



THE
IRELAND
FUNDS
AUSTRALIA

Directors Report

JUNE 2024

Delivering for Ireland

We are a dynamic philanthropy organisation dedicated to fostering positive change and creating lasting impact across the Island of Ireland and Irish communities around the globe. Founded by the late AJF O'Reilly and Dan Rooney almost 50 years ago and what a legacy these men have left with the Ireland Funds now active in 12 countries across the Globe and having donated over US\$600 Mil and supported more than 3,200 projects of Education, Community Development, Peace and Reconciliation and Arts and Culture across the whole Island of Ireland and Irish causes around the world. We salute and remember these two outstanding individuals.



Impact where it is needed most

We are very proud to share with you the impact of your generosity in the financial year to June 2024 enabling us to provide \$384,000 support of 13 projects 10 in Ireland and 3 here in Australia. Maximum impact is what we strive to achieve in allocating these funds. These are very uncertain times that we live in and we are proud to offer some certainty to organisations we support through this grant round, details of which you will see in the following pages. We launched our Women in Leadership and Philanthropy series this year with great success and friendships being made, the proceeds of which will support promising young women in disadvantaged circumstances with Life changing Scholarships and we look forward to reporting on the impact of this initiative. We celebrate the work of the outstanding organisations we support and you our donors and supporters and our amazing voluntary Board and Young Leader Committee, none of this work would exist without you.



THANK YOU!

Kind regards,

Teresa Keating
Executive Director,
The Ireland Funds Australia

Yvonne Le Bas
Chair,
The Ireland Funds Australia



Projects Supported 2023 – 2024

Community Development / Education in Ireland



- 174 Trust Northern Ireland
- Community Action Network
- Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship
- Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
- Trinity Access Program
- TCD Library
- TSJCI
- Inner City Enterprise
- Limerick Learning Hub
- No Mind Left Behind

Community Development Australia



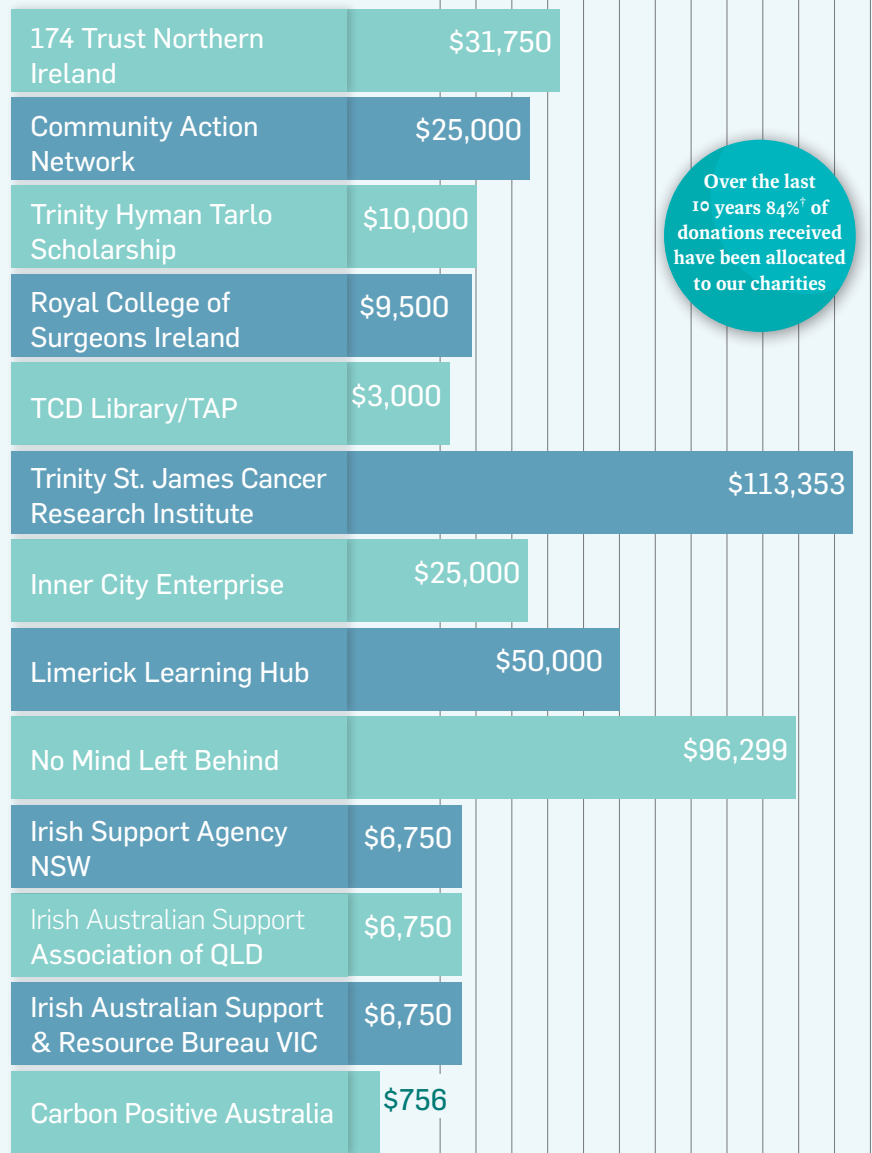
- Irish Support Agency NSW
- Irish Australian Support Association of QLD
- Irish Australian Support & Resource Bureau VIC
- Carbon Postitive Australia

Total Donations 2023 – 2024

\$384,908

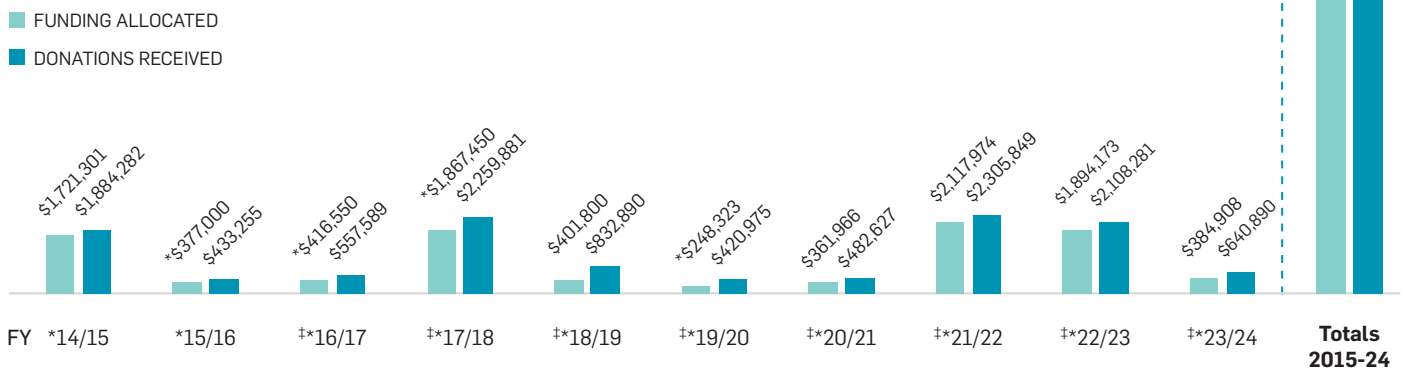
Grants

\$20K \$40K \$60K \$80K \$100K \$120K



Over the last 10 years 84%[†] of donations received have been allocated to our charities

IFA donations received vs funding allocated June 14/15 to June 23/24



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of The Australian Ireland Fund Limited.

† Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

Audited by KPMG

Snapshot of Activities

2023 – 2024



Young Leader Corporate Breakfast

July 2023 Networking for Good: the power of professional and community connection. Panel - Irish Consul General Rosie Keane, David Eccles Co Founder WNOW, Niamh Cunningham, Head of Protective Security Canva.



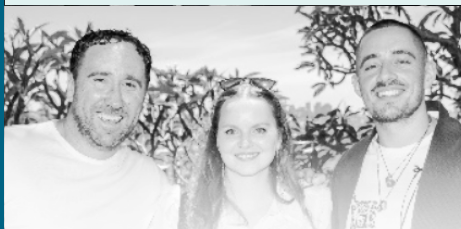
Global 5K, September 2023

250 Runners from around Australia
\$18,640 Raised



Women in Leadership & Philanthropy October 2023

Hosted by Lion to enjoy an engaging and informative conversation led by the wonderful Helen Waldron of AI Group with the inspiring Sarah O'Carroll, Editor in Chief at Forbes Australia captivating a full house of over 70 guests.



Sydney Garden Party November 2023

At Beautiful "Fairwater" attended by 477 guests and \$204,353 raised.

Guests enjoyed an exclusive performance by Irish born Platinum selling global artist Dermot Kennedy, a huge highlight on the day!



Young Leader Kick off Drinks, Sydney Opera House

Hosted by the Sydney Opera Bar, we enjoyed our Young Leaders Kick Off drinks with sweeping views of the iconic Sydney harbour on Thursday 29th February 2024. Over 100 guests attended.



Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Lunch Feb 2024

Panel Fiona Bones, VP International Controller, Google, Niamh Corcoran, Head of Procurement Performance BH, Moderator Sarah O'Carroll, Editor in Chief Forbes Australia, in partnership with the Irish Consulate and Enterprise Ireland. Attended by 200 Guests with \$20,949 raised.



Evening with Paul Lynch, Booker Prize Winner, May 2024

Presented by the Ireland Funds in partnership with University NSW, Host The Irish Consulate.



Young Leaders Corporate Breakfast, May 2024

Hosted by Clyde & Co We were thrilled to see 80 passionate young professionals come together to hear from panellists Ray Wilson, Founding Director of Plenary Group and Shauna Keogh, Founder of the Empire Agency, exploring the theme "Playbook for Success: Strategies for Winning in Entrepreneurship and the Business of Sport".



COMMUNITY CONNECT: SYDNEY'S IRISH COMMUNITY

Young Leader Community Connections June 2024

In partnership with the Irish Consulate to support young new arrivals into Australia and introduce new social, professional and support networks. The goal of reaching further afield and bringing more people together was definitely achieved. Better Together!

Sponsorships

St Patrick's Day Parade

The Ireland Funds Australia sponsored the St Patrick's Day Parade citizenship ceremonies with nearly 100 conferees on Sunday 17th March 2024. The ceremonies were followed by a parade down Pitt Street to Circular Quay in Sydney. We were thrilled to have our Young Leaders Chair and Vice Chair both attend and speak at the event.



Irish Film Festival

Supporting the Irish Film Festival again this year and helping it to go National bringing art and culture to the Irish and wider community in Australia.





Young Leaders

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting the next generation of leaders. Their mission is to attract professionals aged 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change. Our Young Leader Committee is a National Committee, holding events in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

How you can support The Ireland Funds Australia and our Projects:

Giving Programmes

Supporters can help us to further our vital work by joining one of our Giving Programmes. You can make a one off, or annual, tax-deductible contribution to become a member of:

GIVING PROGRAMME	ANNUAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION
The Platinum Programme	\$25,000
The Governor Programme	\$15,000
The Associate Programme	\$5,000
The Benefactor Programme	\$1,000

Donor Advised Grants

Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend projects they are passionate about and wish to support. This is a wonderful way for The Fund to work with donors to make a difference and to, where possible, ultimately match them with specific projects.

Corporate

BECOME A PARTNER SPONSOR

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Ireland Funds Australia by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period**. This would allow us meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

EVENT SPONSOR

We are very lucky to have many companies donate items to us for our Live and Silent Auctions at our 3 major fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane throughout the year. We also welcome support for our Young Leader activities. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

Become a Young Leader

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme. In Australia we attract professionals aged 25–40 in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change. Membership costs \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax-deductible.

Other ways

If you have a particular skill and some time you can donate to us, we would love to talk to you. If you like what we do please promote the work of The Ireland Funds Australia to your friends and colleagues.

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Through
Philanthropy

