

About us

The BHP Foundation works to address the root causes of systemic sustainability challenges relevant to the resources industry. As a charitable organization solely funded by BHP since 2014, the BHP Foundation has committed US\$422 million in grants, donations and sponsorships since its inception.

The BHP Foundation works in partnership with innovative NGOs, think tanks, and national and international institutions to find solutions and set new standards for the future. The BHP Foundation mainly focuses investment in Australia, Canada and Chile in areas supporting Indigenous Peoples, education, governance and the environment.



Credit: Goldfields Aboriginal Corporation Rangers & Indigenous Desert Alliance

Global investment

US\$ 358 million paid in grants, donations and sponsorships

Since FY2015

US\$ 64 million further funding committed

Beyond FY2024

FY 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

US\$ 55.5 million paid in grants, donations and sponsorships

43 partner organizations

44 projects in execution

9 sponsorships

Investment in Australia

In FY 2024

paid in grants, donations and sponsorships

partner organizations

projects in execution

sponsorships

Australia **US\$ 10.9 million**

6

9

4

Since FY 2015

paid in grants, donations and sponsorships

US\$ 111.7 million

These figures do not include funding from multi-country projects which have a footprint in Australia and other countries.

Main projects in Australia active in FY 2024

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



Learn more

www.reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali

Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in education led by Reconciliation Australia

Commenced: June 2022 Commitment: US\$6 million*
Duration: 5 years

Supporting schools and early learning services to teach about and take action towards reconciliation between non-First Nations Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Progress to date

The project has supported more than 12,000 or 44 per cent of all Australian schools and early services to champion reconciliation through engaging with the Narragunnawali Reconciliation Action Plan framework. Through this work, teachers and educators are able to access resources to deepen their own practice, while engaging the hearts and minds of future generations to contribute to the reconciliation movement. The biennial Narragunnawali Awards are a celebration of the strengthening movement of reconciliation in education around Australia.

* Phase one of this project ran from 2017 to 2022 with an initial US\$6.1 million investment.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



Learn more

www.aigi.org.au

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

Commenced: Feb 2023 Commitment: US\$6 million*
Duration: 5 years

Building a future Australia where Indigenous Peoples, communities and nations can pursue and exercise their right to self-determination and economic development through strong self-governance. Australian Indigenous Governance Institute (AIGI) is connecting Indigenous Australians to world-class governance practice, resources and professional development to meet their self-determined governance needs.

Progress to date

AIGI continues to walk alongside Indigenous groups around Australia to strengthen two-way governance with almost 1,500 individuals receiving AIGI training. The online Indigenous Governance Toolkit now has 100,000 users from Australia and internationally and is cited as "unique and unmatched".

* Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2022 with an initial US\$4.4 million investment.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



Learn more

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

Indigenous Governance led by Reconciliation Australia

Commenced: Feb 2023 Commitment: US\$2 million*
Duration: 5 years

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

Progress to date

Reconciliation Australia (RA) enhances two-way governance in First Nations organizations by facilitating ways to share knowledge and promote best practice, supporting their contribution to policies and programs affecting them and enabling collaboration between Indigenous Governance Awards finalist organizations and non-Indigenous organizations with Elevate Reconciliation Action Plans. As part of this work, RA developed the Indigenous Governance Awards which are the first of its kind to recognize best practice in two-way governance. The awards have grown to attract applications from more than 100 Indigenous organizations around Australia.

* Phase one of this project ran from 2018 to 2022 with an initial US\$2.2 million investment.



[Learn more](#)
www.csiro.au/STEMTogether

STEM Together led by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Commenced: Apr 2022 **Commitment:** US\$7.2 million
Duration: 5 years

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

91 per cent of 'Young Future Shapers' reported an increased awareness of STEM study and career options, while 90 per cent increased their transferable STEM skills. An initiative to train industry and community organizations to engage local students in STEM learning is set to strengthen the ecosystem. The design of a data analytics program to highlight barriers and enablers of STEM engagement is underway.



[Learn more](#)
www.rightcarefirsttimewhereyoulive.com.au/

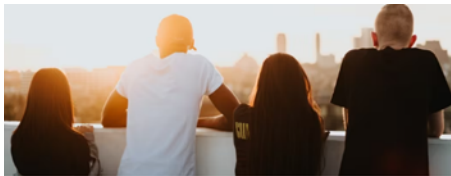
Right care, first time, where you live led by the Brain and Mind Centre of the University of Sydney

Commenced: Jan 2021 **Commitment:** US\$8.8 million
Duration: 6 years

Establishing a novel, place-based youth mental health decision-making model to provide the right care, first time, to get young people back to school, back to work, and thriving in their communities.

Progress to date

To improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people, this project builds community capacity to use systems modelling and simulation for effective decision making. It coordinates mental health care delivery, enables more effective advocacy for better investment in mental health and creates a sustainable, integrated system for monitoring and evaluation. Data models have been rolled out to three of eight local community sites, with another two sites in development. Youth contributors cite their participation as a critical channel to strengthen their agency and mental health.



[Learn more](#)
www.mentalhealththinktank.org.au

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

Commenced: May 2023 **Commitment:** US\$3.7 million
Duration: 5 years

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's impactful submission to the Measuring What Matters Framework consultation resulted in material changes to the national framework and subsequently opened quarterly dialogue with Federal Treasury to influence implementation of Australia's first wellbeing framework. The project's analysis of international leading practice will inform future economic modelling and policy advice. It will also publish new guidelines on youth participation in mental health which will be shared with key actors including government.



www.earlyyearsatalyst.org.au

Early Years Catalyst led by Social Ventures Australia

Commenced: Mar 2021 **Investment:** US\$0.9 million
Duration: 3 years

A national collaboration convening the Early Years sector to map the system and co-create a vision and action plan to improve early childhood development outcomes for children experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability.

Progress to date

Early Years Catalyst mapped the early childhood development system with over 300 people across the sector, nationally, to identify a desired state including key areas for change. A first of its kind in Australia, the outputs have been influential with several philanthropies using the findings to frame their strategy. There is broad alignment between the critical focus areas for change identified by the Early Years Catalyst and the framing of the Federal Government's Early Years Strategy.



Credit: Kayshun Murray

10 Deserts Project led by Indigenous Desert Alliance

Commenced: Jan 2018 **Investment:** US\$14.9 million
Duration: 6 years

Building the largest Indigenous-led connected conservation network on Earth to keep Australia's outback healthy for the benefit of future generations.

Progress to date

Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) has made a pivotal shift in desert land management and Indigenous-led environmental stewardship. The Indigenous-led member-based organization supports desert ranger teams with connection and capacity across more than one-third of the Australian continent. The BHP Foundation's commitment stands as the single largest private investment in the sector, enabling the IDA to work with more than 60 Indigenous ranger groups in these desert areas, to coordinate integrated land management activities to look after country and deliver a range of economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes. It is a model for ground-up initiatives driven by Indigenous priorities and is proof of the power of centering Indigenous voices in environmental management, which will shape future collaboration across the desert.

Learn more

www.indigenoussdesertalliance.com/10-deserts-project



Keeping the deserts connected led by Indigenous Desert Alliance

Commenced: July 2023 **Commitment:** US\$9.4 million
Duration: 5 years

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

Progress to date

As the peak network for Indigenous rangers, the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) supports Indigenous-led land management activities which facilitates cultural and biodiversity outcomes for the Australian desert and its people. The IDA runs the world's largest Indigenous fire management program (by area), engaging 32 ranger teams in the Right Way Desert Fire program. It has created the first Indigenous-led species recovery plan for the 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.

Learn more

www.indigenoussdesertalliance.com/#ida_overview

Sponsorships

Governance



National Integrity Summit

Australia's leading anti-corruption and integrity experts came together to discuss some of the most significant challenges facing Australia today and the opportunities that exist to work together for change. Transparency International's National Integrity Summit featured conversations on topics such as combatting financial crime, business integrity in the energy transition and government accountability.

Environment

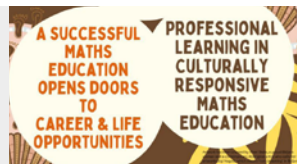


Photo: Ngurra Rangers

Private Land Conservation conference

Since 2019, this sponsorship has enabled the Australian Land Conservation Alliance to realize its strategy to support a more inclusive, beneficial, culturally safe, and accessible experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates and presenters to participate and share knowledge at the Private Land Conservation conference. The conference brings together a program highlighting the diverse people, places and practices that contribute to the conservation of lands and waters.

Education



ATSIMA 2023 conference

Sponsorship of an on-Country Aboriginal mathematics conference attended by over 100 educators and curriculum specialists to showcase the benefits of teaching Indigenous mathematics in connection to Yolngu culture and language in Yirrkala, North East Arnhem Land. Held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mathematic Alliance.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



2023 NACCHO youth conference

Sponsorship of the 2023 NACCHO youth conference, held alongside the national conference, enabling emerging leaders to build governance and advocacy capability and have their voices heard at the national level.

Global projects with a footprint in Australia

While the following projects benefit Australia and other countries, they are not included in the totals provided under investments in Australia.

Environment



Credit: Sam Lawrence

Learn more
www.barrierreef.org/what-we-do/projects/resilient-reefs

Resilient Reefs Initiative era 1 led by Great Barrier Reef Foundation

Commenced: Mar 2018 **Investment:** US\$10.4 million
Duration: 6 years **Countries:** Australia, Belize, New Caledonia, Palau

Enhancing the resilience of the world's most treasured coral reef sites and the communities that depend on them to adapt to climate change and local threats.

Progress to date

The first phase of the Resilient Reefs Initiative co-designed and is delivering 33 resilience projects, at least half of which were designed and delivered with Indigenous Peoples and front-line communities across four bioregions (Belize, New Caledonia, Ningaloo and Palau). The project funded, connected and built capacity for more than 75 local delivery partners and four new reef resilience strategies were co-designed and released with government and community partners. As a result, these sites have a better understanding of their climate threats and opportunities, a pipeline of projects and clear plan of action for mitigating risk and building resilience, an engaged community to sustain this work, and greater government capacity to develop partnerships with global funders and innovators.

Environment



Credit: Chris Eason

Enabling policies for high integrity nature markets led by Conservation International

Commenced: June 2024 **Investment:** US\$0.2 million
Duration: 1 year **Countries:** Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Philippines

Understanding the enabling policies at a national level to unlock just and fair nature markets for governments interested in creating positive incentives for nature through market mechanisms.

Progress to date

A guide is being developed with insights from a literature review of lessons learned from other nature markets and targeted interviews with government representatives across Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Philippines. Feedback on the guide will be sought from interested governments at COP16, and further collaboration opportunities explored.

Environment



Credit: Matthew Newton

Indigenous Peoples and local communities nature credit incubator led by Pollination Foundation

Commenced: Apr 2024 **Investment:** US\$0.5 million
Duration: 2 years **Countries:** Australia, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia

Ensuring finance flows to Indigenous Peoples and local communities –those best placed to lead the protection, regeneration and stewardship of nature– by aligning goals and aspirations to funders and exploring nature credit market opportunities.

Progress to date

This small project aims to support four organizations led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities to participate alongside several enabling organizations to align and explore nature markets and create a pipeline of nature market projects led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Education



Learn more
www.mylearningpathway.org/en/about

Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning Programme led by UN Women

Commenced: June 2018 **Investment:** US\$28 million
Duration: 6.5 years **Countries:** Australia, Cameroon, Chile, India, Jordan, Mexico

Providing marginalized women access to quality learning, entrepreneurship and employment outcomes through second-chance education and vocational learning.

Progress to date

UN Women established more than 90 learning hubs, enrolling more than 77,000 women across six countries. To date, 72 per cent women who enrolled have graduated and of these, 36,373 women (65 per cent) now earn an income due to their participation. An outcomes-based funding mechanism is being developed in Mexico to support the sustainability of the project using local philanthropy and government funding.

Note: The BHP Foundation makes charitable payments in US Dollars and other currencies. Figures in this report include foreign currency commitments translated to US Dollars, our reporting currency, using BHP forward planning rates. Total committed amounts per project may vary year-to-year based on the exchange rate at the time of payments, and any variation in forward planning rates. However the underlying commitment in local currency remains the same.