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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

DAVID VAUX AM

As I retire as Chairman, I look back with pride on the period from July 2024 to June 2025 and the remarkable achievements of The LBW Trust. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the Trust supported 7 educational partners across 5 countries; and, through our partnership with Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA), 79 libraries in regional, rural and remote Australia.

A Year of Firsts and Farewells

In August, we launched the inaugural Critical Conversations Summit at Sandalford Winery WA, exploring 'Critical Minerals, Mining and ESG'. Alongside this, events like the National Backyard Cricket Carnival and 'Behind the Mike' at leading Australian cultural institutions celebrated the powerful intersection of sport, education and community.

In October, we farewelled founding Board Member Mike Coward AM at the State Library of NSW. Mike's distinguished career in cricket and journalism was matched by his passion for education's transformative power, an inspiration behind The LBW Trust's founding in 2006. Nineteen years and over 15,000 students later, his vision of Learning for a Better World remains our guiding light.

The new year saw leadership changes: Simon Gerathy joined as CEO in January, succeeding Emma Bromley, whose dedication profoundly strengthened the Trust. In February, Alex Tynan-Davey stepped down to welcome a new baby, and in March, Minette Ansell joined bringing fresh expertise to our events team.

In another first, Lisa McIntyre, Kristin Stubbins AM and I led a supporter trip to India and Nepal in March. From Kolkata to Bhubaneswar, Mumbai to Kathmandu, we witnessed how LBW's supports young people, especially women to access education and foster meaningful change in their communities.

In April, we welcomed Sheba Nandkeolyar to the Board. As a leader in multicultural marketing and women's empowerment, Sheba brings vital energy to LBW.

As I pass the chair to Marek Ristwej and Paul Singer, I am proud to leave the Trust in the hands of such dedicated and capable leaders.

I am deeply grateful to our Board, supporters, volunteers and partners. Together, we continue to create life-changing opportunities through education, advancing Learning for a Better World.

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The LBW Trust acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live on. We pay our respects to all Elders, past and present, of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations.

ABOUT US

The LBW Trust (Learning for a Better World) believes everyone deserves an education, and every student deserves an opportunity to realise their potential and to build their own future.

Established in 2006, we have supported more than 15,000+ disadvantaged students to receive a university or vocational education. We have also supported 258 projects in Australian country libraries.

We believe education empowers people and can change lives for the better, not only by providing hope for the individual, but by them becoming a change agent for their communities and countries.



OUR BOARD 2024-2025

Chair: David Vaux AM

Directors: Mike Coward AM | Tricia Ho-Hudson | Tim Hilton | Ash Perrott | Marek Ristwej | Samantha Forbes | Anthony Karpin | Paul Singer | Michael Dalton | Sheba Nandkeolyar

Honorary Treasurer: Euan Callister

General Manager: Emma Bromley (June to Jan) | CEO: Simon Gerathy (Jan to June)



OUR IMPACT

In 2024-2025, we supported 7 educational partners across 5 countries; and, through our partnership with Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA), 79 libraries in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Some of the educational programs we supported include:

- funding university fees and housing for the most vulnerable, aspiring students in India and Sri Lanka;
- enabling students in Nepal to receive an education through undertaking their studies at a Plus 2 College;
- supporting Afghan refugees displaced in Indonesia to gain the skills to become volunteer teachers, able to teach refugee children while they and their families await the long process of resettlement; and
- funded underprivileged youth in India through skill development & vocational training.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS 2024-2025

- Kakenya's Center for Excellence, Kenya
- Vikash Educational and Charitable Trust, India
- CandleAid, Sri Lanka
- Prerana College, India
- Heartland Academy, Nepal
- Sports Skills for Life Skills, South Africa
- Cisarua Refugee Centre, Indonesia
- SPRJ Kanyashala Trust College, India
- Yuva Parivartan, India

We partner with reputable and well-established NGOs and educational institutions.

AFRICA

We support students in Kenya and South Africa

SOUTH ASIA

We support students in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal

INDONESIA

We support displaced Afghan refugees

AUSTRALIA

We support projects in country libraries

"Coming from a middle-class family, the cost of higher education was a challenge, so I applied for the LBW-funded Prerana scholarship and was fortunate to be selected.

With continued support, I completed my studies at Swami Vivekananda PU College and later earned my BCA degree from Vishwa Chethana Degree College. After graduating, I began my career in IT as a junior developer."

ANUSHA P
Prerana



Miss Nazanin teaches Math, Science, and English at the Cisarua Refugee Centre (CRLC). Originally from Afghanistan, she has lived in Indonesia as a refugee since 2017. Nazanin completed her GED and diploma before joining the refugee-run school in 2024.

Today, she teaches students to build confidence and turning resilience into inspiration for the next generation.

NAZANIN
Cisarua Refugee Learning Centre



EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2024-2025

Chair: Tom Bowes

Members: Marian Baird | Pauline Douglas | Nina Burridge | Lucinda Vaux | Clementine Johnson (April) | Alex Batchen (June) | Jimmy Abrahams (June)

LBW Member: Kathryn Toohey



OUR EVENTS

In 2024–2025, The LBW Trust delivered a series of flagship events including T10 Corporate Cricket tournaments in Sydney and Melbourne, Critical Conversations in Western Australia's Swan Valley (where a vineyard was transformed into a cricket venue), the National Backyard Cricket Carnival at the National Library of Australia and Behind the Mike at the State Library of New South Wales.

Behind the Mike - 25th October 2024

200 members of The LBW Trust community gathered at the State Library of NSW to honour founding director Mike Coward AM as he stepped down from the Board. 'Behind the Mike' celebrated his early years, cricketing career and passions beyond the game. The evening was filled with gratitude for Mike's outstanding service to Australian cricket and The LBW Trust.



A highlight of Behind the Mike was a surprise duet by musical and theatre star, Blake Bowden and Mike Coward.

The event also marked the launch of The Mike Coward – LBW Endowment Fund, established to continue Mike's legacy and support LBW's mission.



NATIONAL BACKYARD CRICKET CARNIVAL

On September 25th 2024 The LBW Trust hosted the National Backyard Cricket Carnival at the National Library of Australia in Canberra. With months of preparation and perfect weather, more than 160 ACT primary school students enjoyed a vibrant day of cricket, reflecting our mission of community and education.

The National Library was a fitting venue, as The LBW Trust supports rural library projects across Australia.

The event was delivered in partnership with Cricket ACT, Cricket Australia, the ACT Meteors, the National Capital Authority, the National Library of Australia and the many dedicated teachers and volunteers who made the day possible.



T10 BACKYARD CRICKET

The LBW Trust's T10 Corporate Cricket series was held across Melbourne and Sydney in February and March 2025, bringing together corporate teams and supporters for a series of fundraising matches.

Teams included Langston Larrikins, Oracle/Indara, TDM Growth Partners, Pacific Equity Partners, Wesfarmers, Commonwealth Bank, River Capital, Helloworld Travel, Deloitte and Cricket Australia. Despite variable conditions, all events were successfully delivered with strong participation from players, partners and volunteers.

The tournaments raised funds to support The LBW Trust's education programs for disadvantaged young people in South Africa, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India and rural Australia.

The series also amplified the Workplace Giving program, enabling employees of partner organisations to contribute directly to the Trust and further support its vision of Learning for a Better World.



NATIONAL BACKYARD CRICKET COMMITTEE 2024-2025

Chair: Marek Ristweij

Members: David Vaux | Harry Moffitt | Dean Phillips | Michael Dalton |

Emma Bromley | Miranda di Ciano | Simon Gerathy | Alex Tynan-Davey | Kathryn Toohey



CRITICAL CONVERSATION ON CRITICAL MINERALS, MINING & ESG

A Critical Conversation on the future of Australia and the Critical Minerals, Mining, and ESG sectors.

In August 2024 The LBW Trust hosted its inaugural Critical Conversations event at Sandalford Wines in Western Australia's Swan Valley, focusing on Australia's critical minerals, mining and ESG sectors.

The event brought together leaders from industry, policy and academia to explore pathways toward a more equitable and sustainable future, grounded in The LBW Trust's belief that education is central to long-term social impact.

In the afternoon, the venue was transformed into a cricket pitch for a friendly T10 tournament, extending the program into sport and community engagement.

Critical Conversations extends the Trust's cricket-based fundraising work by broadening engagement beyond sport into dialogue on key global and local development challenges, advancing its vision of Learning for a Better World.

NBYC COUNTRY LIBRARY GRANTS

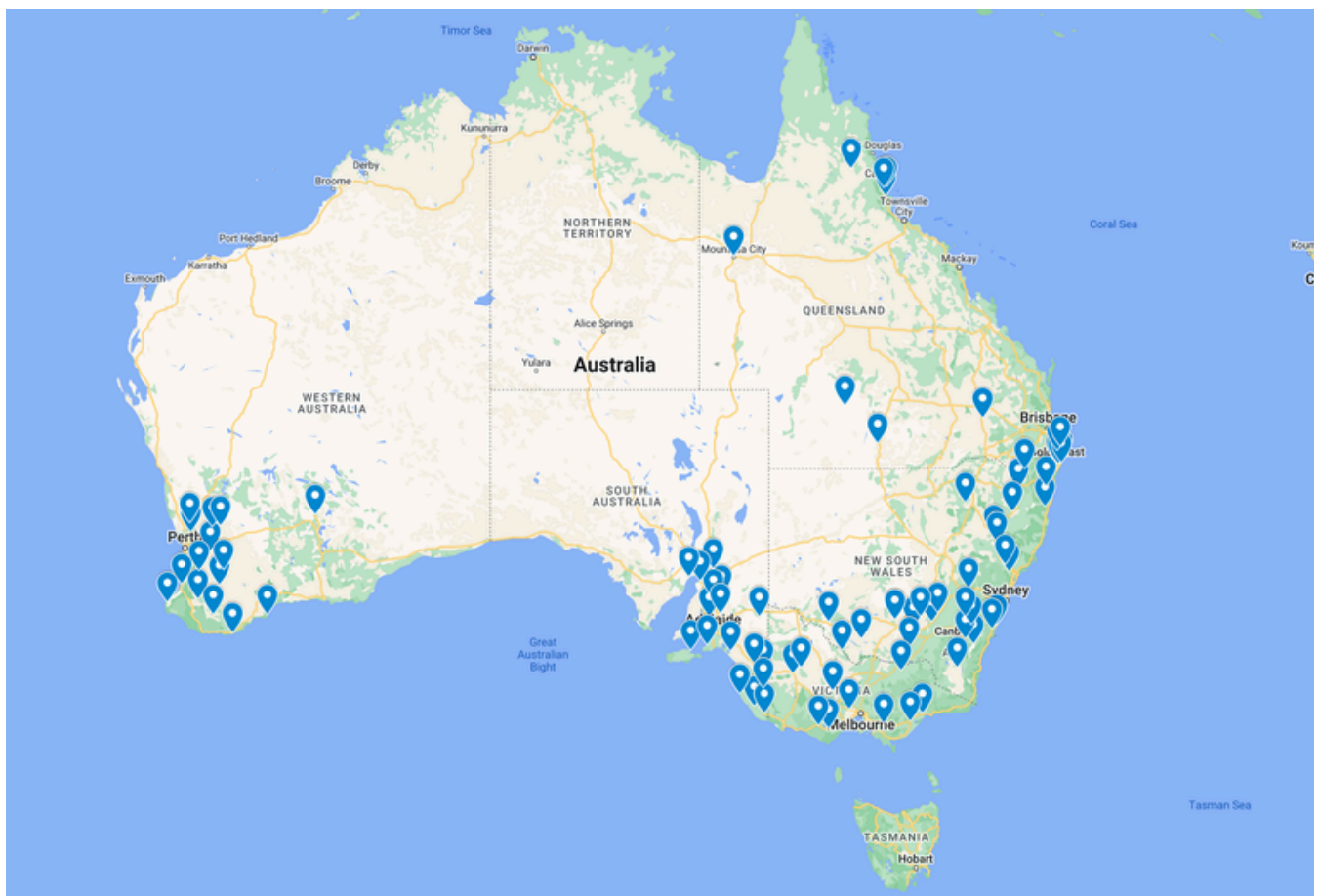
In 2024–2025, The LBW Trust, in partnership with Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA), proudly funded 79 country libraries across small regional communities of fewer than 20,000 people.

These grants provide a steady pulse of support for libraries in remote and rural areas, helping them remain alive, welcoming, and essential spaces where learning unfolds, connection is renewed, and community resilience quietly strengthens over time.

In many small towns, the library is often the one location in a community that welcomes all. It holds a unique and irreplaceable role as a “third place”, a space beyond home and work where everyday life opens outward: people gather, ideas circulate, stories are exchanged, and belonging becomes tangible.

Across remote communities, libraries are more than buildings. They are living commons, anchoring connection, holding knowledge and offering a consistent place for people to meet themselves and each other in the wider world.

79 LIBRARIES. 79 PROJECTS.



NBYC COUNTRY LIBRARY GRANTS

ROBE PUBLIC LIBRARY, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Situated 337 kilometres from Adelaide and with a population of approximately 1500, Robe is a coastal community where the local library plays an important role in bringing people together.

The LBW Trust supported the Robe Library Winter Holiday Program, bringing the interactive children's performance SeaStar Rock to the community. More than 70 children, along with parents, grandparents and caregivers, attended the event, which explored marine sustainability, self-esteem and positivity through music, storytelling and participation.

For many local families, the performance provided a rare opportunity to experience live theatre in their regional community, creating an engaging and memorable learning experience for children.



NBYC COUNTRY LIBRARY GRANTS

CUNNAMULLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, QLD

Cunnamulla is a remote town, located 750 km west of Brisbane and home to approximately 800 residents. Through targeted funding in 2021, 2023 and 2024 to 2025, The LBW Trust has supported libraries in regional and remote communities with populations of 20,000 people or fewer, including Cunnamulla.

Our partnership with Cunnamulla Library has enabled a range of community programs, including digital learning initiatives, a Kids' Spring Fair, coding workshops, and annual robotics workshops.

In 2024 to 2025, LBW funding supported the delivery of a three-day robotics program for local school children, with a visiting facilitator leading hands-on workshops. These sessions are the only robotics learning opportunities available to children in the community. The program has also been made possible through LBW funding, with additional council contribution supporting facilitator travel and delivery costs. Without this funding, the workshops would not be possible.



AROUND OUR LIBRARIES





Women for Change | Supporting
The LBW Trust

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF IMPACT AND COMMUNITY

2024-2025 was a meaningful chapter for Women For Change (WFC) — a year where our mission came to life in powerful, tangible ways. As a Committee of The LBW Trust, we remain steadfast in our commitment to unlocking opportunity for disadvantaged young women through access to tertiary education, leadership development and holistic support.

As we reflect on the past twelve months, we are proud to have supported hundreds of young women on their journey toward a tertiary qualification and meaningful employment.

WOMEN FOR CHANGE COMMITTEE 2024-2025

Co-Chairs: Kristin Stubbins AM | Lisa McIntyre

Members: Eleanor Hall | Pip Butt | Stephanie Newey | Denise Stewart | Samantha Forbes | David Vaux | Amanda MacLean | Kushum Shakya | Preeti Inchody | Kim Hamrosi | Kylie Maddern | Shane McKay | Kate McCormack | Carolyn Fox | Christina Katsibouba

General Manager: Romy Pollak

Women for Change - Level Up Leadership Class

In September 2024, the Leadership Masterclass returned for its second year, bringing together 48 participants from diverse organisations for a day of reflection, learning and connection. Keynote and panel speakers included Josephine Sukkar AM and Kristin Stubbins AM, sharing insights on career progression through internal promotion. Funds raised enabled 40 girls to attend the Heartland Academy for a full year.

Women for Change - The Ignite Art Event

WFC hosted its second Ignite Art Show in February 2025 at the Sibyl Centre, The Women's College at the University of Sydney, featuring works by leading Australian artists alongside emerging National Art School graduates. Scholars Linet Momposhi and Vivian Kilusu shared the transformative impact of education, making Ignite both a fundraiser and a celebration of art's power to connect and expand possibility.

Highlights from Women For Change's Key Projects

- Kakenya's Dream, Kenya: Linet Momposhi placed in the top four for "Best Student" at the Women in Cyber Security Awards.
- SPRJ Kanyashala Trust, India: The first cohort of 25 students graduated, with 9 securing employment, and the program expands to 30 students in 2026.
- Heartland Centre for Women, Nepal: Over 500 women accessed cervical cancer screenings, many for the first time.
- Teach Her, India: Scholarships supported young women from orphanages into tertiary education, offering stability and a pathway to independence.

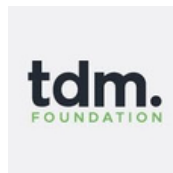


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PATRONS OF THE LBW TRUST

General (Retd) the Honourable David John Hurley AC CVO DSC and
Mrs. Linda Hurley



OUR FUTURE

The LBW Trust continues to support education programs both internationally and across Australia in pursuit of Learning for a Better World. However, given current fundraising pressures, the Board made the difficult decision to maintain a 10% reduction in distribution commitments to educational partners, implemented in the previous financial year.

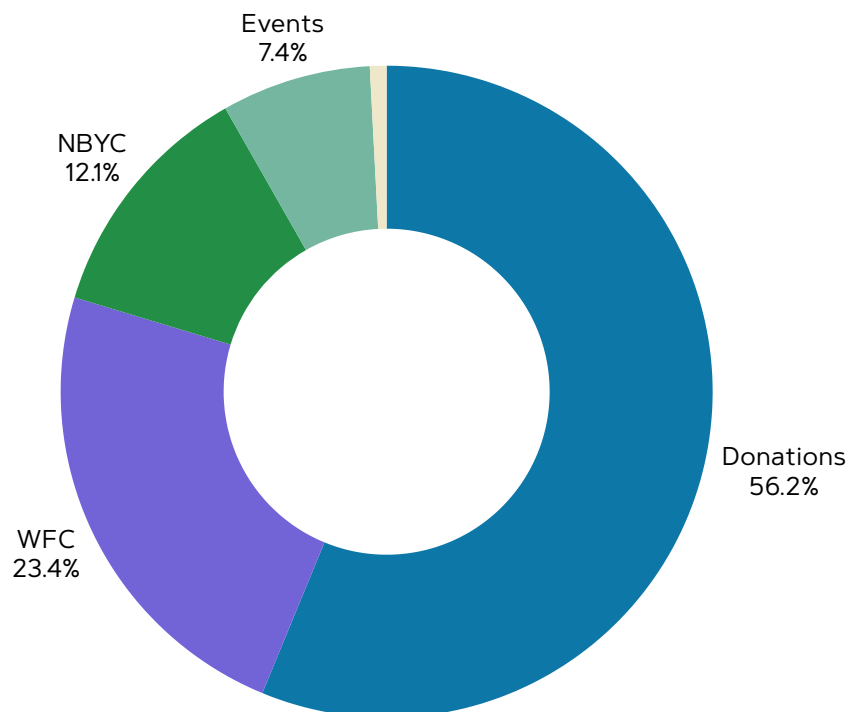
The Board remains committed to building a sustainable fundraising model through increased revenue diversification, ensuring the Trust can continue to support existing partners while expanding its reach to new programs.

Looking ahead, The LBW Trust will continue to grow its National Backyard Cricket program, including expanding corporate participation in T10 carnivals and increasing opportunities for primary-aged children to take part in Games on the Greens.

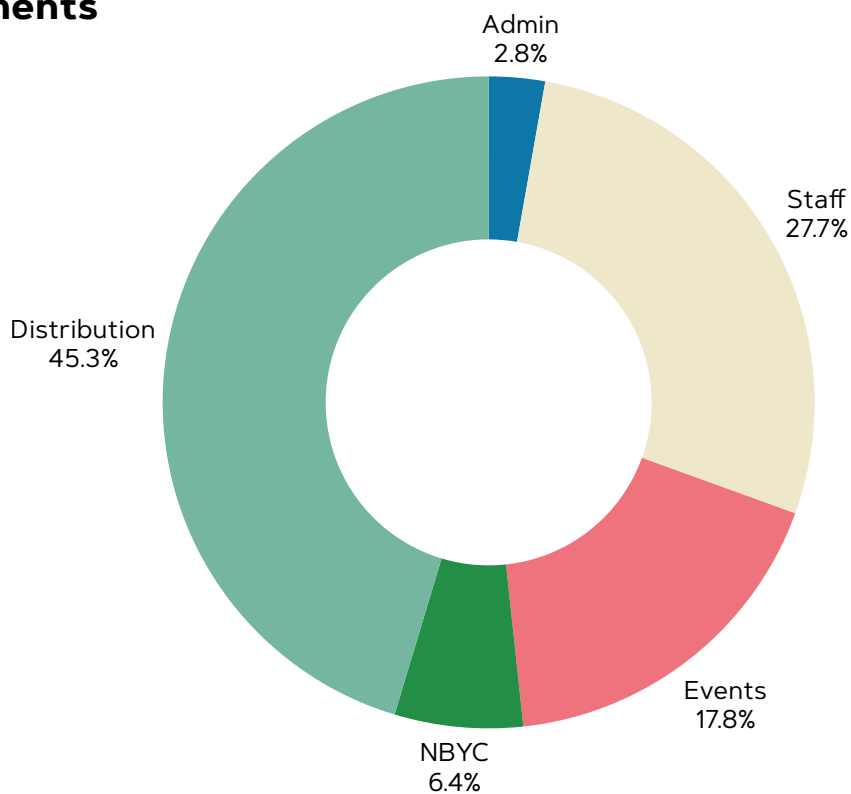
The success of recent events and initiatives provides a strong foundation for the future, supporting the Trust's continued work in advancing education and creating greater access to opportunity.

FINANCIALS

Main Sources of Revenue



Dispersements



Audited accounts can be found online at www.lbwtrust.org.au



Cricket connects us.
Education drives us.



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