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Mannifera is a collective of Australian funders working together to invest in civil society organisations advocating for the systems change we need to strengthen our democracy and build an economy that works for everyone.

Our Focus Areas



Create a fair, accountable and open government



Build an equitable tax system and social safety net



Improve the quality of public debate



Ensure political participation for everyone



Promote First Nations economic inclusion

2019 – 2023 Achievements

Mannifera has filled a gap in philanthropy by backing advocacy organisations that protect our democracy and tackle the structural causes of economic inequality. Beyond grant-making, we've created space to learn, connect, and build collective power.

21
collective
members

45+
organisations
supported

\$3+
million
delivered
in grants

65+
learning &
connection
building events

Our Approach to Philanthropy

How we work is who we are, which is why our approach to philanthropy guides everything we do. We are:

- ▶ Led by civil society and First Nations expertise
- ▶ Focused on supporting advocacy that tackles systems-level change
- ▶ Committed to fostering collaboration and collective action
- ▶ Building trust-based relationships and partnerships
- ▶ Responsive to evolving needs and changing contexts
- ▶ Innovative and willing to take risks
- ▶ Continuously learning and improving on our practice

“I feel like we are truly partners, that we can problem solve together and that there is greater opportunity for genuine relationships.”

– Dr Millie Rooney,
Co-Director, Australia reMADE

Grant Partner Spotlight

In 2020, Mannifera provided seed-funding to establish the Australia Democracy Network (ADN), and have proudly renewed our support ever since. In 2021, ADN led the Hands Off Our Charities Alliance to victory by defeating regulations that would have stifled the right for charities to engage in advocacy. They also collaborated with a range of organisations to block Voter ID legislation that would have prevented marginalized communities from casting a ballot. In 2022, ADN supported coalitions that increased female representation in parliament and reformed the MPs' Code of Conduct.



Influence philanthropy

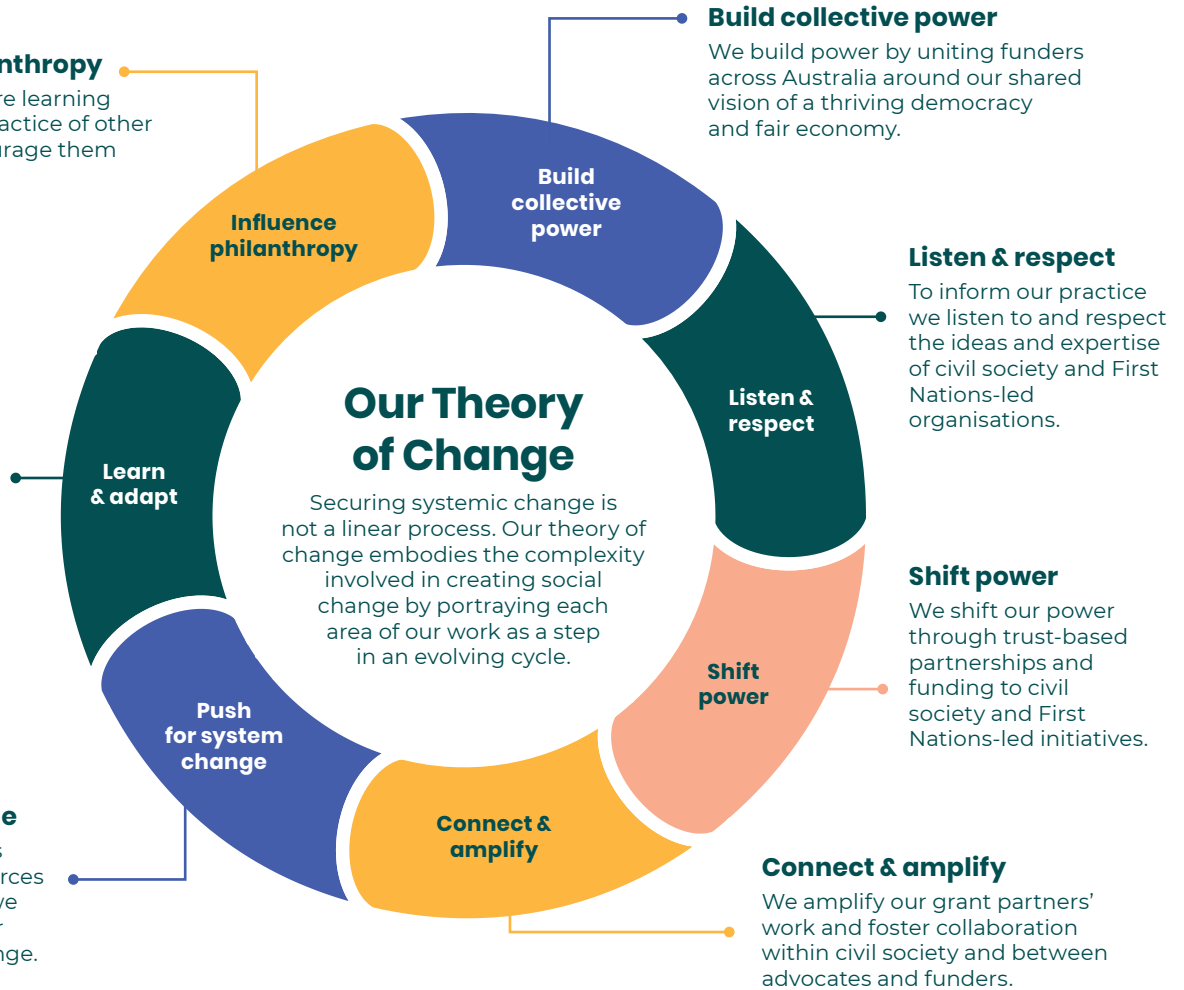
We use what we are learning to influence the practice of other funders and encourage them to join us.

Learn & adapt

We learn from our work and the evolving needs of civil society, using these insights to adapt our approach.

Push for systems change

Our grant partners leverage the resources and connections we provide to push for systems-level change.



Become a Collective Member

Our members benefit from peer-to-peer learning, collective decision-making, and opportunities to broaden their philanthropic practice, and, through working together they're more confident to take risks. Mannifera members contribute a minimum of \$65,000 per annum over three years and include private ancillary funds, fundholders within public ancillary funds, charitable trusts and individuals.

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