



THE  
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AUSTRALIA

# Directors Report

JUNE 2025

## Delivering for Ireland

Delivering for Ireland has always been at the heart of The Ireland Funds Australia. We are a dynamic philanthropic community dedicated to driving positive change and lasting impact across the island of Ireland and in Irish communities worldwide.

Our mission is clear: to connect people who care with causes that matter — supporting education, culture, community development, and peace. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors, we are able to power initiatives that foster growth, spark innovation, and deliver real social transformation. Your support is the lifeblood of our work, enabling us to fund our annual June grant rounds and invest in projects that matter.

### Impact where it is needed most

Maximum impact is always our goal. In this Directors Report, we are proud to share how your generosity has made a difference in FY2025. In a world facing rising costs and global uncertainty, we are proud to bring some stability and hope to the organisations we support. What you'll see in these pages are not just numbers, but stories of innovation, resilience, and compassion. Behind every grant is a leader, a community, and a future being strengthened by your belief in our mission. To our donors, our supporters, our incredible voluntary board and our Young Leaders — thank you. None of this would exist without you.

Kind regards,

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Executive Director,  
The Ireland Funds Australia

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Chair,  
The Ireland Funds Australia



# Projects Supported

## 2024 – 2025

### Community Development / Education in Ireland

- Phoenix Education Centre East Belfast
- Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship
- Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
- TCD Library
- Trinity Access Program
- Limerick Learning Hub
- 174 Trust Northern Ireland
- No Mind Left Behind
- Inner City Enterprise
- Belvedere Youth Club
- TSJCI
- UCD Wong Scholarship

### Community Development / Education Australia

- Irish Support Agency NSW
- Irish Australian Support Association of QLD
- Irish Australian Support & Resource Bureau VIC
- Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

# Total Donations

## 2024 – 2025

Grants	\$558,708
Phoenix Education Centre East Belfast	\$10,000
Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship	\$10,000
Royal College of Surgeons Ireland	\$21,330
TCD Library / TAP	\$3,000
Limerick Learning Hub	\$50,000
174 Trust Northern Ireland	\$25,000
No Mind Left Behind	\$87,378
Inner City Enterprise	\$55,000
Belvedere Youth Club	\$5,280
TSJCI	\$230,000
UCD Wong Scholarship	\$25,000
Irish Support Agencies NSW, QLD & VIC	\$16,720
AIEF	\$20,000

# Stories of Impact



## No Mind Left Behind

No Mind Left Behind, created by The Ireland Funds, helps young people achieve their dream of a college education. Each scholarship eases the burden of books, accommodation, and essential expenses—giving students the chance to thrive.

“Going to college has always been my dream, but without this scholarship it wouldn't have been possible. It has given me hope—and the certainty that I can finish college.”

**Nicole**  
1st Year Business Studies & Polish

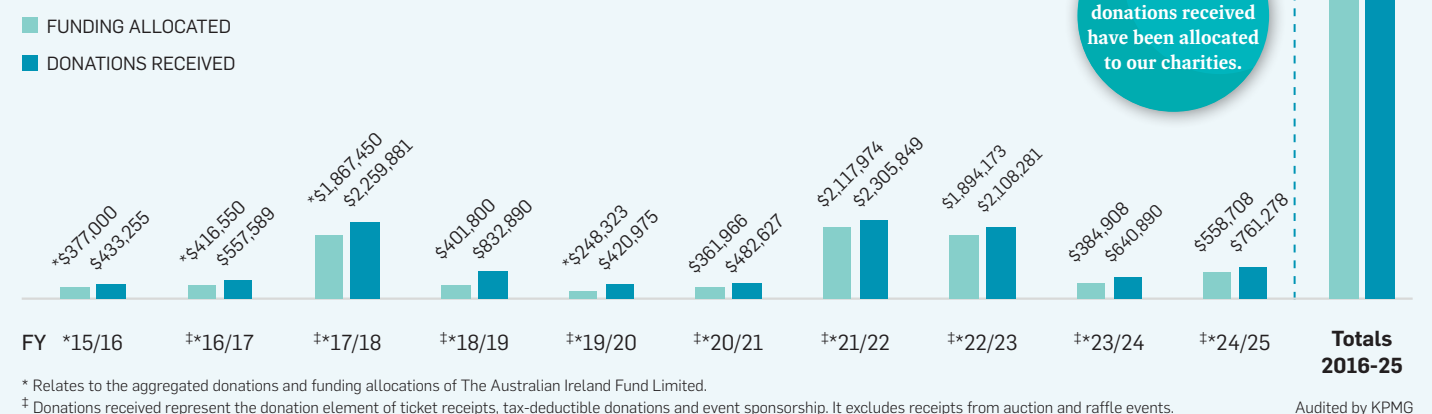
“This scholarship eased my financial stress and let me focus on my studies and new opportunities. It has truly opened doors for my future.”

**Matilda**  
1st Year Global Business

To date via generous donors and our Women in Leadership and Philanthropy series we have supported the No Mind Left Behind Scholarship Programme.

## IFA donations received vs funding allocated

### June 15/16 to June 24/25



## Learning Hub Limerick

The Learning Hub partners with parents, schools, agencies, and the wider Limerick community to create a safe and inspiring space where young people can thrive. With programmes that spark curiosity, creativity, healthy living, and sustainability, the Hub welcomes nearly 40,000 visitors each year and supports over **1,000 children, young people, and families every week.**

We have been proudly supporting LHL since 2019.





# 174 Trust

Founded in 1983, **174 Trust** is a non-denominational Christian charity in North Belfast dedicated to building a just, peaceful, and inclusive society. From preschool and youth groups to disability supports and services for young carers, it offers safe spaces and vital programmes that bring people together across divides.

Since 2014, its award-winning **Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts** has become a hub for performances, exhibitions, and workshops—using creativity to drive reconciliation, pride, and regeneration in the community.



# Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF)

The **(AIEF)** empowers Indigenous children with access to top-quality education and career opportunities nationwide.

Over the past 10 years, **Ireland Funds Australia** and **AIEF** have partnered to co-fund 80 Indigenous scholarship places across four leading schools—Marist College, St Peter's Lutheran College, St Catherine's School, and Kincoppal Girls School—investing in brighter futures.

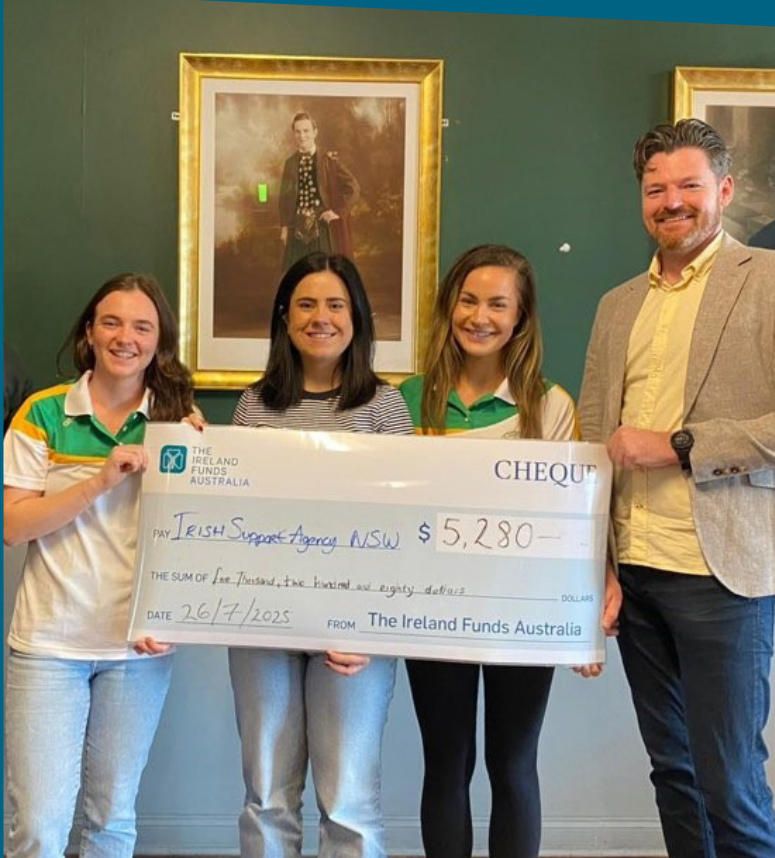


# Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute

Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI) brings together Ireland's top university and largest public hospital to revolutionise cancer prevention, detection, and treatment. Named Ireland's first internationally accredited cancer centre in 2020—and now the country's first comprehensive cancer centre—TSJCI is benchmarked against the world's best.

Harnessing Trinity's strengths in genetics, genomics, and immunology, TSJCI is attracting global experts from leading institutions like Johns Hopkins, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and Mayo Clinic.

Ireland Funds Australia is proud to support the inaugural two global fellowships with TSJCI and the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Melbourne, with fellows set to begin in 2027.



# Irish Support Agencies

Across New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria, the **Irish Support Agencies** care for the Irish community in Australia—offering crisis help, mental health support, housing assistance, and welfare guidance. They also combat isolation with outreach, social activities, and befriending programs, ensuring Irish people feel **connected, supported, and never alone**. In 2024 and 2025 we are proud to have supported the Agencies through our **Young Leaders**.



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