

Left to right: John and Pauline Gandel; Len Ainsworth; Frank Lowy, Graham and Louise Tuckwell; John Kinghorn; Nicola and Andrew Forrest.



# AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST GIVERS

THE VALUE OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW PHILANTHROPY 50 LIST 2017/18 HAS SURGED 21 PER CENT IN ONE YEAR. HERE'S WHY.

**T**O MAKE IT ONTO THE PHILANTHROPY 50 list in 2019, you need to have donated at least \$3.6 million in the previous financial year, whereas \$3 million would have got you there in 2017.

The list's compiler, John McLeod, says it's the most significant trend to have emerged from this year's data. "The first list we did was boosted by a relatively large number of one-off bequests," he says. "This year is more impressive because there were none. Donations were simply bigger."

McLeod is co-founder of the JBWere Philanthropic Services Division, which manages more than \$7 billion in charitable assets across Australia and New Zealand. This is the third year he has compiled the Philanthropy 50, the only list in Australia that reveals how much individuals, families and private foundations are giving away.

"Another trend I'm seeing is that people are becoming happier to speak about their philanthropy and to promote the causes that they're supporting," McLeod says. "Much more so than five years ago. That's quite positive because a lot of giving is influenced by peers, so the more people are talking about what they do, the more it encourages others to give. I've got no doubt that the Philanthropy 50 list going up in value and new names appearing on it is partly that people are seeing what others are doing."

The nation's biggest donor is once again the Paul Ramsay Foundation at \$85.8 million, followed by the Minderoo Foundation (\$60.4 million), established by Andrew and

Nicola Forrest. Forrest, the chairman and major shareholder of iron ore giant Fortescue Metals Group, was number 8 on the Financial Review Rich List in 2018. Minderoo's gift was up from \$19 million last year and further donations into the Foundation surpassed \$400 million.

Gandel Philanthropy rose from \$10 million to \$16.7 million and Stan Perron Charitable Trust was up from \$4 million to \$12.8 million. Perron passed away in November and McLeod says the Trust will benefit from a large part of his estate, which will be reflected on the 2020 Philanthropy 50 list.

New entrants are Andrew and Paula Liveris, who debuted at number 11 with a donation of \$13.5 million for an academy in engineering, architecture and IT at the University of Queensland; Corey Charitable Foundation (\$5.2 million); Springfield Land Corporation chairman Maha Sinnathamby and Blackmores health supplements company chairman Marcus Blackmore (both \$5 million).

The major causes remain universities, the arts and culture. "Environment is shaping as the fourth of the major causes, just behind medical research," says McLeod.

In contrast to the uptick in donations among our biggest givers, recent ATO statistics show that the percentage of people claiming a tax deduction for charitable donations dropped below 33 per cent for the first time since 2001. "So mass market philanthropy is struggling at the same time as larger philanthropy is growing strongly," McLeod says.

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Rank	Name	Grants 2017/18
1	<b>Paul Ramsay Foundation</b> Health, mainly chronic disease. Education, mainly early childhood and strengthening sector capacity.	\$85.8m
2	<b>Minderoo Foundation</b> Community, cancer, oceans, Indigenous disparity, higher ed research, early childhood, slavery.	\$60.4m
3	<b>Ian Potter Foundation</b> Arts, community wellbeing, education, environment, health and disability, medical research and science.	\$25.8m
4	<b>Lowy Foundation</b> Sydney Modern at the AGNSW, medical research and the Lowy Institute for international policy.	\$22m
5	<b>Graham and Louise Tuckwell</b> Part of \$100m for two halls of residence at Australian National University, Tuckwell Scholarship Program.	\$20m
6	<b>Ainsworth family</b> Sydney Modern at the AGNSW, health and medical research including at Western Sydney University.	\$19m
7	<b>Kinghorn Foundation</b> Medical research, poverty and Australian youth.	\$17.9m
8	<b>Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation</b> Sydney Modern at the Art Gallery of NSW, nursing and health at University of Sydney.	\$17.2m
9	<b>Gandel Philanthropy</b> Arts, education, health and medical research, youth at risk, Jewish identity, Indigenous programs, poverty.	\$16.7m
10	<b>Pratt Philanthropies</b> Food security, mental health, arts, education, cancer care, Jewish life, Aboriginal advancement, environmental causes.	\$14.1m

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Clockwise from left: Kerr Neilson; David Thomas (rear); Barry Lambert, Paul Little and Jane Hansen; Kay van Norton Poche and Greg Poche.

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11	Andrew and Paula Liveris Liveris Academy at University of Queensland faculty of engineering, architecture and information technology.	\$13.5m
12	Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund Arts, education, poverty and disadvantage, sustainability and environment.	\$12.9m
13	Stan Perron Charitable Trust Disadvantage and improving children's health.	\$12.8m
14	Packer family and Foundations Sydney Modern at the Art Gallery of NSW, arts, medical research and community.	\$12.1m
15	Hansen Little Foundation Part of \$30m to house and support financially disadvantaged students at new residences at University of Melbourne, State Library of Victoria.	\$11.5m
16	Neilson Foundation Arts, youth disadvantage, universities, medical research and welfare.	\$11.1m
17	Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation People and places experiencing disadvantage and a spiritually rich society.	\$10.8m
18	Peter and Lyndy White Foundation Increasing the supply of housing for those suffering or at risk of homelessness, arts.	\$9.3m
19	Miller Foundation Environment, health and medical research, social services.	\$7.8m
20	Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation Health and medical research.	\$7.7m
21	Barry and Joy Lambert Part of \$34m to establish the Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics at University of Sydney.	\$7.5m

Rank	Name	Grants 2017/18
22	William Buckland Foundation Better housing, health, employment and education for vulnerable Victorians, regional communities.	\$6.9m
23	Eldon and Anne Foote Trust & subfund in Lord Mayor's Ch. Fund Education, environment, health, social causes, arts, medical research, heritage, recreation and athletics.	\$6.7m
24	Stafford Fox Medical Research Foundation Medical research, public hospitals and universities.	\$6.5m
25	JO & JR Wicking Trust Wellness and quality of life for the aged and those with or at risk of Alzheimer's.	\$5.6m
26	Scanlon Foundation Improving social cohesion, particularly for the transition of migrants into Australian society.	\$5.5m
27	Cory Charitable Foundation Social welfare through Salvation Army, emergency relief and medical research.	\$5.2m
28	Baker Foundation Predominantly medical research but also welfare and children.	\$5.1m
29	Collier Charitable Fund Welfare, public hospitals, education and religion.	\$5.1m
30	McCusker Charitable Foundation Medical research, youth and the aged, arts and environment.	\$5m
31	Maha Sinnathamby Equity scholarships for Indigenous students, an accelerator program at University of NSW.	\$5m
32	Pamela Galli Chair in medical biology at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and University of Melbourne.	\$5m
33	Mark and Louise Nelson Sydney Modern at the Art Gallery of NSW.	\$5m
34	Blackmore Foundation Scholarships at National Institute for Complimentary Medicine at Western Sydney University.	\$5m
35	Tim Fairfax Family Foundation Creating opportunities in rural, regional and remote communities in Qld and the Northern Territory.	\$4.9m
36	John T Reid Charitable Trusts Aged care, arts, community and welfare, education and youth support, environment and health.	\$4.9m
37	R E Ross Trust Vulnerable Victorians, children, arts and education and conservation.	\$4.6m
38	Garnett Passe and Rodney Williams Memorial Foundation Scientific and educational initiatives in health and medical research.	\$4.5m

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39	Andrew Thyne Reid Charitable Trust Medicine, science, arts, environment, education and welfare.	\$4.5m
40	Shine On Foundation Social services, economic, social and community development	\$4.4m
41	Purves family Foundations Predominantly environmental issues.	\$4.1m
42	Ernest Heine Family Foundation Medical research and welfare.	\$4m
43	Greg Poche and Kay Van Norton Poche Medical research at various universities through the Poche Indigenous Health Network.	\$4m
44	The Charitable Foundation International aid.	\$4m
45	Serpentine Foundation Medical research, University of Sydney, arts.	\$4m
46	Noel and Carmel O'Brien Family Foundation International aid, refugees and asylum seekers, homelessness and Indigenous.	\$4m
47	Reuben Meyer Trust Fund Social services in Australia and Singapore.	\$3.8m
48	Helen Macpherson Smith Trust Education, community, arts, environment and health.	\$3.7m
49	Turner Family Foundation Part of \$18.5m for wildlife conservation projects at University of Queensland.	\$3.7m
50	Harry Lyon Moss Trust Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne.	\$3.6m

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How the list was compiled

The amounts are those given to end recipients, mainly charities, in the 2017/18 financial year, by Australian individuals, families and bequests, both directly and through foundations. It does not include donations to foundations, anonymous gifts or corporate giving. With pledges and multi-year gifts, only the actual amount given to end recipients in 2017/18 is included. Where the exact amount for that year is not known, an average per year over the term of the pledge is assumed. Where the term is not known, five years is assumed. Researched and compiled by John McLeod of JBWere Philanthropic Services. Sources include the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, Fundraising Research & Consulting, Fundraising & Philanthropy Australasia and Pro Bono Australia. ●