

Bennelong Foundation – the Bennelong difference

The Bennelong Foundation was founded in 2002 by the Bennelong Group as a charitable endeavour. It aims to enhance community wellbeing and provide opportunities for positive and lasting change in our community. The Foundation allows its founders to provide funds and resources to charities and worthy causes in selected areas of interest. In addition, it provides opportunities for Bennelong employees to give back to the community.

The Foundation has a long-term commitment to the community organisations it supports, which covers those working in the areas of medical research, community health, migrant community welfare, crisis support and youth.

To date, organisations supported by the Foundation include:

- Aboriginal Literacy Foundation;
- Family Life;
- Ganbina;
- Concern Australia;
- Create Foundation; and
- Victorian Arabic Social Services Anti-Racism Action Band.

Our mission

To enhance community wellbeing and provide opportunities for positive and lasting change through partnering pro-active social ventures.

Funding principles

The Foundation has robust principles which drive its gifting programme. The organisation or programme receiving Foundation funding must meet one or more of the criteria outlined below.

- **Innovation and proactivity:** supports an identified area of need in the community that is presently not being addressed or takes a new approach to problems.
- **Change not charity:** addresses the causes of problems, rather than treats the symptoms.
- **Longevity and sustainability:** will continue to have an impact over the long term, beyond our period of support, and is able to become financially self-sustaining.
- **Project-based and goal orientated:** has strong and identifiable outcomes and key performance indicators over both the short and long term.
- **Partnerships:** able to combine our funding with other sources, eg. other trusts, foundations, government, business and volunteers.
- **Administration:** low administration costs and solid, proven administrative backing. Organisations with a strong volunteer programme are highly regarded.
- **Low government or institutional support:** receive little or no government funding and are not currently the benefactor of substantial philanthropic support.
- **Bennelong Foundation involvement:** have the capability to allow our staff to become involved in their organisation/projects.

Since the Foundation was established in 2002/03, it has made grants totalling over \$5 million.

For more information about the work of the Bennelong Foundation, visit www.bennelong.com or contact Susan Frances, General Manager, via email susan@bennelong.com or by calling 03 9617 0444.

