

BORDER TRUST

is a local, independent philanthropic organisation that activates the power of giving. Since it was established in November 2004, Border Trust has been the local, place-based catalyst of positive change, distributing over \$4 million to local community groups and not-for-profit organisations.

We work with donors and partners who contribute donations, bequests, assets, and other gifts. We invest these, then distribute grants to fund initiatives that build our community's capacity to cope with disruption, deliver capacity-building programs and continue to grow in positive ways, now and into the future.

Activating the power of giving.



>> OUR FOCUS

LOCAL

Border Trust is 100% placebased and focused on building community capacity in the border region. We take an evidence-based approach and we understand our communities, businesses and landscapes, as well as what they need to reach their potential.

GENEROUS

Border Trust activates and celebrates a culture of giving and generosity across the Border region. We are inspired by the kindness, care and altruism that motivates the gifts of time, money, energy and ideas that make our region a better place for everyone.

CONNECTED

Border Trust creates the connections that drive and sustain positive change.
We are the conduit that links the possibility provided by our donors and philanthropic partners, with the practice of grassroots change, provided by our grant recipients.



LOCAL NEED AND IMPACT

Border Trust takes the time to understand local needs and to measure the impact that we, with our donors and grant recipients, make across our region.

Our Vital Signs project measures and provides a clear understanding of our community's strengths, trends, and areas of greatest need. It informs our conversations with those working on the ground to make a difference and conversations with our donors, supporters, partners, and government.

Vital Signs and our community engagement activities underpin our ability to credibly answer questions about local needs.

Together, these provide us with the

benchmarks and foundational understanding required to direct funding and support and measure our impact.

Impact measurement allows us to communicate where funds and support have been directed, why, the outcomes and the difference that has been made over time. It holds us to account. It allows us to prove and improve what we are doing. It demonstrates our stewardship and ability to make a difference.

Our Impact Measurement projects enable us to describe what impact is achieved and how Border Trust and the donations and support we receive create value.



We activate the power of giving for lasting impact across five areas.



CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Communities are equipped to anticipate, prepare for, and manage the diverse impacts of a changing climate.



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The development of regional leaders enhances the community's ability to tackle local challenges and opportunities.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION & WELLBEING

A welcoming, connected and inclusive community provides the foundation for a vibrant region and positively impacts individual and community well-being.



DISASTER RECOVERY, RESILIENCE & READINESS

Our region's ability to prepare for, withstand, and recover from natural disasters enhances the safety, health, and economic prosperity of Border communities.



COMMUNITY EQUITY

By helping those who help others, access to necessities like food, shelter, education, work, and healthcare enables all to participate in and contribute to a thriving region.

Become a local philanthropist

Together, your donation and our community can achieve extraordinary things.

We work to promote and support a resourceful and generous community by encouraging and enabling philanthropy and we continue to build a permanent endowment for long-term, local benefit.

Donors may contribute funds, assets or other gifts that are directed to a local charitable purpose for Community Benefit or donors may choose to become a Foundation Builder.

Community Benefit

As a donor, you may request your gift to be paid via grants to a local charitable purpose. The purpose may align with your values and address an issue that concerns you or align more broadly with one or more of our areas of impact. You may also recommend that your gift be invested for long-term benefit.

Foundation Builders

Because of our Foundation Builders, we're able to operate and activate the power of giving that creates positive change across our region.

Border Trust intentionally funds its administrative operations through grants, donations and pro bono services made by our Foundation Builders – those people and organisations who enable us to exist.

WAYS TO GIVE













Learn more about how Border Trust connects people who care with causes that matter and how you can be involved.



Donations are tax deductible.



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