

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE – FOREVER.

Join a growing network of Mackay businesses making a lasting impact through the Mackay Community Foundation's Employee Giving Program.



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OUR STORY

Mackay Community Foundation was formed in 2003 by a group of locals who wanted to make sure the generosity of today continues to benefit our community for generations to come.

Every donation to the Foundation is invested, not spent. The capital is protected forever, and the income it earns is distributed each year as community grants to local not-for-profits. That means every contribution – big or small – continues to grow and give, year after year.

HOW IT WORKS

The Foundation is managed by a volunteer board of local professionals who donate their time, skills and resources. With minimal overheads, every contribution goes where it matters most – directly back into the Mackay region.

We currently distribute around \$250,000 in community grants every year from our \$4 million investment “pot”, and have supported nearly every local not-for-profit across education, health, housing and more. Our goal is to build a \$10 million investment fund that will generate \$500,000 in annual community grants by 2040 – and every dollar helps get us there faster.



Kidney Support Network

Grant: \$29,133

Purpose: To purchase a new vehicle for transporting renal patients to dialysis appointments.



Engedi

Grant: \$18,655

Purpose: To create an accessible community garden - built, maintained and enjoyed by Engedi clients and the wider community.

MACKAY, GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Two dollars. Once a week. Ongoing impact.

The 'Mackay, Give Where You Live' Employee Giving Program makes it easy for local businesses to create real, lasting change in our region.

Here's how it works:

- Employees opt in to donate from \$2 per week, automatically deducted from their pay.
- Employers can choose to match their team's contributions.
- MCF pools those donations with others across the region, investing them for the future and distributing the earnings to local causes every year.

It's simple, structured and sustainable – a small amount that adds up to a lifetime of giving.



Mackay Women Services

Grant: \$44,031

Purpose: To provide training for local participants on identifying and dealing with cyber abuse, as well as a new vehicle to support clients needing outreach appointment.



Australian Street Aid Project (ASAP)

Grant: \$19,685

Purpose: To purchase a dedicated outreach vehicle, strengthening ASAP's ability to connect with people experiencing homelessness across the Mackay region.



WHY IT MATTERS

Instead of donating bits and pieces throughout the year to a handful of organisations, your business can make a lasting local impact through one coordinated program that supports multiple charities and causes across Mackay – with sizable grants, every year.

You'll be helping where it's needed most – not just once, but forever.

For your team, it's an easy way to be part of something bigger. For your business, it's a meaningful and measurable way to show your values in action.

EMPLOYEE GIVING PARTNER

Gardian has supported the Mackay Community Foundation's employee giving program for nearly a decade. Over 80% of staff choose to opt in, with those contributions matched by the business. What began as small, regular donations have combined to become a meaningful and ongoing investment back into the local community, now totalling more than \$36,000.



LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT LASTS

When we give where we live, our whole community grows stronger.

Join the 'Mackay, Give Where You Live' Employee Giving Program and be part of a collective effort that's changing lives across the Mackay region – today and for generations to come.



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