

**PHILANTHROPY**  
AUSTRALIA

# Inspiring More and Better Giving



# Who we are

Philanthropy Australia is the national peak body for philanthropy.

We serve a community of funders, not-for-profit organisations and intermediaries working to achieve positive social, cultural and environmental change by leveraging their wealth and influence.

Our members include trusts, foundations, organisations, families, individual donors, professional advisers, intermediaries, companies and not-for-profit organisations.

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**Our vision**  
is for a generous and  
inclusive Australia.

**Our purpose**  
is to inspire more and  
better philanthropy.



**Teya Dusseldorp, Dusseldorp Foundation**



Being a member of Philanthropy Australia provides us with vital opportunities to learn from other foundations, share what we are learning through our partnerships with communities around Australia and to collaborate on important national issues. Being a member for us is a commitment to the collective improvement of Australian philanthropic practice”





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## What we offer

Philanthropy Australia members belong to a movement of people and organisations who believe in the importance of giving effectively. We offer a large range of member services to enhance your practice of philanthropy, including:

### Sector Updates

We provide regular updates to members via our weekly e-bulletin, Philanthropy Weekly. Sent every Friday to members, Philanthropy Weekly features the latest sector news, grant rounds, new appointments and job vacancies, research and policy updates, sector events and more.

Philanthropy Australia members can also use Philanthropy Weekly to promote job vacancies as a complimentary service.

### Peer Networks

We bring together like-minded peers from the sector to discuss issues, share information and co-funding opportunities and learn from one another's unique experiences. We have a range of funder peer networks available based on the structure of your organisation as well as your funding areas of interest, including:

- First Nations
- Affordable Housing
- Education
- Arts
- Disability
- Corporate Funders
- Family/Individual Funders

### Professional Development Events

We have an annual calendar of events to support members at all stages of their giving journey. This includes thought-leadership events, introductory and best practice grant-making workshops and our biennial Philanthropy Meets Parliament Summit and flagship Philanthropy Australia Conference.



## Online Member Resource Portal

Our online members portal, the Better Giving Hub, is a digital philanthropic library that includes recorded webinars, research and best practice grant-making templates and resources to support members at all stages of their giving journey.

## Policy and Advocacy

As the peak national body for philanthropy, an important part of our role involves seeking to influence public policy. We work with federal and state governments to grow their understanding of the philanthropic sector and promote the development of effective policy frameworks for philanthropy and charities.



**Stacey Thomas, CEO,  
Wyatt Trust**



The Wyatt Trust has long been a member of Philanthropy Australia and values the ease with which we can bring a large staff and Board group together on emerging issues via PA's events. Participating in the building of a vibrant philanthropic sector, with a strong presence across the country, forms part of the value of membership. This is one of the easiest ways to get involved while also benefitting from the knowledge and leadership of our sector friends and colleagues."

# Our specialised team

Philanthropy Australia boasts a team of subject matter experts who are committed to the organisation's strategic endeavours.

[philanthropy.org.au/our-team](https://philanthropy.org.au/our-team)

## QLD & NT



**Kim Harland**  
Director, National Membership and Engagement

Kim has 20 years' experience in the multi-generational family business and NFP sectors. She is a passionate leader in membership organisations. Her recent experience has focussed on leading teams to successfully grow membership, build corporate alliances, improve brand visibility and deliver engaging content.

Kim has also established two businesses, one that continues as an independent family business advisory firm in Brisbane.

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**Kate Duffy**  
Associate Engagement Manager

Kate is a skilled professional in membership and corporate philanthropy. Her background includes co-leading Deloitte Queensland's foundation. Kate's expertise extends to prestigious membership organizations such as the CFA Institute, Engineers Australia, and the AICD.

Kate excels in project management, strategy development, and communications. Kate is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration, further enhancing her knowledge and capabilities.

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## NSW & ACT



**Rachel Findlay**  
Director, Impact & Engagement

Rachel has been working with funders in Australia and the UK for more than 15 years. Prior to PA, Rachel was a Philanthropic Giving Adviser at Australian Philanthropic Services.

Rachel has worked at Social Ventures Australia (SVA), the Social Impact Hub and headed up New Philanthropy Capital's (NPC) Funder Effectiveness team in the UK. Rachel is a Chartered Accountant (ACA).

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**Bella Conyngham**  
Associate Engagement Manager

Bella is passionate about supporting the philanthropic sector, particularly through harnessing the resources of the next generation and the skills of those in not-for-profits. Bella has experience in partnership building and engagement across the areas of sustainable finance and corporate social responsibility.

Bella is a NEXUS member, Global Shaper with the World Economic Forum and a Shadow Director for the non-profit Endo Articles.

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**Elizabeth Wilson**  
Membership Officer

Elizabeth joined Philanthropy Australia in 2023 after serving in roles for the Australia New Zealand Commerce of Japan (ANZCCJ) in Tokyo, where she engaged with many non-profits working across these two nations.

Elizabeth is thrilled to be contributing to Philanthropy Australia's vision of a more inclusive and generous Australia, through supporting our members.

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## VIC & TAS



**Mary Chackola**  
National Engagement  
Manager

Mary is a passionate marketing and fundraising professional with more than a decade of experience in growth management. She brings with her a wealth of expertise in stakeholder engagement and member experience management

Mary is also a volunteer on the Marketing and Communications Committee for the Melbourne Women's Foundation and is committed to using her skills to grow generosity and inclusiveness in philanthropy.

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**Felicity Dennis**  
Membership Officer

Felicity is a highly skilled administrator who brings with her more than 15 years of experience across the arts, community, private and government sectors. She holds a Master of Arts Management from RMIT (2017) and a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management from ACU (2014).

Felicity is an advocate for social justice and the positive power of the arts and culture on fostering strong, inclusive and vibrant societies.

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## SA



**Sharon McGann**  
National Engagement  
Manager

Before joining PA, Sharon ran a learning & development consultancy with government, corporate and 'for purpose' clients. Sharon also worked with these organisations and foundations in Sydney on collaborative impact projects, as well as running pro bono communities of practice.

Since returning to her hometown of Adelaide, Sharon volunteers and leads local initiatives for the Onkaparinga Food Security Collaborative.

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## WA



**Dylan Smith**  
Director, Engagement

As the founder of the Fremantle Foundation, Dylan is a highly effective collaborator. He has formed strong relationships in the social impact sector with community philanthropy, private philanthropy, non-profit leaders, government officials and elected members.

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**Yean Ng**  
Project Officer

Yean has been in the for-purpose sector for a decade. At Philanthropy Australia, he strives to create an environment where organisations solving local issues access the capital and resources needed for sustainability, resilience, and innovation. Previously as CFO at Dismantle, he helped at-risk youth by building partnerships, fundraising, and raising impact capital.

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our growing community of members  
to gain trusted advice and guidance  
on your philanthropic work.

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