

what we do



Identify community priorities, projects, challenges and opportunities



Harness community goodwill and resources, leverage donations and investment



Link to local community organisations with capacity to deliver change



Invest in local projects, initiatives and organisations through grants and other support



Connect local community organisations with resources, donors and networks that can support project development and success



Create partnerships to strengthen community leadership and capacity across North East Victoria

Grants

We provide funding to the community. Our funds are invested in perpetuity and allow for grant making to the community for charitable activities and projects now, and for future generations.

Community partnerships

We encourage non-profits, community groups and organisations to partner with us to explore how philanthropy can strengthen your activities and the North East community. We are interested in projects that inspire and motivate our community to give and we can assist you to raise and build funds or to engage with funders to support your work.

A place to give to your community

Do you already contribute to charity? Do you want to have impact locally in your giving? Are you interested in bigger projects with wider impact? Are you thinking about leaving a large gift or bequest and want to ensure it remains locally in our community? Whatever your interest, we are a place where individuals, families, businesses and groups can donate funds and know that money will be used locally to benefit the community.

A place to practice philanthropy at the local level

Are you in position to give or bestow large amounts? Are you interested in philanthropy but want a role in how your donations are used locally? The Community Foundation is a place where individuals, families, businesses and groups can open personal giving accounts and have a say about how those funds are distributed to local charitable projects. We can support you to engage with causes and organisations that need your support and assist you to achieve the greatest impact with your giving.

A means for community fundraising and asset building

We are committed to the long term future and opportunities for the communities of North East Victoria. The Foundation offers a structure that supports significant asset and endowment building for long term visionary projects with wide community benefit.



Our story

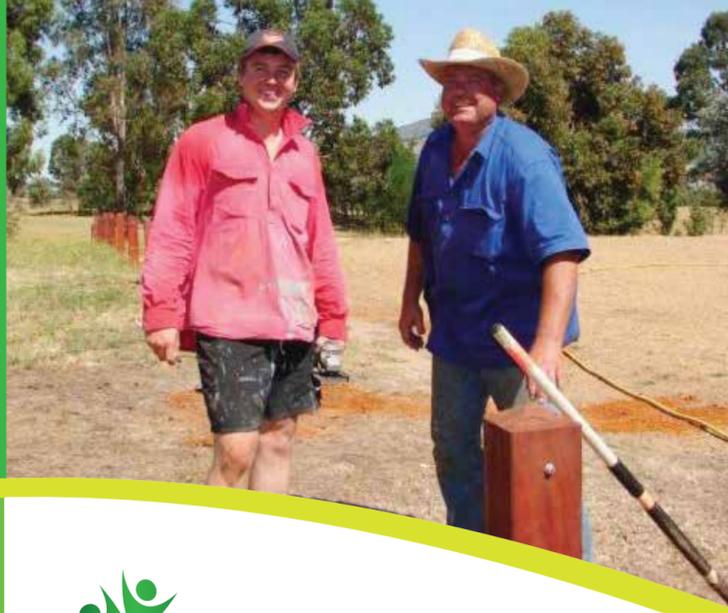
Into Our Hands Community Foundation was formed in 2012 to continue the community recovery process after Australia's worst natural disaster, the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires.

The Beechworth–Mudgegonga Fire Complex burnt 33,577 hectares in north east Victoria, impacting on people, their families, homes, infrastructure, the natural environment and farming land. Into Our Hands Community Foundation was formed by the community and entrusted with \$1million from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund to assist with recovery in the region over 10 years by investing the funds back into the community.

Into Our Hands Community Foundation provides benefits to north east Victoria across the communities of Alpine, Indigo and Wangaratta Shires, making grants and undertaking community leadership and partnership activities.

Since 2012, we have provided grants and support to over 100 community and non-profit organisations in the North East via an annual grant program that supports community recovery, develops strength and builds resilience.

Building on the strength of the Foundation's work, we have now commenced engagement across the region to build a public endowment fund and encourage a culture of philanthropy to support our community with long term priorities. Through fundraising and profile building, Into Our Hands Community Foundation aims to build a sustainable and valuable fund that will benefit our community into the future.



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Into Our Hands Community Foundation invests in the ideas, people and skills that are making a difference in north east Victoria because we care about the future of our region.

COMMUNITIES GIVING TO CREATE, CONNECT AND STRENGTHEN

How you can help us

Support us and discover community philanthropy and the rewards of giving locally!

1. Charitable gifts & living legacies

Large or small, your gift can make a difference and contribute to a strong and vibrant community. Donations stay 100% local and support charitable projects and organisations across the North East.

➤ **A living legacy gift** can boost our capacity to meet current community needs and assist us to build a strong and healthy endowment that can sustain our regional strengthening activities for the long term. Giving a large living legacy gift involves giving a portion of your wealth to the Foundation during your lifetime. The Into Our Hands Foundation encourages everyone in the region to make donations to help meet the needs of our community; now and in the future.

See the impact of your donations now and witness the progress of grants and initiatives we support in the community.

Experience the rewards and impact of giving when you become part of a community of donors committed to seeing North East Victoria thrive.

2. Named Sub-Fund

Give to the local causes that matter to you! Named sub-funds are an easy and simple way to manage your giving to multiple causes and organisations that are important to you.

This option gives donors a say over how the funds are used to benefit our community and allows donors to be acknowledged or remain anonymous in their giving.

➤ **Named sub-funds** operate as a management account and allow you to track donations and gifts. You can choose to establish a sub-fund in any of the trust funds managed by Into Our Hands Community Foundation. We offer tax deductible and non-tax deductible options and donations can be made at any time by one individual or multiple people.

Named sub-funds are inexpensive to establish and are ideal for families, individuals, groups and businesses that want personal involvement in their giving.



3. Corporate giving funds

A Corporate giving fund can add value to your corporate social responsibility program and can give your staff, stakeholders and customers the chance to feel good by doing good. Your business can work with us to support our community giving goals and priorities.

"TAFCO partners with the Foundation as a way for our members to give back locally. The grants and support of projects align with the interests of TAFCO, our members and customers, many whom are farmers or people in the agricultural industry. Into Our Hands has supported local weather stations, fire brigades, community events and facilities; all important resources for our community and valuable assets to our members." **TAFCO President, Allan McGuffie**

4. Community partnership funds

A community partnership fund is a secure place for donor gifts, including bequests and can assist your organisation to build funds for the future.

We are committed to supporting local non-profits, community organisations and initiatives that may benefit from fundraising and philanthropic activities to strengthen their activities.

➤ **Community Partnerships Funds** provide a structure for sustainability and independent fundraising. Being removed from your organisation's balance sheet means funds are invested and build over time, for future use, rather than being absorbed into recurrent expenditure. This fund option has no establishment cost and low fees. We manage the administrative and reporting requirements associated with the fund meaning you are free to focus on your core business.



➤ **Corporate giving funds** are low cost, tax deductible, effective structures for companies and businesses to achieve their charitable and community giving objectives. We also support workplace and matched giving programs to double the impact of your giving. Your business can contribute to our public fund by making regular annual donations or you can become a corporate sponsor of the Foundation. More and more businesses are supporting causes they care about by establishing their own charitable Corporate giving fund.

Establish a corporate giving fund and add value to your company's reputation and brand while supporting local charitable causes.

"Our Fund with Into Our Hands has enabled us to access philanthropic and grant money for our projects that we would otherwise not be eligible to receive. The Foundation can offer us tax deductibility for local fundraising and tax exemption for grants and allows us to manage grant money or large gifts separately from day to day finances. Not only this, but the Partnership linked us with other funders and project supporters at the national and state level."

Matthew Charles-Jones: Totally Renewable Yackandandah Community Partnership Fund, established 2018

5. Bequests

A bequest is a powerful way to provide a lasting legacy for our community. A legacy gift allows for ongoing support to causes and community projects that can extend the impact of your giving beyond your lifetime.

If you want to leave a lasting and meaningful legacy in your community, a bequest to Into Our Hands Foundation can be structured to honour your wishes and will be administered to ensure long term benefits for the community.

➤ **A bequest is the gift** of an asset provided as part of a Will, intestacy or settlement. Bequests may be for a particular asset, amount or percentage of an estate.

Bequests can operate in a number of ways. You may wish to state your areas of interest, organisations you love or charitable causes that matter to you and provide for these in the region over the long term. Other more general bequests allow you to invest in the Foundation and its activities to ensure it can continue to support community priorities and needs into the future.

Give a gift that grows to allow for more giving in the future

Making a difference in our community



Investing in local leadership

Funding for scholarship places in the Alpine Valley's Community Leadership Program (AVCLP), a prestigious and unique program that enhances the leadership capacity in North East Victoria and Border Region. Community and non profit leaders gain access to significant leadership development opportunities that drive positive impact in the workplace and community.



Supporting our kids to be resilient and strong

Supporting Alpine Health, local playgroups, schools and children services to provide quality care programs and education to develop children's resilience and potential. Grants have included funding to support youth mental health and providing education material support to vulnerable families.



Supporting women and community wellbeing

Assistance for the Women's Wellness Network and local Country Women's Associations to maintain community connections. Supporting women across the region to share and discuss experiences, health, bushfire and community issues and presentations from leading speakers on health and wellbeing.



Reliable energy sources for firefighters

Support for Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) and the CFA in development of a pilot project to install battery technology at the Yackandandah Fire Station. The reliable energy source from the battery will increase the effectiveness of communication and response times in a disaster.



Revitalising regional assets for community use

Support for Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE) to commence planning for the redevelopment of the Old Beechworth Gaol. The grant allowed ACRE to plan, engage and work with the community to make a case for further investment in this wonderful site and it's potential for our region.



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