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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

La Trobe University acknowledges that our campuses are located on the lands of many traditional custodians in Australia.

We recognise their ongoing connection to the land and value their unique contribution to the University and wider Australian society

We are committed to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians, both as individuals and communities through teaching and learning, research and community partnerships across all of our campuses.

La Trobe University pays our respect to Indigenous Elders, past, present and emerging and will continue to incorporate Indigenous knowledge systems and protocols as part of our ongoing strategic and operational business.

The CHSSC also acknowledges the Indigenous owners and managers of the Northern Territory's lands and seas. We value our ongoing relationships with past, present and emerging Indigenous leaders, constituents and staff of the Aboriginal-controlled organisations that we work with in the Northern Territory.

We would also like to acknowledge the Indigenous people and local organisations who have generously gifted us their knowledge during the course of our ongoing research in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Cover photo: UN Women, Flickr, Ryan Brown – Community discussion on how women contribute to peace in their communities, East Java.

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ABOUT THE CHSSC

The Centre for Human Security and Social Change (CHSSC) is a research centre based at La Trobe University in Melbourne which conducts world-class research and evaluation, education and outreach.

We work collaboratively with other researchers, evaluators, development practitioners, local organisations and international development agencies to better understand, support and enable the practice of social change.

Our goals are to:

- better understand the front-line practice of social change agents and the institutional arrangements which help or hinder their practice at individual, organisational and system levels
- directly support social change agents – individuals, organisations and alliances – that work for positive social change
- help create enabling capacities and institutional arrangements for the practice of social change

As outlined in our current [strategic plan](#), we aim to contribute to two interlinked outcomes in the development sector by the end of 2026:

- More locally led, inclusive development practice in which development actors collaborate as equals
- More evidence-based, critically reflective and learning oriented development practice in which lessons endure

We directly support social change initiatives with diverse partners in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia and we have expertise in several sectors, including governance, leadership and coalitions, law and justice, gender equity, disability and social inclusion.

We deliver research and evaluation services to our partners in contextually relevant ways which integrate political economy analysis, thinking and working politically, adaptive programming, coalition building and partnership brokering. Rather than provide one-off support to partners, we build long term relationships based on equity, mutual respect

and solidarity. We deliver services in developmental ways, incorporating different world views and perspectives, amplifying the voices of people that projects are designed to benefit, building partner and participant capacity and directly addressing cultural and gender diversity, race and power dynamics.

We extend our reach and influence beyond our partners by translating research and evaluation findings into diverse products such as journal articles, reports, curricula, presentations, briefs and opinion pieces. We then share these products via diverse mediums including our own and others websites, newsletters and social media and by directly engaging with practitioners, policy makers and academics through conferences, workshops and seminars. We also co-design design and deliver professional development courses which target mid-career professionals and emerging leaders in the development sector.

Our interdisciplinary team includes Pacific Islander, Indigenous Australian and non-Indigenous Australian researchers and MEL practitioners, supplemented by an extensive network of researchers and MEL practitioners in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia that we work with on an as needed basis.

We receive funding from a range of sources including La Trobe University, grants from the Australian Research Council and a diverse portfolio of research, evaluation and professional development consultancies with government agencies, non-government organisations, philanthropic foundations and Aboriginal-controlled organisations.

The CHSSC has built an international reputation at the forefront of research and debate on inclusive locally led development, politically informed monitoring and evaluation and contextually appropriate practice. It is renowned for working in genuine partnership with local organisations, researchers, practitioners and international development agencies and now occupies a unique niche in Australia's development ecosystem.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LISA DENNEY

Welcome to the Centre for Human Security and Social Change Annual Report 2024.

Writing this Director's report in early 2025, I am struck by the volatility of our operating environment and assaults on the social change space. The dramatic dismantling of the United States Agency for International Development and aid cuts across many minority world donors is changing the landscape of international development. The wider restrictions on civic space and freedoms around the world and – not so long ago – the failure of The Voice to Parliament referendum in Australia, are indicative of backsliding on inclusive and open societies that embrace diversity and strive for equity.

It is a difficult time to be pushing for change which is at odds with the prevailing zeitgeist. Despite this, we have continued to pursue our two key goals: more evidence-informed and learning oriented social change work and more locally led and inclusive development practice. We believe that these goals are even more important given the devaluing of evidence and learning and the discounting of power and agency of the local level.

Across our diverse portfolio, it is this commitment to learning about how to better support change and to elevate local perspectives that ties our work together.

We believe that long term partnerships are central to our ability to embed learning. In 2024, we partnered with 14 organisations, almost all of whom we have been working with for between two and 10 years. In April 2024 La Trobe signed a three-year Partnership Agreement with The Asia Foundation and in November we won the Vice Chancellor's Prize for Partnering and Industry Engagement based on our work with The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).

We see our two goals as intimately connected: the evidence and learning that is so crucial to strengthening social change efforts must embrace local knowledge and worldviews. We

have sought to do this in both our research and evaluation work by centering local understandings of wellbeing – be that in relation to empowerment of marginalised groups in Indonesia or in community development in Lajamanu in Australia's Tanami Desert.

This report provides a snapshot of the research and evaluation that we have supported in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia and of our communication and outreach and professional development work which is informed by that research and evaluation.

In 2025, we will start a new research collaboration, funded by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which builds on our existing relationships with social change organisations and programs across Southeast Asia and the Pacific that are working through coalitions and local leaders. The research will bring these diverse entities together as a learning community over two years to reflect on diverse approaches to understanding and supporting coalitions and how this might inform future efforts to support coalitions as a pathway to change.

We look forward to continuing to work with our long term partners to support learning and change and to progress positive social change.

Lisa Denney, Director, CHSSC

April 2025



HIGHLIGHTS

14

Partners



19

Academic publications



5

HDR students

29

Projects



12

Commissioned
research
reports

External
revenue



\$1.9 million



37

Conferences
and workshop
presentations



11 staff (7.2 FTE)

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

PROFESSOR NICK BISLEY

I am pleased to introduce the Centre for Human Security and Social Change's annual report for 2024.

The CHSSC has had another excellent year undertaking high quality research and evaluation addressing issues of local, national and global importance. As this report shows, this includes ground-breaking work on Aboriginal-led development in Australia as well as on governance, justice and accountability, gender equality, disability and social inclusion and leadership and coalitions in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The CHSSC makes a very significant contribution to both the theory and practice of social change and equity, one of La Trobe University's five prioritised research themes.

The CHSSC had great success in attracting external funding to support their work and also generated a significant corpus of publications including books, book chapters, journal articles and refereed research reports and also undertook a wide range of presentations to industry-wide conferences, seminars and workshops.

The CHSSC partners with a diverse mix of organisations, including Aboriginal-controlled organisations, consulting firms, not-for-profits, government agencies and intergovernmental organisations, both in Australia and international. In 2024, the CHSSC's collaborators included the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Population Fund, The Asia Foundation and The Voice Inc in Papua New Guinea as well as the University of Otago, The Pacific Commission, the Samoa Ministry of Women and The Asia Foundation. In doing so, it contributes substantially to the University's internationalisation ambitions.

The CHSSC's work is focused above all on La Trobe's core mission of making and impact in the world and serving our communities. It does so through embedding evidence-informed learning and adaptation into their programs and organisations as well as integrating Indigenous and non-Indigenous forms of knowledge and strengthening local research and evaluation capability.

I would also like to acknowledge the CHSSC's commitment to working with and through researchers and evaluators from Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. In doing so, it is making a significant contribution to the development of Aboriginal and locally led approaches to research and monitoring and evaluation, a practice of particular importance to the University.

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is very pleased to support a research centre that has such a positive impact in Indigenous Australia and across the Asia-Pacific. Its focus on embedding evidence-informed learning and adaptation in programs, organisations and networks and on translating and communicating research findings in ways which contribute to changes in ideas, policies and practices are particularly strategic.

I congratulate the CHSSC's staff, post-graduate students and associates on another highly successful year.



Professor Nick Bisley

Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences.



OUR WORK INTERNATIONALLY

INTRODUCTION

Over the course of 2024, the CHSSC expanded its work in the Pacific and Southeast Asia in areas such as governance, justice and accountability, gender equality, disability and social inclusion, leadership and coalitions and locally led approaches to monitoring, evaluation and learning. During this period, we delivered 23 research, evaluation, learning and capacity building projects at local, national and regional levels across the two regions. These projects were delivered in collaboration with local NGOs, managing contractors and multilateral agencies, drawing on more than \$1.5m in funding from agencies such as DFAT, the Australian Research Council and The Asia Foundation.

DISABILITY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN ASEAN

In 2024, the CHSSC undertook a second phase of research on disability and trafficking. This phase, which focused on Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam, involved consultations with counter-trafficking stakeholders in all three countries, which were led by in-country staff from the Australian government-funded ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking program. These consultations confirmed the findings from Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand while also identifying additional challenges in providing services to victims of trafficking with disabilities in countries where resources are scarce, understanding of disability is limited and there is significant stigma around disability.

The second phase of this work has provided additional and much-needed evidence to help ensure that counter-trafficking efforts in ASEAN address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of people with disabilities. The findings have already been used by the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking program to help design a grant to support organisations working in counter-trafficking in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand to strengthen disability inclusion efforts. Engagement of counter-trafficking stakeholders at both national and regional levels throughout the research process has raised awareness of the importance of this issue. This is beginning to be reflected in the inclusion of disability in key national guidelines and policies on victim identification and support services. The research is also

informing global discourse on this issue, with Senior Research Fellow Elisabeth Jackson recently asked to provide expert input into a briefing paper for the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which will inform discussions at the 18th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in June 2025.

“Working with Elisabeth and her team at La Trobe University has been instrumental in strengthening our efforts towards disability equity in the context of countering trafficking in persons. The disability research and insights have empowered us to engage effectively with stakeholders and emphasise the critical importance of inclusive policies and practices. This collaboration has enriched our approach and highlighted the value of using evidence-driven strategies to inform our program design and implementation, as well as that of our partners.

Nurul Qoiriah, GEDSI and Victim Rights Director, ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking.

The research was led by Senior Research Fellow [Elisabeth Jackson](#) and supported by Senior Research Fellow [Thushara Dibley](#).



ASEAN-ACT Researchers Abner Manlapaz and Cucu Saidah

ACCOUNTABILITY ECOSYSTEMS IN THE PACIFIC

Throughout 2024, the CHSSC continued its three-year research partnership (2023-2025) with UNDP's Vaka Pasifika program, supporting more locally resonant approaches to accountable governance in the Pacific. This research has become even more pressing with authoritarianism on the rise globally and investments in accountability declining.

Six country case studies have now been published in collaboration with national researchers in the [Federated States of Micronesia](#), [Kiribati](#), [Palau](#), [Solomon Islands](#), [Tuvalu](#) and [Vanuatu](#) with the last three of these published in 2024. The studies detail how accountability is understood in each context, the power dynamics at play, the rules that shape local practice and the consequent opportunities and constraints.

The case studies highlight the importance of local understandings and practices of accountability that are frequently overlooked in externally led reform efforts.

A [final synthesis report](#) was also produced in 2024, drawing together the key constraints and opportunities shaping accountability across the six Pacific countries, to guide policymakers and practitioners in charting new approaches.

Building on the CHSSC's research, the Vaka Pasifika program is now supporting 'Fellowship Schemes' in three countries (Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu). These bring together like-minded national advocates for accountability to work in coalition to progress locally determined accountability initiatives. Across the three countries, these have focused on improved accountability for constituency development funds. The CHSSC is working with national researchers in

each country to conduct action research of the Fellowship Schemes, documenting their process, learning and results.

The CHSSC's partnership with UNDP has helped to document the diversity of accountability understandings and approaches in the Pacific, demonstrating a range of novel ways of improving accountable governance that build on local leadership and respond to contextual realities. It is also now helping extend the reach and use of these novel approaches through the Fellowship Schemes.

“ We need more work like this, especially efforts that engage locals in research and publications. I read the entire report as soon as I opened it, and it stands as an example of an essential document, especially of a topic that has been placed by the wayside. I hope that everyone committed to elevating the level of discourse in this country takes the time to read it.” Ongerung Kambes Kesolei, a leading Palauan journalist who was consulted as part of the research, commenting after reading the Palau report.

The research has been led by CHSSC Director [Lisa Denney](#), Research Fellow [Aidan Craney](#) and Adjunct Research Fellows [Allan Illingworth](#) and [Glenn Bond](#). National researchers involved in the country studies include: Gregoire Nimbtik (Vanuatu), Ali Tuhanuku (Solomon Islands), Tala Simeti (Tuvalu), Vasa Saitala (Tuvalu), Tearinaki Tanielu (Kiribati), Bernadett Besebes (Palau) and Mahoney M Mori (Federated States of Micronesia).



A woman does traditional weaving at Pepeyo Cultural and Educational Site in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Credit: Oratai Jitsatsue



A school set up underneath a house in Sulawesi, Indonesia, one of several field sites where researchers collected data from Indigenous communities. Photo credit: Saraswati Research Team

REVEALING LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON EMPOWERMENT IN INDONESIA

In 2024, the CHSSC finalised the scoping phase of a three-year study with the Australia Indonesia Partnership towards an Inclusive Society (INKLUSI). This study, which started in 2022, aims to unpack how women, people with disabilities, Indigenous minorities and transwomen understand and experience empowerment, and explore how the INKLUSI program has contributed to changes in their empowerment.

The purpose of the work undertaken in 2024 was to develop an initial picture of how marginalised people understand empowerment and use this to develop a tool for collecting data. After completing a review of program documents, the CHSSC's Indonesian research partners Cakra Wikara Indonesia and Saraswati undertook consultations with a selection of INKLUSI's national and local partners. The findings of these consultations informed the development of a typology of empowerment strategies. Additional consultations with local stakeholders and discussions with a small number of program participants contributed to the identification of seven 'domains' of empowerment. These domains ranged from factors such as self-confidence, self-acceptance and personal autonomy through to health and well-being. These findings were then used to develop a data collection 'tool' to be used in the third phase of the research in 2025.

The findings from the scoping phase of the INKLUSI project bring to light a definition of empowerment that reflected the experiences and perspectives of a range of marginalised groups in Indonesia.

“The process of designing the evaluation and tools has been useful to deepen our understanding of empowerment. We have been refreshing our program logic for the next phase of INKLUSI and have used the evaluation's domains of empowerment to help frame our definition of empowerment. Lessons from collecting data from different marginalised groups during the evaluation has also helped inform our approach for program monitoring visits.”

Rebecca McLaren, Head of MERLA, INKLUSI

The research is led by Senior Research Fellow [Elisabeth Jackson](#) with the support of Senior Research Fellow Thushara Dibley and Adjunct Associate Professor [Linda Kelly](#).

SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF A PACIFIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Over the course of 2024, the CHSSC partnered with the [Pacific Community](#) (SPC) to contribute to the development of a Pacific Youth Development Framework (PYDF). The PYDF is the primary guiding document for Pacific country governments and their major development partners in planning, implementing and assessing policies and programs targeted at improving social, civil, health and economic opportunities and outcomes for young people.

The Pacific Community started developing the PYDF in 2024 through extensive consultations, including the reassembly of the Pacific Youth Council in early 2024 which discussed shared priorities for youth in the region. In August-September 2024, CHSSC Research Fellow [Aidan Craney](#) and Adjunct Research Fellow [Allan Illingworth](#) acted as rapporteurs for the Pacific Ministers for Youth Meeting and associated Senior Youth Officials Meeting in Fiji, documenting the ideas and interests of those gathered. In parallel with these

official meetings, CHSSC staff met with key figures from governments, development organisations and civil society organisations to capture both broader and deeper knowledge of the experiences, needs and interests of key stakeholders.

Drawing on the results of these high-level meetings, consultations and previous research conducted by CHSSC staff on youth development in the Pacific, CHSSC staff then contributed to the production of a draft PYDF that focuses on processes to ensure youth voice and local relevance in policymaking and programming decisions related to Pacific youth. The draft framework will undergo a further round of consultation and feedback before intended endorsement at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting in 2026.

The partnership between the CHSSC and SPC builds upon established relationships from an existing partnership on current ARC Discovery Project, *The future of the Pacific: Youth leadership and civic engagement*.



Pacific Youth Ministers meeting in Fiji September 2024. Credit: SPC

COLLABORATION WITH THE ASIA FOUNDATION

In April 2024, the CHSSC facilitated the signing of a three-year partnership agreement between La Trobe University and [The Asia Foundation](#) (TAF). The agreement builds on the work the two institutions have done together since 2020 and reflects their shared aim of supporting politically informed, locally led and learning-oriented approaches to development. The agreement was signed by La Trobe Vice Chancellor Theo Farrell and Asia Foundation Vice President for Partnerships Tom Parks.

The purpose of the partnership agreement is to facilitate collaboration between different parts of TAF and the CHSSC in ways which demonstrate the value of research-practitioner collaboration and contribute to both cutting edge research and practice. The partnership provides a simple mechanism for funding each other's work and demonstrates a commitment to working together in long-term partnership.

In 2024, the CHSSC worked with TAF's Governance Team, Conflict and Fragility Team and Philippines and Timor-Leste country offices. An evaluation of long-term investments in governance programming in Nepal and Timor-Leste is using rigorous methods of process tracing to unpack how local stakeholders view impacts. A stock-take of TAF's significant body of work in relation to law and justice since as early as the 1950s has produced seven country summaries and culminated in a workshop facilitated by TAF and the CHSSC that brought together TAF staff from eight countries to learn from each other. Building on 2023 collaboration with the Philippines country office, the CHSSC co-authored a synthesis report with Coalitions for Change (CfC) on [experiences of adaptive policy reforms](#) internationally

and what this tells us about CfC's model of 'development entrepreneurship' for driving change.

With the Conflict and Fragility team, the CHSSC contributed to a case study for the Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends (XCEPT) research program on identifying the local impacts of foreign interests in Timor-Leste.

Finally, the CHSSC continued to collaborate with The Foundation on delivering political economy analysis training for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

“TAF works in many countries and contexts, as well as across policy and programming, which requires a delicate balance between responsiveness to sudden research and evidence needs and requests, and high-quality responses to those. Essentially, balancing responsiveness and quality. The partnership with CHSSC allows us to achieve that through the provision of insightful and robust technical advice on an array of topics and – importantly – methodologies, together with an interested, engaged and 'can do' attitude to testing, trialing and innovation. I haven't encountered another research organisation who does that as well as CHSSC.

Dr. Nicola Nixon, Senior Regional Governance Director, TAF.

Several CHSSC staff have worked on The Asia Foundation partnership including: CHSSC Director, [Lisa Denney](#); Senior Research Fellow [Thushara Dibley](#); Senior Research Fellow Sarah Leslie and Adjunct Associate Professor [Linda Kelly](#).



Theo Farrell and Tom Parkes signing the La Trobe – Asia Foundation partnership agreement together with Lisa Denney and Chris Roche.
Credit: La Trobe University

THE CHSSC AS A LEARNING PARTNER

The CHSSC often works as a learning partner to programs, organisations and networks. In these types of projects, we act as a critical friend to our partners, providing advice and support at individual, programmatic and organisational levels rather than simply delivering research and evaluation outputs on our partner's behalf.

This way of working reflects our commitment to locally led and learning-orientated development. It relies heavily on understanding, relationships and trust which are often built over years of working together on smaller/discrete pieces of work and which enable us to anticipate and respond in contextually relevant ways to our partner's learning needs.

In 2024, the CHSSC acted as a learning partner to Women Leading and Influencing (WLI) and Balance of Power (BOP) which are working in the Pacific on women's leadership and political participation; the Australia-Papua New Guinea Law and Justice Partnership (APLJ) and The Voice Inc., a PNG non-governmental organisation working to support coalitions for change.

We work behind the scenes in support of program staff and focus on putting in place systems and processes that invest in learning and ensuring it is integrated back into programming. In some cases, this involves undertaking research tasks or supporting local researchers to do so with advice on research methods, ethics and peer review. In other cases, it involves facilitating theory of change workshops and supporting partners to articulate clearer strategies for change. It also regularly involves supporting the design and implementation of monitoring, evaluation and learning frameworks, systems and tools that enable the capture and use of meaningful impacts for communities and lessons learned, while still meeting funder accountability requirements. We are regularly involved with designing and facilitating review and reflection sessions, creating spaces for program teams to pause and take stock of activities, outcomes and learning to date, and consider whether adjustments are required based on changes in the context or accrued learning.

Measuring the impact of our support to these projects is challenging. The CHSSC has played important roles in helping refine and articulate program strategies for change; has strengthened partners' ability to capture and respond to learning and report on this to funders; and instill a stronger sense of local leadership by working behind the scenes.

“The Centre for Human Security and Social Change continues to be a highly valued partner for WLI, bringing its strong commitment to inclusive, transformative development and innovative approaches to research and knowledge generation / dissemination to bear across all program areas. The Centre plays a critical internal role in developing the capacity of the WLI Pacific- and Australia-based team – building skills and confidence in research, monitoring & evaluation, and adaptive programming, while its highly collaborative approach helps foster a reflective, evidence-informed team culture that supports continuous learning and program improvement. Externally, the Centre's deep expertise in developmental leadership, gender equality, and participatory approaches directly support ongoing program implementation. This ensures Pacific stakeholders are equipped to lead change and respond effectively to complex, real-world development challenges, and that WLI research and knowledge is contributing to the evidence base on developmental leadership in the Pacific. *Georgina Cope, Team Leader, Women Leading and Influencing.*”

A broad range of staff are involved in these projects, including: CHSSC Director Lisa Denney, Senior Research Fellows Lis Jackson, Mardi Grundy and Sarah Leslie, and Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Mua Illingworth.



TVI staff participating in a six-monthly pause and reflect session facilitated by CHSSC staff.

OUR WORK IN INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

INTRODUCTION

In 2024, the CHSSC continued to work with the [Central Land Council](#) (CLC) and the [Warlpiri Education and Training Trust](#) (WETT) in the Northern Territory to monitor the implementation of some of their key programs and understand how they were contributing to wellbeing in their communities. The CHSSC also started work with [Parks Australia](#) on assessing the joint management of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Over the course of 2024, the CHSSC worked with these organisations to deliver five projects with a combined revenue of \$279k. These projects focus on facilitating Aboriginal communities' autonomy and control over their lives. The CHSSC aims to ensure that monitoring and evaluation activities help to track and meaningfully assess change in a way which reflects community values and strengthens community capacity to manage their lives. Working with Aboriginal researchers, the CHSSC aims to conduct culturally safe research by co-designing research approaches, data collection tools and data visualisations in collaboration with Indigenous communities. The CHSSC also aims to share the learning from these partnerships in ways which influence the ideas, policies and practices of development and social change organisations.

THE WARLPIRI EDUCATION AND TRAINING TRUST TRACKING AND LEARNING PROJECT

The [Warlpiri Education and Training Trust](#) (WETT) is a community development project governed and funded by Indigenous people in the Tanami Desert, Central Australia. A portion of gold mining royalties have been directed to WETT to be used to strengthen education and training in the Warlpiri communities of Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Willowra and Nyirripi.

Over the last five years, the CHSSC has worked alongside the Central Land Council (CLC) and WETT to help design and support the implementation of the Tracking and Learning

project (YWPP). This project aims to strengthen Warlpiri control of WETT's monitoring, evaluation and learning processes. The purpose of these processes is to track what is being achieved through WETT's education and training programs from a Warlpiri perspective, to learn about what is and is not working and what could be done differently as a result. The results then inform WETT decision making in ways which enable greater Warlpiri control over their resources and increased community benefit.

The YWPP project is delivered by a team made up of CLC and CHSSC staff and Yapa (Aboriginal) community members from the four Warlpiri communities. In March 2024 CHSSC staff [Marlkirdi Rose](#) and [Alex Gyles](#) delivered the annual Yitakimaninjaku, warrirninjaku, payirninjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku (YWPP) or Tracking and Learning researcher workshop in Alice Springs with partners WETT and the CLC. The workshop helped build the capability and confidence of the research team. After developing the research plan and questions in the workshop, the team travelled to Yuendumu to collect data from young people about youth activities. This data was used by the WETT Advisory Committee to inform project planning and decision making, including funding decisions, as well as for lobbying and advocacy purposes.



Community researcher Belinda Wayne conducting an interview near Mission Creek, Yuendumu, March 2024. Photo credit: Alex Gyles.

“La Trobe have helped WETT by getting information from young people from the four communities. Some young people are shy it's good to talk in the bush away from the community, taking kangaroo tail outside, or having a barbecue with the community. La Trobe have also helped Yapa (Aboriginal people) to work together to interview people both male and female. They have helped with employment of Yapa. The information helps WETT to make strong decisions to help communities, using 'the WETT map' the stories they collect go into the three circles to make it clearer.

Warlpiri woman and WETT Advisory Committee member.

The YWPP team shared learnings from their work throughout the year at the CHSSC Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice (MEL COP), the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) conference and the Australian Evaluation Society (AES) International Evaluation conference.

WETT's work for Warlpiri communities was recognised last year at the NAIDOC awards with WETT receiving the 2024 award for Education. Read and watch more about it here [Warlpiri Education and Training Trust | NAIDOC](#)

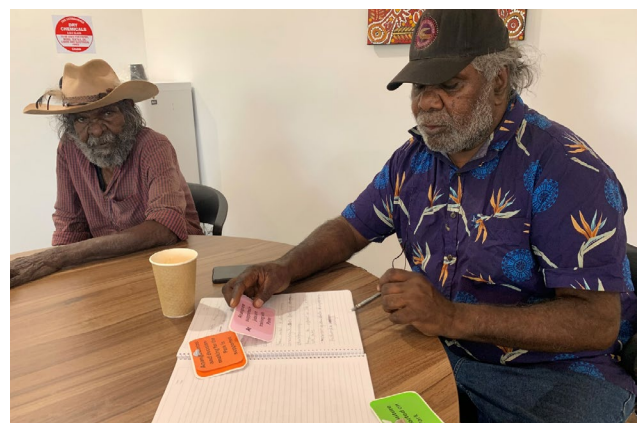
DEVELOPING A TRACKING AND LEARNING FRAMEWORK FOR THE JOINT MANAGEMENT OF THE ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

In early 2024, Parks Australia engaged CHSSC to develop a Tracking and Learning framework to monitor satisfaction with the Joint Management of Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park (UKTNP) from the perspective of the Board of Management and traditional owners. The aim of the project is to develop an effective and sustainable process for monitoring and evaluating how Joint Management is tracking with a particular emphasis on the role and function of the Board of Joint Management (BOJM) and other decision-making fora.

CHSSC staff and consultants [Chris Roche](#), [Mardi Grundy](#), [Alex Gyles](#), Ros David and Louise Stanley, have been working on this 18-month project concluding in July 2025.

In 2024 the CHSSC research team visited UKTNP twice. In the first trip the team presented the project to the UKTNP Board of Joint Management for feedback and input. The team also begun working with Anangu researchers to collect data from stakeholders to develop collectively agreed methods of generating evidence as to whether joint management of UKTNP is improving from the current state or not and why. In the second trip the team presented a method for generating evidence, called the Tracking and Learning tool, to stakeholders for their feedback which was adapted with the Anangu researchers. Using this tool, Anangu researchers and CHSSC staff worked together to collect data from stakeholders. Throughout both trip one and two, a skilled and committed team of Anangu researchers contributed to the design and implementation of the project.

An overarching goal of the project is to embed a long term and locally owned system of tracking and learning to enable the improvement of Joint Management outcomes for UKTNP. With this in mind, the team presented the Tracking and Learning tool that had been developed, and the findings that had been generated, to the UKTNP Board of Joint Management in 2025 for their feedback and input into the next steps of the project.



*Anangu researchers Cyril Mckenzie and Malya Teamay translating the tracking and learning tool from English into Pitjantjara.
Photo credit: Alex Gyles*

OUR COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

INTRODUCTION

The CHSSC seeks to extend the reach and influence of our research and evaluation by translating and communicating the findings through our website, newsletter and social media and by actively engaging with academics, policy makers and practitioners through conferences, seminars and workshops. This often includes creating or contributing to platforms which stimulate discussion about the ideas, policies and practices which inform social change and development work in different contexts, and which profile our research and evaluation partners from Indigenous Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

In 2024, we produced 40 research outputs, including 29 peer-reviewed books, book chapters, articles and reports and another 12 commissioned reports, many of which were co-authored with locally engaged researchers and evaluators from the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Indigenous Australia. Drawing on these research outputs, we delivered presentations to or chaired 37 sessions at industry conferences, workshops and seminars, and produced nine opinion pieces and five newsletters. Again, many of these presentations were co-designed and delivered with our partners.

The role that we played in three industry conferences in 2024 is described below.

AUSTRALIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY 2024 INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION CONFERENCE

CHSSC staff and partners were well-represented at the [Australian Evaluation Society's 2024 International Evaluation Conference](#) in Melbourne in September, the theme of which was 'Wayfinding'. This conference is always a highlight on our calendar and an opportunity to share learning from across our portfolio of projects and learn from evaluators working both domestically and internationally.

Research Fellow [Alex Gyles](#) co-hosted a well-received workshop with the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust and the Central Land Council on the Yitakimaninjaku, warririninjaku, payirininjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku 'Tracking and learning' project, and presented a paper on the Lajamanu Good Life Project together with Warlpiri researchers and the Central Land Council.

Adjunct Research Fellow [Allan Mua Illingworth](#) reflected on 'Navigating the choppy waters of the evaluation landscape in the Pacific' together with Eroni Wavu, Fiona Fandim Marat and Mereani Rokotuibau.

And Senior Research Fellow [Elisabeth Jackson](#) and Adjunct Associate Professor [Linda Kelly](#) shared the approach they are taking to understand the impact of the Australia-Indonesia Partnership towards an Inclusive Society (INKLUSI) on empowerment of marginalised communities in Indonesia.

A key theme across our presentations was the importance of centring the perspectives of the people whom development is intended to benefit in evaluation. This means taking their perspectives and world views into account in deciding how the impact of a program is defined and how it is measured. Similarly, our presentations aimed to highlight that pathways to impact are rarely simple or straightforward. Evaluation needs to be able to unpack the range of different factors that contribute to change, and how this is shaped by different contexts. While we – and many others at the conference – see the need to embrace complexity and local knowledge as critical for evaluation practice, it is not always easy to do this in practice. Approaches that take this perspective often require more time and therefore tend to cost more. They also require those who commission evaluations to acknowledge that change is inherently political and often unpredictable, and to be open to seeing things from a different perspective.



Research Fellow Alex Gyles (second from right) together with CLC and WETT staff at the AES Conference. Credit: AES

2024 AUSTRALASIAN AID CONFERENCE

At the [Australasian Aid Conference 2024](#) in Canberra in December, CHSSC Director [Lisa Denney](#) was a panellist for a discussion on the impact of political economy analysis on development practice. The panel reflected on donor agencies' investments in political economy analysis and how this had influenced the way that development practitioners and policymakers 'think politically' about development and – importantly – how they 'work politically'.

In a second panel discussion, Lisa presented her work on the political economy of labour trafficking in Southeast Asia, exploring the structural issues underlying labour migration and the individual vulnerabilities that migrant workers face in relation to abuse and exploitation. This panel also included a presentation on the intersection between disability and trafficking in persons in ASEAN, which drew on Senior Research Fellow [Elisabeth Jackson's](#) research, undertaken in collaboration with the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking program.



CHSSC Director Lisa Denney speaking during a panel discussion on labour trafficking at the AAC 2024.

Senior Research Fellow [Elisabeth Jackson](#) and Adjunct Research Fellow [Ujjwal Krishna](#) also presented examples of impact evaluations at a panel exploring how complexity-aware and participatory approaches to impact assessment can help development policymakers and practitioners understand how well complex social change programs are working—and, importantly, why, how and for whom they are working. Ujjwal also presented a three-minute aid pitch based on his recently completed PhD thesis, entitled, 'Informing the "official mind": re-thinking who to listen to and what to believe'.

2024 DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

Staff from the CHSSC played an active role at the 2024 Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) biennial conference. The theme of the conference was,

Development Futures, which resonates with the critical approach to understanding and practising development that is fundamental to the work we do.

We were excited to have our then-newly awarded PhD, Adjunct Research Fellow [Ujjwal Krishna](#) present a summary of his doctoral findings. His paper, 'The political economy of research uptake in Australia's international development policy and programming: exploring the individual and organisational levels of decision making,' detailed his research into how research is translated and implemented by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

CHSSC Director, Lisa [Denney](#), contributed to a panel on Examining Consultants and Contractors in Aid. Her paper, 'Outsourcing the impossible: has development become too hard for bureaucracies to implement?' discussed the nuances of the relationships of donors, managing contractors and the politics of implementing development.

Research Fellow [Aidan Craney](#) (who was on the organising committee for the conference) presented a paper from his current ARC Discovery Project on youth leadership and civic engagement in the Pacific, alongside his PhD student, [Kolaia Raisele](#). Their paper, 'Collective leadership for social change: Lessons from Pacific youth movements,' looked at examples of Pacific youth driving positive social change through examples of the Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change group that has brought the matter of the climate crisis to the International Court of Justice and the *Muvmen Blong Red* (Red Movement) that provoked a constitutional referendum in Vanuatu. The discussion noted examples of how youth tap into existing networks and public sentiment to create opportunities for reform.

The CHSSC was also delighted by the announcement at the conference that Honorary Research Associate [Deborah Rhodes](#) and her co-authors Keren Winterford and Christopher Dureau won the DSAA book prize for *Reframing Aid: A strengths-based Approach to International Development*, which they also presented a summary of at the conference.



Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change running a workshop on the Rainbow Warrior.



MEL COP members CHSSC Adjunct Research Fellow Allan Illingsworth (far right), Mereani Rokotuibau and Fiona Fandim (SPC) speaking at the AES Conference in September 2024. Credit: Elisabeth Jackson

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF EVALUATORS

In 2024 the CHSSC's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice (MEL COP) continued to play an important role in creating networks and opportunities for connection between practitioners and researchers from the Pacific and Indigenous Australia. Coordinated by [Allan Illingsworth](#) and [Alexander Gyles](#), the COP's membership expanded to 60 people by the end of 2024. MEL COP members met monthly online to discuss a range of topics. A highlight for the network was an open discussion hosted by Professor [Chris Roche](#) about the ways we value relationships in evaluation.

CHSSC staff also supported MEL COP members to engage in the Australian Evaluation Society conference in Melbourne. A panel session focused on the Pacific hosted by Allan Illingsworth and Chris Roche, as well as a workshop coordinated by Alexander Gyles with the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust and the Central Land Council were both well attended. MEL COP members who attended the conference were also treated to a face-to-face gathering at the conference.

The MEL COP continues to be valued by its members for the relationships and networks it offers, as it is one of the few platforms that brings together people working on the Pacific and Indigenous Australia.

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH, TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The CHSSC builds the skills and capabilities of policy makers, social change practitioners, scholars and students through delivering bespoke professional development programs, supervising higher degree by research students and contributing to the teaching of relevant subjects offered by La Trobe University.

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH

The CHSSC contributes to scholarship and building the next generation of scholars through supervising a cohort of higher degree by research students. In 2024, the CHSSC supervised or co-supervised six PhD candidates as listed below.



UJJWAL KRISHNA

The political economy of development research and policy

Supervisors: Chris Roche and Jasmine-Kim Westendorf (Politics)

Completed, Awarded August 2024



KOLAIA RAISELE

A critical realist exploration of youth leadership and civic engagement in Vanuatu

Supervisors: John Taylor (Social Inquiry) and Aidan Craney (co-supervisor)

Continued, Proposed completion - November 2025



MARÍA PAULA HERNÁNDEZ RUIZ

Datafying Gender: On Quantification, Statistics and Networks in the Data for Development Space

Supervisors: Jasmine-Kim Westendorf (Social Inquiry) and Aidan Craney (co-supervisor)

Continued, Proposed completion - February 2026



MAUD MUKOVA-MOSES

Monitoring and Evaluation Practice in Locally Led Development: Exploring Intersections and Impact

Supervisors: Amy Gullickson, Ghislain Arbour (Assessment and Evaluation Research Centre, University of Melbourne) and Chris Roche (co-supervisor)

Part-time, Continued, Proposed completion - February 2029



KIRK GIBSON

How can local organisations stimulate leadership that supports developmental outcomes in Papua New Guinea.

Supervisors: John Taylor (Social Inquiry) and Lisa Denney (CHSSC)

Commenced November 2024, Proposed completion - November 2027



JENNIFE BORONG

The making of water (in)security: A hydrosocial examination of the Philippine domestic water supply

Supervisors: Brooke Wilmsen (Social Inquiry) and Lisa Denney (CHSSC)

Commenced November 2024, Proposed completion - November 2027

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The CHSSC builds the skills and capabilities of policymakers, social change practitioners and organisations through delivering bespoke professional development programs. Programs are co-designed with our partners in an iterative and collaborative manner and integrate the CHSSC's complexity-informed, inclusive and systems-orientated approach to change. Each program draws on cutting-edge research and emerging good practice in the sector which the CHSSC then translates into engaging, interactive and informative learning experiences using asynchronous, synchronous and blended learning modalities. Some of the professional development programs that we initiated or delivered in 2024 are described below.

DFAT Diplomatic Academy Learning and Development Panel

The CHSSC is one of six providers contracted by DFAT to provide learning and development support to DFAT's [Diplomatic Academy](#). In 2024 the CHSSC successfully bid to co-design, build and deliver six training courses for DFAT staff over 2025 with this to be done in collaboration with La Trobe's Education Services Team, the [Humanitarian Advisory Group](#) and the [Development Intelligence Lab](#). The courses are: i) Introduction to international development (on-line); ii) Being a development manager (on-line); iii) Dimensions of poverty; iv) Core concepts of social change; v) Technology as a driver/disrupter of development; vi) Developmental leadership.

Political economy analysis training

Since 2022, the CHSSC has partnered with [The Asia Foundation's](#) governance team to jointly design and deliver regular political economy analysis training for DFAT staff. A range of training offerings introduce learners to what PEA is and why it is valuable; the core concepts of a PEA framework and how it can assist in more politically sound development programming. In 2024, the CHSSC delivered one round of practitioner-level training to DFAT staff. An expert-level PEA training offering is currently being developed for piloting in 2025. In addition, the CHSSC also delivered an Introduction to Political Economy Analysis to emerging Pacific leaders involved in the DFAT-funded Women Leading and Influencing program.

Developmental leadership training

In 2024 the CHSSC delivered training on developmental leadership to emerging Pacific leaders as part of the DFAT-funded [Women Leading and Influencing](#) program. The eight-session course was delivered on-line over two months to Pacific Australia Awards participants and alumni. The training drew on materials produced by the CHSSC for a five-module face-to-screen course on developmental leadership which was delivered to DFAT staff working at post and in Canberra in 2023. These materials drew in turn on research on developmental leadership which was produced by the [Developmental Leadership Program](#) over the last decade, an international research partnership between DFAT, the University of Birmingham and La Trobe University.



WLI participants, Credit: Quince and Mulberry Studios

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CHSSC ADJUNCT STAFF IN 2024

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Independent consultant

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Researcher and development practitioner with experience in community development, inclusive education and disability policy.

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Senior Content Writer, Bureau of Meteorology.

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PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER OUTPUTS

CHSSC staff, honorary associates and PhD students produce a wide range of books, book chapters, journal articles and other research outputs each year. Their combined research outputs are listed below together with the outreach activities undertaken by CHSSC staff. These outputs and outreach activities are often produced or undertaken in collaboration with our partners. The names of CHSSC staff, honorary associates and PhD students are in **bold** text.

BOOKS (TOTAL: 2)

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2. Winterford, K, **Rhodes, D**, and Dureau, C. (2024). *A Strengths-based Approach for International Development. Reframing Aid*. Practical Action Publishing.

BOOK CHAPTERS (TOTAL: 4)

1. **Mundy, J**. (2024). "Social entrepreneurship and change making: Be Kind to yourself and others." Chapter 26 in *Dear Development Practitioner: Advice to the Next Generation*, edited by Simon Million and Lee Wilson. Routledge Abingdon UK and NY. ISBN: 978-1-032-19803-3.

2. Hopf, S. C, Crowe, K, Mosen, J, Perera, S, **Liu, E**, and Singh, S. (2024, June). "Intersecting Identities and Experience of Sensory Loss." Chapter 2 in Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003267065-3/intersecting-identities-experience-sensory-loss-suzanne-hopf-kathryn-crowe-joanne-mosen-sureni-perera-ekawati-liu-shrutilata-singh?context=ubx&refId=f4fe916e-2545-42a1-be27-f4a757068307>.

3. Tess Newton Cain, **Romitesh Kant**, Melodie Ruwet and Caitlin Byrne. (2024). "Climate Conversations and Disconnected Discourses: An examination of how Chinese engagement on climate change aligns with Pacific priorities." Chapter 6 in *Climate Politics in Oceania: Renewing Australia-Pacific Relations in a Warming World*. edited by Susan Harris Rimmer et al. Melbourne University Publishing Ltd. <https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.1473660>.

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PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (TOTAL: 10)

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2. Smith, Y., **Craney, A**, and **Roche, C**. (2024). "Racism, colonialism and whiteness in development: Insights from local professionals following repatriation of white staff from the Pacific during Covid-19." *Third World Quarterly* 45(9) 1517–1535. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2356608>.

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4. Fernandes, AdC, Supriyanto, S, Wahyuni, CU, Notobroto, HB, Gregory, A, and **Wild, K**. (2024). "Adoption of policies to improve respectful maternity care in Timor-Leste." *PLoS ONE* 19(3): e0289394. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0289394>.

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6. **Craney, A**, Chamberlain, D, and **Roche, C**. (2025). "Supporting 'Doing Development Differently' effectively: Analysing attributes, networks and impacts of donor-supported Pacific development coalitions." *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies* 12(2) e70013. <https://doi.org/10.1002/app5.70013>.

7. **Tarai, J**. (2024). "Social media ecology in an influencer group: Intersection between Fiji's media and social media." *Pacific Journalism Review: Te Koako* 30(1and2) 140-151. <https://doi.org/10.24135/pjr.v30i1and2.1342>.

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2. **Jackson, E.**, Saidah, C, Manlapaz, A, and Sivathorn, A. (2024, April). *Exploring the intersection between disability and trafficking in persons in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand*. ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program <https://www.aseanact.org/resources/tip-disability/>.
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 5. Yulianto, J, Suryadini, A, and **Jackson, E.** (2024, April). *Navigating Successful Policy Reform: Securing Legal Recognition for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Indonesia (Case Study 3)*. The Asia Foundation. <https://asiafoundation.org/publication/securing-legal-recognition-for-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-indonesia/>.
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 10. **Illingworth, A.** and Mahoney, M. (2024). *Accountability Ecosystems Political Economy Analysis - Federated States of Micronesia Case Study*. Centre for Human Security and Social Change.
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 2. **Denney, L.** (2024, June). *Community Justice Fund Guidelines for the Australia-PNG Law and Justice Partnership*. Port Moresby: DT Global.
 3. **Jackson, E.** (2024, January 29). Presentation of INKLUSI Impact Evaluation Design to Evaluation Advisory Group. Online.
 4. **Jackson, E.** (2024, February 15). Presentation on research and women's leadership at Women Leading and Influencing Residential Leadership Intensive, Canberra.
 5. **Jackson, E.** and Cope, G. (2024, April 29-30). Design and facilitation of Women Leading and Influencing Reflection and Refocus workshop, Melbourne.
 6. **Gyles, A., Rose, M.** (2024, March 6). Presentation to the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Joint Management about the Tracking and Learning project.
 7. **Gyles, A.** (2024, March 5). Presentation to traditional owners at the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Joint Management preparation day about the Tracking and Learning project.
 8. **Rose, M.** (2024, March 27). Presenting at the WETT AC meeting on the researcher workshop.
 9. **Gyles, A.** and **Rose, M.** (2024, March 11-12). YWPP researcher workshop in Alice Springs.
 10. **Gyles, A.** and **Rose, M.** (2024, February 5). YWPP induction workshop for new CLC staff.
 11. **Denney, L.** (2024, May). Australia-PNG Law and Justice Partnership Guiding Strategy. Port Moresby: DT Global.
 12. **Gyles, A.** and **Leslie, S.** (2024, June). Facilitation of Theory of Change workshop for Central Land Council Community Development Staff, online.
 13. **Illingworth, Allan,** and **Roche, C.** (2024, February). The Voice Inc / Local Leadership and Collective Action Program - 6 Monthly MEL Pause and Reflect Workshop Summary Report.
 14. **Illingworth, A, Leslie, S.** and **Roche, C.** (2024, July). The Voice Inc / Local Leadership and Collective Action Program - 6 Monthly MEL Pause and Reflect Workshop Summary Report.
 15. **Illingworth, A.** and The Voice Inc. (2024, February). Local Leadership and Collective Action Program (LLCAP) – Six Month Report to Joint Steering Committee for period April to December 31st 2023
 16. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, March 18-21). DFAT Evaluation Improvement Strategy- Workshop 1. Nukualofa.
 17. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, May 8-9). Regional Training on DFAT Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Standards Training at the Australian High Commission in Suva, Fiji.
 18. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, May 13-17). DFAT Evaluation Improvement Strategy- Workshop 2. Nukualofa.
 19. **Illingworth, A, Leslie, S.** and **Roche, C.** (2024, July 16-18). TVI-LLCAP Pause and Reflect Workshop, Port Moresby.
 20. **Gyles, A, Christou, E.** and **Leslie, S.** (2024, June). YWPP stakeholder function at La Trobe Uni, Melbourne for Central Land Council, WETT and YWPP.
 21. **Gyles, A, Rose, M,** Wayne, G, Spencer, T, Lapinski, E, and Gordon, J (2024, May). The Lajamanu Good Community Life for Yapa project, presentation of findings to the Lajamanu community.
 22. **Gyles, A, Rose, M, Stanley, L, Leslie, S,** Wayne, G, Spencer, T, Lapinski and E, Gordon, J. (2024, June 1). The Lajamanu Good Community Life for Yapa project - presentation of findings to the Lajamanu community.
 23. **Barich, H, Leslie, S.** and **Gyles, A.** (2024, May). Central Land Council Community Development Program - Monitoring Report July Analysis workshop 2022 - June 2023 CLC-Monitoring-Report22-23-Digital-Copy.pdf
 24. **Gyles, A, Leslie, S.** and **Roche, C.** (2024, September). Parks Australia Steering Group Meeting
 25. **Illingworth, A, Leslie, S.** and **Roche, C.** (2024, October 9). TVI-LLCAP Mentoring Session
 26. **Jackson, E.** (2024, September 28). Design and facilitation of session at WLI Cohort 7 Residential Leadership Intensive 'Reflecting on your Leadership Journey', Clear Mountain, QLD.
 27. **Jackson, E.** and Cope, G. (2024, September 30 -October 1). Design and facilitation of WLI R&R workshop.
 28. **Jackson, E.** (2024, September 10). "Exploring the Intersection Between Disability and Trafficking in Persons in ASEAN." Online presentation at ASEAN-ACT Cambodia National Consultation Workshop.
 29. **Jackson, E.** (2024, September 19). "Exploring the Intersection Between Disability and Trafficking in Persons in ASEAN." Online presentation at ASEAN-ACT Lao PDR National Consultation Workshop.
 30. **Jackson, E.** (2024, October 10). "Exploring the Intersection Between Disability and Trafficking in Persons in ASEAN." Online presentation at ASEAN-ACT Vietnam National Consultation Workshop.
 31. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, October). DFAT Evaluation Improvement Strategy- Workshop 3. Nukualofa.
 32. **Illingworth, A., Leslie, S.** and **Roche, C.** (2024, July). Reflecting on Progress: Outcomes of the LLCAP Pause and Reflect Session in Port Moresby, PNG.
 33. **Chris Roche, Sarah Leslie,** and **Alex Gyles.** (2024, September 24). Parks Australia Joint Management Tracking and Learning Steering Group Meeting.
 34. **Gyles, A.** (2024, August 2). Presentation to the WETT Advisory Committee on the Yitakimanjaku, warriminjaku, payirninjaku manu pinajarrinjaku project.
 35. **Leslie, S** and **Gyles, A.** (2024, July 26), CLC CD program theory of change workshop

36. **Illingworth, A.** and **Grundy, M.** (2024, December). Facilitation of Local Leadership and Collective Action Pause and Reflect workshops in Port Moresby.
37. **Gyles, A.** (2024, November). Facilitating CLC CD Monitoring WETT reflections session.
38. **Gyles, A.** (2024, November). Facilitating CLC CD Monitoring East team reflections session.
39. **Gyles, A.** (2024, November). Facilitating CLC CD Monitoring West team reflections session.
40. **Gyles, A.** (2024, November). Facilitating CLC CD Monitoring Tanami team reflections session.
41. **Gyles, A.** (2024, October). Delivering the Lajamanu Good Life Workshop in Alice Springs to CLC stakeholders.

OUTREACH TO INDUSTRY (CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER OUTPUTS) (TOTAL: 37)

1. **Centre for Human Security and Social Change** (2024, June). *Submission to Inquiry on Australia's response to the priorities of Pacific Island countries and the Pacific Region*. Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. https://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/PacificPriorities/Submissions (submission #31).
2. **Craney, A.** and **Raisele, K.** (2024, 11 July). "Collective leadership for social change: Lessons from Pacific youth movements." Presentation at 2024 Development Studies Association of Australia Conference.
3. **Krishna, U.** (2024). "The political economy of research uptake in international development policy and programming: bureaucratic perceptions, institutional imperatives, intrinsic biases, and individual motivations." Panel presentation at the Development Studies Association Conference organised by SOAS University of London.
4. **Krishna, U.** (2024). "The political economy of research uptake in Australia's international development policy and programming: exploring the individual and organisational levels of decision making." Panel presentation at the 2024 Development Studies Association of Australia Conference organised by the University of Melbourne.
5. **Illingworth, A.** Fandim, F, Rokotuibau, M, Wavu, E, and **Roche, C.** (2024, 18 Sept). "Navigating the choppy waters of the evaluation landscape in the Pacific." Panel session at Australian Evaluation Society Conference 2024.
6. **Kelly, L.** and **Jackson, E.** (2024, September 20). "From evaluation to impact: practical steps in a qualitative impact study." Paper presented at the Australian Evaluation Society International Conference, Melbourne, 18-20 September 2024.
7. **Denney, L.** (2024, 11 July). "Outsourcing the impossible: has development become too hard for bureaucracies to implement?" Presentation to Development Studies Association of Australia Conference, Melbourne, 2024.
8. Etuk, L, and **Dibley, T.** (2024). "Culturally inclusive evaluation with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia." Presentation at the AES 2024 International Evaluation Conference, Melbourne.
9. **Alex Gyles**, Glenda Napaljarri Wayne, Raelene Jigili and Emily Lapinski. (2024, September 18). "Warlpiri ways of assessing impact – How an Aboriginal community is defining, assessing and taking action for a good life in their community." Presentation at Australian Evaluation Society Conference 2024, Melbourne,
10. Jamie Gorman, **Alex Gyles**, Glenda Wayne, Ella Graham, Rhonda Larry, Glenda Wayne and Maisie Kitson. (2024, September 17). "Insights on Indigenous evaluation co-design in the Warlpiri Yitakima-ninjaku, warrirninjaku, payirninjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku project." Presentation to Australian Evaluation Society 2024 workshop.
11. **Denney, L.** (2024, December). Panel Discussion on Political Economy Analysis, Australasian Aid Conference, Canberra.
12. **Denney, L.** (2024, December). "The big picture: A political economy lens on trafficking in Southeast Asia." Presentation on panel on human trafficking in Southeast Asia, Australasian Aid Conference, Canberra.
13. **Krishna, U.** (2024, 4 December). "Stories of Change: Exploring examples of Australia's contribution to long-term, local systems change." Presentation to the 2024 Australasian Aid Conference 2024, Australian National University. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBmFDZ3HkAU&list=PLst83qmLET6S8eefBdVBZb52z_AkBJv&index=9&t=3195s and https://devpolicy.org/2024-Australasian-AID-Conference/AAC2024_3a_Krishna.pdf
14. **Krishna, U.** (2024, December 5). "Informing the 'official mind': Re-thinking who to listen to and what to believe." Three Minute Aid Pitch to the 2024 Australasian Aid Conference, Australian National University. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTtd_kTaZ-M&list=PLst83qmLET6S8eefBdVBZb52z_AkBJv&index=21 and https://devpolicy.org/2024-Australasian-AID-Conference/AAC2024_3MAP_Krishna.pdf
15. **Jackson, E.** (2024, October 24). "Mobilising change through networks and the power of connection." Chairing of panel at Australian International Education Conference, Melbourne, 2024.
16. **Jackson, E.** (2024, December 4). "Inclusive impact evaluation: Understanding empowerment from the perspective of marginalised groups in Indonesia." Paper presented at Australian Aid Conference, Canberra, 4-5 December 2024.
17. **Denney, L.** (2024, June 6). Situation Room: Civil Society Partnerships Fund. Invited roundtable discussion at Development Intelligence Lab. Canberra, Australia.
18. **Denney, L.** (2024, August 13). "Australia's International Development Policy: One year on." Invited dialogue with Minister for International Development the Hon. Pat Conroy MP. Canberra.
19. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, March 1). "From Yorkshire to the Yaqona Bowl - Reflecting on a Journey in Monitoring and Evaluation as a Pacific Islander." Keynote address to the Fiji Monitoring and Evaluation Community of Practice.
20. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, July 4). Key Guest Speech for Book Launch of 'Sugar: An Ethnographic Novel' by Tarryn Phillips and Edward Narain.
21. **Craney, A.** and Fafale, S. (2024, June 17-21). "Issues Analysis (Youth) for Policy Design." Presentation delivered at Induction of 12th National Parliament of Solomon Islands.
22. **Craney, A.** (2024, June 17-21). "Youth within the policy-legislation nexus." Presentation delivered at Induction of 12th National Parliament of Solomon Islands.
23. **Craney, A.** and Fafale, S. (2024, June 17-21). "Issues within rural-urban migration." Presentation delivered at Induction of 12th National Parliament of Solomon Islands.
24. **Illingworth, A.** and **Gyles, A.** (2024, February 29). Hosting of CHSSC MEL Community of Practice, including presentation on 'An application of a values-based M&E approach in Small Grants Initiatives –Gov4Res (UNDP)' by Mary Raori and Linda Kelly.
25. **Illingworth, A.** and **Gyles, A.** (2024, March 28). Hosting of CHSSC MEL Community of Practice, including 'Reflection on MEL and Research in a Fiji: A Community Approach' by Asenaca Blake and Eroni Wavu
26. **Gyles, A.** **Leslie, S.** and **Illingworth, A.** (2024, May 2). Hosting of CHSSC MEL Community of Practice, including presentation on Yitakimaninjaku, warrirninjaku, payirninjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku Research project by the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust team.
27. **Gyles, A.** **Leslie, S.** **Roche, C.** and **Illingworth, A.** (2024, June 27). Hosting of CHSSC MEL Community of Practice, including presentation on The Voice LLCAP MEL Approaches in PNG by Barbara Elias and Kirk Gibson.
28. **Kelly, L.** and **Jackson, E.** (2024, August 21). "Impact Evaluation of the Australia Indonesia Partnership towards an Inclusive Society." Online presentation to CHSSC MEL Community of Practice.
29. **Illingworth, A.** **Gyles, A.** and **Dibley, T.** (2024, October). Hosting Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice. AES reflection and planning session.

30. **Gyles, A, Roche, C, Dibley, T, and Illingworth, A.** (2024, December). Hosting Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Community of Practice 2024. Reflections and 2025 planning session

31. **Craney, A.** (2024, August 14). "Lessons from research: Pacific youth and civic engagement." Presentation delivered at the Pacific Senior Youth Officials Meeting, Fiji.

32. **Denney, L., Yea, S., Jackson, E.** and Strating, B. (2024, September 16). Participation in Human trafficking in Southeast Asia panel discussion. La Trobe Asia and CHSSC Event.

33. **Illingworth, A.** (2024, September). Participation in high-level panel discussion on MEL progress in the last decade. Pacific MEL Convening, 9–12 September, 2024. Nadi, Fiji.

34. **Denney, L.** (2024, 9 October) Invited participant, Situation Room: "What's on the horizon for development policy actors?" Invited roundtable discussion at Development Intelligence Lab, Canberra.

35. **Roche, C.** (2024, August 20). Presentation to AVI Senior Directors on "Big Picture Trends in the Sector."

36. Saluja, S, **Krishna, U**, Chittick, S. (2024, November 24). Presentation to DFAT on "Policy Spaces in the Philippines and Indonesia." Australian Embassy, Manila, Philippines.

37. Saluja, S, **Krishna, U**, and **Kelly, L.** (2024, July 9). Presentation to DFAT on "Stories of Long-Term Systems Change in Nepal and Timor-Leste." Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (TOTAL: 5)

1. **Jackson, E, Roche, C, Craney, A,** and **Illingworth, A.** (2024, March-April). Delivery of Women Leading and Influencing LeadershipConnect online course on developmental leadership for Pacific Australia Awards participants and alumni (8 sessions).

2. **Denney, L.** (2024, March 4-5). 'Political Economy Analysis Practitioner Level Course,' DFAT, Canberra. Delivered in collaboration with The Asia Foundation.

3. **Denney, L.** (2024, May 15). 'Introduction to Political Economy Analysis.' LeadershipConnect Professional Development Training Session for Women Leading and Influencing. Delivered online in collaboration with The Asia Foundation Pacific.

4. **Denney, L.** (2024, November 27). 'Introduction to Political Economy Analysis.' Professional development collaboration between The Development Intelligence Lab and the Centre for Human Security and Social Change, Delivered online.

5. **Jackson, E,** and Ramadhan, N.S. (2024, September 6). Guest Lecture on 'Disability Leadership and disability activism in Indonesia' for DST5DIP/DST3DIP.

OPINION PIECES (BLOGS, PODCASTS AND BRIEFS) (TOTAL: 9)

1. **Jackson, E.** (2024). "Invisible victims: How counter-trafficking efforts leave people with disability behind". The Interpreter, April 17, 2024. <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/invisible-victims-how-counter-trafficking-efforts-leave-people-disability-behind>

2. **Denney, L.** (2024, 22 February). "Diverse pathways to people-centred justice." Development Intelligence Lab The Readout, <https://www.devintelligencelab.com/readout/s6-lisadenney>.

3. **Denney, L.** (2024, 10 September) 'Making clear bets for change: Australia's International Development Policy.' DevPolicy Blog, <https://devpolicy.org/making-clear-bets-for-change-dfats-international-development-policy-20240910/>.

4. **Kant, Romitesh.** (2024, 21 June). "From dominance to disarray: FijiFirst's fallout from within." Griffith Asia Insights. <https://blogs.griffith.edu.au/asiainsights/from-dominance-to-disarray-part-1-fijifirsts-fallout-from-within/>

5. **Kant, Romitesh.** (2014, 27 June). "From dominance to disarray: The unravelling of FijiFirst and the future political landscape of Fiji." <https://blogs.griffith.edu.au/asiainsights/from-dominance-to-disarray-the-unravelling-of-fijifirst-and-the-future-political-landscape-of-fiji/>

6. **Dibley, Thushara,** and Lena Etuk. (2024). "Creating an Enabling Environment for Culturally Responsive Evaluation in Australia." AES Blog, December 3, 2024. <https://www.aes.asn.au/aes-blog/creating-an-enabling-environment-for-culturally-responsive-evaluation-in-australia>.

7. **Romitesh Kant** and Mereoni Chung, 'Whose Vision for Fiji? Constitutional Reform at a Crossroads', ConstitutionNet, International IDEA, 5 December 2024. <https://constitutionnet.org/voices/whose-vision-fiji-constitutional-reform-crossroads>

8. **Kant, Romitesh.** (2024). [Funding Equality: Reimagining Fiji's Political Landscape through Gender-Inclusive Political Party Funding](https://doi.org/10.80417/XNG4-V137). 10.80417/XNG4-V137. Minnegal, M, **Cox, J,** and Kopei, E. (2024, October). *Factors driving rural-urban migration and its impact: Case study of the Kubo and Febi people in Kiunga, Western Province*. PNGNRI Discussion Paper 21.

9. **Cox, John.** (2024). *Sensing Disaster: Local Knowledge and Vulnerability in Oceania*. Book review in Oceania: a journal devoted to the study of the native peoples of Australia, New Guinea, and the Islands of the Pacific. 93. 398-399.

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FUNDING 2024

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

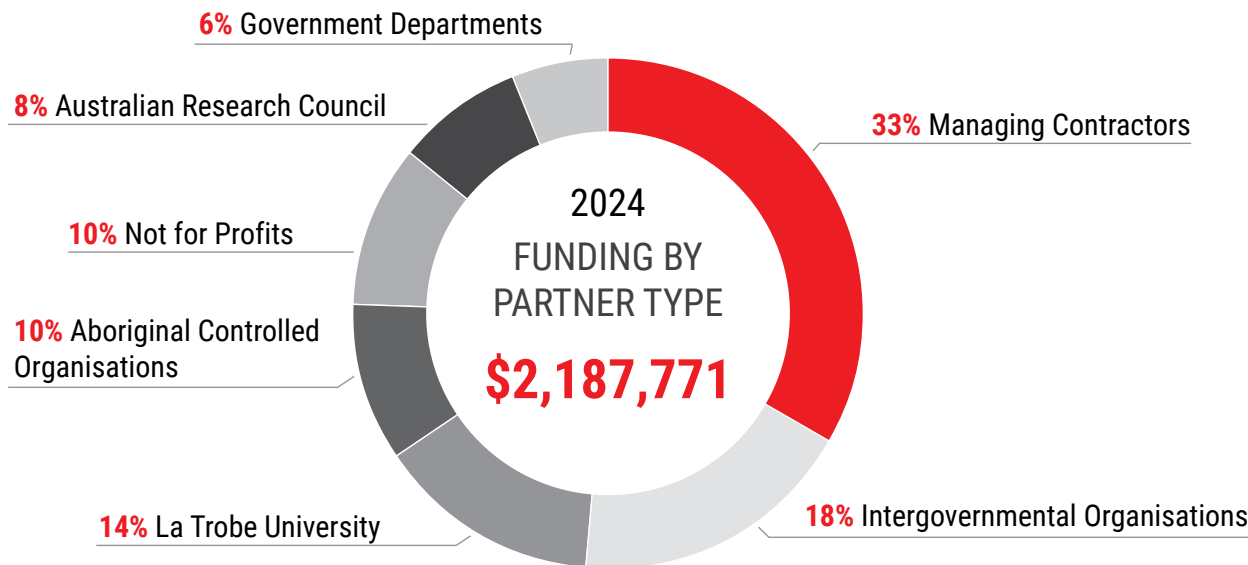
This table provides an overview of the work that we did with 14 partners in 2024. This included delivering 29 projects with a total value of \$1,872,833. The partners are listed in order of the total revenue that we received from them in 2024, from largest to smallest.

Partner	Work undertaken with this partner in 2024	Active projects in 2024	Revenue Sources	Total revenue 2024	Status of work at end 2024
DT Global	Providing monitoring, evaluation, research and learning support to the following programs: Women's Leadership Initiative; ASEAN Australian Counter Trafficking program; Balance of Power program; Australia-PNG Law and Justice program	4	DFAT	349,207	Continued
Cowater	Impact evaluation of the INKLUSI program in Indonesia	2	DFAT	318,706	Continued
UNDP	Research on accountability ecosystems in the Pacific	2	European Union	307,908	Continued
Australian Research Council	Research on youth leadership and civic engagement in the Pacific	1	ARC Discovery Grant and The Asia Foundation	167,352	Continued
The Asia Foundation	Research and training on behalf of The Asia Foundation	5	DFAT	139,920	Continued
Central Land Council	Monitoring, evaluation and learning for the CLC's community development program and the Lajamanu Good Life Project	2	Aboriginal Benefit Account and Newmont Corporation.	127,015	Continued
Warlpiri Education and Training Trust	Supporting tracking and learning.	2	Newmont Corporation via Kurra Aboriginal Corporation.	98,860	Continued
DFAT Diplomatic Academy	Design, build and delivery of five professional development courses for DFAT staff	1	DFAT	83,572	Continued
The Voice Inc	Monitoring, evaluation, research and learning for the Local Leadership and Collective Action Program	3	DFAT	80,868	Continued

Partner	Work undertaken with this partner in 2024	Active projects in 2024	Revenue Sources	Total revenue 2024	Status of work at end 2024
UNFPA	Supporting health system responses to violence against women in PNG	2	UNFPA	53,396	Continued
Parks Australia	Evaluating joint management of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park	1	Parks Australia	52,906	Continued
Bluebird Consultants	Strengthening DFAT's evaluation capability and practice in the Pacific	1	DFAT	49,915	Continued
Pacific Commission	Preparing a Pacific Youth Development Framework	1	Pacific Commission	42,350	Continued
Abt Associates	Governance assessments for Vanuatu and Tonga	1	DFAT	758	Continued
	Miscellaneous			10,759	
TOTAL EXTERNAL REVENUE				1,883,592	
La Trobe University	School of Humanities and Social Sciences – salary and non-salary support			302,804	
La Trobe University	School of Humanities and Social Sciences – Internal Research Grant Scheme			1,375	
TOTAL LTU REVENUE				304,179	
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES				2,187,771	

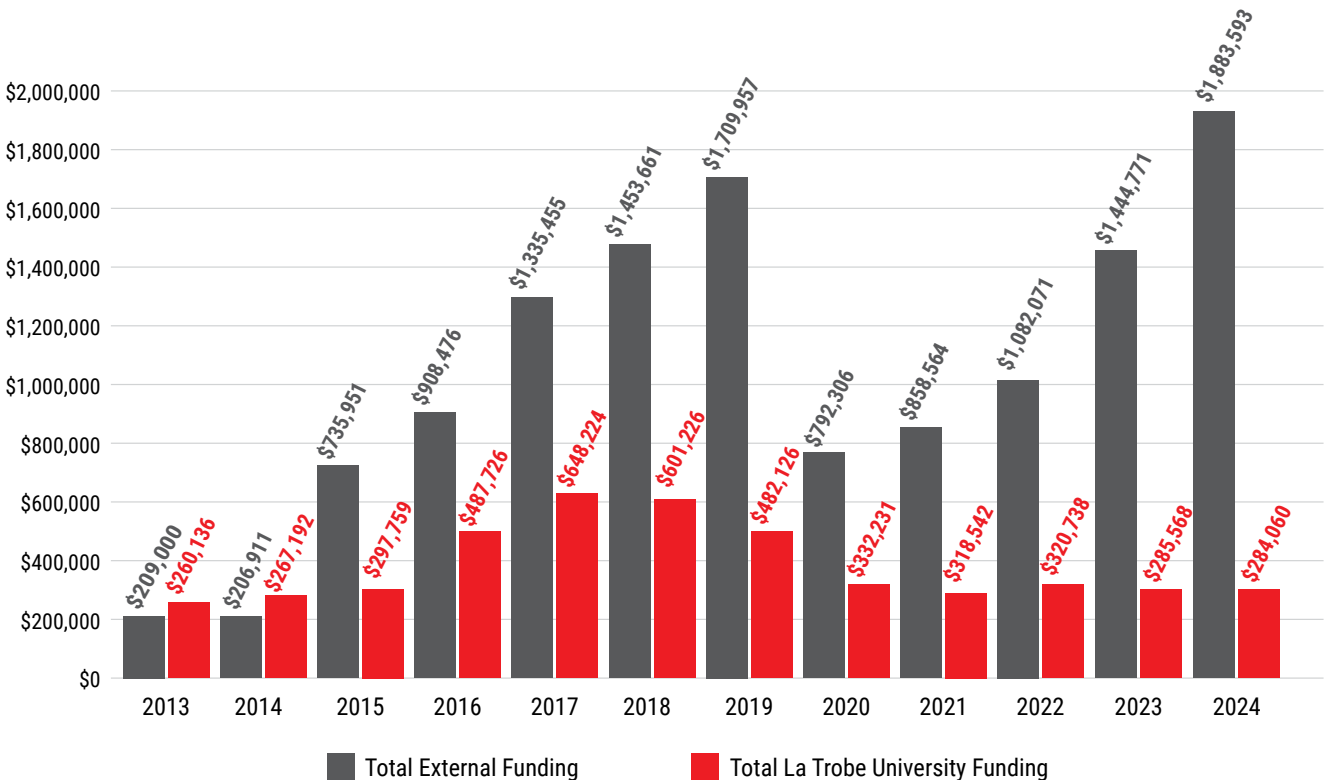
CHSSC FUNDING – BY PARTNER TYPE

The CHSSC partners with diverse organisations, including managing contractors, not-for-profits, government departments and intergovernmental organisations. Our funding by partner type is illustrated below.



CHSSC TOTAL FUNDING 2013-2024

The CHSSC's funding grew strongly between 2013 and 2019. It fell sharply in 2020 following completion of two large DFAT-funded projects, a reduction in University funding and the onset of COVID. Since then, the CHSSC has expanded and diversified its project portfolio with external revenue in 2024 at its highest level since the CHSSC was founded in 2013.



CHSSC GOVERNANCE

Management Committee

Name	Position Title
Professor Nick Bisley	Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations, La Trobe University
Lorraine Ward	Senior Manager, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University
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Associate Professor Lisa Denney	Principal Research Fellow and Deputy Director, Centre for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University
Chris Adams (Chair)	Business Manager and Senior Outreach and Learning Advisor, Centre for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University
Eileen Christou (Secretariat)	Senior Administration Coordinator, Centre for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

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Name	Position Title
Conny Lenneberg (Chair)	Consultant and Non-Executive Director on the Gardiner Dairy Foundation and Good Shepherd, Australia / New Zealand Boards
Professor Bec Strating	Director La Trobe Asia and Professor of International Relations, La Trobe University
Professor Lawrie Zion	Associate Dean, Research and Industry Engagement, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University
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Anna Naupa	PhD candidate at the Australian National University, social and political researcher
Tony Kiessler	CEO Australian Psychologists Association, social researcher and evaluation consultant
Professor Chris Roche	Director, Centre for Human Security and Social Change and Professor of Development Practice, La Trobe University
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OUR PARTNERS

The CHSSC partners with a diverse range of organisations that are contributing to social change in Indigenous Australia, the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Timor-Leste. These include Aboriginal-controlled organisations, not-for-profits, higher education institutions, managing contractors and intergovernmental agencies. The organisations that we partnered with in 2024 are listed below.



Abt Associates

[Abt Associates](#) is a mission-driven consulting and research firm which aims to be an engine for social impact, fuelled by caring, curiosity and cutting-edge research that moves people from vulnerability to security. Abt's approach centres on equity and inclusion, is politically informed and adaptive and prioritises sustainable, locally led solutions.



Balance of Power

Balance of Power is a multi-country, locally led investment that works to increase the legitimacy of women's leadership in the Pacific, particularly in the political sphere. Funded by the Australian Government through Pacific Women Lead, it engages with local powerholders and norm-influencers to shift perceptions and behaviours around gender equality in leadership and decision-making.



Central Land Council

Founded in 2007 by Jess Kenway, [Bluebird Consultants](#) aims to help create social change that lasts. It provides design and evaluation services to the Australian aid program, international development partners and local organisations.

The [Central Land Council](#) (CLC) is an independent statutory authority which represents Aboriginal people in Central Australia. The Council is made of 90 Aboriginal women and men elected by their communities to represent them, fight for their rights, help them reclaim and manage their land and realise the opportunities that come with recognition of property rights.



Cowater International

[Cowater International](#) is a global development consulting company headquartered in Ottawa with corporate hubs in Brussels, London, Montreal and Nairobi. Cowater works with governments, private sector actors and communities implementing projects that support socio-economic development, institutional strengthening, environmental improvements and advance equal opportunities for all.



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) promotes and protects Australia's international interests to support our security and prosperity. DFAT works with international partners and other countries to tackle global challenges, increase trade and investment opportunities, protect international rules, keep our region stable and help Australians overseas.



Development Intelligence Lab

The [Development Intelligence Lab](#) (the Lab) is a think tank working on development cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. The Lab aims to inspire ideas and debate and to solve live development challenges through undertaking analysis, developing policy proposals, convening Chatham-house style dialogues and contributing to public debate. .



DT Global

DT Global is a global international development firm which is majority owned by a charitable trust. It works in partnership with local stakeholders to foster inclusive prosperity, social equity and environmental stewardship. It works in over 90 countries to solve complex problems in the peacebuilding, governance, economic development, environment, and human development sectors.



Humanitarian Advisory Group

The [Humanitarian Advisory Group](#) (HAG) is an ethically driven business which combines humanitarian passion with entrepreneurial agility to think and do things differently.

It provides a unique space for thinking, discussion and testing new ideas and works with organisations on improving programming, strengthening policies, providing an evidence base on which to make decisions and reviewing how responses have impacted the most vulnerable.



Pacific Community

The [Pacific Community](#) (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region. The SPC is owned and governed by its twenty-seven country and territory members. It supports sustainable development by applying a people-centred approach to science, research and technology across all of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Parks Australia

[Parks Australia](#) is responsible for the management of six commonwealth national parks, 60 marine parks and the Australian National Botanic Gardens. This includes the Uluru-Kata Tjuta and Kakadu National Parks in the Northern Territory and the Booderee National Park on the New South Wales south coast, all of which are owned by Aboriginal people, leased to the Director of National Parks (DNP) and jointly managed by the DNP and the Traditional Owners.



The Asia Foundation

[The Asia Foundation](#) (TAF) is an international non-profit organization working to solve the toughest social and economic challenges in Asia and the Pacific. Informed by decades of experience and deep local knowledge, TAF works with partners across more than 20 countries to improve lives and expand opportunities.

Its programs focus on improving governance and economies, upskill workers, promote peace and stability, counter human trafficking and strengthen resource management.

THE VOICE INC.



The Voice Inc

[The Voice Inc.](#) (TVI) is a leading civil society organization in Papua New Guinea. It was formed in 2007 by a group of law students at the University of Papua New Guinea who recognized the need for citizens to be active agents of change in their communities. TVI has now has Centres for Leadership delivering programs on multiple University Campuses across the country.



United Nations Development Program

As the United Nations lead agency on international development, [UNDP](#) works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. UNDP helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities, and to build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Its work is concentrated in three focus areas: sustainable development, democratic governance and peace building, and climate and disaster resilience.



United Nations Population Fund

The [United Nations Population Fund](#) or UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. UNFPA's mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. It's goal is to end unmet need for family planning, preventable maternal death and gender-based violence and harmful practices including child marriage and female genital mutilation by 2030.



Warlpiri Education and Training Trust

Warlpiri teachers and traditional owners of the site of Newmont's Tanami gold mine set up the [Warlpiri Education and Training Trust](#) (WETT) in 2005 to use royalties from the mine to improve education and training outcomes for Warlpiri people in the Tanami region. The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, whose members are traditional owners for the mine site, is the Trustee for WETT.



Westminster Fund for Democracy

The [Westminster Fund for Democracy](#) (WFD) is a UK public body dedicated to strengthening democracy and open societies around the world. It helps countries to make their political systems fairer, more inclusive and more accountable by working with parliaments, political parties, electoral bodies and civil society.

CHSSC STAFF

CONTINUING AND FIXED TERM STAFF



CHSSC staff in 2024 from left to right then top to bottom: Alex Gyles, Thushara Dibley, Mardi Grundy, Lisa Denney, Elisabeth Jackson, Eileen Christou, Chris Adams, Chris Roche, Aidan Craney, Sarah Leslie, Allan Illingworth, Danielle Campbell. Credit: John Jiang, La Trobe.

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- Deputy Director (Impact), Developmental Leadership Program
- Member, La Trobe Research Centre Directors Forum

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Acting Director² and Principal Research Fellow

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- Bachelor of Arts (International Relations), University of Queensland
- Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute
- Research Associate, Developmental Leadership Program
- Committee Member, Research for Development Impact Network
- Member, Global Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice
- Expert, Westminster Foundation for Democracy Roster of Experts
- Member, La Trobe Research Centre Directors Forum
- Member, La Trobe University School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research and Industry Engagement Committee

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- Member, Australian Evaluation Society

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² Acting Director from 1 July 2024.

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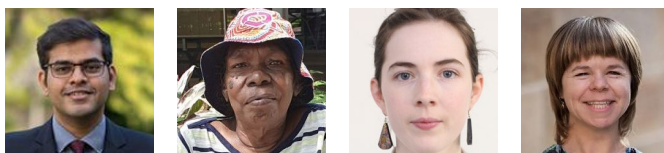
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Left to right: Ujjwal Krishna, Marlkirdi Rose Napaljarri, Serena Ford, Louise Stanley

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