

Make a lasting difference

Leave a gift to FRRR in your will to ensure the future vitality of remote, rural and regional Australia



FRRR
Foundation for Rural
Regional Renewal

Ensuring a vibrant, resilient, sustainable rural Australia

Since 2000, FRRR has delivered more than \$177 million to over 14,000 projects in remote, rural and regional towns and communities across Australia. We connect funding and support with the genuine local needs of rural people and places. By leaving a gift in your will to FRRR, together we can ensure these communities remain vibrant and strong, well into the future.

Whether it's supporting recovery and building resilience after a natural disaster, grants for upgrading equipment or repairing infrastructure, or perhaps funding an event to improve the wellbeing of a community, FRRR connects funding and support with the genuine local needs of rural people and places. Our vision is for a vibrant, resilient and revitalised regional Australia. A gift in your will can help make this happen.

FRRR is trusted and respected by governments, philanthropy, high net wealth families and everyday individuals to deliver funding to where it is needed most and at the time that it is most needed.



More than 9 million Australians live in regional centres, small rural towns or remote areas of our wide and vast country.



Regional Australia generates about 40% of the nation's economic output* but its communities and people face many challenges, including dealing with and recovering from natural disasters and a changing climate.

*Regional Australia Institute 2022



These communities and their people are significantly under-funded in comparison with their fellow Australians in capital cities.



They deserve more support. If you live in one of these communities or have a connection to rural Australia, then a gift in your will to FRRR can help to make these towns and communities stronger in the future.

Including a gift in your will to FRRR means that people, towns and communities in remote, rural and regional Australia can access the support they need to continue to be wonderful places to live and work, and to drive our shared prosperity.

Why give to FRRR?

FRRR is the only national not-for-profit foundation specifically focused on ensuring the social and economic strength of remote, rural and regional Australia.

Our tax status is one of our superpowers. FRRR is a specially listed Item 1 deductible gift recipient (DGR) entity, which means that donations \$2 and above to FRRR are tax deductible in Australia. Thousands of grassroots community groups in remote, rural, and regional Australia don't have DGR status or aren't registered as charities. This makes it more difficult to attract donations. But they can access funding from FRRR, as we can support any not-for-profit conducting charitable activities. This makes FRRR's tax status and role as a connector of good will with good purposes even more important.

FRRR's support is much more than money. Our team also provides extensive advice to community organisations seeking funding for their projects and initiatives. We believe that targeted support helps to create vibrant, adaptive and sustainable remote, rural and regional communities. Our application process is simple and we rigorously assess funding requests to ensure that our grants are given to organisations that can achieve the expected outcomes that will make a difference in their community.

No other funder and capacity builder works at the hyper-local level across the country like FRRR. We have the reach, relationships, networks and know-how – and a track record that proves we know what we are doing.



FRRR is a great organisation to work with. Staff are approachable, understanding and flexible with understanding rural issues. Documentation is straightforward and easy to understand. We are very appreciative of the funding. The grants and volunteer work all make a big difference to our community and its sustainability.

Lawrence Historical Society Inc



Giving to FRRR makes projects like these possible...

Inverell Community Youth Centre

The **Inverell Community Youth Centre** used a \$60,000 grant to fit-out a safe, inclusive meeting place to support local young people. It offers early intervention opportunities to reduce youth truancy, depression, mental health challenges, suicide, homelessness, substance abuse, crime and unemployment.

"Through the support of FRRR, we are truly changing lives, and providing hope and a more positive outlook for Inverell's youth. It is a journey that we and the youth of Inverell have just begun, and we are extremely grateful to FRRR for providing the platform from which we can take off."



Adavale Lane Community Centre

With a \$10,000 grant, the **Adavale Lane Community Centre** committee installed ceiling fans and new lighting in the hall, which elevated the aesthetics and provided a well-lit and safe area all around the building.

"These wonderful upgrades were showcased at our annual Christmas Party on December 18th 2021, and the community benefited from three large overhead fans that circulated the air and cooled the premises. The fairy lights on the ceiling looked absolutely heavenly, and the Xmas lights created a magical atmosphere, especially for the kids... The committee is most proud of the whole project, everything fitted together well, and worked. The FRRR grant application was clearly set out, staff were friendly and helpful when I had a few questions, and the whole process was easily achievable."

Mullumbimby Museum Air Conditioner

The **Brunswick Valley Historical Society** received funding for a new air conditioner for the Mullumbimby Museum, but they were concerned about the long-term increase in electricity costs. Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) saw the opportunity to assist both the Historical Society and the environment, and received a \$4,000 small grant to install a solar power system.

Dave Rawlins, COREM, said that although this was a small project, it has been referred to by a community member as a symbol of hope for what can be achieved by working together, and that we all can be part of the solution.

Durrmu Arts Aboriginal Corporation

The **Durrmu Arts Aboriginal Corporation** used a \$5,000 grant to purchase digital technology, which supported sharing of culture knowledge (dance) and developed a range of skills in young people.

"Over three days, we contracted a videographer to document through film and also teach young community members videography skills. This led to a wide range of footage from many viewpoints, which truly captured the men's ceremony... which happened in Peppimenarti and included boys and men from the entire West Daly region."

"The entire West Daly region has benefited from the professional documentation of these recordings... The aim of recording our ceremonial dance to then be able to share, teach and conserve cultural knowledge and practices for inter and intra-generational education and learning was reached and can now be shared for generations to come."

"Being able to teach the young community members a new and practical skillset in digital and technological practices can, in turn, create new career and employment pathways. Providing skills and tools for community members, especially younger members, is always a successful initiative and something the entire community can be proud of."



Mooral Creek's Creative Spark

Following the devastation of the 2019/20 Black Summer bushfires, the Mooral Creek Hall & Progress Association Committee knew it was important to bring the whole community together to connect, reflect and support each other through the recovery process.

In 2021, a \$25,000 FRRR grant funded a series of visual and performance arts workshops, culminating in an uplifting showcase event that celebrated the community's achievements.

The "Creative Spark" project enabled creative recovery through 55 workshop sessions across different mediums, all while also navigating local flooding and COVID restrictions. Participants benefited from the skill, enthusiasm and encouragement of 11 local facilitators, who aimed to shift focus from loss and trauma to positivity and inspiration.

"This creative recovery project did so much for the collective mental health and well-being of our community."



How to leave a gift in your will to FRRR

We appreciate that leaving a gift in your will to FRRR is a very personal decision and one not taken lightly. If you decide to make a bequest after providing for your family and loved ones, please talk to them about this and then discuss with your solicitor to ensure the wording reflects your exact wishes. We suggest four main ways that you can leave a legacy that will support FRRR and remote, rural and regional communities.

1. "Where it is needed" reflects that priorities might change over time, but FRRR will always provide funding and support to towns and communities beyond our big cities.
2. For "small grants" that will help remote, rural and regional communities tackle the opportunities and difficulties of the future.
3. To "support communities to recover from and prepare for natural disasters" in the future.
4. You can also "express a wish" to support a particular issue facing remote, rural and regional Australia like youth disengagement or environmental conservation, or perhaps a certain region. By expressing a non-binding preference in this way, FRRR, will do all it can to fulfil this wish but will also have some flexibility if things change or other related issues emerge in the future.

There are several ways that you can structure a bequest:

- Give a specified amount;
- Give a percentage of the overall value of your estate;
- Make a residual gift – which is a share of your estate after providing for family and friends.

Example wording for your gift

FRRR encourages you to discuss your wishes with your relevant legal advisor. However, if it is helpful to consider example wording, you may wish to frame your bequest as:

"I give the sum of \$ (or % of my estate, or % of my residuary estate) to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal ABN 27 091 810 589 of 66 Garsed Street, Bendigo Victoria for the specific charitable purpose of the Foundation. I declare that a receipt from an authorised officer of the Foundation shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

This wording can be modified to reflect your specific wishes, for example...

"I express a wish that my bequest is to be used to support the funding of upgrades to community halls in remote, rural or regional Australia. If at the time of my death FRRR no longer provides this type of support to remote, rural and regional communities, then my bequest is to be used for the general purposes of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (ABN 27 091 810 589)."

Keeping in touch

If you have included FRRR in your will or are considering this, we would be delighted to hear from you so that we can thank you for your generosity and honour your valued and important legacy for years to come. Please complete the form below and either post to PO Box 41, Bendigo VIC 3552 or email this information to partnerships@frrr.org.au.

Your name

Your address

Town

State

Postcode

Your phone number

Your email

We'd love to hear what you value most about giving to remote, rural and regional communities?

If you have any questions, such as how we would follow your wishes and acknowledge your generous gift, please call our Partnerships Team on 03 5430 2399 or email us and we will get in touch.

Thank you from the team at FRRR, and all remote, rural and regional communities across our vast country.

For further information about FRRR, please visit our website: www.frrr.org.au.



Leave a lasting impact

A gift in your will (also known as a bequest) to FRRR will be a gift with impact – one that sustains and contributes to a vibrant future for remote, rural and regional communities in Australia.

With your help FRRR can help these communities thrive.

Bequests are the gift that keeps giving and they are not difficult to set-up. A gift of any amount can have a more lasting impact than you might expect.

Please consider leaving a gift in your will to FRRR, especially:

- ▶ If you live in remote, rural or regional Australia and you want to see it develop and thrive, well into the future.
- ▶ If your family has connections to rural and regional Australia, perhaps specifically to a town or region where you would like to support that community.
- ▶ If you really enjoy getting out of the city where you live to experience places and meet people in rural or remote Australia.



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