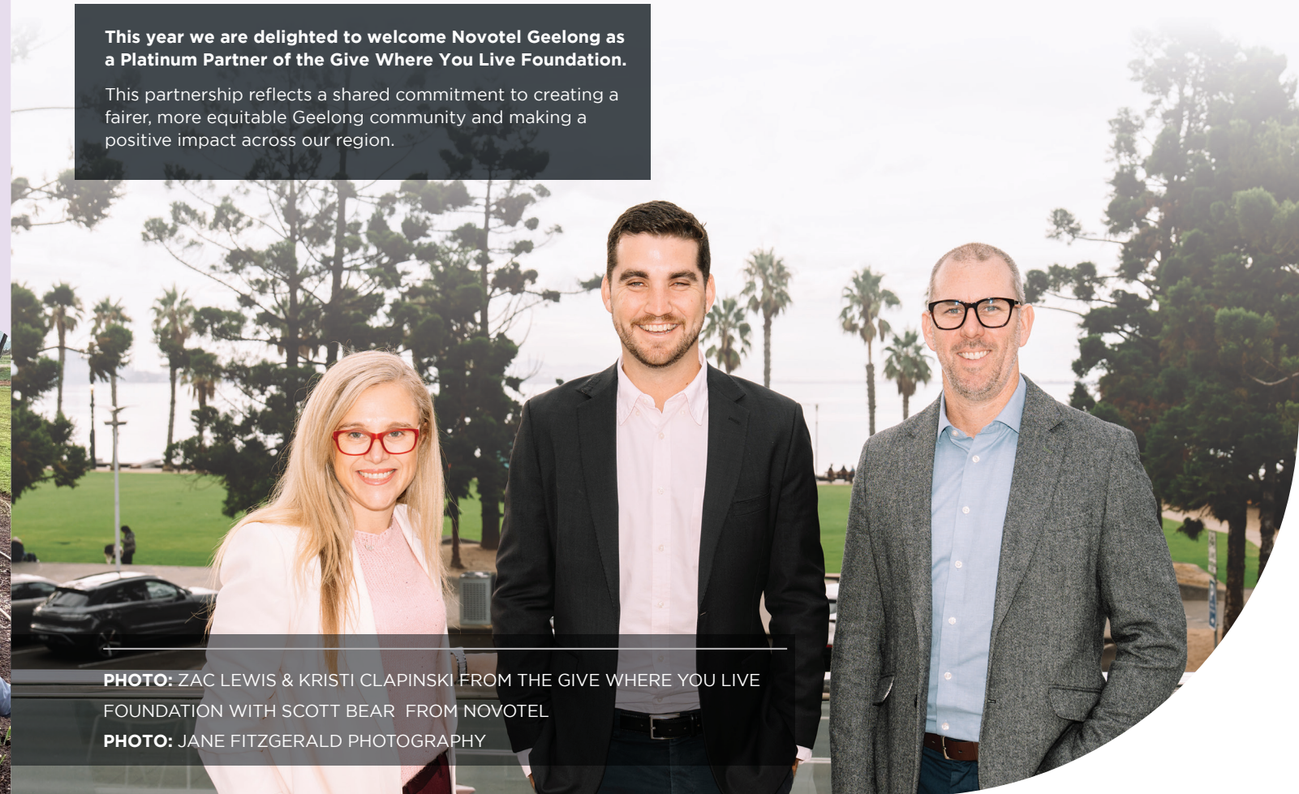

PHOTO: ZAC LEWIS & KRISTI CLAPINSKI FROM THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION WITH SCOTT BEAR FROM NOVOTEL
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

GOVERNANCE

Our Board

Our Board provides strategic leadership and governance, guiding the Give Where You Live Foundation in our commitment to creating a fairer, more equitable Geelong community.

During 2025–26, we welcomed three new Board members: Alice Faulkner and Rosie King in December 2025, and Marsha Uppill in February 2026. We also farewelled Tom Molyneux, who stepped down in December 2025. We thank Tom for his valuable contribution and service to the Foundation.

Board members who served throughout the 2024–2025 year:

Daleene Kroger
Chris Davies
Lesley Lightfoot
Tom Molyneux
Alice Faulkner
Rosie King
Marsha Uppill
Hugo Le Clerc
Claire Faulmann

BOARD MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2025-2026



BOARD MEMBER	Daleene Kroger	Lesley Lightfoot	Chris Davies	Rosie King	Tom Molyneux	Alice Faulkner	Hugo Le Clerc	Claire Faulmann	Marsha Uppill
SEPTEMBER 2025 ORDINARY MEETING	1	-	1		1		1	1	
NOVEMBER 2025 AGM	1	1	1		1		1	1	
DECEMBER 2025 ORDINARY MEETING	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	
FEBRUARY 2026 ORDINARY MEETING	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
APRIL 2026 ORDINARY MEETING	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
JUNE 2026 ORDINARY MEETING	1	1	1	-		-	1	-	-
NUMBER ATTENDED	6	5	5	3	3	3	6	5	2
ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	6	6	6	4	3	4	6	6	3

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT DATES

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	CURRENT POSITION	APPOINTED
Kroger	Daleene	Chairperson	February 2014
Davies	Chris	Treasurer	June 2022
Lightfoot	Lesley	Board Member	February 2022
Le Clerc	Hugo	Board Member	June 2023
Faulmann	Claire	Board Member	June 2023
King	Rosie	Board Member	December 2025
Faulkner	Alice	Board Member	December 2025
Uppill	Marsha	Board Member	February 2026

OPERATIONS

Our Team

Our dedicated team is at the heart of bringing the Give Where You Live Foundation's vision to life. Their passion, expertise and commitment drive the work we do every day, ensuring we remain focused on creating meaningful and lasting change across the Geelong region.

Through their dedication, hard work and collaborative approach, our staff go above and beyond to support our community, strengthen partnerships and work alongside our supporters to create opportunities and address inequity.

Their commitment extends beyond their individual roles, reflecting a shared belief in the power of collective action and a determination to build a fairer, more equitable and inclusive community for all.

We sincerely thank every member of our team for their continued commitment, professionalism and contribution throughout 2025–26. We are incredibly grateful for the role they play in turning our vision into action and helping create a stronger future for the Geelong region.



THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION TEAM WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER NEDD BROCKMANN AT THE 2026 CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER EVENT
PHOTO: JANE FITZGERALD PHOTOGRAPHY

THANK YOU!

Our partners are helping create a fairer community

Community Partners

- 3216 Connect
- Barwon Valley School
- Bellarine Secondary College
- Bull and Owen
- Catholic Care
- Christ Church Community Meals
- Cloverdale Community Centre
- Common Ground Project
- Cultura
- Don't Forget My Pet Foundation
- Drummond Street Services
- Farm My School Ltd
- Feed Me Inc
- Gateways Stronger Communities
- Geelong FoodShare
- GGQ Mental Health and Wellbeing Local
- Headspace
- Hesse Rural Health
- Kids + *(Surf Coast Trek)*
- Killara Foundation
- Lazarus Community Centre Geelong Ltd
- Meli
- Neami National
- Neighborhood Economics
- Noah's Ark
- North Geelong Secondary
- One Voice for Aussie Youth LTD
- Rosewall Community Centre
- Salvation Army Barwon
- Samaritan House Geelong
- The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Street Side Medics
- The Good Neighborhood Project
- The Outpost Inc
- The Power in You Project
- The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre
- Thread Together
- Uniting Vic & Tas Ltd
- Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
- Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative
- We Are Mobilise
- Wellways
- Whittington Neighbourhood House
- Wintringham

Events & Appeal Partners

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OUR PARTNERS

Platinum Partners

Gold Donors

Education Partner

Silver Donors

Sustainability Partner

Bronze Donors

Top 10 Workplace Giving partners

We thank the thousands of individuals from all of the businesses who contribute through our Workplace Giving program each pay.

FINANCIAL REPORTS 2025-2026

THE 2025-26 FINANCIAL REPORT ARE PRESENTED OVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES. THE FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE PERSONAL DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION, INCLUDING THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL WORKPLACE GIVERS AND REGULAR COMMITTED GIVERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED TO ONE OF OUR FOUR APPEALS, HAVE MADE A ONE-OFF DONATION OR HAVE ATTENDED ONE OF OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	NOTE	2026 $	2025 $
REVENUE			
Trusts, foundations & grants		1,160,043	1,101,844
Workplace Giving		328,580	389,473
Corporates		527,471	449,569
Campaigns & appeals		729,084	652,480
Events		515,470	514,706
Government grants		45,020	171,375
Social Enterprise Income		180,468	162,914
Interest & dividends		34,583	72,715
Bequests & other income		12,996	172,056
Net change in fair value of investments		32,250	97,748
TOTAL REVENUE		**3,565,965**	**3,784,880**
EXPENSES			
Community grants		(1,032,957)	(886,252)
Partnership grants		(232,495)	(246,362)
Social Enterprise		(357,227)	(271,758)
Community development & grant making		(549,054)	(794,762)
Total Community Contribution		**(2,171,732)**	**(2,199,134)**
Marketing, Fundraising & Events		(803,301)	(910,193)
Administration		(491,297)	(644,956)
Net change in fair value of land and buildings		-	(317,671)
TOTAL EXPENSES		**(3,466,330)**	**(4,071,954)**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**99,635**	**(287,074)**
Other comprehensive income			
Revaluation of the fair value of Land & Buildings		-	(256,997)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		**99,635**	**(544,071)**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2026

	NOTE	2025 $	2025 $
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	1,097,676	1,184,510
Trade and other receivables	3	99,662	109,733
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**1,197,337**	**1,294,243**
Non-Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	3	20,060	10,970
Financial assets	4	1,058,133	1,112,911
Fixed assets	5	3,887,135	3,943,391
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**4,965,328**	**5,067,272**
TOTAL ASSETS		**6,162,665**	**6,361,515**
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	370,627	531,142
Loan	7	-	6,126
Provisions	8	94,532	141,055
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**465,159**	**678,323**
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loan	7	-	92,585
Provisions	8	24,369	17,108
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**24,369**	**109,693**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**489,528**	**788,016**
NET ASSETS		**5,673,137**	**5,573,499**
EQUITY			
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)		99,635	(287,074)
Retained earnings		5,152,370	5,439,440
Reserves	9		
I Woolnough Fund		212,115	212,115
Deakin Community Child Care Fund		63,714	63,714
Ford Workers Fund		29,307	29,307
Ford Australia Fund		115,997	115,997
TOTAL EQUITY		**5,673,137**	**5,573,499**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 2026

30 June 2026

	NOTE	Retained Earnings $	Asset Revaluation $	I Woolnough Fund $	Deakin Community Child Care Fund $	Ford Workers Fund $	Ford Australia Fund $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2025		5,152,370	-	212,115	63,714	29,307	115,997	**5,573,499**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year adjustment		99,635	-	-	-	-	-	99,635
Revaluation decrement recognised in other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Balance at 30 June 2026		**5,252,005**	**-**	**212,115**	**63,714**	**29,307**	**115,997**	**5,673,137**

30 June 2025

	NOTE	Retained Earnings $	Asset Revaluation $	I Woolnough Fund $	Deakin Community Child Care Fund $	Ford Workers Fund $	Ford Australia Fund $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024		5,439,440	256,997	212,115	63,714	29,307	115,997	**6,177,570**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year adjustment		(287,074)	-	-	-	-	-	(287,074)
Revaluation decrement recognised in other comprehensive income	9	-	**(256,997)**	-	-	-	-	**(256,997)**
Balance at 30 June 2025		**5,152,366**	**-**	**212,115**	**63,714**	**29,307**	**115,997**	**5,573,499**

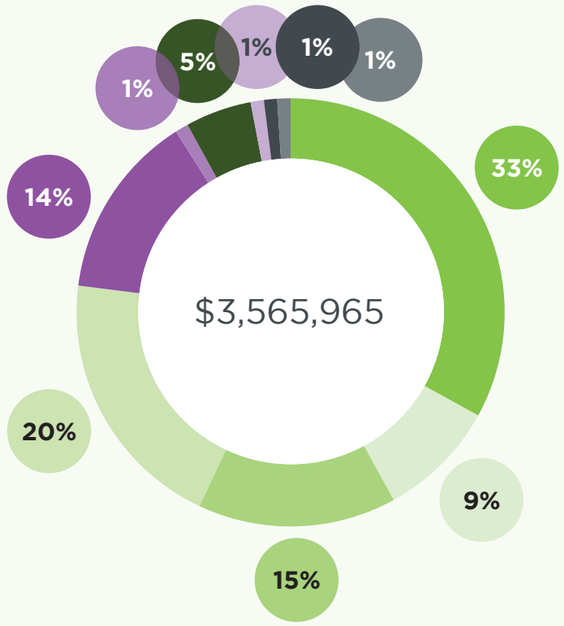
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	NOTE	2026 $	2025 $
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from donors, bequests and other activities		3,422,981	3,448,215
Payments to community partners, employees and suppliers		(3,529,216)	(3,777,448)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	10	**(106,235)**	**(329,233)**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Interest received		13,210	7,380
Dividends received		21,373	3,081
Receipts from investments		87,028	223
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	12,273
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(7,950)
Net cash used by investing activities		**121,611**	**15,007**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Interest Expenses		(3,500)	(11,300)
Payment of loan		(98,711)	(291,867)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		**(102,210)**	**(303,167)**
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(86,834)	(617,393)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,184,510	1,801,903
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	2	**1,097,676**	**1,184,510**

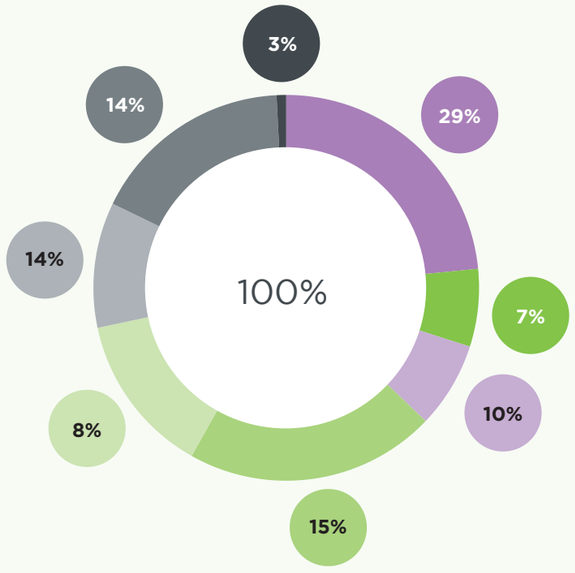
2025-26 TOTAL INCOME

(Including investments)



Trusts, Foundations & Grants	33%
Workplace Giving	9%
Corporates	15%
Campaigns & Appeals	20%
Events	14%
Government Grants	1%
Social Enterprise	5%
Interest & Dividends	1%
Bequests & Other Income	1%
Net Change in fair value of investments	1%
TOTAL	**100%**

2025-26 ALLOCATION OF INCOME



Community Grants	29%
Partnership Grants	7%
Social Enterprise	10%
Community Development & Grant Making	15%
Marketing & Fundraising	8%
Events	14%
Administration	14%
2025-2026 Operating Surplus	3%
TOTAL	**100%**

Notes



PHOTO: KRISTI CLAPINSKI FROM THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE FOUNDATION WITH BARRY FAGG FROM FOUNDATION PLATINUM PARTNER FAGG'S MITRE 10.

Platinum Partners

Beyond Bank Australia

Fagg's Mitre 10 Belmont Timber TradeCentre

Novotel Geelong

City of Greater Geelong

Gold Donors

Barwon Water

Rock 95.5

bay 93.9

Bisinella – the key to your community

Lyons

VIVA Energy Australia

Times News Group

Windows by Geoff Case

TAC

Education Partner

Deakin University

Silver Donors

Virtual IT Group

Geelong Advertiser

Barrier Group – Safety solutions....and so much more!

GeelongPort

Sustainability Partner

scaada – Environmental & Sustainability

Bronze Donors

Hanlon Industries

Coulter Legal

Forms Express

Merv Jennings Signs

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