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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 \$21,296,804 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 33rd 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 2025, the Mazda Foundation attained a surplus from fundraising of \$1,251,900.

The Mazda Foundation continues to expand its role in the funding of worthy and socially relevant causes with a total of \$1,884,852 was gifted to 25 applicants in the 12 months to 30 June 2025. A number of these are outlined in this report.

Until 31st March 2026, the Mazda Foundation has defined two priority areas of focus:

- **Community based organisations with projects to strengthen and build resilience in primary producer communities**
- **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: JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025

Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Funding for the Aspire program	\$20,000
Australian Schools Plus Funding for Projects addressing critical learning gaps	\$100,000
Banksia Gardens Community Services Funding for the Level Up program	\$50,000
Centre for Eye Research – Dr Lewis Fry Funding for research in developing a dual-targeting gene therapy to protect the optic nerve in glaucoma	\$150,000
Cool Australia Limited Funding for the Building Bright Beginnings project	\$65,000
Fairfield Community Resource Centre Funding for the Homework Club (HC) program	\$64,076
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Funding for the 2025 Disaster Recovery Appeal	\$100,000
Good360 Australia Funding to provide non-food materials to organisations supporting primary producers	\$50,000
Greater Shepparton Foundation Funding for the OLI program (Year 3 of 3)	\$30,000
Hotham Mission Funding for Homework Club program	\$10,000
Learning Links Funding for Reading for Life and Counting for Life programs	\$98,900
Learning Links Funding for remedial literacy and numeracy support for Aboriginal children in Liverpool, Western Sydney	\$68,640
Lifeline Central West Ltd Funding for establishing three Rural LLCW Growth Rooms	\$45,000
Marathon Health Funding for Mirror on Reading program	\$22,110
New England Family Support Service Funding for ASPIRE New England initiative (Year 2 of 2)	\$110,000
Outback Futures Funding for speech pathologist support for primary aged children in remote areas in QLD	\$52,440
Outback Futures Funding for the Gather the Girls program	\$65,000
Royal Far West Funding for provide 222 Psychologist sessions for children within farming families across NSW	\$99,750
Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland section) Funding for Mobile dental service to central west and north west Queensland communities	\$209,011
Rural Business Support Service (RBS) Funding for Business Financial Counselling program	\$142,375
Soils for Life Funding for supporting farmers in severely drought affected regions in SA	\$114,850
The Footpath Library Funding for the TFL program providing access quality books and supplies to assist with literacy development	\$30,000
The Girls & Boys Brigade Funding for the Homework program	\$20,000
The Shepherd Centre – For Deaf Children Funding for Literacy Group Program 8-12 in Tasmania with hearing loss	\$50,000
Uniting Care Queensland – Trading as Lifeline In Queensland Funding for Farmer to Lifeline Farmer support	\$50,000
Wesley Mission Funding for Resilience Building workshops	\$47,700
Westwords Funding for the 12-week Remedial Creative Writing program	\$20,000



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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