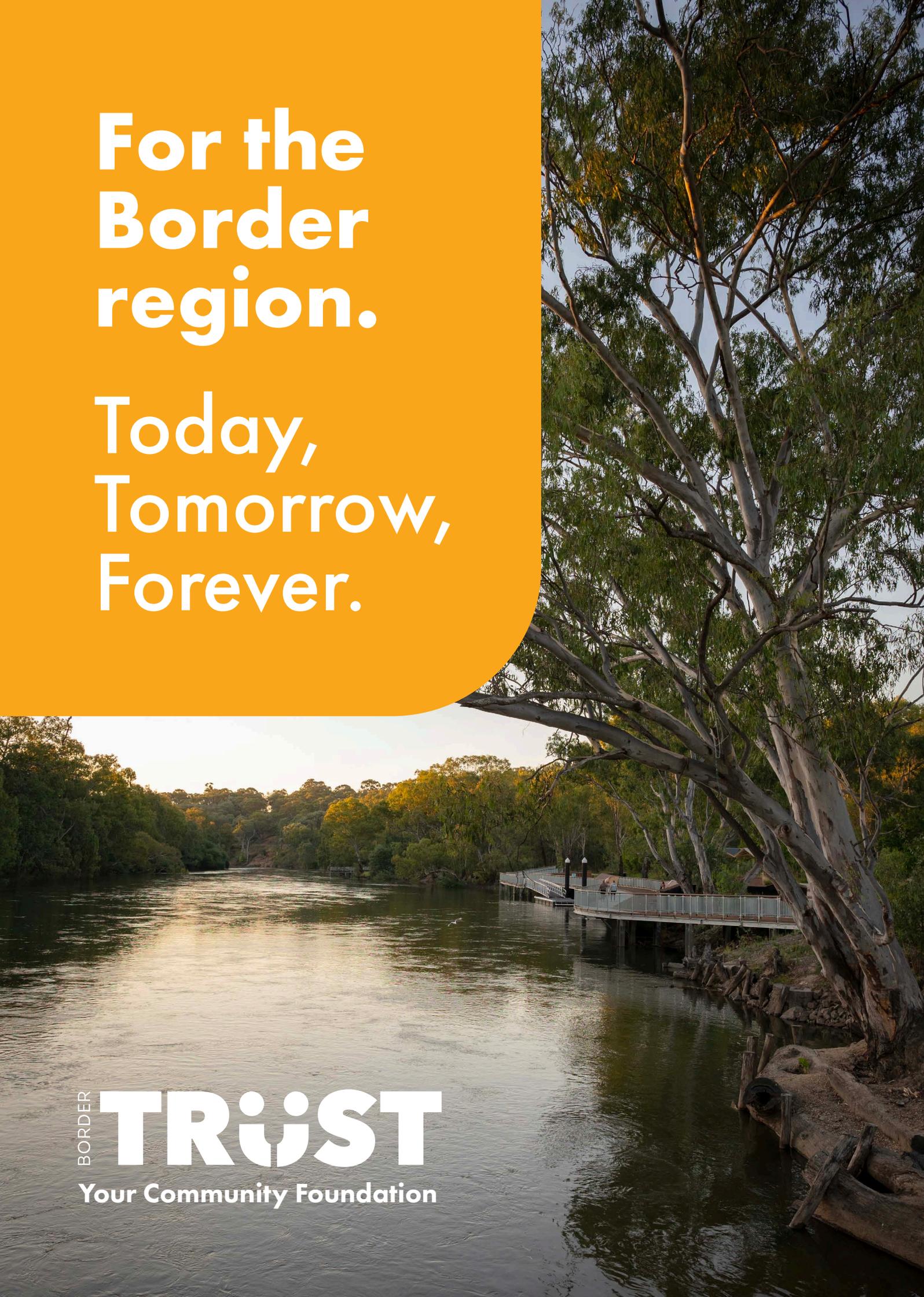


**For the
Border
region.**

**Today,
Tomorrow,
Forever.**

BORDER TRÜST
Your Community Foundation



The power of Border Trust.

Border Trust is the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga and Border region. For 20 years we've been bringing local people together to support causes that matter most in the community.

We're part of the community we support. We have first-hand knowledge of local issues, priorities and opportunities.

Through rigorous research, community engagement and partnerships, we identify areas where investments can yield the greatest social, economic, and cultural benefits.

Since 2005, we've helped support local not-for-profit organisations tackle critical issues like homelessness, food insecurity, domestic violence, and mental ill-health, creating a stronger, thriving community for everyone.

While governments may change, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the community, operating beyond election cycles and across borders.

As we move into our 20th year of local giving, we're calling on your help to build the Border region's most enduring community asset – our Community Impact Fund.

As the balance of the Community Impact Fund is invested and grows, so does the scale with which we can address complex issues, respond to urgent needs, and bolster community resilience – today, tomorrow and well into the future.

Our superpower lies in our ability to identify local need and rapidly direct funds to where they're needed most.



A bold reimagining.

We have a bold plan to grow a \$20 million Community Impact Fund for our beloved region.

Supporting our communities today is vital, but planning for tomorrow is equally important.

The Border region needs ongoing, sustainable support to meet urgent needs, foster resilience, and cultivate future solutions.

Local philanthropy is the key to securing this future, and the Community Impact Fund is our region's foundation for enduring change. By growing this fund, we ensure that resources will be there – not only for today's challenges but for whatever comes next.

Our Community Impact Fund will enable us to give in a sustained way, to tackle complex problems, to respond when local need is urgent, and to be here for Border communities forever.

With our donors and supporters, we're building a community that's well-equipped to implement its own solutions to achieve equity, connection, wellness, disaster preparedness and to mitigate the impacts of a changing climate.

We're here to help you give to the local causes you care about most.

We invite you to invest boldly and collectively with us for the Border region's future.

An invitation from our community.

Local priorities have emerged over our 20 years of engagement and grant making. These are the causes, that if addressed, will enable a thriving and inclusive region. It is important for us to give where the need is greatest, and where we can make the most significant difference.

Through prudent investment responsibly managed by our experienced Board, interest earned each year is invested in our communities, allowing for the preservation and growth of our Community Impact Fund.

In the years ahead, we want to be ready to respond to emerging issues across the Border region and to grant in a sustained way for communities seeking lasting transformation.



Our Local Areas of Impact.

Community Connection & Wellbeing

29% of people in our region live alone.

Strong, supportive connections are the backbone of a healthy community. Border Trust invests in projects that foster mental health, reduce isolation, and create a sense of belonging for all. Together, we are building a community that cares for its own, regardless of age, background, or circumstance.

Local projects supported with grant funding include Lifeline Crisis Support Workers training, Youth Albury Wodonga's REKINDLE program, and AWVRB Multicultural Lunches.

Community Leadership

17% of adults and young people in our region volunteer.

Local leaders are the heart of change. We fund initiatives that cultivate leadership, encourage local problem-solving, and promote positive change. By investing in leadership, we empower those within the community to drive sustainable, impactful solutions for the challenges we face.

Local projects supported include Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, Fischer Community Leadership Program, Sisters who SHINE program, and Towong Emerging Leaders Program.

Disaster Recovery, Resilience + Readiness

82 Towong homes, 926 hectares of field crop and 6,000 livestock were lost or destroyed in the 2019 fires.

Natural disasters have touched every corner of our region. Border Trust equips local organisations to prepare for, withstand and recover from these challenges.

Your support enables us to remain ready and resilient, providing immediate aid in times of need

and ensuring our region can recover and rebuild.

Local projects supported include Corryong Foodshare, Corryong Health's Strengthening Community Resilience program, and the Playles Hill Labyrinth project.

Climate Resilient Communities

In the past 20 years there have been 7 significant environmental disasters, ranging from droughts to fires to floods.

As our climate challenges grow, so does the need to equip communities to anticipate, prepare for and manage diverse impacts.

Border Trust supports locally led adaption and resilience projects that protect our environment and promote sustainable practices. Investment now can reduce social, economic and environmental impacts felt across our region.

Local projects supported include Our Native Garden's Seed Bank initiative, Dartmouth Community Garden and Parklands Albury Wodonga community garden water system project.

Community Equity

15,500 families were supported by Albury Wodonga Regional Foodshare in 2023-2024.

Equity means ensuring everyone in our region has access to opportunities and to necessities like food, shelter, education, work and healthcare. Border Trust believes that enabling people to have basic dignity strengthens the social fabric of our community.

Your investment ensures that every member of our community has a fair chance to thrive.

Local projects supported include Tots2Teens Classy Kids program, Carevan Foundation's Ruffy Swags, Albury Wodonga Regional Foodshare Community Pantry, FRRR's Back to School voucher program.

Our gift to the Border region.

We believe those closest to the issues are closest to the solutions. We work with not-for-profits, community groups and agencies across the Border region to make a difference where it matters most.

Building a lasting Foundation

We are dedicated and unwavering in our commitment to our region. Building a significant Community Impact Fund will better enable us to invest long term and work together with local leaders and not-for-profit organisations to solve issues facing our communities.

By 2030 we will:

1. Build a collective Community Impact Fund (target \$20 million).
2. Be the go-to place for donors seeking to give across the Border region, connecting generous businesses, individuals and families with meaningful and impactful giving opportunities.
3. Provide a robust annual grant-making program for local grassroots not-for-profit organisations, providing them with the resources, guidance and funding they need to bring about positive change in the lives of those they serve.
4. Be a trusted and valued philanthropic partner of our community, enabling region-wide multi-year projects to secure funding for impactful projects.



There's no better investment than in the place you love.

Will you join us in co-investing in the Border region's future, today and for generations to come?

Whether you're an individual, family, locally based corporate, business or organisation, we offer opportunities for you to make a meaningful impact.

Will you help us build our Community Impact Fund, for today, tomorrow and forever?

You can support us by:

- Fundraising for us
- Making a donation
- Becoming a Foundation Friend
- Becoming a Foundation Builder
- Becoming a Community Impact Investor
- Leaving a Bequest

You can also support us by partnering with us. If you have a passion for community and a desire to build a thriving and resilient future, you can help us by connecting us with your networks, spruiking the importance of local giving and helping us grow a culture of local philanthropy.

**With love,
from the Border region.**

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