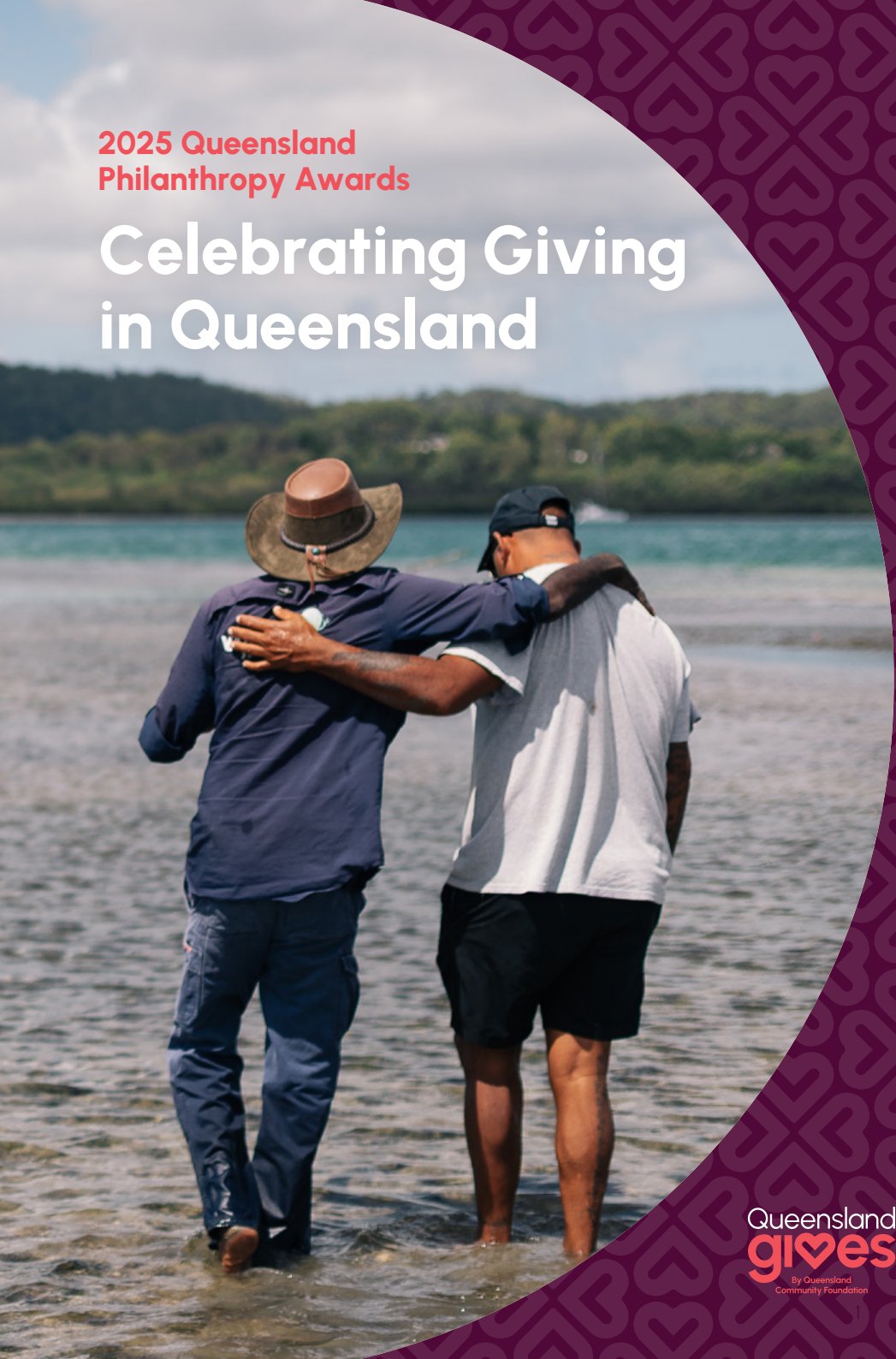
2025 Queensland
Philanthropy Awards

Celebrating Giving in Queensland



Queensland gives
By Queensland Community Foundation

Welcome

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands, waters and sky where we work and live. We pay our respects to their Elders and Ancestors and celebrate this place as the home of the longest continuous cultures on Earth.

We are proud to acknowledge the incredible and inspiring Queenslanders who have been nominated in the 15th year of celebrating Philanthropy in Queensland. 2025 has seen a record number of nominations and we congratulate each one of them on this significant achievement. It is our biggest celebration of giving yet; in terms of number of sell out events and we thank everyone involved in making it such a wonderful week.

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A Hamper with Heart *– This hamper is more than just a beautiful collection of goods—it's a celebration of resilience, hope, and the unwavering spirit of our Australian farmers. Each product inside has been crafted by farming families who have faced some of the toughest conditions nature can throw at them—droughts, floods, biosecurity concerns—and through the support of Farm Angels, they've found strength to keep going. These are real, working farms producing not only food and fibre, but now also remarkable off-farm products that help sustain their livelihoods through challenging times. At Farm Angels, we believe in a hand-up, not a handout. We walk beside our farmers when they need it most, helping them to stay on the land and continue doing what they do best—feeding and clothing every Australian. Because every person, every day, needs a farmer. When you bid on this hamper, you're not just purchasing beautiful items—you're backing the families who put food on our tables, clothes on our backs, and spirit in our communities.*

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2025 Queensland Philanthropy Awards Finalists at a glance

(listed alphabetically)

Community Philanthropist of the Year
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- Ann Smales and Peter Stannard
- Elizabeth Jameson
- James Frizelle

Emerging Philanthropist of the Year
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- Carolyn Vincent
- Jade Nelson
- Dr Joel Dulhunty

SME Philanthropist of the Year
Sponsored by Deloitte

- GG SWF Foundation
- Mental Health Academy
- People in Plastic

Philanthropic Innovation Award
Sponsored by QUT

- Pine Rivers Community Finance
- Ryan Ginard
- Teresa Reed

Corporate Philanthropist of the Year
Sponsored by QIC

- BMD Group
- DISSH
- Epic Hair Designs

Environmental Philanthropist of the Year
Sponsored by Goodman Private Wealth

- Dr Michael Williams
- Robert Porter

Philanthropic Foundation of the Year
Sponsored by Queensland Public Trustee

- Flannery Foundation
- Muslim Charitable Foundation
- Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation

2025 Philanthropy Awards Judges

Andrew Baker	*Managing Partner, Perpetual Private Clients, Perpetual Ltd*
Charlotte Davis	*Executive General Counsel QIC*
James Goodman	*Senior Advisor, Goodman Private Wealth Ltd*
Judith Donovan	*Managing Director, Deloitte*
Lizzie Baldwin	*Communications Manager, Anglo American*
Samay Zhouand	*Public Trustee of Queensland and CEO*
Prof Sandra Harding AO	*Queensland Gives Board of Directors*
Dr Wendy Scaife	*Adjunct Associate Professor, ACPNS QUT*

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Meet Your Speaker

Trent Dalton

Trent Dalton is the internationally bestselling and award-winning author of *Boy Swallows Universe, Lola in the Mirror, All Our Shimmering Skies, and Love Stories*. His debut novel, *Boy Swallows Universe*, became a literary phenomenon, smashing records to become the fastest-selling Australian debut novel of all time. Since its release, Dalton's books have sold over 1.3 million copies in Australia alone, captivating readers with his lyrical storytelling, raw emotion, and vivid depictions of hope amidst adversity.

Boy Swallows Universe has since been adapted into a major Netflix series, which achieved critical acclaim and commercial success. The series swept the 2024 Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, taking home an impressive 12 awards and solidifying Dalton's place as not only a literary force, but also a cultural icon in contemporary Australian storytelling.

@trentdaltonauthor

2025 Philanthropy Awards
Special Guests

Natalie Cook OAM OLY

After capturing the nation's attention by winning gold alongside Kerri Pottharst at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, following their bronze medal performance at Atlanta 1996, Natalie Cook has become one of Australia's most celebrated Olympians. Her success on the sand has translated into a thriving career beyond sport, where she has established herself as a dynamic motivational speaker and founded the Aussie Athlete Fund. **nataliecook.com**

Curtis McGrath OAM PLY

Curtis McGrath OAM served in the Australian Army as a combat engineer for 6 years until he stepped on an improvised explosive device which detonated beneath him taking both his legs. As a distinguished Paralympian Curtis used his sport to recover and demonstrate its ability to bring communities and people together. Curtis is also an Ambassador for the Aussie Athlete Fund. **@curtmcgrath**

Christine Ahern

Christine Ahern is a Walkley award winning journalist with the Nine Network who also happens to be the daughter of our much-loved Founder and Patron The Late Honourable Mike Ahern AO.

She grew up in Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast and attended the University of Queensland in Brisbane.

2025 Finalists

Community Philanthropist of the Year

The Queensland Community Philanthropist of the Year Award recognises an outstanding individual, family or family foundation with a proven record of exceptional financial generosity and volunteer leadership to one or more Queensland based non-profit organisations.

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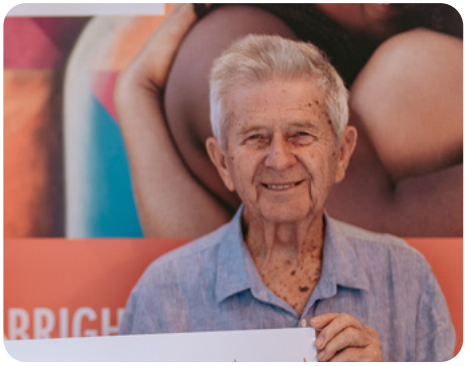

James Frizelle

James Frizelle has demonstrated humble yet powerful philanthropic leadership, which inspires others to become involved. He has created a visible presence in the philanthropic, business and charity sectors, encouraging others to find their passion as a supporter.
James meets with local politicians, including Federal and State members, Ministers and the Queensland Premier, to discuss the urgent needs of our communities. He urges charities to perfect their individual strengths and partner with others who are experts in their field to complement each other.

The transformational philanthropy generously provided by James Frizelle has positively changed the lives of thousands of Queenslanders – and continues to do so. He is a true inspiration, with a driving passion to invest in a better future for others, particularly those who are struggling or have fallen on tough times.

Elizabeth Jameson

Elizabeth's 40 years of giving and volunteering has honoured her belief in taking responsibility as a citizen. Her quiet yet compelling philanthropy and enormous number of volunteer hours has inspired others to join and donate to the charities she supports. Elizabeth believes in the importance of the arts to our culture. She has expanded and increased donations in giving circles and audiences for theatre, visual arts and music, especially in regional Queensland.

Elizabeth joined with senior lawyers to provide pro bono legal advice for artists to sustain an income. As a young lawyer, Elizabeth drew up the ALCQ constitution. This quickly led Elizabeth to see how important governance was. Being asked to Chair so many charitable organisations has been an avenue for her governance leadership with teams of Board members, modelled and adopted by others. Elizabeth has volunteered and shared her professional and governance skills to many charitable organisations. Elizabeth demonstrates her strength in connecting with people and connecting people together comfortably (and shamelessly) to gain their support.

Ann Smales and Peter Stannard

Ann and Peter saw an urgent need for accommodation for families escaping DFV and subsequently commenced planning to build six 3 bedroom townhouses for Transitional Housing for vulnerable families. Using their own land they are building safe, secure accommodation for 92 individuals annually.

Peter and Ann walk the talk. They believe that 'you can't be what you can't see'. Through their educational resources business, Firefly Education, they engage with their business contacts to encourage them to develop their own philanthropy programs. Their workplace culture values philanthropy. Giving back to the community is incorporated into all team events. Their team is involved in each community project to create a greater impact in their lives.

2025 Finalists

Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

The Queensland Emerging Philanthropist of the Year Award recognises an innovative, emerging philanthropist, team of students or giving circle, whose significant early achievements embody the qualities that define philanthropic excellence, including outstanding generosity and creativity.

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Jade Nelson

Jade Nelson founded The Womens Society to combat isolation and loneliness, foster meaningful connections, and empower women across North Queensland.

The Women's Society plays a critical role in addressing the growing mental health challenges faced by women, which in turn has a ripple effect on the well-being of families and the broader community. Mental health is a pressing issue in Australia, with 1 in 6 women experiencing depression and many facing barriers to accessing the support they need. Poor mental health is often linked to broader social issues, including unemployment, homelessness, domestic violence, and substance abuse. The Women's Society directly addresses these challenges by providing safe spaces and programs that support mental well-being, encourage personal growth, and create a sense of belonging.

Dr Joel Dulhunty

Associate Professor Dr Joel Dulhunty is an exemplary leader in healthcare philanthropy – supporting both RBWH and the Redcliffe Hospital *Raise it for Redcliffe* fundraising initiative with the RBWH Foundation. In 2020 Joel was instrumental in establishing *Raise it for Redcliffe*, a fundraising initiative for patient care, staff wellbeing and research at Redcliffe Hospital.

In the lead-up to Redcliffe Hospital Giving Day 2021, Joel rode a 500km penny farthing cycle marathon – and a 2600km bicycle ride from Cairns to Brisbane to raise funds for a senior nurse researcher position. Joel and his penny farthing have since been called on for school visits and fundraising events, where the bike's unconventionality rates highly. Once he has people's attention, Joel also gets at chance to talk about Raise it for Redcliffe, and how the funds are spent, an opportunity that he never fails to seize.

Carolyn Vincent

Since founding the Ubuntu Foundation in 2019, Carolyn Vincent has supported over 30 charities annually including OzHarvest, The Pyjama Foundation and Yalari. With a strong focus on sustainability, education and social justice, Carolyn ensures her support is both relational and impactful. Carolyn's approach to philanthropy includes fundraising, advocacy and storytelling, creating opportunities for connection and empowering communities to take action.

Carolyn Vincent's leadership is grounded in values, vision and connection. Raised in India in a close-knit community, she developed a lifelong commitment to social justice and community support. Carolyn invites others to participate in meaningful change, proving that leadership is not individual heroism but activating collective potential. Her belief that "even the smallest act can affect the whole" guides all her actions. Through Ubuntu, Carolyn uplifts, connects, and inspires — especially women — to step forward, be seen, and lead lives of purpose and impact.

2025 Finalists
SME Philanthropist of the Year

The Small to Medium Enterprise Philanthropist of the Year Award recognises a small business with less than 200 employees whose grass-roots level of charitable support has impacted the local community. The successful nominee will have an established record of philanthropic support in Queensland, with a business focussed on a holistic approach to philanthropy.

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Mental Health Academy

While Mental Health Academy does not operate traditional workplace giving or volunteer programs, its philanthropic impact extends far beyond direct donations. Despite being a small organisation, MHA's contribution to the sector and community is significant. By making world-class mental health education widely accessible, MHA equips professionals with the skills to support those in crisis—creating a ripple effect of positive change.

Through initiatives like the Mental Health Super Summit, MHA provides thousands of professionals with cost-effective, cutting-edge training, ensuring more people receive the care they need. MHA's commitment to social impact is further demonstrated through its ongoing support of suicide prevention and child protection charities, including Act for Kids Helpline and Roses in the Ocean.

People in Plastic

People in Plastic has demonstrated philanthropic leadership and initiative by establishing PIP Theatre as a dedicated space for purpose-driven performances that inspire societal impact. As a charity, PIP Theatre provides a vibrant entertainment hub that supports Queensland's performing arts sector while prioritizing diverse voices, including First Nations people, people with disabilities and the LGBTIQA+ community.

Through 65 productions in 2024, PIP Theatre entertained over 10,000 audience members and provided paid performance opportunities for 233 artists across 46 production groups. Additionally, its strong volunteer engagement—600 hours contributed from February to December 2024, alongside the support of a volunteer Board and Creative Director—exemplifies its commitment to fostering community-driven philanthropy.

GG SWF Foundation

Created in 2013 with a mission to enhance the lives of people with disability or chronic illness and support their carer network; the foundation provides strategic annual gifts aligned with their mission. These include projects such as infrastructure and critical repairs for Link Vision post-natural disasters, significantly enhancing quality of life and independence for visually impaired Queenslanders.

Ongoing specialised educational and therapeutic programs for Autism Queensland, supporting individuals with autism and their families in achieving social and academic milestones. Annual funding supporting Disabled Wintersport Australia providing inclusive winter sports experiences, enhancing physical health, social skills, and confidence for individuals with disabilities.

2025 Finalists

Philanthropy Innovation Award

The Queensland Philanthropy Innovation Award recognises an outstanding Queensland individual, organisation, family or family foundation with a proven record of exceptional innovation within the philanthropy sector.

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Pine Rivers Community Finance

PRCF is primarily a community bank model providing a first class banking experience for customers. However, their profit-with-purpose model is focussed on the sustainability and prosperity of local communities. It isn't just a bank, it's also a hub, creating resilience and sustainability for the community where the bank operates. It's a unique model nationally and globally – a true community enterprise being offered by a financial institution. This is because they commit to distributing up to 100% of their profits back to the community and local community shareholders.

Due to this is model, PRCF Directors take every opportunity to proactively seek out community leaders to understand their needs, so they can respond with financial support that can truly make a difference.

Teresa Reed

Teresa Reed was inspired to create The Forgotten Women when her wife began offering haircuts to the homeless. That altruistic act led to creating a charity dedicated to tackling the fastest growing homeless population in Australia – women over 55.

Teresa's support extends beyond women who are homeless. Teresa and The Forgotten Women also target women who are at risk, providing rental top-ups keeping them in their homes and communities. Many women who Teresa has supported are also unable to publicly share their story due to safety concerns and stigma. Teresa serves as a voice for these women, sharing their stories and raising awareness, often in rooms filled with key decision makers and philanthropists.

Ryan Ginard

Ryan's innovation has transformed how fundraising is understood and practiced in Queensland. Through Fundraise For Australia, he has trained dozens of Queensland-based fundraisers - many from rural, First Nations, or under resourced communities - who are now securing critical funds for housing, health, education, and climate projects. The ripple effect is enormous: stronger fundraisers mean stronger nonprofits, which directly benefits the communities they serve.

Ryan has brought together funders, educators, peak bodies, and community leaders to co-design Fundraise For Australia's fellowship model. His vision of creating a more generous and connected Australia has inspired over 100 early-career fundraisers to participate in the program in less than two years. He has actively built peer learning networks, placed fundraising on the agenda of key sector events, and partnered with regional councils and community foundations to decentralise access to training.

Ryan's approach fosters collective ownership: each participant is encouraged to "pay it forward" by mentoring others and strengthening their own communities.

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Corporate Philanthropist of the Year

The Queensland Corporate Philanthropist of the Year Award recognises a corporation or business (more than 200 employees) that has created a culture of philanthropy with their organisation and has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to philanthropy.

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BMD Group

Aligning directly with BMD's core values, giving back to the community has been ingrained in the company's culture from the day it was founded in 1979.

BMD Founder and Chairman Mick Power AM has personally supported numerous charities and community groups, including the Mater Children's Hospital Research, the Queensland Surf Lifesaving Foundation, Northcliffe Foundation, and the Greg Norman Golf Foundation. Mick's personal involvement and commitment to philanthropy, has seen the business he founded 45 years ago follow the lead; giving back to the community wherever possible and inspiring others to follow suite.

BMD's civil construction work can be disruptive to communities, so the company fostered a culture of giving back, reflected in their support for community events, volunteer programs, and mentoring initiatives.

DISSH

DISSH has shown strong philanthropic leadership by embedding community support into its values and operations. As a female-founded, Queensland-based fashion brand, it focuses on empowering women, supporting vulnerable communities, and addressing inequality - especially locally in its home-state of Queensland.

The organisation builds long-term, strategic partnerships. For example, their ongoing support and long-term commitment to Suited To Success has given the Suited to Success team the confidence to grow in response to the need for our services. DISSH also engages their team in their philanthropic support. For example, their team was invited to donate one additional hour of their time at work - paid directly to Suited To Success. DISSH then doubled their donations.

Epic Hair Designs

Epic Hair Designs has been on a mission since 2008 to support the Queensland community through their financial commitments, sponsorships, volunteer participation and pro bono support.

As one of Queensland's largest salon groups with 16 salons across Brisbane and the Gold Coast, Owner and Director Brendon Mann has grown his team to more than 200 employees and built a culture of philanthropy within his organisation. He encourages all staff to give their time and expertise to support many charities and community organisations.

Brendon openly shares that Epic Hair Designs could not have achieved this impact to date without the incredible support of his partner Brendan Smith who is as equally committed to supporting Queensland charities and actively participates in all Epic Hair Designs' philanthropic activities.

2025 Finalists

Environmental Philanthropist of the Year

The Queensland Environmental Philanthropy Award recognises an outstanding Queensland individual, family or family foundation with a proven record of exceptional environmental philanthropy endeavours.

This award is proudly sponsored by: Goodman private wealth + family office

Queensland Environment Day

The very first **Queensland Environment Day** was yesterday, 5th June 2025, and launched last night at Queensland Museum Kurilpa by Tourism & Environment Minister Andrew Powell. It's the initiative of a group of Queensland environmental not-for-profits and philanthropic foundations, including **Queensland Gives**.

Queensland Environment Day seeks to amplifies the voices of the message of the many passionate people and organisations already doing amazing work to protect and improve nature in the Sunshine State. People and organisations like today's environmental award finalists.

Over the years ahead **Queensland Environment Day** aims to have all Queenslanders take one small step for a better environment, starting in our own backyards.

QUEENSLAND ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 5

Making a difference starts in your own backyard

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@qldenvday

Dr. Michael Williams

Dr Williams' impact can be felt across generations and landscapes. His generosity has safeguarded and protected not only Queensland's rivers, reefs and forests, but also influenced supporting national initiatives that advance environmental justice and climate action.

Michael has worked to address the accelerating threats to Queensland's environment from industrial development, climate change, and biodiversity loss. His unique approach, informed by both his medical career and conservation experience, has centred on connecting ecological integrity with human wellbeing.

Through Australian Conservation Foundation and Mackay Conservation Group, he has supported campaigns that oppose destructive projects and advocates for clean energy, stronger environmental protections, and climate-resilient communities. His support for ACF's national advocacy has enabled legal interventions, research and public awareness campaigns that benefit all Queenslanders. Michael's holistic view and early leadership in linking climate and health has made him a visionary within the movement.

Robert Porter

Since the arrival of Europeans, overfishing and dredging has led to a loss of around 95% of Moreton Bay's oyster reefs. Oyster reefs play a key role in the marine environment, providing food and shelter for fish and other sea life.

They filter water, store carbon and help prevent erosion. Robbie saw the need to help these reefs recover and developed a plan to reuse some of the hundreds of tonnes of oyster shells that go into landfill each year. In 2024/25 the project recycled 226 tonnes of shell. Working with local traditional owners, Robbie created the Robust Oyster Basket (ROB), a triangular basket made of steel mesh. Oyster shells inside the ROBs attract spat (baby oysters) which grow and clump together, forming natural reefs as the wire breaks down, creating the perfect habitat for more oysters and shellfish. University studies show this project to be a global leader in reef restoration.

2025 Finalists

Philanthropic Foundation of the Year

The Queensland Philanthropic Foundation of the Year Award recognises a philanthropic foundation whose grass-roots level of charitable support has impacted the local community.

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The Flannery Foundation

Brian and Peggy established the Flannery Foundation in 2010 with the core purpose being to help the most vulnerable in our community, including those who are experiencing homelessness and women and children who have experienced abuse. Together they wanted to give back to the community and provide organisations with the support, reassurance and stability needed to scale their operations effectively year after year.

Peggy considers her best achievement to date is the purchase of a property where she created a safe haven later to be named Peggy's Place. Peggy's Place is accommodation for women and their children who have escaped domestic abuse. It is a sanctuary for women and children to help them recover from the impacts of family and domestic violence and set to be Qld's biggest domestic violence shelter.

The Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation

Charles Viertel established the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation in his Will with $60 million in 1992.The Foundation was established to benefit organisations or institutions involved in medical research into diseases and the alleviation of hardship of the aged and the sick. Charles also directed that money be given to charities with low administrative expenses- one of these was Queensland Community Foundation.

A conservative estimate of the total funded for Queensland charities since 1993 is over $140 million and counting.

Muslim Charitable Foundation

There are few multicultural foundations that understand the complex needs of multicultural Queenslanders but the Muslim Charitable Foundation does just this providing a robust safety net for vulnerable people who fall through the cracks.

The Muslim Charitable Foundation operates with an all volunteer team leveraging their time and expertise to deliver services efficiently while fostering community involvement. They offer community collaboration, educational initiatives, emergency response efforts and cultural and religious support where it is needed.

2025 Queensland Philanthropy Award Nominees

- Alan and Jenny Tunks
- Andria Wyman-Clarke
- Ann Smales and Peter Stannard
- Attwood Marshall Lawyers
- Australian Senior Snooker Assoc
- Bank of Queensland
- BB Safe
- BMD Group
- Brian Davies
- Brighton Homes
- Carolyn Vincent
- Cath Fry
- Catherine O'Kane, All Hallows'School
- Cherish Women's Cancer Foundation
- Dissh
- Dr Joel Dulhunty
- Dylan Conway
- Elizabeth Benson
- Elizabeth Jameson
- Emily Sullivan
- Epic Hair Designs
- Flannery Foundation
- GG SWF Foundation
- GHD Foundation
- It's a Bloke Thing Foundation
- Jade Nelson
- James Frizelle
- Lewis Land
- LifeFlight Foundation
- Lilly Rider
- LJ Hooker Solutions
- Lorille Cunningham
- McIlwain Family
- Mental Health Academy
- Michael Pugh
- Dr Michael Williams
- Mick McLoughlin
- Muslim Charitable Foundation
- N Badock Foundation
- People in Plastic
- Pine Rivers Community Finance
- Robert Porter
- Ryan Ginard
- Rydges Southbank Brisbane
- Scott Williams AO
- Suncorp Bank
- Sunny Queen Australia
- Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation
- The Forde Foundation
- The Women's College Giving Circle
- Teresa Reed
- Tracy Wood - Brisbane Convoy for Kids
- William Kent
- Winchester Foundation

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, First Nations Students

Celebrating 150 years in 2025, Terrace Family proudly includes students from 23 different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations. The Barrambin Yarning Group, guided by Cultural Mentor Mr Marlon Riley, is the College's cultural and spiritual program for First Nations students. It offers a safe and supportive space for students to connect with their cultural, spiritual and ancestral roots, fostering a sense of identity and brotherhood.

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Please join us at the after party!

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Queensland Philanthropy Awards are a celebration of our state's most generous individuals and organisations.

Continue the celebration, conversation and connections after the 2025 Queensland Philanthropy Awards and join us at Hibiscus Bar & Terrace located at Hyatt Regency Brisbane courtesy of our lovely friends and Supporting Sponsor Australian Ethical Investment.

Australian Ethical Investment believes that the power of money can be harnessed to deliver both competitive returns and positive change for society and the environment. By investing responsibly in well-managed, ethical companies, this is exactly what the organisation aims to achieve. Australian Ethical Investment seeks out positive investments that support people, quality and sustainability, and avoids investments that cause unnecessary harm to people, animals, society and the environment. The more people who invest ethically, the more significant the positive change that can be created. Imagine the impact of all that money invested for good.

We invite you to enjoy a drink on arrival with snacks whilst you celebrate philanthropy and giving in Queensland.

australianethical.com.au

2025 General Fund Grant Recipients

Queensland Gives by Queensland Community Foundation, Capacity Building Grants play a vital role in helping charities strengthen their structures, system and skills to achieve better outcomes. These grants primarily focus on areas such as education and training, volunteer recruitment and retention, information technology support, and planning and governance initiatives, including strategic planning, constitution reviews, and board evaluations.

The 2026 grant round opens in **October 2025** - visit **queenslandgives.org.au/grants**

Organisation name	Project title	Amount
Animal Therapies Ltd (ATL)	ATL new website development to enhance functionality, user experience and build operational capacity development to enhance functionality, user experience and build operational capacity	**$29,000**
Bayside Community Legal Service Inc.	Domestic Violence Legal Support Initiative	**$20,689.42**
Roy and Nola Thompson Charitable Trust (for Buderim Foundation)	Review of Strategy, Marketing, and Website	**$30,000**
Cairns and Far North Environment Centre	Strategic Plan 2025 to 2030 - Stabilising Growth to Lead	**$29,826.50**
Central Highlands Science Centre Inc. (Trading as Outback Exploratorium)	Outback Exploratorium Governance and Strategy Review	**$30,000**
Chance Creators (Seconds Out Round 2 Pty Ltd)	Closing the skills gap	**$15,000**
Coffee Brigade Brisbane	Uplifting systems and processes as we increase our impact	**$30,000**
DV Safe Phone	"Help Us Connect for Change: Empower DV Safe Phone with a CRM"	**$30,000**
Esthers Australia Ltd	Implementing a CRM to Enhance Donor Retention, Streamline Efficiency, and Expand Support for Vulnerable Women & Their Families	**$13,133.92**
Fierce Females Ltd	Fierce Females CRM	**$10,036**
Foodbank Queensland	To Develop an Impact Measurement, Evaluation and Learning Framework	**$30,000**
Ipswich Hospital Foundation	IHF Data Improvement Project	**$30,000**
Ladybird Care Foundation Limited	Skilling and empowering volunteer parent Peer Mentors	**$27,795**
LawRight	Increasing Pro Bono Capacity through Best-Practice Processes	**$30,000**

Liver Foundation	Empowering Liver Health in Queensland	**$27,500**
Murrup (Community Spirit Foundation)	Listening, hearing and adapting: Effective data collection	**$28,309**
Older Women Co-Housing Association Qld Inc	Sharing with Friends Needs Analysis	**$30,000**
Open Haven Ltd	Open Haven – Digital Presence Enhancement	**$22,100**
Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation	Supporter Engagement Platform Transformation	**$30,000**
Rally for a Cause Ltd	Dedicated Rally for a Cause website	**$20,000**
Red Frogs Australia	'The Pond' (Volunteer Management Software) Upgrades and CRM Integration	**$30,000**
Romero Centre	Volunteer and staff training	**$22,500**
Ronald McDonald House Charities SEQ	Embedding Trauma Informed Care	**$15,400**
Roseberry Community Services Ltd	Roseberry Qld	**$30,000**
Spring Lifestyle Supports Ltd	New IT System	**$9,000**
StandbyU Foundation	StandbyU - Strategic Engagement Plan 2025 - 2030	**$20,000**
The Lady Musgrave Trust	Building a Blueprint: The lady Musgrave Trust's path to Impact and Sustainability	**$28,400**
Top Livin	Training of LIVINWell in Schools Program Facilitators	**$15,000**
Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services	Frontier Services Queensland Volunteer Recruitment & Upskilling Program	**$30,000**
Volunteering Queensland Inc	Volunteering & AI	**$30,000**
Walk 'n' Talk Collective Inc.	Strengthening Foundations: Building Capacity for sustainable impact	**$30,000**
Yalari Limited	Website Audit and Accessibility Project	**$29,000**
Yiliyapinya Indigenous Corporation	CRM and Impact Measurement	**$27,632**
Youth Advocacy Centre	Vital capacity and skill building for suicide and self-harm intervention	**$30,000**
Youth Flourish Outdoors Ltd	Digital Strategy & Website	**$21,000**
Youth Insearch Foundation (Aust) Inc	Identifying opportunities for Queensland Grants, Funding and Partnership to sustain support for at risk young people in Queensland.	**$30,000**
	Total Allocation	**$911,321.84**

2025 Finalists

Queensland Gives Photo Challenge

Capture kindness. Capture giving.

The 2025 Queensland Gives Photo Challenge, an annual celebration of generosity and community spirit told through the lens of photographers from across the state. Supported by the Queensland Public Trustee, the challenge asked participants to capture a moment that represents giving, kindness or the power of philanthropy in action. The response was overwhelming, with entries pouring in from across Queensland—each telling a unique and moving story of everyday kindness and community impact.

Celebration through Kindness

Photographer: Jess Garey
Charity: RangeCare

RangeCare has been operating on the Sunshine Coast and Gympie as a not-for-profit since 1986. RangeCare annually provides a Christmas party for Clients which includes transport and no cost. For many of our clients, this is the only Christmas Celebration they participate in. For others, this can often be their only outing for the week or month.

"The event not only provides opportunities for clients to celebrate Christmas and reminisce on traditions but also contributes to their overall mental health and wellbeing through socialisation. Clients always comment on how welcoming our staff are, how great the event is and how appreciative they are," says Jess Garey.

Energy Alchemist

Entered by: Karolina Barac
Charity: Connecting Mothers in Grief

'Together we are stronger'

I am the practitioner in this pic. Karen who I am holding through a kundalini healing experience is a bereaved mother who lost her son to cancer 4 years ago. I do not charge Karen for healing sessions, because I too am a bereaved mother. I lost my daughter in a train accident 3 years ago.

In this pic she was screaming from physical pain to the point her body was convulsing. I know this pain and I hold her through it to let her know 'together we are stronger'. We started the charity Connecting Mothers in Grief Ltd to help other mums like us find love, kindness, understanding and healing within each other's strength and shared stories.

I just wanted to walk in the sand

Photographer: Libby Best
Charity: Wesley Mission Queensland

This image of 94-year-old Doreen captures the beauty of kindness in action. Her radiant smile and joy reflect the impact of a simple wish fulfilled—walking on the beach. Thanks to Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator Libby Best, Doreen experienced a day of laughter, fresh air, and connection. It's a powerful reminder that small, thoughtful gestures can create lasting memories and meaningful joy. Sometimes, all it takes to brighten someone's day is to listen—and act with kindness.

Wigs and Kindness

Entered by: Julie Mullen
Charity: Ipswich Hospital Foundation

The Ipswich Hospital Foundation Wig Lounge offers free, personalized support to West Moreton locals experiencing hair loss due to cancer or medical conditions. In a caring, judgment-free space, guests can try on wigs and turbans, helping restore confidence and connection. Volunteers like Delma share expertise, supported by generous donations that keep this essential service going. Former patient Emma modeled for the relaunch in 2023, highlighting the Lounge's renewed mission to bring comfort, dignity, and community to those facing hair loss.

2025 Photo Challenge Judging Panel

Christine Ahern – *Walkley award winning journalist with the Nine Network*
Melissa Charity – *Customer Advocate, Queensland Public Trustee*
Lady Mayoress Nina Schrinner – *Chair of the Lord Mayors Charitable Trust*
Jane Hedger – *CEO, Volunteering Queensland*
Ben Dobbin – *Radio announcer and TV journalist*

Winning Entry

"The RDA Canteen Queen"

Photographer: Donatta Krause
Charity: Beyond Blue

The wonderful volunteers in the Riding for the Disabled canteen, work tirelessly creating a beautiful morning tea and serving hot drinks to the riders and their carers. The image captures the warm face of our subject in "The Canteen Queen" picture displaying a softness and generous nature with hands softly clasped and a subtle smile. The almost empty plates and the awaiting cups show the limitless energy given by volunteers, as well as the abundant tea and sweets on offer.

Taken at Gympie and District Riding For The Disabled facility on the 26/2/25.

Enter our 2026 Photo Challenge in February next year for your chance to win $500 for yourself and $2000 for your favourite charity

Youth Engagement Workshop

Generously sponsored by Hand Heart Pocket

As part of Queensland Gives' strategy to engage our next generation of philanthropists we are hosting 200+ students at today awards. **Hand Heart Pocket** is an independent charity and philanthropic foundation established by the Freemasons of Queensland with a history of helping the community for more than 115 years. They partner with other charities and philanthropists to create positive change for people in need in Queensland and Papua New Guinea, particularly young people.

This inspiring initiative will bring together 200 school students from across Queensland to participate in a dynamic workshop focused on philanthropy and community impact. Delivered by **Kids in Philanthropy (KiP)**, a leading not-for-profit organisation, the workshop will empower students to become changemakers by deepening their understanding of social issues and the role they can play in creating positive change. At the heart of this initiative is a shared commitment to nurturing the next generation of philanthropists—encouraging young people to see themselves as capable and responsible contributors to a better society. Instilling these values early helps build a culture of generosity, empathy and active citizenship that will last a lifetime.

Supporting the effort, **Stationery Aid** is generously supplying all workshop materials, ensuring each student is equipped to engage fully in the experience.

This powerful collaboration demonstrates the impact that can be achieved when organisations unite around a common goal: to inspire, educate and empower young people to lead with heart and purpose.

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