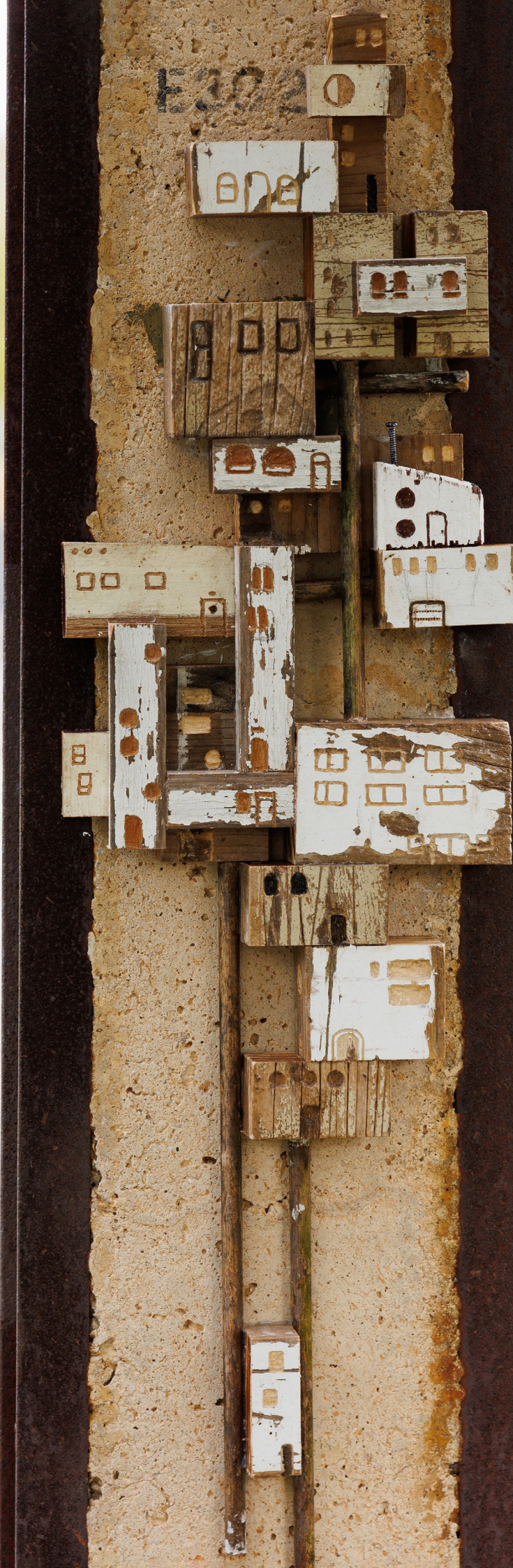


# Community Partnerships

Impact Report 2024



SA  
Power  
Networks



Volunteer Growers - Trees For Life



Students watching a presentation - Sammy D Foundation

## Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, SA Power Networks acknowledges the multiple Traditional Owners of the lands that host the South Australian electricity network and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that these are living cultures.

The visual centrepiece of our first Reconciliation Action Plan is *Empowering South Australia*, by Presten Warren, an artist and proud Wirangu/Dieri/Kokatha/Mirning man.



*Empowering South Australia* - Presten Warren

# Community Partnerships

**Giving back to the community in which we live and work is very important to SA Power Networks.**

Our Community Partnerships program aims to support a wide range of organisations and aspirations, reflecting the breadth and diversity of our community. We achieve this by focusing on four key areas – community, safety, sustainability, and innovation – collaborating with local and regional partners across the state.

In 2024, our program placed additional emphasis on specific priorities, including helping vulnerable communities, youth education, regional social inclusion, development pathways for women and increasing representation and opportunities for First Nations peoples.

We also continued to actively support many different sporting codes within South Australia, from state-wide leagues and events to local clubs and programs that encouraged participation and inclusivity.

Equally in the area of arts, we sponsored a variety of festivals and organisations, which helped drive cultural engagement, opportunities for artists, and increased access to creative experiences.

Our goal through all these partnerships and sponsorships is to foster a more diverse, connected and thriving South Australia for future generations.



Mourning in the Morning Smoking Ceremony - Australia Day Council of SA

# Our 2024 Partners

**ADELAIDE FESTIVAL AF**



**AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE**



**Can:Do Group**



**CFS FOUNDATION**  
Supporting Volunteer Firefighters



**DON DUNSTAN FOUNDATION**  
inspiring action for a fairer world



**HELPMANN Academy**  
**30 YEARS**



**SALT FESTIVAL**





State Relay Championships - Little Athletics SA



Universal Kingdom: Prehistoric Nights at Adelaide Zoo - Illuminate Adelaide



Specialised Assistance School for Youth

# 2024 Key Highlights

Below is a snapshot of key highlights and the direct impacts made possible by our sponsorships in 2024, showcasing our aim to deliver positive, lasting benefits that foster growth, inclusion, and sustainability across our communities.



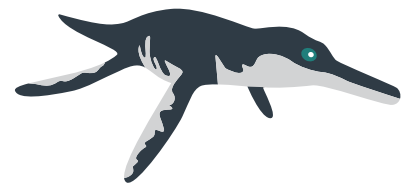
**398**

young people participated in the Next Step Program  
Operation Flinders Foundation



**481**

registered volunteer growers  
Trees For Life



Over **27,558** attendees at Universal Kingdom: Prehistoric Nights  
Zoos SA & Illuminate Adelaide



**33**

young athletes financially supported through the SA Power Networks Membership Support Fund  
Little Athletics South Australia



**3,075**

children discovered the excitement of live orchestra music through ASO Learning Programs  
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra



**17**

women and their families supported with grants to rebuild economic independence after domestic abuse  
Zahra Foundation

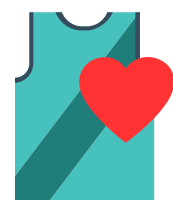


Over **230** students supported through Festival Connect and Adelaide Festival in Schools program  
Adelaide Festival



**11,290**

people educated through the MFS Road Awareness Program  
**146** metropolitan presentations and **85** regional presentations in South Australia  
Metropolitan Fire Service



**3,054**

young people engaged in SA Power Networks' funded sporting club violence prevention programs  
Sammy D Foundation



**2,000**

people attended Mourning in the Morning Smoking Ceremony

Australia Day Council of SA



Over **600** attendees

across five regional activations from Ngadjuri to Nukunu Country

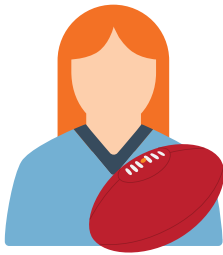
Feast Festival



Over **500** patients

assisted through the new Riverland Patient Treatment Facility

Royal Flying Doctors Service



**348**

females supported with skills development in leadership, coaching and umpiring

SANFL



**800**

attendees at the Loving Tree Carols Concert

Mary Potter Foundation



**168**

volunteer firefighters received Mental Health First Aid Training

CFS Foundation

## Stobie pole's 100th Birthday

This iconic local invention celebrated its 100th birthday in 2024, marking 100 years of supplying electricity across our state. We collaborated with partners throughout the year to mark the milestone through different campaigns.

### History Festival

The theme of History Festival 2024 was POWER, providing a perfect opportunity for us to partner and honour the Stobie pole's centenary. The "Portraits of Power" campaign featured one hundred portraits of one hundred South Australians, who shared their story and perspectives on Power, as they relate to our state's history. The portraits were then displayed on one hundred Stobie poles across the state and became a free-to-view outdoor exhibition all throughout the Festival.



### Helpmann Academy

To commemorate the South Australian icon, we again teamed up with Helpmann Academy to deliver the third iteration of the 'Stobie Pole Project', which gives emerging artists the chance to transform our functional structures into vibrant artworks. This collaboration not only celebrates the 100-year legacy of these unique poles but also nurtures the growth of local talent by offering valuable experience in the world of public art.



# Community Grants

Our Community Grants program is designed to assist communities to be empowered and make a tangible and positive difference in their local area. The grants are a way to reach and help smaller community groups across the state and spread our impact even further.

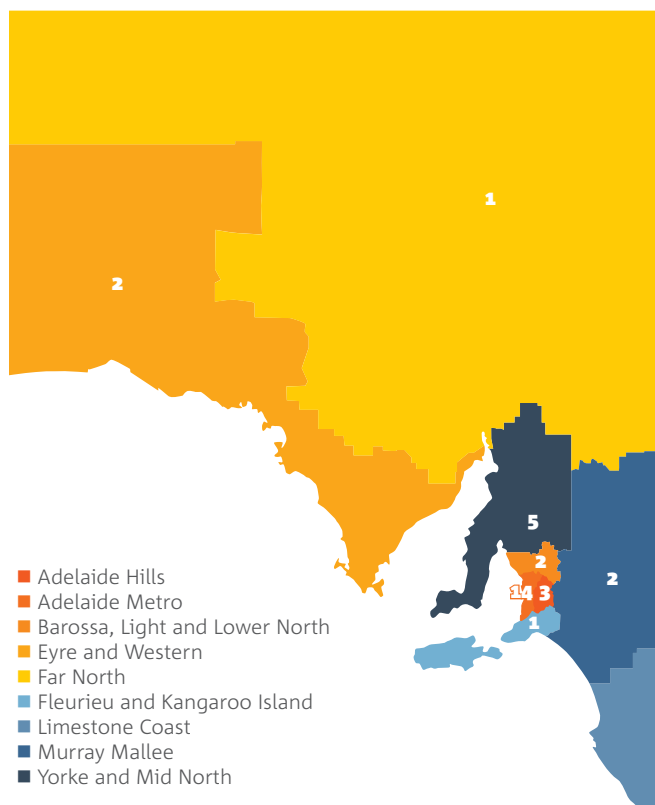
Our 2024 program focused on two key areas – sustainability and innovation – with a strong emphasis on supporting community projects that ensure a greener, more sustainable future.

Thirty diverse groups received grants of up to \$5,000 to deliver impactful projects that benefit their communities.

These initiatives included solar-powered community centres, STEM equipment for schools, community gardens, and programs on energy transition, cost savings, and upcycling.

Over half the funding of the 2024 grants was dedicated to projects in regional and remote communities across the state.

Since the inception of our Community Grants program in 2022, we have proudly contributed over \$375,000 towards community group projects throughout South Australia.



Children from Renown Park Children's Centre planting vegetable gardens

## Providing STEM learning activities to a small town in regional SA

With the support of a Community Grant, Bute Early Learning Centre and Primary School has transformed its STEM program, bringing new and engaging hands-on learning experiences to students. The grant funded construction and robotic kits, encouraging sustainable creativity through cardboard construction projects, and introducing students to coding and artificial intelligence (AI). This grant has empowered Bute, a small regional town of no more than 300 people, the opportunity to provide meaningful and high-quality STEM experiences, which are often out of reach for rural areas.



## Community workshop sparks action for more sustainable homes

Electrify Adelaide received a Community Grant via Sustainable Communities South Australia to support its ongoing community education efforts. While this event was tailored to the interests of residents in the south of Adelaide, the lessons were applicable to anyone looking to make their home and transport choices more efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective.

Facilitated by the Electrify Adelaide team, participants were taken through interactive sessions on various aspects of household electrification. These included topics like solar and battery systems, cooking, hot water, electric vehicles, and heating and cooling. Additionally, potential barriers consumers may encounter and the impact of electrification on the electricity grid were also discussed, followed by a guided session to develop a 'household electrification plan.'



## Cultivating Connected Communities

The revitalisation of the Station Master's House in Tailem Bend is an exciting project led by the Tailem Bend Community Centre, supported by a Community Grant. The grant helped fund a key feature of the project; Pinar, the "talking tree." Pinar creatively shares the cultural heritage of the Ngarrindjeri people while highlighting the beauty of the Murray River, Lakes, and Coorong region. This innovative project blends storytelling, tourism and local economic growth, making a significant impact on the community.





Backpacks  
4 SA Kids

Imagine...  
...the safety that a child endures  
as they leave their home...  
...less stress and comfort for them

SA Power Networks donating backpacks to Backpacks 4 SA Kids

# Employee Foundation

Our Employee Foundation is a registered not-for-profit charity within our organisation designed for our employees to give back to charities across the state. It was established in 2006 and has to date donated more than \$5.8 million to the South Australian community.

Each year, SA Power Networks generously contributes to the Foundation, supporting its dollar-matching initiatives. This means that any employee who is passionate about fundraising

for a charity can have their contributions matched, up to \$5,000. In addition, SA Power Networks offers all employees one paid day of volunteering leave, encouraging our people to give back to their communities across South Australia. The Foundation plays an essential role in connecting our employees with charities across the state, ensuring a meaningful and impactful experience for all involved.



**48**  
charities received  
a donation



Over **\$600k** donated  
to charities supporting  
the South Australian community



Over  
**1,500**  
volunteering hours



Victor Harbor depot employees volunteering at the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation Beach House

