Annual Report 2026

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Celebrating 50 Years of Habitat for Humanity

Together, we build **homes, communities and hope.**

Habitat for Humanity Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country on which we work throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Peoples and recognise their lands and sovereignty were never ceded.

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Together, we build **purpose**

As we reflect on the past year, we do so on the cusp of a milestone half a century in the making. In 2026, Habitat for Humanity marks 50 years since our founding — 50 years of partnership, perseverance and proof that when communities come together, doors open. This year's report is both a look back at what we achieved together, and the first step into our next 50 years of impact.



John Douglas – Chair's Report

It is my great pleasure to introduce the 2026 annual report for Habitat for Humanity Australia.

The year was a year of meaningful change. Importantly, we had a planned change in CEO. Nicole Stanmore, who was with Habitat for a little under seven years, resigned as CEO having given the Board plenty of notice of her intentions. I thank Nicole and the board for their extensive contribution in last year's annual report and am delighted to do so again!

After a lengthy search process, the Board was delighted to appoint Penny Kaleta as Habitat for Humanity Australia's CEO. Penny's career is characterised by her ability to cultivate high-performance cultures and forge powerful partnerships that drive meaningful change. Penny started in her new role in September 2025. She has had an immediate positive impact.

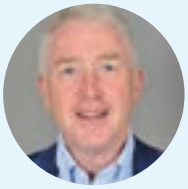
I would also like to thank Dan Peyton for acting as interim CEO. While succession was well managed, change is always unsettling. I'd like to thank our staff for their ongoing focus on Habitat for Humanity's domestic and international mission.

We continued to see incremental change on the Board:

- Phil Burns, whose sits on the Board of Habitat for Humanity Victoria, also served as a director of HFHA from November 2021 until January 2026. I would like to thank him for his extensive service to both organisations.
- We are also delighted to welcome Diana Sacrasmo to the board. Diana is Managing Director, Residential Australia at Colliers, and has more than 30 years' experience in Australia's residential property sector. She is a qualified architect with a master's degree in business.

I would like to thank the Boards and staff of our affiliates and partners in South Australia and Victoria for their support, and the leadership they are providing to the work in their own states.

Finally, my thanks to you – our vital and valued community of people, organisations, schools, and partners. We would not be able to continue to positively impact families in all parts of the world through access to safe housing without you. On behalf of the people you have helped, I would like to thank you.



John Douglas

Penny Kaleta – CEO's Report

Building Homes, Communities and Hope

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude, pride and optimism.

At Habitat for Humanity Australia, we believe that everyone deserves a safe and decent place to live. A home is so much more than four walls and a roof – it is the foundation for health, education, employment, dignity and opportunity.

Across Australia and throughout Asia and the Pacific region, we have worked alongside communities, partners, governments, volunteers and supporters to build homes, strengthen communities and create hope for thousands of people. Every project we have delivered, every partnership we have forged and every family we have supported has been made possible because people chose to come together.

I am proud of our people, our dedicated team who show up every day with compassion, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to our mission. They work tirelessly behind the scenes and on the ground, often navigating complex challenges, yet never losing sight of why we exist.

I am proud of our volunteers, whose generosity of spirit reminds us that real change happens when people are willing to give their time, skills and hearts in service of others. Whether building homes, participating in Brush with Kindness, travelling on a Global Village, supporting our events or lending their professional expertise, our volunteers continue to demonstrate the very best of humanity.

I am equally proud of our supporters, donors, corporate partners, trusts and foundations. Your belief in Habitat for Humanity Australia enables us to reach more people, respond to greater need and create lasting impact.

This year has also been one of transformation for Habitat for Humanity Australia. We have continued to strengthen our organisation, refine our strategy and position ourselves for sustainable growth.

We are equally aware of the growing need around us.

Across Australia, too many individuals and families are experiencing housing stress, homelessness or the uncertainty that comes from not knowing where they will sleep. Across our neighbouring countries, millions continue to live without access to safe, resilient housing. These challenges remind us that our work has never been more important.

As we look ahead, our ambition is clear. We will continue to grow our impact, strengthen our partnerships and advocate for housing solutions that are innovative, sustainable and centred on people. We will continue to invest in our capability so that we can serve more communities and create greater change. Above all, we will remain steadfast in our purpose—to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

To everyone who has been part of our journey this year, thank you.

Your passion, generosity and belief in our mission make everything we do possible.

Together, we are building stronger communities and building hope.





Penny Kaleta

Patronage



In its 50th year, Habitat for Humanity Australia continues to work with volunteers, partners and communities, and as part of a global network, to prioritise homes and housing as a foundation for resilient, equitable and sustainable lives and communities.

When I was sworn in as Australia's 28th Governor General I promised to put care, kindness and respect at the centre of my work. In the patient, long standing work of Habitat for Humanity, I see care for those who care for others, and care for the most vulnerable. And care always delivered with respect and engagement with communities.

For 50 years, Habitat for Humanity has delivered safe, affordable homes – supporting better health, education and wellbeing – turning a mission into a movement – where families have an opportunity to build their futures on their own terms.

One of the greatest joys in my role is to celebrate care when I find it in the organisations where I am Patron, and to share their stories widely with people who need to hear them. As the proud Patron of Habitat for Humanity Australia, I am delighted to bring focus to and to celebrate the impact of that care, the work of care that is an enduring hallmark of Habitat's work to deliver the transformative power of a safe and decent place to live for people and communities.

Thank you to everyone involved – from donors and partners to the extraordinary longstanding volunteers who have generously shown up for half a century.



Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

RAP

Together, we strengthen **reconciliation**

Habitat for Humanity Australia's reconciliation journey is grounded in more than 15 years of partnership with First Nations controlled and led organisations, supporting their vital work. In 2025, we were proud to be welcomed by Reconciliation Australia into their Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program with the formal endorsement of our inaugural Reflect RAP.



Habitat for Humanity Australia's RAP enables us to develop and strengthen our commitment to reconciliation in structured and measurable ways. Our mission is to empower people, and our Reflect RAP will demonstrate recognition and respect for the world's longest continuous cultures and actively support First Nations' self-determination.

Habitat for Humanity Australia is committed to promoting and standing in solidarity with First Nations people in the ongoing work of justice, healing and reconciliation.

let's open the door

Celebrating 50 Years of Habitat for Humanity

Together, we build **on the past, and open the door to what's next**

In 2026, Habitat for Humanity internationally celebrates 50 years of building, improving and financing places to call home and Habitat for Humanity Australia is proud to be part of that global movement. This milestone year is marked by a shared global campaign, Let's Open the Door, inviting an entire global network, supporters and communities to reflect on five decades of impact, while opening the door to the next 50 years.

Our story since 1976

Habitat for Humanity began as a grassroots organisation in Georgia, born from the idea of "partnership housing"; people in need of shelter working side by side with volunteers to build decent, affordable homes. 50 years on, Habitat works in more than 60 countries, having supported more than 65 million people worldwide.



Why this milestone matters

Despite 50 years of progress, the need for safe, affordable housing has never been greater. Globally, more than one billion people live in inadequate housing and **one in three people worldwide lack a safe, decent place to call home.** This anniversary is not only a celebration – it's a renewed call to action.

Let's Open the Door: the global campaign

Habitat for Humanity International's year long Let's Open the Door campaign highlights the strides made over the past five decades, while laying the foundation for the next 50 years. The campaign's visual identity uses forward slashes to frame a word or phrase representing what an open door makes possible, paired with authentic, people-centred photography.

Looking ahead: the next 50 years

Habitat for Humanity's global strategic plan, 50 for 50, sets an ambitious goal: increasing access to affordable housing for 50 million people. The plan focuses on three pillars, building more and better homes, transforming housing systems, and inspiring action for housing, underpinned by our enduring commitments to faith and equity.





Early Global Village build in Peru.

about us

Together, we build homes, community and hope.

Housing is a human right. It's more than shelter, it's the foundation for safety, health, resilience and opportunity. Inadequate housing drives intergenerational vulnerability, we're here to change that.

our mission

To build homes, community and hope.

our vision

A world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

our values

Humility, courage, accountability and kindness.

what we do

Create housing solutions, strengthen communities, transform housing policy; and inspire action for housing.

who we support

People experiencing, unsafe and inadequate living conditions in Australia and in Asia and the Pacific.



our impact

Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity has supported more than 65 million people to build or improve the place they call home.

our ambition

Over the next two years, Habitat for Humanity Australia's ambition is to support 45,000 people across Australia, Asia and the Pacific. We create and improve homes, unlock underutilised housing and deliver holistic community development focusing on climate resilient communities.

our guiding principles

- Take a holistic view of housing, recognising that a 'safe decent place to live' extends beyond physical houses and includes community infrastructure that together underpin health, education, safety, food security and livelihood outcomes.
- Work in collaboration, through strong partnerships with the Habitat for Humanity global network, communities, government, private sector, and frontline service providers.
- Support climate resilient housing solutions, with a focus on locally led, stronger, disaster-prepared communities.
- Ensure inclusive development approaches, considering gender equity, disability and social inclusion in housing.
- Engage in strong, value-aligned relationships with its supporters, engaging donors and volunteers to meaningfully contribute to its mission and impact.

our pillars



Build Housing Solutions



Strengthen Community Resilience



Transform Housing Policy



Inspire Action for Housing

how we support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Together, we build **a climate-resilient future.**

Housing is climate action. Through your support, Habitat for Humanity Australia is innovating to make homes safer and more sustainable, while contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SDG's supported by Habitat for Humanity Australia are: No Poverty, Good Health and Wellbeing, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and Climate Action.



our development approach



Together, we build **sustainable development.**

We work in partnership with communities across Asia and the Pacific to address inadequate housing and support integrated community development through a sustainable, locally-led approach, recognising the central role adequate housing and strong communities play in supporting people out of poverty.

Together, we **are building a better world.**

a year in review

together, we're building **a future where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.**

From creating and improving homes, delivering critical repairs and bringing volunteers together on builds, to advocating for change and forging powerful partnerships, this year we turned collaboration into action – creating stronger homes, stronger communities, and greater impact.

10,831 people supported

Across Australia and through strong partnerships in Asia and the Pacific region, your support reached thousands of people building homes, communities, and hope.

1,738 volunteers

Through Global Village, Brush with Kindness and Restore, volunteers spent close to 45,000 hours building, repairing, and refurbishing homes.

169 new homes

169 new homes were built, including 111 temporary shelters with families affected by the 2025 flooding in Nepal, purposefully designed to be upgraded into permanent homes in the future.

270 improved homes

Together, we improved 162 homes across Australia through Brush with Kindness and Habitat Women, and 108 homes overseas through International Programs with a focus on creating accessible homes for people with disabilities.

20 committees formed

Across Asia and the Pacific, more than 300 new people joined forces to form 20 new local committees driving locally-led development and disaster resilience.

11 community infrastructure projects

Across Cambodia, Bangladesh, Fiji, and Vietnam, 11 major community infrastructure projects were supported including water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities, roads and access infrastructure and shared community meeting spaces.

1,053 training participants

In Australia, 37 participants completed the Habitat Women training program. Internationally, 1,016 people participated in training from basic construction to financial literacy.

44 advocacy engagements

In Australia, advocacy focused on unlocking more Meanwhile Use properties and promoting Healthy Homes. Whilst advocacy with governments and international bodies focused on positioning housing as an essential feature of inclusive community climate resilience and equitable human development.

32 frontline charities supported

Through our work in Australia, we partnered with 32 frontline charities to support people experiencing homelessness, women and children escaping family and domestic violence, and other challenging circumstances.

Together, we build homes, communities and hope.

BUILD housing solutions

Habitat for Humanity Australia creates new housing opportunities while working to improve the quality of existing homes, to ensure people live in safe, dignified, and healthy conditions. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity Australia is a connector of housing solutions for frontline charity services.

New Homes

Habitat for Humanity Australia designs and builds new homes that meet the specific needs of people experiencing marginalisation in Australia and overseas.

This year, 169 homes were built across Australia, Asia and the Pacific, including:

- 111 temporary accommodations in Nepal responding to the devastating 2025 floods
- 22 climate-resilient homes in Indonesia with 278 to come in FY27
- 18 homes in Cambodia
- 12 homes in Vietnam
- 5 homes in Australia for low-income families and broke ground on 11 new apartments for transitional shelter
- 1 home in Fiji

14 of these homes were built shoulder-to-shoulder with volunteers through the Global Village program.

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Breaking ground in Habitat Penrith

This year, Habitat for Humanity Australia began construction on Habitat Penrith, a purpose-built recovery space for women and children escaping family and domestic violence, in partnership with DV West. This accommodation is vital for when brave women and children take the risk to leave the abuse and need a safe place to go.

Each year, the accommodation will provide a nurturing recovery space for 200 women and children, giving them access to wrap-around support, including counselling and legal support, a multipurpose room for safe, remote court hearings, age-appropriate spaces for children, and units that are pet-friendly and accessible. It will also support approximately 650 women and children through an outreach program.





Habitat for Humanity Australia is proud of its growing partnership with DV West, which also includes Wirrawee Gunya Dharruk, a purpose-built crisis accommodation supporting Aboriginal women and children since 2024. Through Habitat Penrith and strong partnerships, Habitat for Humanity Australia is building a clear pathway to safety and healing, in a space that offers every mother and child a sense of home.

In Cambodia: A safe, accessible home changes lives

Ms Mom and her partner raise four children, one of whom lives with a disability. From farming and seasonal labour, their household income averages $100 a month, which barely covered food, school and healthcare, but never enough to repair their home.

They lived together in a small shelter constructed of an ageing corrugated iron roof and wooden planks for walls, patched with palm leaves and rusted metal.

Rain and wind came straight through.

The house stood high off the ground, with an uneven floor and steep steps, so their daughter could never get around, in or out of her home in her wheelchair on her own.

"Every day, I had to carry her out in the morning and bring her back in the evening" Ms Mom said.

As part of Habitat for Humanity Australia's BUILD project supported by DFAT ANCP, a new brick accessible home was built together with the family and the community.

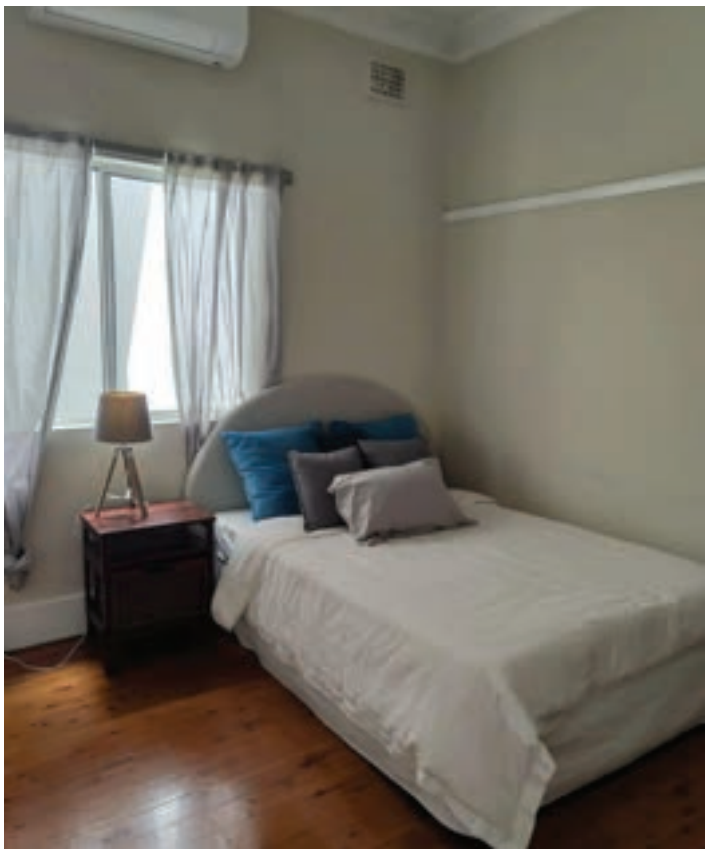
Today their daughter moves in and out of her home in her wheelchair freely and independently.

"Now I have more time to grow vegetables and raise chickens for food and income. Your help has changed our lives. I hope many more families can experience the same support."



Meanwhile Use

Habitat for Humanity Australia's work in Meanwhile Use involves working with property owners and frontline service providers to unlock underutilised spaces and create critical, safe accommodation.



By bringing vacant properties back into use, the program allows a fast response to urgent housing needs, while creating pathways to longer-term stability.

This year, Habitat for Humanity Australia supported the activation and transformation of housing in Sydney for people escaping domestic and family violence, including:

- Accommodation in St Peters - supporting two First Nations families through the partnership with the Aboriginal Women and Children's Crisis Service and Coronation Property.
- Two homes in Ashfield, transformed in partnership with Women's Community Shelters and Toga to provide safe accommodation for transgender people escaping violence.
- A home in Prospect, providing a safe place for families to rebuild their lives with support from Bonnie Support Services and Sydney Water.

Habitat for Humanity Australia also commenced the transformation of Habitat Haymarket, an innovative project that will provide six apartments of supported accommodation for young people escaping domestic and family violence, in partnership with Youth Off the Streets.

Habitat for Humanity Australia also advocated for a housing system that enables and encourages more empty spaces to be used for good. Every property activated represents more than a building brought back into use. It creates safety, stability, and the opportunity for individuals and families to rebuild their lives and look towards the future with confidence.

Habitat Prospect: A home for family escaping family and domestic violence

Habitat Prospect is an old cottage once used by operators at a Sydney Water site that had sat empty for years, no longer needed for its original purpose. Through Meanwhile Use, Habitat for Humanity Australia partnered with Sydney Water and Bonnie Support Services to transform the disused property into safe, transitional housing for women and children escaping family and domestic violence.

Habitat Women repairs and maintenance uplifted the property, ensuring it was a safe, functional, dignified and inviting space for the family – a haven.

On 15 September 2025, a single mother and her three teenage children moved into the home. What was once an unused cottage became a place of immediate safety and stability for a family in crisis.

The project demonstrates the power of partnership in action. By bringing together a property owner, a frontline service provider and Habitat for Humanity Australia's refurbishment expertise and ongoing asset management, an idle property was turned into a home, offering a family the chance to rebuild their lives without the delay and cost of new construction.



Housing Access Pathways

Habitat for Humanity Australia provides long-term, affordable housing, as well as supporting families to purchase their own homes. It does this through an innovative financial model that enables affordable rent for families.

Habitat for Humanity Australia provided ongoing support to corporate partners and frontline service providers, more than 90 partner families nationally, including 19 in Queensland and New South Wales, and continued to support two families through the Subsidised Housing and Affordable Rental Program (SHARP), providing secure, long-term, affordable rental housing for families who have faced domestic and family violence.

Habitat for Humanity Victoria provided ongoing support to 30 partner families and Habitat for Humanity South Australia to 41 through long-term, interest-free loans, with three successfully refinancing this year after 10 years. Crib Point development in Victoria was also finalised, creating much-needed affordable housing and helping partner families in the journey towards home ownership.



In South Australia: Rhonda's Story

On 16 June 2026, Habitat for Humanity South Australia handed over its 41st home for low-income families, this one to Rhonda, a foster mum who has spent years opening her home and her heart to children who needed care. Now, Rhonda has something of her own: a place of stability and security, not just for herself, but for every child she welcomes in.

"I have lived with the idea that I would never have the opportunity of owning a home, not only for myself but as I took on the role of caring for children in need - a forever home with the space for them to truly be themselves," says Rhonda.

It's the kind of outcome that reminds us why this work matters: a safe, stable home changes what's possible, not just for the person who receives it, but for everyone they care for.

In Victoria: Resilience, hard work and her Habitat home

For Lisa, one of Habitat for Humanity Victoria's partner families, home ownership once felt out of reach. The idea of securing a loan or owning a home was something she never imagined possible. But through determination, hard work at the local bakery, and partnership, that dream became a reality.

Being given the opportunity to work towards a Habitat home was life changing. "I worked really hard and eventually did it," she shares. Reaching that milestone of being able to re-finance this year is an achievement for Lisa filled with pride and excitement. "I was so excited to have actually accomplished this."

Habitat for Humanity Victoria provided a 10-year interest free loan to Lisa, which has been a significant 'hand up', enabling her to experience secure housing and develop financial capacity and independence.

"I owe everything to Habitat for giving me the opportunity to do this," she says. ***"It was the best thing in my life."***



Improved homes

Habitat for Humanity Australia improved 162 homes and completed 7 significant community and placemaking projects across Australia, including gardens and communal areas in refuges. Powered by the generosity of volunteers, Brush with Kindness played a big part of improving living standards whilst showing residents that their communities' care for them.

Habitat Women repairs and maintenance, Habitat for Humanity Australia's social enterprise improved 49 homes, creating employment opportunities for women trained through the Habitat Women program. This is a powerful example of housing improvement creating impact beyond the home, strengthening livelihoods while making communities safer and more liveable.

Across the Asia and Pacific region we improved 108 homes, including water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities including:

- 74 homes in Vietnam
- 21 homes in Bangladesh
- 9 homes in Cambodia
- 4 homes in Fiji

From essential repairs and maintenance to accessible bathrooms, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, gardens and communal spaces, these improvements can make an immediate and lasting difference to daily life.





In Australia: Habitat Women

Habitat Women Repairs and Maintenance stepped in to deliver significant bathroom upgrades for Stucco Housing Co-operative. Over a large project, 10 women contributed more than 1,000 hours of skilled maintenance work, applying the practical skills they had developed through the program while continuing to build their confidence and experience on a large-scale job.

Together, the team transformed outdated facilities into clean, safe, and healthy spaces that will benefit an estimated 115 students over the next decade, many of whom will be international. For residents, the upgrades created a renewed sense of pride in their home, with one student even designing a mosaic feature that became a celebrated feature.

The project not only improved living conditions for residents but also demonstrated the strength and capability of the Habitat Women maintenance crew. For the women involved, the project was a powerful example of skills translated into real-world impact, strengthening pathways to employment, economic empowerment and leadership while building a long-term partnership with Stucco.



In Vietnam: A sustainable home and new beginning

In the beautiful, though harsh area of Lao Cai Mr Giao and his wife live with their three children, and two grandchildren – seven family members - in a deteriorating, weathered house. They are a proud H'Mong family, an ethnic minority in Vietnam and work hard through farming and casual labour.

Every rainy season brought anxiety, as strong winds and storms threatened their safety. The younger children often became sick due to the cold and damp conditions, while the older children lacked an effective place to study.

Through a Habitat for Humanity Vietnam housing support program, the family received technical guidance to renovate using a cost-effective, circular economy approach, reusing sound materials like wooden columns and floorboards rather than demolishing the old structure. The deteriorated roof was replaced with heat-resistant metal roofing, and structural improvements were made to better withstand extreme weather improving the climate resilience of the structure. Using recycled materials significantly reduced the amount of new construction materials required, lowering costs while minimizing construction waste and environmental impact.

After around two months, supported by the family, their relatives, neighbours and project staff, the home was transformed, with private spaces created for women, children and older family members, including a room for the family's eldest son ahead of his marriage.

These projects receive support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and are in partnership with implementing partners Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh and Habitat for Humanity Vietnam.

In Bangladesh: Climate resilient renovations turn to joy

For Selina, home has always meant security and dignity, not just four walls. Her family had already lost everything once, when the Padma River eroded their land, forcing a move to Dhaka. Now at 47, she supports her family through tailoring, after her husband became unwell following a stroke. Their informally built house in Bhashantek offers some shelter but little protection, with regular monsoon flooding, as well as snakes and insects finding their way in.

Through the Community water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) Committee, Selina's household was selected for renovation support from Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh. The roof, walls, floors, doors and windows were strengthened as part of the project, turning the house into a safe, weather-resistant home.

"The joy I felt after getting this house cannot be compared with anything else in my life," Selina says.

Her daughters now feel secure about their future, and Selina hopes more families will get the same chance.

This project is implemented in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh and supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).







Healthy Homes

Habitat for Humanity Australia supports residents to live in healthier homes through assessment and education that reduces preventable home-related health problems and excessive energy consumption in Australia. In January 2026, Healthy Homes was launched, a program improving health and wellbeing outcomes for low-income residents of social and community housing across Sydney and Newcastle. Delivered by Habitat Women Repairs and Maintenance, the program combines home assessments, targeted repairs, and resident education to address the conditions most harmful to health: excessive heat, draughts, moisture, mould, and energy inefficiency, while creating paid workforce opportunities for women. Thanks to MetLife Foundation, whose funding made this program possible.

STRENGTHEN community resilience

From Cambodia to Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Fiji, Habitat for Humanity Australia worked together with families, local partners, and community leaders to expand access to decent housing and more resilient communities, creating lasting impact and change. Habitat for Humanity Australia is supported by the Australian Government, principally through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). This enables us to implement impactful projects that support community-led development.



Climate and Disaster Resilience

Habitat for Humanity Australia works alongside communities to strengthen their ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, while building resilience to a changing climate. By supporting local leadership, knowledge and collaboration, communities are better equipped to identify their own priorities, take action, and advocate for the changes they need.

Habitat for Humanity Australia supported the development of 19 Community Resilience Action Plans across the Asia and the Pacific region, including:

- 16 action plans in Nepal
- 1 action plan in Bangladesh
- 1 action plan in Fiji
- 1 action plan in Vietnam

These locally led plans provide communities with a practical roadmap for strengthening resilience, from identifying the risks they face to prioritising initiatives that can make the greatest difference.

The planning process gives communities a stronger voice in decisions that affect their future. By bringing community priorities into conversations with local, provincial and national governments, Habitat for Humanity Australia helps ensure local knowledge and lived experience inform policy, investment and long-term resilience strategies.

The result is more than a plan; it is greater local capacity, stronger partnerships and communities better positioned to shape a safer, more resilient future.

In Nepal: Locals leading an inclusive disaster response

The Systemic Action For Equity and Resilience (SAFER) project strengthens disaster and climate resilience in two ways. It works with local government to embed gender equality, diversity, and social inclusion in policy, and it supports marginalised communities, including women and people with disabilities, to lead their own resilience planning and advocacy.

For Pappu, that work is personal. He runs his own shop and chairs the Community Disaster Management Committee (CDMC) in Kalagaudi, where his family's home is surrounded on three sides by rivers. When the threat of monsoon floods occurs, most families pack up and flee together. But for Pappu, who lives with a physical disability, he must shelter alone in his shop instead, sometimes going days without knowing whether his family is safe.

That experience shapes how he leads. He reminds fellow committee members that people experience disasters differently, and that plans need to reflect this. "It's an important reminder for the CDMC members when I say how long it takes me to get from one point to another," he says. "It's one thing to see it in passing and another to experience it."

Pappu's presence ensures disaster planning works for people with disabilities too, not as an afterthought. An inclusive plan is stronger, and easier to trust, when it's shaped by the people it needs to protect.

This project receives support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) in partnership with implementing partner Habitat for Humanity Nepal.



In Fiji: A locally-led response to climate change

In Serua, Fiji, climate change isn't a distant threat. Cyclones, flooding and water insecurity are already shaping daily life across the province. On Serua Island and on the mainland, poor co-ordination made it hard for communities to plan their own response.

On the island, families hold deep cultural and spiritual ties to their land. On the mainland, where many islanders have now resettled, the challenge is different: adapting to a new setting while keeping that connection to place alive.

Habitat for Humanity Australia and Habitat for Humanity Fiji supported a stronger locally-led approach. Community leaders and diverse representatives, including women and people with disabilities, took part in climate risk and preparedness training, shaping priorities together rather than having a plan provided to them.



That process led to the Serua Island Disaster Risk Reduction Master Plan 2026-2036, a locally owned and crafted roadmap spanning both island and mainland communities, now endorsed by the provincial government and opening doors to other government and development partners.

Alongside it came real, practical change: over 30 homes assessed for climate resilience, four housing retrofits, new water and sanitation infrastructure, and 17 women trained in household plumbing, two now serving on the village water committee.

The project has strengthened community capacity and leadership, with planning processes being intentionally inclusive to ensure women, people with disabilities, and other community groups have a strong voice and are able to influence decision-making to meet their needs.

Community Infrastructure

Habitat for Humanity Australia builds and upgrades essential shared infrastructure that helps communities stay healthy, connected, and resilient. From water and sanitation facilities, to access infrastructure and shared community spaces, Habitat for Humanity Australia partners to work with communities to identify and deliver projects that respond to local needs and vulnerabilities.

Last year, Habitat for Humanity Australia supported 11 community facilities projects, benefiting more than 5,000 people across Asia and the Pacific, including:

- 5 water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects in Bangladesh and Vietnam
- 5 access infrastructure projects, improving connections and mobility in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Fiji
- 1 shared community space in Vietnam, creating a safe and accessible place for people to gather and connect

A safer pathway can connect families to essential services. A sanitation facility can improve health and dignity. A shared space can bring people together. By investing in community facilities shaped by local priorities, Habitat for Humanity Australia helps communities build stronger foundations for health, connection and opportunity.





In Indonesia: Building housing, water access, and opportunity

In Gunung Kidul, Indonesia, thousands of families face a shortage of safe housing and access to clean water. Through the Home for a Home project, a partnership between Habitat for Humanity Australia, Arada Foundation, The Big Heart Foundation and Habitat for Humanity Indonesia, 300 homes are being built as well as a climate-resilient community water system connecting 525 households, with training in maintenance, hygiene, financial planning and water management to sustain the gains.

In Panggang, the dry season previously resulted in half a day spent walking for water, a burden falling mainly on women and girls, with expensive trucking needed when sources ran dry. Habitat for Humanity Indonesia has since built a solar-powered system pumping water from an underground cave through 11 kilometres of piping, now connecting 196 of 525 planned households. A local women-led Water Committee oversees fees and upkeep. Families now sleep easier knowing water will be there each morning.

In Bangladesh: A shower of dignity

For Zhorna, bathing was never simple and caused discomfort and anxiety. Living in Bhashantek with her husband and two children after her family lost their home to river erosion in Manikganj, she had spent years relying on an open, shared bathing space with no privacy. Women and girls had to bathe in a space where people frequently passed by. There was no place to change clothes, forcing them to return home in wet clothes before changing indoors.

Through engagement with the Community Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Committee, Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh identified the need for housing and basic services to be recognised as fundamental to climate resilience, gender equality and disability inclusion. The new community bathhouse has since given women privacy and confidence and improved the water system for the whole community.

"After 30 years, this is the first time I have been able to shower with privacy," Zhorna says. ***"Although we live in a slum, everyone wants to live in a better environment. Now we can bathe without any fear."***

She also reflected, "The children don't want to leave the shower. They want to spend the whole day showering because they enjoy it so much. They are very happy, and we are happy too."

This project is implemented in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh and supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Community Leadership

Resilient communities are built by people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead. Habitat for Humanity Australia supports local leaders across Asia and the Pacific to plan, deliver and sustain resilient housing and community infrastructure, while creating opportunities for women, young people and other emerging leaders to take action.

Last year, 1,016 people participated in training made possible by Habitat for Humanity Australia in areas including construction and home maintenance, disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) livelihoods, financial literacy and advocacy. Training reached 342 people in Vietnam, 328 in Cambodia, 96 in Bangladesh, 87 in Fiji, 82 in Indonesia and 81 in Nepal.

20 Community Committees were also formed or revitalised, bringing together 301 new local leaders to identify risks, set priorities and lead participatory planning in their communities.

This investment in local leadership is critical to disaster resilience. When disaster strikes, communities are the first to respond, neighbours helping neighbours, often long before outside assistance arrives. Strong local leaders and active community groups mean people are better prepared, better organised and better able to recover.

By building skills and strengthening local leadership, it is helping communities lead their own path towards a safer, more resilient future.



In Nepal: Community leadership in disaster resilience

In the Terai region of eastern Nepal, flooding in the Shuklapanta Municipality destroys at least 50,000 m² of land each year, and climate change is making extreme weather more frequent and severe.

Local woman Sakina had limited knowledge of disaster risk reduction until she took part in a two-day youth training on preparedness and climate resilience. The impact was immediate. She began reviewing fire risks at home and teaching her family how to reduce them.

With a growing sense of responsibility, Sakina gathered youth, women's groups and neighbours, sharing what she'd learned about disaster preparedness, safe shelter, first aid and climate resilience. Her initiative opened discussion in a community that had previously faced disasters without a shared plan, and awareness and mutual cooperation began to spread.

Research on disaster resilience in Nepal shows that communities with active youth clubs and women's groups tend to score higher on social and institutional resilience, with young people playing a key role in relaying preparedness knowledge.

"This training has not only inspired me, but also my community to be safe and vigilant," Sakina says. ***"Now I have the confidence to teach others what I have learned."***

In Cambodia: Climate-smart training

In Chub Tatrav Commune, local leaders like Ms Kheat are transforming livelihoods by heading the community's Agricultural Cooperative (AC). Delivered with the Angkor Thum District Office of Agriculture, Habitat for Humanity's 'BUILD' project in Cambodia offers climate-smart farming training, microgrants for eco-friendly businesses, and direct access to fair pricing and stable markets.

"As AC leader, I worked closely with members, local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure transparent governance," says Ms Kheat. Under her leadership, the AC secured contracts with four primary schools through the School Feeding Program, with members supplying 900-1,000 kilograms of vegetables monthly, a sustainable livelihood for older people and people with disabilities who struggle to travel far to sell produce.

Farmer Ms Rom received an AUD $650 livelihood grant to start chicken raising and vegetable growing, she now earns AUD $75-110 a month. ***"I no longer worry about finding buyers,"*** she says. ***"It's improved my family's food security and living conditions."***



TRANSFORM housing policy

Together, we build **systemic change and advocate for fair and decent housing systems and policies.**



Australian Advocacy

Habitat for Humanity Australia drives local action and policy change to reduce housing vacancy and champion safe, healthy and dignified homes for all. This advocacy work brings the experience and lessons from the housing programs into conversations with government, policymakers and the broader housing sector. From local housing solutions to Australia's role in global development, we use our voice to turn practical experience into advocacy – helping shape policies that create more homes, stronger communities and a safer, fairer world.

In 2026 Habitat for Humanity Australia undertook 10 advocacy engagements across Federal and State parliament, government, housing organisations and sector events. We advocated for greater use of vacant properties and healthier homes, while sharing practical insights on community-led housing and the role of community in creating better housing outcomes. Habitat for Humanity Australia is a co-founder and committee member for the National Alliance for Meanwhile Use, joining other organisations to advocate for greater use of vacant properties.

Habitat for Humanity Australia also supported Safer World for All, a joint sector campaign calling on the Australian Government to restore the aid budget from 0.65% to 1% of the Federal Budget. This advocacy contributes to aid being protected in the Federal Budget, while the campaign continues to build momentum for restoration.

SAFER WORLD FOR ALL

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MEANWHILE USE

International Advocacy (elevating housing with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

Habitat for Humanity Australia collaborates with country partners, coalitions and global institutions to influence development policy and practice, elevating adequate housing as a cornerstone of equitable development and resilience. This includes advocacy for housing and basic services to be recognised as fundamental to climate resilience, gender equality, disability inclusion and access to essential services.

Last year, Habitat for Humanity Australia strengthened engagement with the Australian Government, including 13 meetings with key Australian DFAT divisions, including Humanitarian and Civil Society, Blended Finance, Climate Resilience, Pacific Climate Change, Gender Equality, South-East Asia Development Policy, and regional Development Desks for partner countries. Alongside country partners, we had 9 meetings regionally with DFAT Posts in Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Bangladesh and Fiji.

Country partners advanced regional development policies and leveraged local co-funding by leading targeted government briefings, stakeholder dialogues and capacity building initiatives on urban sector



reform, disaster risk reduction, and gender-inclusive community resilience across Bangladesh, Nepal, Cambodia and Vietnam. All of Habitat for Humanity Australia's international development projects also incorporate a strong sub-national advocacy component, to ensure local, district and provincial government representatives participate in project activities, learning together with communities about good development practice. This enables projects to influence relevant policies and processes to maximise inclusivity of government planning processes and establishes government relationships for communities to build upon after project completion.

By bringing evidence, expertise and community voices to policy conversations, Habitat for Humanity Australia, alongside its partners, is helping put housing at the heart of inclusive, climate-resilient development.



In Vanuatu: Shaping Vanuatu's housing future

Launched in November 2025, Vanuatu's first National Housing Policy sets out a 10-Year Roadmap for Safer, Resilient Communities and has the potential to affect the country's entire population of 343,000. The policy is built on five pillars: access to land, informal settlements and rentals, housing quality, access to finance, and housing governance. As Minister Napuat noted, "Access to land now is very difficult. When someone builds a home on land that is not theirs, we face eviction orders and families lose homes."

Habitat for Humanity Australia's technical support, through the Housing Context Analysis (2023) and Housing Value Chain Analysis (2024), was formally acknowledged in the policy development process. This work demonstrates the impact that Habitat for Humanity Australia's policy advocacy can have in shaping the enabling environment for people to access adequate housing around the world.

INSPIRE action for housing



Habitat for Humanity Australia mobilises volunteers as active supporters and advocates on housing solutions. This year's volunteers are part of a 50-year legacy that began with Habitat's first volunteer, Clive Rainey, in 1977.

This year, together with long-term valued partners, Habitat for Humanity Australia ran 108 corporate volunteer days, with volunteers participating across five cities, to help achieve lasting impact in the community.

Volunteers mobilised through Global Village, Brush with Kindness, Restore and office volunteering programs completed over 40,000 hours of work.

This year's milestones carry extra meaning: they're a snapshot of where the movement stands during Habitat for Humanity's 50th anniversary year and a benchmark for the impact it aims to grow as it looks to the next 50.

11
Global Village builds

1,738
volunteers completing 41,758 hours of work

600+
people supported through Brush with Kindness

14
new homes built through Global Village

28
frontline charities supported in Australia through Brush with Kindness

Brush With Kindness

Powered by the generosity of 982 volunteers, Brush with Kindness, Habitat for Humanity Australia's domestic volunteering program, supported 1,614 people to live in improved housing conditions with dignity and care. Brush with Kindness supports 28 charity partners across NSW, QLD, SA and VIC assisting people living in crisis, experiencing homelessness. and women and children escaping family and domestic violence. Working across five cities, volunteers helped rejuvenate 110 homes and community spaces, restoring dignity and hope for those who need it most.

Hear from Alison: A year of volunteering through Brush with Kindness

For Alison, the appeal of volunteering has always been practical: turning up, painting, gardening and helping make a property safe and welcoming for the people who'll live there. This year has meant getting out to different corners of Sydney for community days, working alongside Brush with Kindness staff and corporate volunteer teams, and hearing directly from housing and accommodation partners about the difference a freshly painted, well-maintained home can make.

Having previously referred people to housing partners in a past role, Alison has found it especially rewarding to see that work up close, and to understand how Brush with Kindness supports the organisations doing it.

Time, hard work and a bit of paint go a long way.

Hear what our Brush with Kindness charity partners have to say:

"Your team has transformed our properties into welcoming homes where young people can feel safe, valued, and proud to live. The impact of this work is hard to overstate, a fresh, safe, and well-maintained living environment fosters stability, encourages responsibility, and offers hope. Working with Habitat for Humanity is simply a joy; they are responsive, flexible, and genuinely committed to making a difference, making what could otherwise be a daunting process easy and uplifting."
Caretakers Cottage - Youth Housing



"Your understanding, flexibility, and the work completed have made a real difference. We truly can't thank Habitat and all the volunteers enough for your support." Vincentian House



ReStore

Habitat ReStore is a non-profit home improvement store and donation center operated by Habitat for Humanity Victoria and Habitat for Humanity South Australia, selling pre-loved furniture, homewares and clothing to reduce landfill waste whilst financing new homes. Every purchase directly funds affordable housing initiatives, giving low-income families a path toward safe, stable homeownership and independence.

This mission is powered by remarkable volunteer support across three expanding locations in Victoria and South Australia. Together, a combined team of 519 volunteers contributed a massive 34,772 hours of dedicated service—comprising 419 volunteers in Victoria, and 100 volunteers in South Australia.

Beyond housing and sustainability, ReStore serves as an inclusive community hub. At ReStore Rosebud, facilitator KerryAnne leads a program hosting Peninsula Special School students living with disability for weekly retail work experience. Surrounded by a welcoming volunteer team, these students build hands-on skills, gain confidence, and find true belonging—proving that every donation and purchase builds hope.

Volunteering globally

Global Village

This year, 188 volunteers dedicated their time and hard work overseas through Global Village. Corporate teams, school groups, community teams and individual volunteers built alongside local communities and families in Indonesia, Cambodia, Fiji and Vietnam, creating 14 safe homes. Through these immersive experiences, volunteers not only contributed to tangible housing outcomes but also deepened their understanding of global housing challenges and the impact of decent shelter on families and communities.



66
Number of people supported through Global Village

188
Volunteers completed 7,250 hours of work

14
Number of homes build



In Cambodia: A new home through Global Village

Ros is a resilient woman dedicated to supporting her daughters' education; a 40-year-old widow and mother of three strong daughters, who lived in a small shelter made from timber, old corrugated iron sheets and a leaking roof. As a seasonal labourer earning only a modest daily income when work is available, Ros could not afford a safe, secure, permanent home. When the rainy season swept in, water seeped through the walls and ceiling, making it difficult to sleep, protect belongings, and for her daughters to study.

Habitat for Humanity Australia and Habitat for Humanity Cambodia worked alongside Ros, shoulder to shoulder with Global Village volunteers and local technical experts, to build a new home. Together, they mixed concrete, carried materials and built walls, demonstrating the power of partnership and shared purpose.

Through the support of volunteers and the community, Ros' family now has a safe, secure place to call home. More than a house, this build represents hope, dignity and opportunity for Ros and her daughters' future.

Volunteering in action: everyone has the power to empower others

For over a decade, Bronwyn has been a donor, volunteer and fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity Australia, driven by a deep belief that safe, housing is the foundation for a stable life.

Bronwyn went on her first Global Village volunteer build at age 67 and hasn't slowed down since. She's volunteered on two Global Village builds, three Brush with Kindness days and one Bushfire Resilience day, and is now preparing for her third build, in Nepal this October. She has recruited 25 of her friends to join her across her past and upcoming builds and has raised close to $50,000 dollars to support global housing projects.

"I feel I have always had a strong sense of social justice," Bronwyn says. **"I have become more of a voice within my circles to raise awareness of need."**

For Bronwyn, giving and encouraging others to give go hand in hand. "Even if donors are not actively taking part, then their dollars are also providing safety and security for others. I have learnt over the years that if we don't ask for support, then we are depriving others of the joy of contributing."



"Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Australia has broadened my mind about areas of need both in Australia and overseas. I have become more of a voice within my circles to raise awareness of need - here at home and beyond." – Bronwyn

where we work

Australia



NSW

In 2026, Habitat for Humanity Australia's work across NSW combined hands-on repair with long-term housing solutions. Meanwhile Use was a big focus, including the ongoing development of Habitat Haymarket and Habitat Penrith – two new refuges for marginalised Australians. Brush with Kindness delivered 75 project days with the help of 381 corporate and community volunteers, refreshing transitional accommodation and refuges for women and children escaping family and domestic violence and other vulnerable circumstances.

Habitat Women, Habitat for Humanity Australia's social enterprise empowering women through hands-on training, employment, and repair and maintenance work, produced 37 graduates from the program. Meanwhile, the Habitat Women repairs and maintenance team completed 45 jobs and supported 2,236 hours of paid employment, supported 200+ tenants, and experienced a 58% increase in confidence through carrying out this vital work for their communities.

QLD

Queensland completed 31 Brush with Kindness days last year, engaging 176 volunteers and supporting seven community housing partners. Volunteer activities have supported a diverse range of services aligned with Habitat for Humanity Australia's broader housing and community impact objectives, including homelessness recovery and support for women and children through Windana, 54 Reasons and Anglicare, as well as an ongoing presence at Emmanuel City Mission, which provides vital support to people experiencing homelessness in Brisbane. The strong reputation of Brush with Kindness in QLD has also created opportunities to explore potential build and renovation projects, with Habitat positioned as a potential delivery partner.



SA

Habitat for Humanity South Australia, in partnership with HPG Homes and a network of corporate and philanthropic partners, handed over the 41st home for low-income families through their home building program. Alongside new builds, its Brush with Kindness program completed 26 project days, with 134 volunteers contributing 813 hours of gardening, clean-ups, repairs, and painting for crisis accommodation providers, Grandcarers, and survivors of family and domestic violence. South Australia's ReStore shops supports the delivery of the Affordable Homes and Brush with Kindness programs. ReStore volunteers contributed close to 6,000 hours supporting activities including retail sales, furniture repair and repurposing, and the pick-up and delivery of items for sale.

VIC

Habitat for Humanity Victoria continued strengthening housing outcomes. The Crib Point development was completed, creating much-needed affordable housing and helping beneficiary families in the journey towards home ownership. It supported over 30 partner families through long-term, interest-free loans, with three successfully refinancing after 10 years. Project feasibility for a prospective development was undertaken, and it continued expanding properties and partnerships. A new Partner Family Consultation Group was established, providing invaluable feedback. Finally, its op shops continued to resource its mission, achieving record revenue in Rosebud. 45 Brush with Kindness days were hosted, supporting crisis accommodation, short-term housing, community facilities, and bushfire recovery.



International

Bangladesh

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Habitat for Humanity Australia is working to strengthen the resilience and health of urban communities living in informal settlements. Through the Building Resilience of Urban Informal Settlements program, families gain access to improved housing that better withstands the pressures of urban life, along with safe water and quality basic services that are often out of reach in these communities. The program also invests in livelihood training and opportunities, helping residents build more stable, reliable incomes. Together, these interventions address the interconnected challenges facing informal settlements, from housing quality to public health to economic security, giving communities the tools and support to build a more resilient future for themselves and their families.

Cambodia

In Cambodia, Habitat for Humanity Australia's work empowers women and marginalised groups to lead climate-resilient housing and livelihood initiatives. Rather than delivering solutions from the outside, the approach is inclusive and community-driven, encouraging local decision making and leadership at every stage. This means women and other underrepresented groups aren't just participants of the program, they're shaping it, building the skills, confidence and standing to lead resilience efforts within their own communities for years to come.

Alongside this, the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness Improvement program takes a collaborative approach to evaluating and strengthening Habitat for Humanity's broader model of community development. By working closely with communities to assess what's working and where improvements are needed, the program helps refine how safe shelter awareness is built and delivered, ensuring the model stays grounded in what communities actually need and can sustain.



Fiji

In Serua, Fiji, the Strengthening Climate Resilience in Climate Affected and Voluntary Immobile Communities program supports the development and implementation of a community-led, holistic approach to disaster risk reduction. Rather than imposing solutions from outside, the program works with communities who have chosen to remain in climate-affected areas, helping them build resilience on their own terms. This holistic approach considers the full picture of what makes a community safe and sustainable, from housing and infrastructure to local knowledge and leadership, ensuring disaster risk reduction efforts are shaped by the people who understand their environment and its challenges best, and who will live with the outcomes for years to come.





Indonesia

In Gunung Kidul, Indonesia, the Home for a Home program strengthens community resilience on three fronts: housing, water, and local capacity. Families gain access to safe and sustainable housing built to withstand local conditions, while improved community water infrastructure ensures more reliable access to clean water, a foundation for both health and daily life. The program also invests in community capacity building, equipping local residents with the skills and knowledge to maintain these improvements and lead future development themselves. Together, these efforts create the conditions for lasting resilience, homes people can rely on, water they can trust, and communities equipped to sustain that progress into the future.

Nepal

In the Kanchanpur and Dhanisha districts of Nepal, the Systemic Action for Equity and Resilience program works at two levels. At the government level, it strengthens local capacity by advocating for and institutionalising GEDSI (Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion) principles within disaster management and climate policy, ensuring these frameworks are built into the systems that shape community resilience. At the community level, it empowers marginalised groups, particularly women, to lead their own climate resilience action plans and climate advocacy, moving them from the margins of decision-making into genuine leadership roles.

Following the devastating floods that struck Eastern Nepal in 2025, the Eastern Nepal 2025 Flood Response and Reconstruction Project supports affected families through recovery. In the immediate aftermath, the program helps families meet their basic needs of safe shelter, before supporting their transition into safer, permanent homes, ensuring the response extends beyond emergency relief into lasting, resilient recovery.

Vietnam

In Lao Cai and Kien Giang provinces, Vietnam, the Adaptation for All program enhances community resilience to the impacts of climate change through a multi-pronged approach. At its core is community-led participatory planning, ensuring the priorities and knowledge of local people shape the response rather than being dictated from outside. This is paired with climate-resilient and inclusive housing, designed to withstand environmental pressures while remaining accessible to all community members, including those most vulnerable. The program also expands access to clean water, addressing a foundational need for health and daily life, and fosters ongoing dialogue with government stakeholders, helping to connect community priorities with the policies and support systems that can sustain them over the long term.

Vanuatu

In Vanuatu, the Informal Settlement Mapping and National Housing Policy Support program develops a comprehensive evidence base to guide national decision-making. By mapping informal settlements and gathering detailed data on the conditions and needs within them, the program equips the Government with the information it needs to improve settlement development and make informed choices about where and how to prioritise upgrades. This evidence-based approach helps ensure that settlement improvements and the policies that shape them are grounded in reality, targeted where they're needed most, and designed to have a lasting impact on the communities they serve.



thank you to our corporate partners

Transformational Partners

Arada Foundation, Big Heart Foundation, MetLife Foundation, Newcastle Permanent Foundation, Built, Helia

Impact Partners

CSR, Colliers, Holcim, Communities for Communities, Dulux, Selleys, GHD Foundation

Corporate Supporters

Hilti, GWA Group, Mojo Homes, SMEC Foundation, Turner & Townsend, WT Partnership, Wotton Kearney, LeavePlus, Origin Foundation, ALAND, ServiceNow

Through funding, in-kind support, skilled volunteering and advocacy, these partnerships helped strengthen housing and community programs across Australia, Asia and the Pacific, supporting more individuals and families to access safe, decent, and affordable housing.

regulation and compliance (M&E)

Together, we build **accountability**

Habitat for Humanity Australia's commitment to transparency, good governance, and ethical leadership underpins everything it does, from its boardroom to its build sites.



Monitoring and Evaluation

Habitat for Humanity Australia measures impact and continuous improvement through Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, Research, and Learning (MEARL) across Australia and Asia and the Pacific. By working alongside local partners, it ensures its programs are effective, transparent, and guided by community needs.

Key MEARL Projects:

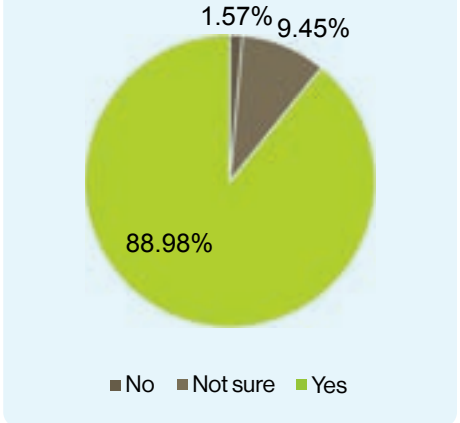
PACER (Participatory Approach for Community Empowerment and Resilience)

Habitat for Humanity Australia is supporting a global technical committee to update and expand a key Habitat for Humanity model of participatory, locally-led development. The focus is embedding climate resilience, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), gender equality and disability inclusion in the Habitat for Humanity International development approach to ensure effectiveness of our work across the global network. This will lead to improved development outcomes for local partner communities.

Habitat for Humanity International Collective Impact Initiative

Habitat for Humanity Australia is a lead partner in testing and deploying Habitat's new global measurement and evaluation system. This initiative standardises key indicators across countries, giving us clear, real-time data to track outputs and outcomes, improve project quality and better show its collective impact.

Has the PASSA approach helped identify any gaps in your community's disaster risk management?



Climate Adaptation Research Partnership with Griffith University (Pacific Focus)

Habitat for Humanity Australia is collaborating with Griffith University PhD research to strengthen the cultural relevance of our climate resilience impact measurement through MEARL in the Pacific. This partnership builds long-term improvements in the way Habitat for Humanity Australia and partners like Habitat for Humanity Fiji assess the impact of their work to have a stronger emphasis on locally meaningful impact data. It also generates compelling evidence to support Habitat for Humanity advocacy around the effectiveness of our work in supporting climate resilience outcomes, which are particularly critical in the Pacific region. It will bring these learnings and improvements to the wider Habitat for Humanity network in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity International.

our board of directors

Habitat for Humanity Australia is governed by a voluntary Board of 9 members. The Board draws on a wide range of backgrounds, expertise, and lived experience to provide strong governance, ensure accountability, and keep the organisation closely aligned with its mission.

The Board is responsible for setting the organisation's strategic direction and has worked closely with management to implement the three-year strategy approved in October 2024. This strategy aligns with Habitat for Humanity's international priorities while responding to the unique opportunities and challenges the organisation faces in Australia, ensuring its work continues to deliver lasting impact for the communities it serves.

2025 was a year of significant change and growth for the Board of Habitat for Humanity Australia. In September, the Board appointed Penny Kaleta as Chief Executive Officer, and at the October Annual General Meeting reappointed two Directors, Elizabeth Satow and Negaya Chorley, whose expertise continues to strengthen the Board as it looks ahead.

The Board also acknowledges the contributions of Director Phil Burns, who retired in January 2026 after dedicated service to the organisation.

In 2026, Ian Graham marked ten years as a Director of Habitat for Humanity Australia. As Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, Ian has brought rigour, sound judgement and an unwavering commitment to good governance throughout his tenure. On behalf of the Board and the organisation, thanks go to Ian for a decade of dedicated service and the lasting contribution he has made to Habitat's mission in Australia.



John Douglas



Negaya Chorley



Paul Mulroney



Elizabeth Satow



Michael Arman



Christa Avery



Bart Mead



Ian Graham



Diana Sarcasmo



Julia Ridulfo
Company Secretary

director's report

30 June 2026

Summary Financial Statements

The summarised financial report has been prepared in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct. For more details, refer to www.acfid.asn.au. This summary financial report is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2026. The full financial report is available on the Habitat for Humanity Australia website www.habitat.org.au or on request.

On behalf of the Board



John Douglas
Chair

14 October 2024
Sydney. NSW

statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Revenue	$	$
Donations and gifts	2,646,096	3,404,846
Bequest and legacies	-	299,635
Government grants - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	873,439	815,096
Government grants - Other	500,137	10,880
Other overseas	1,082,026	436,302
Other income	-	114,971
Investment income	143,717	112,893
Donations from affiliates	37,201	43,510
In-kind service	170,406	90,910
Total revenue	**5,453,022**	**5,329,043**
Expenditure		
Funds to international programs	(1,846,719)	(1,423,651)
International program support costs	(370,856)	(379,110)
Domestic program expenditure and support cost	(1,431,029)	(1,727,643)
Volunteer program support	(361,928)	(425,015)
Community education	(84,628)	(85,017)
Fundraising costs	(1,078,723)	(688,818)
Bank charges	(19,790)	(31,702)
Depreciation and amortisation	(172,707)	(167,297)
Financing costs	(25,768)	(23,225)
Accountability and administration	(611,408)	(494,852)
Cost of sale of land	(94,008)	(68,842)
Total expenditure	**(6,097,564)**	**(5,515,172)**
Operating deficit before in-kind services revenue and expenses	(644,542)	(186,129)
In kind services - Revenue	495,145	545,677
In kind services - Expenses	(495,145)	(545,677)
Deficit for the year	**(644,542)**	**186,129**
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	**(644,542)**	**(186,129)**

balance sheet

As at 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Assets	$	$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,046,959	2,452,495
Trade and other receivables	145,673	155,426
Inventories	185,809	374,560
Loans and receivables	190,736	351,215
Other assets	1,306,383	3,341,840
Total current assets	4,875,560	5,878,008
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	800,015	868,987
Right-of-use assets	343,793	265,324
Loans and receivables	1,776,985	1,897,595
Other assets	175,296	5,000
Total non-current assets	3,096,089	3,036,906
Total assets	**7,971,649**	**8,914,914**
Liabilities	$	$
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	296,617	211,632
Lease liabilities	108,218	70,102
Employee benefits	153,351	115,171
Deferred revenue	1,520,714	1,959,755
Borrowings	55,152	55,152
Total current liabilities	2,134,052	2,411,812
Non-current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	52,183	54,035
Lease liabilities	262,560	210,963
Employee benefits	19,938	36,244
Borrowings	394,174	448,576
Total non-current liabilities	728,855	749,818
Total liabilities	**2,862,907**	**3,161,630**
Net assets	**5,108,742**	**5,753,284**
Equity		
Retained surpluses	5,108,742	5,753,284
Total equity	**5,108,742**	**5,753,284**

statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
	$	$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	5,753,284	5,939,413
Deficit for the year	(644,542)	(186,129)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(644,542)	(186,129)
Total equity at the end of the financial year	5,103,742	5,753,284

let's open the door to opportunity

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Feedback

Habitat for Humanity Australia recognises the importance and value of listening and responding to feedback and complaints. We strive to achieve the highest standards and are committed to responding to concerns and complaints in a timely and appropriate manner.

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