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ANNUAL REPORT

A photograph of a man and two young children in a pastoral setting. The man, wearing a cowboy hat and a plaid shirt, is kneeling on the grass, looking towards a field of cows. A young girl in overalls points towards the animals, while a younger child stands beside her. The background features rolling hills, trees, and a fence under a cloudy sky.

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MAZDA FOUNDATION





INTRODUCTION

The Mazda Foundation, founded in 1990 is the principle 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 \$19,411,952 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 32nd 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 2024, the Mazda Foundation attained a further surplus from fundraising of \$297,643.

The Mazda Foundation continues to expand its role in the funding of worthy and socially relevant causes with a total of \$1,803,685 gifted to 30 applicants in the 12 months to 30 June 2024. A number of these are outlined in this report.

Until 31st March 2025, 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) 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 2023 – JUNE 2024

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| 100 Story Building Funding for the Story Hubs | \$30,150 |
| Active Farmers Funding for the Group Fitness programs | \$60,000 |
| Ardoch Limited Funding for the Literacy Buddies program | \$33,750 |
| Banksia Gardens Community Services Funding for the After-School Program in Broadmeadows | \$20,000 |
| Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation Funding for the Men's and Women's Health programs | \$31,100 |
| Greater Shepparton Foundation Funding for the OLI program (Year 2 of 2) | \$30,000 |
| Hear and Say Funding for the Hear and Say Outreach Program | \$50,000 |
| Kids' Own Publishing Funding for the Bookmaking workshops | \$62,500 |
| Koordak Aboriginal Corporation Funding for the After School program | \$20,000 |
| Launch Housing Funding for the Education Pathways Program (EPP) | \$50,000 |
| Library For All Funding for Our Yarning program | \$80,000 |
| New England Family Support Service Inc (Formerly Armidale Family Support Service Inc) Funding for Rural Recovery project (Year 2 of 3) | \$110,000 |
| Outback Futures Funding for additional psychologist services withing current service structures | \$60,000 |
| Raising Literacy Australia Funding for the Building Home Libraries | \$95,455 |
| Royal Far West Funding for a Child Psychologist for the remainder of FY24 | \$99,750 |
| Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland section) Funding for the RFDS Mobile Dental Service | \$230,657 |
| Rural Business Support Funding for a Business Financial Counsellor Services to Central Australia | \$118,400 |
| Speld Queensland Funding for the Speld Psychoeducational Assessment | \$50,000 |
| Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation Funding for the Back on Track program | \$53,413 |
| Sydney Writers' Festival Funding for Russ the Story Bus | \$30,000 |
| Teach Learn Grow Funding for the Rural Tutoring program | \$20,000 |
| The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Funding for the After School Tutoring program | \$15,000 |
| The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF) Funding for the EL&L program | \$46,500 |
| The Footpath Library Funding for disadvantaged children to have access free, quality books and supplies program | \$10,000 |
| The Girls & Boys Brigade Funding for the Children's Homework program | \$22,010 |
| The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation Funding for the Follow the Dream 2023/24 program (Year 2 of 2) | \$135,000 |
| The School Volunteer Program T/A EdConnect Australia Funding for the EdConnect program | \$60,000 |
| Variety - The Children's Charity Of Victoria Funding for the SHINE program | \$65,000 |
| Westwords Funding for the 12-week Remedial Creative Writing program | \$20,000 |
| World Literacy Foundation (WLF) Funding for the Literacy Learning Packs to Indigenous children in Cairns | \$95,000 |



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'.

Further information on the work of the Mazda Foundation and grant application guidelines can be obtained at: www.mazdafoundation.org.au

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