

About us

For more than a decade, the BHP Foundation has tackled the root causes of complex sustainability challenges relevant to the resources sector.

Created and funded by BHP, this non-profit organization works at both national and global levels to shift the systems that stand in the way of a more equitable and sustainable future for people and planet. Working in trusted partnerships with leading NGOs, think tanks, national and international institutions, the BHP Foundation seeks to drive large-scale, systemic change for impact that endures.

With cumulative investments of more than AUD\$600 million to date, the BHP Foundation continues to focus on advancing equity and self-determination for Indigenous Peoples and preparing children and young people for the economy of the future. Its partnerships are mainly focused in Australia, Canada and Chile.

Global investment

 **AUD\$ 600 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships since FY15

 **AUD\$ 100 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships in FY25

 **40+**
active partner organizations

Australia investment

 **AUD\$ 180 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships since FY15

 **AUD\$ 28 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships in FY25

 **10+**
active partner organizations

Note: Funding from multi-country projects which may have a footprint in Australia (amongst other countries) are not represented in the totals for Australian investment.



Credit: Tjamu Tjamu Aboriginal Corporation and Indigenous Desert Alliance

Partnerships in Australia

BHP Foundation provides large, long-term grants to organizations with the ambition to address the root causes of social issues and shift the underlying structures that prevent equity and sustainability. Its main partnerships in Australia over the 2025 Financial Year include:

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



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reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali

Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in education led by Reconciliation Australia

Commenced: June 2022 **Commitment:** AUD\$9.2 million*
Duration: 5 years **Country:** Australia

Narragunnawali supports schools, early learning services, and other educational institutions in Australia to develop environments that actively engage the hearts and minds of future generations to contribute to the reconciliation process.

Progress to date

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the Narragunnawali program and the 5th Narragunnawali Reconciliation in Education Awards. The Narragunnawali program has supported more than 14,000 or 50% of all Australian schools and early services to champion reconciliation through engaging with the Narragunnawali Reconciliation Action Plan framework. Through the Narragunnawali online platform, educators can access resources to deepen their own practice, while engaging the hearts and minds of future generations to contribute to the reconciliation movement.

** Phase one of this project ran from 2017 to 2022 with an initial AUD\$8.4 million investment.*

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



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aigi.org.au

Supporting self-determined governance for Indigenous development outcomes led by the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute

Commenced: Feb 2023 **Commitment:** AUD\$9.2 million*
Duration: 5 years **Country:** Australia

Building a future Australia where Indigenous Peoples, communities and First Nations can pursue and exercise their right to self-determination and economic development through strong self-governance.

Progress to date

Australian Indigenous Governance Institute (AIGI) is an independent, Indigenous-led centre for governance knowledge and excellence. AIGI connects Indigenous Australians to world-class governance practice, resources and professional development to meet their self-determined governance needs. It provides practical online resources to support Indigenous organizations to strengthen practices in two-way governance that blends Indigenous and Western governance systems so they have both cultural legitimacy and statutory accountability. Nearly 2,500 people have received training of which 975 people have participated in AIGI programs and events in the past year. The organization's Indigenous Governance Toolkit has earned international recognition, recently winning 'Best Achievement by a First Nations Person/Organisation' at the 2025 Australian Not-For-Profit Technology Awards.

** Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2022 with an initial AUD\$6.1 million investment*

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



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reconciliation.org.au/our-work/indigenous-governance/

Indigenous Governance Program led by Reconciliation Australia

Commenced: Feb 2023 **Commitment:** AUD\$3.0 million*
Duration: 5 years **Country:** Australia

Showcasing self-determination and progressing reconciliation by recognizing, supporting and celebrating strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance and self-determination.

Progress to date

A reconciled Australia is underpinned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organizations self-determining their lives and futures. The Indigenous Governance program enhances First Nations leadership and self-determination by supporting community-led organizations through awards, partnerships, and knowledge sharing. It highlights effective Indigenous governance, informs policies and programs, and fosters cross-sector collaborations. Reconciliation Australia established the Indigenous Governance Awards to recognize practices in two-way governance, drawing applications from over 100 Indigenous organizations nationwide and facilitating collaboration between finalist organizations and non-Indigenous organizations with Elevate Reconciliation Action Plans.

** Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2022 with an initial AUD\$3.0 million investment.*



Learn more

indigenousdesertalliance.com/#ida_overview

Keeping the deserts connected led by Indigenous Desert Alliance

Commenced: July 2023
Duration: 5 years

Commitment: AUD\$15.1 million*
Country: Australia

A thriving Indigenous ranger network to protect the natural and cultural values of Australia's desert region now and for generations to come.

Progress to date

As a leading network for Indigenous desert rangers, the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) supports Indigenous-led land management activities which cares for a third of the continent's landmass and facilitates cultural and biodiversity outcomes for the Australian desert and its people. This year the IDA hosted their biennial conference, bringing together the largest gathering of Indigenous rangers in Australia. The IDA also runs initiatives such as the world's largest Indigenous fire management program (by area), engaging 66 ranger teams and expanding capacity building initiatives, including its first women's aerial burning training. It has created Australia's first Indigenous-led recovery plan for a threatened species – the Tjakura / Great Desert Skink – funded by the Australian government. The IDA has also established the Indigenous Desert Alliance Foundation, providing funding for land management priorities and cultural stewardship determined by Indigenous ranger teams. Through connection, domestic and international learning opportunities, and capability support, the IDA is strengthening the Indigenous-led land management sector - essential to a collective future.

** Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2024 with an initial AUD\$20.9 million investment.*



Learn more

csiro.au/STEMTogether

STEM Together led by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Commenced: Apr 2022
Duration: 5 years

Investment: AUD\$10.8 million*
Country: Australia

Working to create a more inclusive STEM ecosystem and workforce, the project helps students from underrepresented groups and supporters build capability, confidence and connection with STEM. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Progress to date

STEM Together continues to strengthen Australia's STEM education ecosystem and build capability at community and nationwide levels. Eight communities have implemented training programs for industry professionals and local organizations to better engage young people in STEM. STEM Together has also provided more than 1,600 opportunities for educators across Australia to upskill through CSIRO-run webinars on topics including neuroscience, responsible innovation, and strength-based learning. The new CSIRO Youth Reference Council, STEM-INSIGHTS Network, and Science Educators Reference Group established channels for gathering insights and collaboration for improved, user-informed education programs and outcomes, given one of the challenges of attracting underrepresented students to STEM is a lack of evidence and collaboration.

** BHP Foundation has partnered with CSIRO since FY15 on multiple other projects totalling -AUD\$36 million.*



Learn more

mentalhealththinktank.org.au

Mentally Healthy Futures led by the Matilda Centre at the University of Sydney

Commenced: May 2023
Duration: 5 years

Investment: AUD\$5.9 million
Country: Australia

Addressing youth mental health in policy and practice through evidence and economic analysis to support attitude and policy change among government, private sector and non-government organizations.

Progress to date

The Matilda Centre continues to advance its mission to improve mental health outcomes for Australians by producing evidence-based policy recommendations and fostering partnerships across sectors. The team made significant contributions to national and state-level policy including submissions to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry on Wellbeing and contributions of critical evidence and advice to the Federal Government's 'Measuring What Matters Framework', advocating for holistic mental health metrics and meaningful consultation. The project also continues to support Australia's Mental Health Think Tank and engage a diverse Youth Mental Health Advisory Team to produce 'The Guidelines for Youth Participation Initiatives to Safeguard Mental Health and Wellbeing'. These guidelines provide valuable insights for organizations seeking to establish youth voice or advisory mechanisms, and ensure they are safe and effective.



Learn more

rightcarefirsttimewhereyoulive.com.au/

Right care, first time, where you live led by the Brain and Mind Centre of the University of Sydney

Commenced: Jan 2021
Duration: 6 years

Commitment: AUD\$14.6 million
Country: Australia

Using the latest advances in systems modeling and simulation to give communities the evidence they need to allocate local resources and funding in youth mental health care.

Progress to date

The project aims to transform how communities support youth mental health. Using an evidence-driven, place-based approach, it brings together systems modelling, lived-experience co-design, and community empowerment to reshape priorities, optimize service planning, and reshape investment priorities so that young people benefit from systems and services designed to meet their needs. Systems models are now live in four of eight local community sites, with three sites in development. Young people are at the heart of this program citing their contributions as empowering, meaningful and a catalyst for real change.

Notes: Project figures denoted by 'Investment' mean a project has been paid in full where as 'Committed' figures mean there are still payments to be made. Project figures represent actual amounts in accordance with their contracted currency of Australian Dollars.

Total figures shown, reported in Australian Dollars, are converted from US Dollars using average annual Foreign Exchange rates. The BHP Foundation has a reporting currency of US Dollars but makes charitable contributions in multiple currencies.

Other support

BHP Foundation sometimes provides small grants, designed to address a moment in time or part of the system that can contribute to greater systemic change. Examples include:

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mathematics Alliance (ATSIMA)

With persistent NAPLAN achievement gaps for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners, this grant supports ATSIMA in its mission to transform mathematics education across Australia. The BHP Foundation's grant will contribute to ATSIMA's high-impact, on-Country conferences in 2025 and 2027, to promote culturally responsive teaching and meeting rising demand from Communities, schools, and educators. Past conferences, attended by over 100 educators and curriculum specialists, have showcased the benefits of teaching Indigenous mathematics in Indigenous languages. The support aims to strengthen ATSIMA's networks within the education sector, foster knowledge-sharing and capability-building to enhance future opportunities for Indigenous learners.



National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)

The BHP Foundation's grant to NACCHO represents a strategic investment in cultivating the future of First Nations health leadership and governance. By supporting the Youth Conference, the grant empowers the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, fostering skills in governance, advocacy, and cultural resilience. This initiative creates a culturally-safe environment for young delegates to connect, share knowledge, and shape innovative solutions for community wellbeing. With NACCHO's national reach—representing 146 ACCHOs and convening around 500 sector leaders annually—this partnership ensures lasting impact by embedding youth voices at the heart of Australia's Aboriginal community-controlled health movement.



Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA)

With 80 per cent of remaining global biodiversity found on Indigenous lands, First Nations land managers and Indigenous-led conservation play a key role in meeting nature and climate targets. The Australian Land Conservation Alliance recognizes the critical role of First Nations leadership and knowledge, and the deep connection to Country and enduring stewardship of First Nations peoples. BHP Foundation's grant enables ALCA to develop its Indigenous access and engagement capability, and to help embed and elevate First Nations knowledge, experience and leadership across the conservation sector.