



Grant Thornton Foundation

PARTNER UPDATE 2019 – 2022



About Grant Thornton Foundation

Established in 2014, the Grant Thornton Foundation unifies our community support initiatives across Australia. It is funded by employee workplace giving donations and an annual donation from Grant Thornton Australia Limited.

The Foundation chooses national charity partners aligned to the cause preference of its supporters and fund them on a three-year program. For the past three years, our focus was young people experiencing mental health issues and/or at risk of homelessness.

Our 2019 – 2022 national partners: The Streets Movement, YoungCare and Special Olympics Australia.

The Foundation trustees allocate 50 per cent of funds to our selected national charity partners with the remaining balance allocated to our Social Responsibility Committees in each office to support local charities.

During the last three years, the Foundation also made emergency grants to: Red Cross following the 2019 bushfires, LifeLine supporting an uplift in volunteer training during the pandemic, and Magic Coat supporting displaced children from the war in Ukraine.

National charity partners

Special Olympics Australia



Special Olympics has grown from a backyard camp into a global movement that has been transforming the lives of people with an intellectual disability for almost 50 years.

The Grant Thornton Foundation is funding an online coaching program upskilling teachers and coaches so that they can be more effective supporting young people living with an intellectual disability and enable their participation in sport.

Special Olympics received \$75,000 in donations from the Grant Thornton Foundation over our three-year partnership.

 **7,000+**
PARTICIPANTS
 **1,123**
VOLUNTEERS

 **18**
SPORTS
 **45**
CLUBS

 **3,460+**
STUDENT PARTICIPATED
IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS

<https://www.specialolympics.com.au/about/index>



YoungCare



YoungCare leads much-needed change in the disability housing sector

YoungCare develops aspirational Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA), advocates for much-needed policy change, delivers vital grants programs, and provides education, advice and pathways through a free support service.

Youngcare's Home Support Grants provide funding for equipment, home modifications and essential support that is unable to be funded through other means (e.g. NDIS). This funding is to both enhance the quality of life for young people with high physical care needs and assist them to remain living in their own home with loved ones.

Grant Thornton Foundation has supported the grant scheme for the past three years.

Our three-year agreement concluded at end of FY22. The Grant Thornton Foundation donated \$120,000 in grants support over the course of our partnership.

<https://www.youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/>



The Streets Movement



The MI-Experience is a cross cultural and educational experience for young Indigenous change makers from regional and remote areas of Australia. The initiative is a flagship endeavour of the organisation, it is an international academic and leadership experience platform designed to provide career, academic and leadership experiences to the emerging leaders of tomorrow.

Grant Thornton Foundation funded the MI-Experience for three years totalling \$90,000 in donations by end of FY20.

The Streets Movement is an Indigenous community development organisation which provides programs, pathways and opportunities for the disconnected, forgotten and wayward, helping them re-engage with opportunity, education and community.

<https://thestreetsmovement.org/mi-experience>



Social responsibility committees supported charities



Impacts of COVID and future planning

COVID-19

The Foundation's income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To further support employees during a six-month period of 20 per cent time and salary reduction, the Board paused salary sacrifice workplace giving.

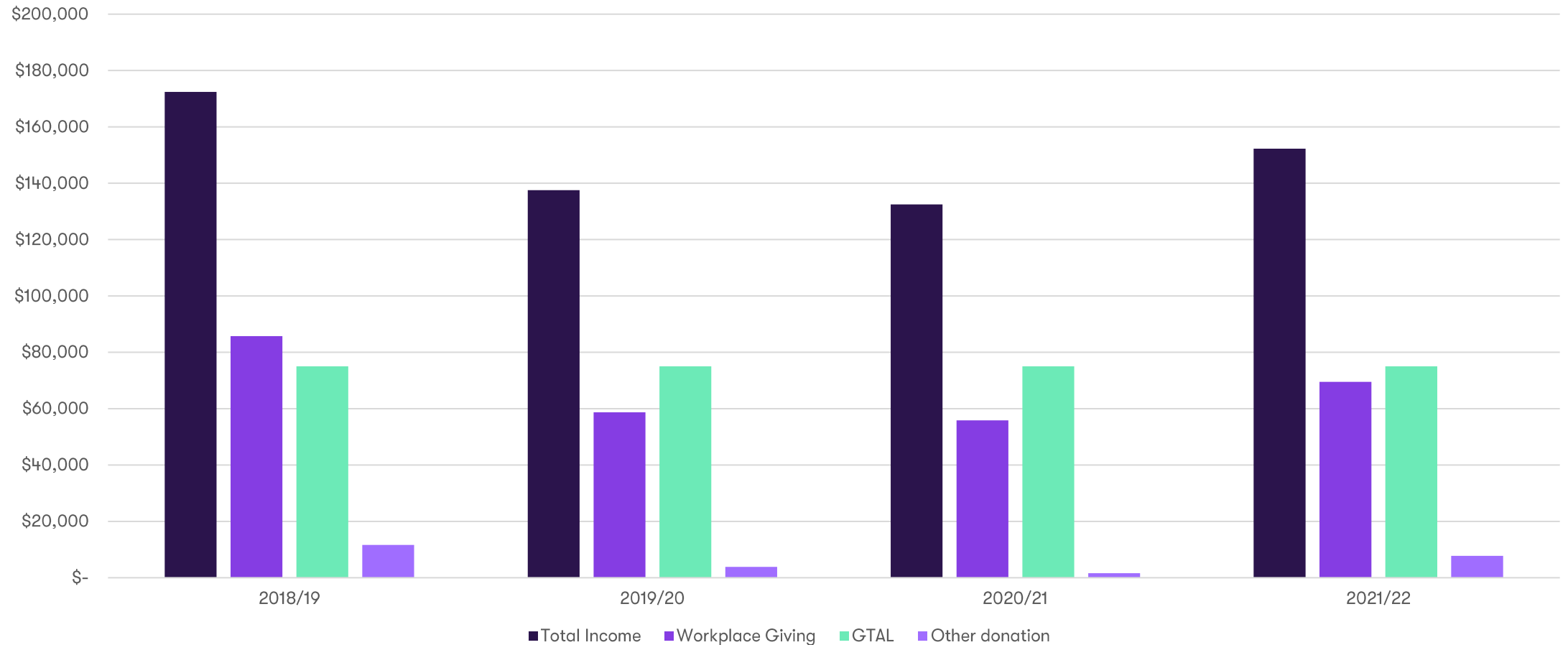
On restoration of the workplace giving, approximately 15 per cent of donors dropped off the program. A number of promotions have been undertaken to increase participation with the most recent at the Partner Conference in May 2022.

Income is slowly recovering towards pre-pandemic levels.

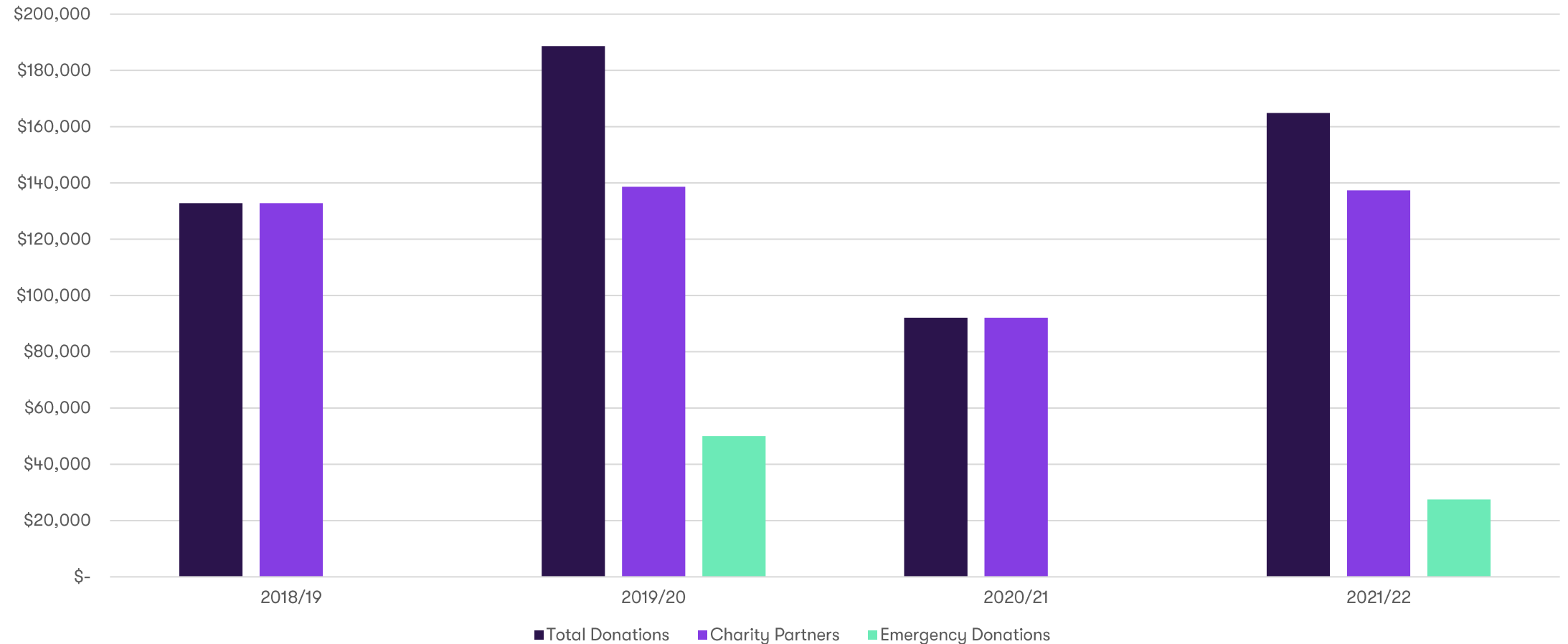
Planning day

The Board met in Sydney on 19 October 2022 to determine its strategic priorities for the next three-year period. Preceding that, we launched a survey to the Grant Thornton Australia community to better understand their awareness of the Foundation and Social Responsibility Committees and gauge their preferred causes to support for the next round of partnerships. It informed the selection of charity partners for the next three years.

Financial summary – income by source



Financial summary – donations distributed by type



Thank you

