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# ANNUAL REPORT



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MAZDA FOUNDATION





## INTRODUCTION

The Mazda Foundation, founded in 1990 is the principal vehicle by which Mazda Australia and its Dealer network can thank and give back to the broader Australian community, which over many years has supported our commercial endeavours. Since its inception, the Mazda Foundation has gifted over \$17,608,268 to projects and activities, including those described within. Apart from special fundraising functions, the Mazda Foundation is supported by generous contributions from Mazda Australia as well as Mazda Dealers and various employee and public donations.



## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure, in my capacity as Chairman of the Mazda Foundation Board, to present the Foundation's 31st report to the community. I would like to express my gratitude, and that of the Board, for our fundraising activities which continue to be well supported. Also, on behalf of the Mazda Foundation Directors, we wish to personally acknowledge our many contributors particularly supporters within the wider Mazda family including our Mazda Dealers, our suppliers and Mazda Australia employees. Once again, we are indebted to your enthusiasm, goodwill and support and we are pleased to report that in the 12 months to 30 June 2023, the Mazda Foundation attained a surplus from fundraising of \$1,595,429.

The Mazda Foundation continues to expand its role in the funding of worthy and socially relevant causes with a total of \$1,764,359 gifted to 22 applicants in the 12 months to 30 June 2023. They are outlined in this report.

Until 31st March 2024, the Mazda Foundation has defined two priority areas of focus:

- **Community based organisation with projects supporting primary producers facing hardship**
- **Programs addressing literacy and numeracy issues amongst primary school aged children, especially remedial programs for children from disadvantaged areas.**

The work of the Foundation in assessing applications is equally as demanding as the organisation required for our fundraising activities. And here we are particularly fortunate to retain Directors who give freely of their time and expertise in this challenging and time-consuming task.

On behalf of the Mazda Foundation, I sincerely thank my fellow Directors for their wisdom, insight and balance that they bring to this process which ensures that the funds entrusted to the Mazda Foundation are deployed responsibly and effectively.

The increasing demand from the community for support and access to the benefits that flow from the Foundation's gifts is sufficient incentive each year to renew our commitment to continue the work of the Foundation. The success of our fundraising activities and generous support of our contributors gives added impetus and we look forward with optimism to a further year of robust fundraising and a deserving list of new projects to consider and support.

Applicants wishing to make contact with the Mazda Foundation should visit our website ([www.mazdafoundation.org.au](http://www.mazdafoundation.org.au)) and follow the instructions contained therein.

Once again, on behalf of the Mazda Foundation, thank you for your generous support over the last year and trust we have earned your continuing support in the years to come.



Vinesh Bhindi  
Chairperson





## GRANTS PAID: JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023

<b>Agbiz Assist Ltd Year 2 of 2</b> Funding for a wellbeing officer for one year	\$130,000
<b>Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation Ltd</b> Funding for medical research, specifically our Incubator Grant scheme to fund Dr Julia Pagan's research into mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome project	\$25,000
<b>Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation</b> Funding for the Men's program, Women's program and Mental Health First Aid Training	\$43,637
<b>Community Spirit Foundation</b> Funding for Starting Block program	\$68,000
<b>Drought Angels</b> Funding for Angel on the Road rural support worker	\$91,184
<b>Edmund Rice Community Services Ltd</b> Funding for Learning Support Hub program	\$85,400
<b>Fareshare</b> Funding for rebuild and extension of the Abbotsford Kitchen	\$400,000
<b>Frankston Special Development School</b> Funding for Essential Assessment Numeracy program	\$1,760
<b>Greater Shepparton Foundation Year 1 of 3</b> Funding for the OLI program	\$30,000
<b>Hackham West Community Centre Inc</b> Funding for Books for OSHC Children program	\$339
<b>Hotham Mission</b> Funding for the Grade 1-2 Homework Club	\$9,091
<b>Kids are Kids! Therapy and Education Centre Inc</b> Funding for bringing quality evidence-based therapy to target the foundations of literacy to vulnerable and disadvantaged children project	\$49,070
<b>Library for All</b> Funding for Our Yarning project	\$72,727
<b>Marathon Health</b> Funding for the Mirror on Reading program	\$34,242
<b>New England Family Support Service Inc (Formerly Armidale Family Support Service Inc) Year 1 of 2</b> Funding for Rural Recovery project	\$105,644
<b>Outback Futures Limited</b> Funding for Psychology & Counselling Services	\$59,091
<b>Reading Out Of Poverty</b> Funding for Literacy Recovery project	\$100,000
<b>Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld Section) Limited</b> Funding for RFDS Dental Service program	\$154,674
<b>Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation</b> Funding for the Wizzybug Program	\$49,500
<b>The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation Year 1 of 2</b> Funding for the Follow the Dream 2023/24 program	\$135,000
<b>Unitingcare Community (trading as Lifeline in Queensland)</b> Funding for Farmer to Lifeline Farmer program	\$50,000
<b>University of South Australia</b> Funding for developing new detection tools and targeted treatments that will be specifically tailored to deactivating the protein accelerates the spread of melanoma	\$70,000



## FURTHER INFORMATION

Substantial contributions to the Mazda Foundation have been made by Mazda Motor Corporation, Japan and Mazda Australia. Further contributions continue to be made by Mazda Australia, the Mazda Dealer Network, Mazda staff and the public. Donations, which are tax deductible, are also invited from individuals and organisations sharing the philosophy of the Mazda Foundation. The Mazda Foundation has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Mazda Foundation'.

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Further information on the work of the Mazda Foundation and grant application guidelines can be obtained at: [www.mazdafoundation.org.au](http://www.mazdafoundation.org.au)

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