

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987. Last year was a huge year for us as we celebrated our 30th anniversary. This report provides an overview of the combined activities of the Australian Ireland Fund and our Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund (established in 2015 to support projects in Australia) in 2017–2018.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2017–2018



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- Soar — Youth Wellness
- Suas — Literacy
- Drumragh Integrated College



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

- Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Solas
- AIEF
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- Integrate My School — Education



EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

- AIEF
- Trinity MBA Programme
- GO Foundation

TOTAL DONATIONS 2017–2018 \$1,867,450

GO FOUNDATION	\$20,000
TRINITY MBA PROGRAMME	\$32,000
SOAR	\$40,000
SUAS	\$40,000
DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE	\$50,000
SOLAS #	\$5,000
TRINITY TARLO SCHOLARSHIP #	\$10,000
SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE #	\$17,000
AIEF #	\$40,000
INTEGRATE MY SCHOOL #	\$50,950
TRINITY ST JAMES'S CANCER INSTITUTE #	\$1,562,500

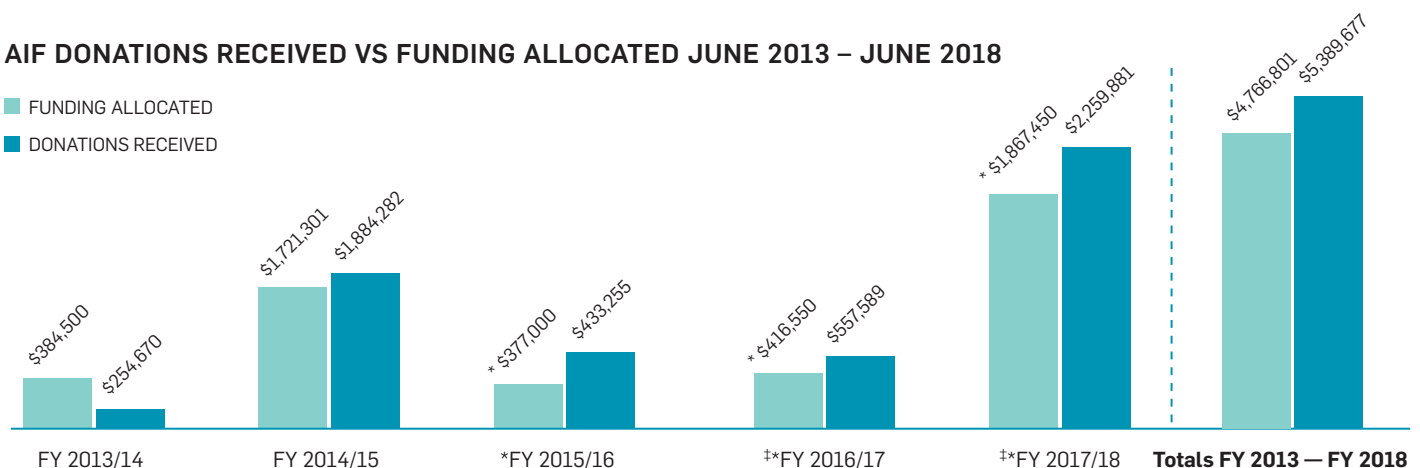
Donor Advised Grants

† Includes \$250k DAG received but not to be disbursed until 2019, otherwise would be 92.7%

Over the last 5 years 88.4%† of donations received have been allocated to our charities

AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2013 – JUNE 2018

■ FUNDING ALLOCATED
■ DONATIONS RECEIVED



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of the Australian Ireland Fund and the Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund

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

Snapshot of our Projects

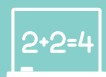
Our grant round in June 2018 totalled \$1,867,450 supporting 11 projects. Here is a snapshot of 8 of those projects*.

SUAS

Suas Literacy Support Programme partner with disadvantaged (DEIS) schools across Ireland to deliver literacy support to 8 to 14 year olds who are struggling with reading and writing – the building block of almost all future achievements. Since 2012 they have provided measurable improvements for over 4,000 students. Our continued support, including that of the Australian Young Leaders, will assist 2,820 children to:



Improve their literacy



Improve their numeracy



Reduce school dropout numbers and gain confidence



SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar provides workshops to young people aged 12–18 across the island of Ireland when they are at a transitional period in their lives. Our support this year will assist Soar to:



Provide 70 x Facilitators and 45 x Youth Crew

62,000

Reach approximately 62,000 teenagers by 2020



Provide a generation of young people with opportunities to improve well-being

INTEGRATE MY SCHOOL, INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND

Today only 7% of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland, despite polls showing 80% support for integration. The Ireland Funds Australia are very proud to be a part of the next important step in the IE movement, transformation. With Liam Neeson's high profile involvement, our aim is to vastly improve the awareness rate, through the IEF's Integrate My School campaign, a one-stop-shop digital platform for parents containing:



Succinct explanation of the simple process of transformation



Ability to register schools online



TRINITY BUSINESS SCHOOL AND THE IRELAND FUNDS AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP

Officially launched by the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove in September 2017, the partnership provides Australian residents the opportunity to earn their MBA at Ireland's leading university.

20

places by 2020



4 scholarships per year for Australian residents



First intake September 2019

*Projects not shown include Science Gallery Melbourne, Solas and the Trinity Tarlo Scholarship

AIEF

Australian Indigenous Education Foundation is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers at Australian schools, universities and companies. The partnership between AIEF and The Ireland Funds Australia means 80 scholarship places by 2020. To date the AIEF has:



More than 95% of alumni engaged in career pathways



Funded around one third of all scholarship places for Indigenous boarders



Consistently achieved a retention and Year 12 completion rate of more than 90%



DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE

Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh **opened in 1995** by a parents group committed to providing a cross community, post primary school for local children aged 11–19. The demand on Drumragh today is such that it is **educating 650 children in a building designed for 580**.

60 students have special needs and a total of **29% of all students are entitled to a free school meal**.

As a growing school Drumragh has many needs and struggled to replace approximately **50 computers**, the provision of which is extremely important for the schools ICT learning resources. With the help of the Ireland Funds Australia, Drumragh can now provide this much needed ICT equipment.



GO FOUNDATION

The GO Foundation was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin. With around 85% of Indigenous students in public schools GO are playing a vital role in making the education of young Indigenous Australians a more fulfilling and enjoyable experience and is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders' fundraising efforts. The GO Foundation public school scholarships provide:



Financial assistance for educational needs, equipment and learning support



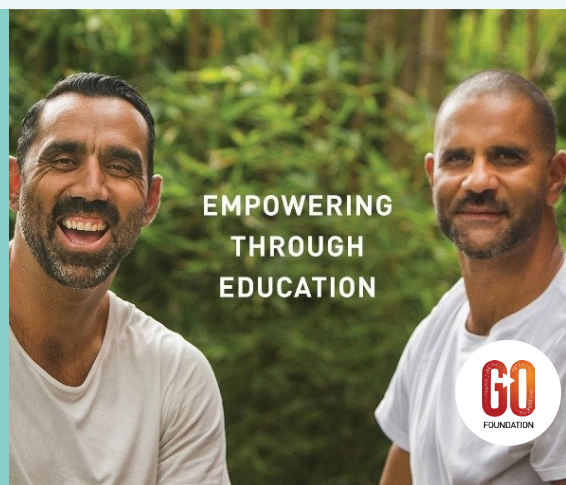
Cultural mentoring and corporate mentoring



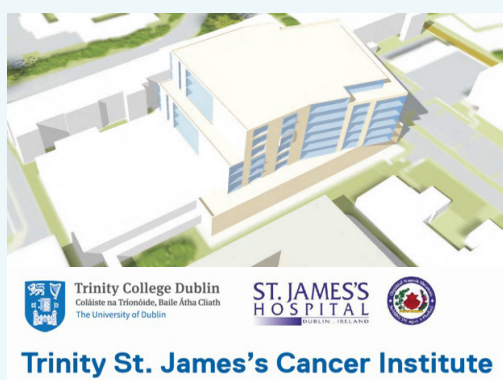
Transition support from school to university



Employment and internship pathways



EMPOWERING
THROUGH
EDUCATION



TRINITY ST. JAMES'S CANCER INSTITUTE

The Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute aims to consolidate cancer activities and expertise in Ireland in a dedicated facility within the next 5-7 years. It intends to become an internationally accredited comprehensive cancer centre.

With a project cost at €150 million the Institute welcomes partners in philanthropy to secure the delivery of this unique project with international benefit. The sources of support for the plan are expected to be a combination of philanthropy (33%), self-generated and public funding.



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 DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION
The Governor Programme	\$10,000
The Associate Programme	\$5,000
The Benefactor Programme	\$1,000

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.

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 starting in 2018**. 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.

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.

For more Information on any of the above activities please contact Teresa Keating, Executive Director:

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Fundraising Activities 2017–2018



THE BRISBANE LUNCHEON

159 guests
\$59,667



THE SYDNEY GARDEN PARTY

566 guests
\$247,749



THE GLOBAL 5K RUN

212 runners nationally
\$17,224
BRISBANE • SYDNEY • MELBOURNE



THE MELBOURNE LUNCHEON

183 guests
\$69,862



CLOSING STATEMENT

At the end of my second year as Chairman of the Ireland Funds Australia, looking back, I feel both proud of what we've done together, and excited for what's next.

This review that we undertake each year gives us a chance to take stock not just of funds received and distributed, but to appreciate the real people we are assisting with these donations and the tangible difference we are making to people's lives on the island of Ireland and in Australia.


We've had a few challenges to face this year, with the loss of our generous Benefactor Lady Mary Fairfax AC, OBE, and the related loss of our iconic Sydney venue for the Garden Party. We remain incredibly thankful to the Fairfax family and the Trustees for their support over the last 30 years.

We've also had successes in the expansion of both our Brisbane and Sydney lunches, and the growth of the Young Leaders Global 5k run. This event continues to go from strength to strength and I hope it will remain a really unique event for us for years to come.

This year's grant round saw us donate \$1.8 million to 11 projects, including some fantastic donor advised grants, details of which you will see in the preceding pages. None of this work would be possible without the amazing support we receive from our Donors, Governors, Associates, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters.

We are also of course part of a global organisation, the worldwide Ireland Funds, and we look forward to working with our global colleagues as we plan for the next phase of growth of the organisation, and forging closer relationships with chapters around the world.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for supporting the work we do so generously throughout 2017/2018. My hope for this year is that our supporters will continue to engage with us, guide us, and inform our direction and where we are headed in 2018/19 and beyond.


Yvonne Le Bas
Chairman
Ireland Funds Australia