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# 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 1.1 Overview of the Research

This study uses information based on published Australian Taxation Office (ATO) data and represents the extent and characteristics of tax-deductible donations made and claimed by Australian taxpayers to Deductible Gift Recipients (DGRs) at Item D9 Gifts or Donations in their individual income tax returns for the 2017–18 income year.

While section 1.3 of this Executive Summary provides a more detailed overview, analysis of the ATO data showed that the total amount donated and claimed as tax-deductible donations in 2017–18 was \$3.75 billion (compared to \$3.48 billion for the previous income year). This constitutes an increase of 7.61 per cent or \$265 million from the previous income year.

The average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by Australian taxpayers in 2017–18 was \$845.73 (compared to \$769.99 in the previous income year).

Not all charitable organisations qualify for DGR status e.g. many religious, educational institutions and donations to these organisations are not deductible gifts. The data does not include corporate and trust taxpayers. Expenses such as raffles, sponsorships, fundraising purchases (e.g., sweets, tea towels, tickets to special events) or volunteering are generally not deductible as ‘gifts’.

## 1.2 The Research in Context

In 2017–18, Australia recorded its 27th year of continuous economic growth which is significant given the uncertain economic and political situation around the world.

Australia had a falling real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 2.9 per cent in 2017–18. Australia’s average growth rate over the 27 financial years of GDP growth from 1992 to 2018 is well above that of all major developed economies such as the US (2.5%), UK (2.1%), France (1.6%), Germany (1.4%) and Japan (0.9%).

The Australian inflation rate for 2018 was 1.91%, a 0.04% decline from 2017. The inflation rate for 2017 was 1.95%, a 0.67% increase from 2016.

The Average Annualised Wage Increase (AAWI) for current federal enterprise agreements in all industries fell progressively from 3.5 per cent in December 2013 to 2.7 per cent in December 2018.

Major causes of the slowdown in wage growth cited by both the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) and Treasury include the presence of excess capacity in the labour market (demonstrated by stubbornly high rates of underemployment); a steady decline in inflation and inflationary expectations; and a decline in the terms of trade since the end of the mining boom.

The Australian stock market indicator, ASX 200 finished up 8.3 per cent for the 2017–18 financial year. Most stock market sectors finished the 2018 financial year positively. The financial sector remained subdued following the Banking Royal Commission, while the Energy and Resources indices soared possibly due to higher energy and commodity prices.

Mean equivalised disposable household income (EDHI) in 2017–18 was \$1,062 per week. After adjusting to 2017–18 dollars, this has not changed significantly from 2016–17 (\$1,046 per week).

Middle and high wealth households have experienced a real increase in average net worth over the 14 years prior to 2018. Middle wealth households had an average net worth of \$564,500 in 2017–18 compared to \$415,800 in 2003–04 (adjusted for inflation). High wealth households increased in real terms from an average net worth of \$1.9 million in 2003–04 to \$3.2 million in 2017–18. Low wealth households did not experience any real increase in net worth over this time period with the average net worth of \$35,200 in 2017–18 similar to 2003–04 (\$34,200).

There were several natural disasters declared by the ATO that attracted tax-deductible donations during the period. Cyclone Debbie occurred in April 2017 together with bushfires and storms across eastern states and collections still continued in the 2017–18 financial year. New South Wales suffered the Tathra bushfires destroying over 100 structures.

North American individuals, bequests, foundations and corporations gave an estimated \$427.71 billion to U.S. charities in 2018. Total charitable giving rose 0.7 per cent measured in current dollars over the revised total of \$424.74 billion contributed in 2017. Adjusted for inflation, total giving declined 1.7 per cent.<sup>1</sup> There was a US stock market decline in late 2018 and drop in the number of individuals and households who itemize various types of deductions on their tax returns due to changes in tax policy. It is estimated that 45 million households itemized deductions in 2016, but this dropped to only 16 to 20 million households in 2018, reducing an incentive for charitable giving.

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<sup>1</sup> Giving USA 2019 available at <https://givingusa.org/giving-usa-2019-americans-gave-427-71-billion-to-charity-in-2018-amid-complex-year-for-charitable-giving/>.

In the UK, the UK Civil Society Almanac 2019 reports that in 2017–18 donations and legacies grew from £12.1 billion in the previous year to £12.7 billion.<sup>2,3</sup>

## 1.3 Summary of Findings

The following is a summary of the ATO Taxation data from 2017–18 that are further analysed in this paper.

### 1.3.1 General Information

- The total amount donated and claimed by individuals as tax-deductible donations in 2017–18 was \$3.75 billion (compared to \$3.48 billion for the previous income year). This constitutes an increase of \$265 million (or 7.61 per cent) from the previous income year.
- In 2017–18, individual taxpayers claimed \$36.80 billion in total personal tax deductions. Of this amount, 10.18 per cent of deductions claimed were tax-deductible gifts, compared to 6.29 per cent for the cost of managing tax affairs and 58.96 per cent for work-related expenses.
- The average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by Australian taxpayers in 2017–18 was \$845.73 (compared to \$769.99 in the previous income year). This is an increase of 9.84 per cent. The median tax-deductible donation has increased slightly to \$115 having remained static for the past two years.<sup>4</sup>
- In 2017–18, 4.43 million Australian taxpayers (or 31.01 per cent of the Australian taxpaying population) made and claimed tax-deductible donations. This has decreased from the previous year when 32.60 per cent of taxpayers made and claimed a gift and is at its lowest since 1979–80.
- On average, those individual taxpayers who made tax-deductible donations to DGRs donated approximately 0.43 per cent of their taxable income in 2017–18. This has increased slightly from 2016–17 and is the highest recorded since data has been available.

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<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://ncvo-app-wagtail-mediaa721a567-uwkfinin077j.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/ncvo-uk-civil-society-almanac-2020.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> The Australian data reported in this paper does not include legacy gifts.

<sup>4</sup> Average refers to the mean and is obtained by summing all data points and dividing by the number of data points. The median number is the middle number when all values are aligned in numerical order.

### 1.3.2 Gender

- In 2017–18, 2.19 million male taxpayers (or 29.79 per cent of male taxpayers) made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$2.15 billion. This is a slight increase from 2016–17 where 31.44 per cent of male taxpayers made donations totalling \$2.14 billion. In contrast, 2.24 million female taxpayers (or 32.29 per cent of female taxpayers) made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$1.60 billion in 2017–18.
- The average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by Australian male taxpayers in 2017–18 was \$982.39 (compared with \$953.40 in 2016–17) and \$712.64 for Australian female taxpayers (\$589.06 in 2016–17).
- On average, male Australian taxpayers who made tax-deductible donations to DGRs donated approximately 0.41 per cent of their taxable income (0.43 per cent in 2016–17), compared to 0.46 per cent for female taxpayers (0.41 per cent in 2016–17).

### 1.3.3 State of Residence

- A total of 1.42 million taxpayers in **New South Wales** claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$1.34 billion. This amount represented 35.86 per cent of the total amount donated nationally. The next largest donor state was **Victoria** whose taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$1.03 billion, representing 27.39 per cent of the national total. **Western Australian** taxpayers claimed tax-deductible donations totalling \$634.40 million.
- **Western Australian** taxpayers made and claimed the largest average tax-deductible donation to DGRs of \$1,469.61 compared to the national average of \$845.73. Taxpayers in **New South Wales** had an average gift of \$943.40, followed by taxpayers in **Victoria** with an average gift of \$820.38.
- Those in the **Australian Capital Territory** had the greatest median donation of \$200, while those in **New South Wales** had a median donation of \$150. The median for taxpayers in **Western Australia** was \$120 and \$102 for **South Australia**. In all other states and territories, the median donation was \$100.
- Taxpayers in **Western Australia** donated an average of 0.65 per cent of their taxable incomes, an increase from 0.56 per cent in 2016–17. This was followed by taxpayers in **Victoria** and **New South Wales** (both 0.46 per cent).

### 1.3.4 Income Bands

- In 2017–18, the average tax-deductible gift for all taxpayers was \$845.73, compared to \$769.99 in the previous year.
- The average tax-deductible donation made and claimed by taxpayers in the \$55,001–\$60,000 income band was \$361.54, being 0.25 per cent of their taxable income with 39.27 per cent of taxpayers in this band claiming a tax-deductible gift.
- The average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by 7,640 individual taxpayers earning over \$1 million per year was \$93,645.00. This has increased from \$86,341.93 in 2016–17. Over the past ten years, this figure has generally hovered around \$50,000 with some years being much greater due to a few larger gifts from philanthropists.
- In 2017–18, taxpayers earning over \$1 million donated approximately 2.06 per cent of their taxable income to DGRs, compared to the national average of 0.43 per cent. This group represented 19.09 per cent of the total amount donated and claimed in 2017–18.

### 1.3.5 Tax-Deductible Gifts by Postcode

- Total amount donated
  - The postcode with the highest total of tax-deductible gifts for 2017–18 was **WA 6011 (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)** with \$409,464,592 claimed in total and accounted for 64.54 per cent of the total donations in Western Australia.. This is an increase of 98.43 per cent from 2016–17 for the postcode when it claimed \$206,350,525 in total gifts
  - In Victoria, the postcode **VIC 3142 (Hawkesburn, Toorak)** claimed donations totalling \$116,464,665.
- Average donation
  - Not surprisingly, the highest average gift claimed was also in the Western Australian postcode **WA 6011 (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)** where gifting taxpayers claimed on average \$203,006.74.
  - In Victoria, the postcode **VIC 3724 (Wandiligong)** claimed, on average, \$109,781.49 per gifting taxpayer, while taxpayers in the New South Wales postcode **NSW 2008 (Darlington, Chippendale)** claimed \$48,767.16 on average.
- Percentage of taxpayers claiming a donation
  - For the second year in a row, the postcode with the highest percentage of taxpayers claiming a gift deduction was **Joondalup DC (WA 6919)**, with 62.41 per cent of taxpayers claiming a gift.

- In New South Wales, 57.75 per cent taxpayers in **NSW 2703 (Yanco)** claimed a gift. In Victoria, 50.38 per cent of taxpayers in **VIC 3433 (Monegeetta)** claimed a deduction.

A database of all deductible gifts claimed by individuals between 2005 and 2018, fully searchable by postcode, can be found on the ACPNS website at [qut.edu.au/business/acpns/publications](http://qut.edu.au/business/acpns/publications)

### 1.3.6 Tax-Deductible Gifts by Occupation

Since 2006–07, we have been able to match occupations declared by taxpayers on their income tax returns with their deductible gifts. This should not be confused with sole trader occupations which have been available for some time but only captures taxpayers who trade in a business under their own name (i.e. no corporate body or trust involved).

- Consistent with previous years, in 2017–18, the highest average gift deductions were claimed by **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** (\$9,358.98). This has increased by 18.90 per cent from the previous year, where the average gift claimed was \$7,781.56. Barristers followed (\$5,792.45 in 2017–18 compared to \$2,660.27 in 2016–17), as did Other Medical Practitioners (\$3,991.62 in 2017–18 compared to \$3,608.44 in 2016–17).
- The occupation with the highest total amount claimed as gift deductions was **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** (\$470,354,085). This is consistent with previous years and has increased from \$395,380,600 in 2016–17.
- The occupation with the highest deductible gift as a percentage of taxable income was **Religious Leader** (1.90 per cent), followed by **Barristers** (1.52 per cent) and **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** (1.50 per cent).
- The occupation category with the highest percentage of donating taxpayers was, for the eighth year in a row, **Police** with 73.42 per cent of individuals in this occupation claiming a tax-deductible donation. This was followed by **Machine Operator** (68.11 per cent) and **School Principals** (59.77 per cent).

A database of all deductible gifts claimed by individuals between 2006 and 2018, fully searchable by occupation, can be found on the ACPNS website at [qut.edu.au/business/acpns](http://qut.edu.au/business/acpns).

## 2.0 WHAT IS A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT?

According to Division 30 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) (ITAA 1997), taxpayers are entitled to claim a tax deduction for gifts (i.e. donations) made during the income year to endorsed DGRs. There are two elements which must be present in order to claim a tax deduction:

- a) it must be a gift, and
- b) it must be made to a DGR.

The term "*gift*" is not defined in either the ITAA 1936 or 1997. As a consequence, it takes on its ordinary meaning. On 20 July 2005, the ATO released *Taxation Ruling* TR 2005/13 'Tax-Deductible Gifts – What is a gift?' TR 2005/13 contains 230 paragraphs, 81 worked examples and spans 47 pages.

For a gift to be a tax-deductible donation and claimed as an income tax deduction in personal income tax returns, the gift must usually have the following characteristics:

- there is a transfer of the beneficial interest in property
- the transfer is made voluntarily
- the transfer arises by way of benefaction, and
- no material benefit or advantage is received by the giver by way of return.

Generally, for a payment to be considered a gift it must be unfettered, that is, there must be no obligation to do anything in recognition of the gift and no expectation on the part of the donor to receive anything in return for the donation (i.e. no strings attached).

Where a payment constitutes a bona fide gift, then the donor is entitled to claim the amount given as an income tax deduction under Division 30. In contrast, the following are **not** usually considered gifts:

- purchase of raffle or art union tickets
- purchase of an item such as a mug, key ring or pen which is not merely a token that promotes the DGR or its activities
- the cost of attending a fundraising dinner, even if the cost exceeds the value of the dinner

- payments to school building funds as an alternative to an increase in school fees
- membership fees (except to political parties), and
- payments where the person has an understanding with the recipient that the payment will be used to provide a benefit to the donor.

However, since 1 July 2004, the government has allowed certain contributions, which do not fall under the strict definition of a gift, to be deductible. A deduction is now allowed where the donor receives a benefit in connection with the contribution, provided that certain conditions are met and the benefit does not exceed a specified limit. Broadly, this allows deductions for two separate types of contributions at a DGR fundraising event in Australia, namely:

- contributions made in return for a right to participate in a fundraising event (e.g. the purchase of a ticket to attend a charity ball, fête, dinner, performance or similar charitable fundraising event), and
- contributions made for successful bidding at a charity auction that is conducted by a DGR.

## 2.1 Categories of Deductible Gift Recipients

Since 1 July 2000, pursuant to Sub-Division 30-BA of the ITAA 1997, the Commissioner of Taxation must endorse both Income Tax Exempt Charities (ITECs) and DGRs.

If an organisation is not endorsed by the Commissioner, donors will be unable to claim income tax deductions for gifts made.

Sub-Division 30B of the ITAA 1997 outlines the 12 general categories of entities and funds that have been endorsed by the Commissioner of Taxation as DGRs. The general categories are:

- health (Section 30–20)
- education (Section 30–25)
- research (Section 30–40)
- welfare and rights (Section 30–45)
- defence (Section 30–50)
- environment (Section 30–55)
- the family (Section 30–70)
- international affairs (Section 30–80)
- sports and recreation (Section 30–90)
- philanthropic trusts (Section 30–95)
- cultural organisations (Section 30–100), and
- other recipients consisting of ancillary funds (Section 30–105).

Five new general categories of deductible gift recipient were added from 1 July 2006:

- disaster relief
- war memorials
- animal welfare
- charitable services, and
- educational scholarships.

In addition to the above general categories of funds, authorities, institutions and organisations, gifts of \$2 or more made to recipients specified in Sections 30–15 to 30–100 of the ITAA 1997 are also deductible to the donor.

However, these are only general categories, not the full list of DGRs. Donors can check the status of a DGR by searching the Australian Business Register.<sup>5</sup> As of 1 November 2019, there were 57,330 charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. Only 30,103 organisations have active DGR status.<sup>6</sup>

Only certain types of gifts are specifically made tax-deductible under Division 30. These include:

- gifts of \$2 or more (money)
- property which has been purchased by the donor less than 12 months before the gift was made
- property valued by the Commissioner of Taxation as over \$5,000
- trading stock disposed of outside the ordinary course of business
- cultural gifts, being property made under the Cultural Gifts Program
- cultural bequests, being property made under the Cultural Bequests Program, and
- heritage gifts.

In order to claim the amount of their tax-deductible donation to a DGR, donors are required to keep records of their gifts. DGRs are not required by income tax law to issue receipts for deductible gifts, but most do, as the donor will need a receipt in order to substantiate the claim made.

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<sup>5</sup> Australian Business Register. (2019). *ABN look up*. <http://www.abr.business.gov.au/>

Source: Table 3: Charities. Deductible Gift Recipients, by type, as at 1 November 2019, Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18.

## 2.2 Philanthropic and Giving Taxation Initiatives since 1999

On 26 March 1999, the Prime Minister issued a press release announcing various income tax measures to encourage greater corporate and personal philanthropy in Australia. These new measures included:

- establishment of Prescribed Private Funds (PPFs) – now known as Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs)
- tax-deductibility for gifts of property over \$5,000
- 5-year averaging of donations
- deductions for workplace giving
- conservation covenants
- capital gains tax exemption under the Cultural Gifts Program
- deductions for fundraising dinners and similar events, and
- new DGR category of Health Promotion Charities.

Each of these taxation incentives is discussed below in more detail.

Further incentives have been suggested and developed by the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership since 1999. These incentives which involve the taxation regime have been rolled out gradually since 1999.<sup>7</sup>

### 2.2.1 Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs) (Formerly Prescribed Private Funds (PPFs))

A PAF is a fund established by Will or Trust instrument with:

- DGR status (i.e., gifts to it are deductible to the donor)
- normally, income tax exempt status (i.e., its income is exempt from income tax), and
- the ability to attract a variety of other Commonwealth, State and Territory tax and duty concessions.

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<sup>7</sup> The Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership. (n.d.). *Taxation initiatives to encourage philanthropy*. Retrieved August 19, 2020, from [https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/05\\_2012/pmcbp\\_fs5.pdf](https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/05_2012/pmcbp_fs5.pdf)

PAFs cannot accept gifts from the public and a PAF can be controlled by an individual, family or corporate group. This is a removal of a major barrier to philanthropy, as it was often difficult to satisfy the previous test of “public donations” before a fund would be endorsed as a DGR.

On 1 October 2009, existing PPFs became Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs) and they were taken to be endorsed as DGRs. The Minister was given the power to make guidelines about the establishment and maintenance of PAFs. Each trustee of an existing PPF was taken to have agreed to comply with PAF Guidelines. Only a constitutional corporation can be a trustee of a PAF.

The administration of PAFs was vested fully in the Commissioner of Taxation, subject to some transitional provisions. The Commissioner has the power to:

- endorse PAFs as DGRs and tax concession charities or income tax exempt funds
- revoke endorsement
- impose administrative penalties on trustees, and their directors, and
- suspend, remove and replace trustees.

The legislative changes are contained in the *Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 4) Act 2009* (Cth) which received Royal Assent on 18 September 2009. The PAF Guidelines were signed on 28 September 2009 and a model trust deed was released soon after by the ATO.

The PAF Guidelines are a legislative instrument and so have legal effect, in contrast to the previous guidelines that applied to PPFs. PAFs must agree to comply with the Guidelines.

In each financial year, a PAF must distribute to DGRs an amount equal to at least 5 per cent of the market value of its net assets as at the end of the previous financial year. The market value of the assets must be estimated as specified in the Guidelines.

A PAF must not acquire a collectable, may not carry on a business, and may not solicit donations from the public. A PAF is also effectively limited in the donations it can accept from ‘outsiders’.

A PAF must have and maintain a current investment strategy meeting the requirements of the PAF Guidelines and subject to some exceptions may not borrow or maintain an existing borrowing. Additional obligations are also imposed on the independent responsible person on the board of directors of the trustee.

The Guidelines contain some exceptions/qualifications in respect of the above rules, and the Guidelines and Act contain transitional provisions in respect of certain PAFs that existed before 1 October 2009.

### **2.2.2 Gifts of Property over \$5,000**

From 1 July 2001 changes to the legislation enabled donors to claim a tax deduction for gifts of property held by the donor and valued at more than \$5,000 by the Commissioner of Taxation. This deduction was backdated to apply from 1 July 1999 and extends to property donated to approved environmental and heritage organisations. Previously, the deduction was only available where the property was purchased within 12 months of being donated.

### **2.2.3 5 Year Averaging of Donations**

Donors now have the ability to spread the following types of gifts over a period of up to five income years:

- cash donations in excess of \$5,000 (which took effect from 1 July 2003)
- property valued by the Commissioner in excess of \$5,000 (which took effect from 1 July 1999), and
- cultural gifts made through the Cultural Gifts Program (which took effect from 1 July 1999).

### **2.2.4 Deductions for Workplace Giving**

Workplace giving programs (which were introduced from 1 July 2002) are designed to give employees the opportunity to make donations to a DGR through regular payroll deductions. Employees receive immediate tax benefits, as employers are able to reduce the amount of PAYG withholding tax from that employee's pay.

### **2.2.5 Conservation Covenants**

Certain types of conservation covenants over land, entered into on or after 1 July 2002, are eligible for an income tax deduction and concessional capital gains tax treatment.

### 2.2.6 The Cultural Gifts Program – Capital Gains Tax Exemption

Since 1 July 1999, bequests of property and gifts of cultural property made through the Cultural Gifts Program are exempt from capital gains tax, thus maximising the appreciated value of these gifts for tax deduction purposes.

### 2.2.7 Deductions for Fundraising Dinners and Similar Events

Since 1 July 2004, individual taxpayers are, in certain circumstances, able to receive a tax deduction for ‘contributions’ in the form of a ticket to a charity fundraising dinner. The deduction initially applied to contributions above \$250, where the value of the benefit received (for example, a meal or entertainment) was no more than 10 per cent of the total contribution or \$100, whichever was less. The provision also relates to goods purchased at fundraising auctions.

Further changes were made from 1 January 2007 to reduce the minimum contribution threshold to \$150 (previously \$250), to allow a greater number of charities to use the measure for fundraising. The value of the minor benefit allowed was increased to 20 per cent of the gift – or ticket price – but not exceeding a value of \$150 (previously 10 per cent not exceeding \$100).

### 2.2.8 Health Promotion Charities

A new DGR category known as Health Promotion Charities is entitled to the same benefits as Public Benevolent Institutions. This category commenced in 2002 but is backdated to the 1997–98 year. It allows a tax deduction for gifts to charitable institutions whose principal activity is to promote the prevention or the control of behaviour that is harmful or abusive to human beings.

### 2.2.9 Donations to Political Parties and Other Candidates

From 22 June 2006, under Subdivision 30–DA ITAA 1997:

- the tax-deductible threshold for political contributions is up to \$1,500 for an income year
- deductions are allowed for contributions made to political parties registered under state and territory, as well as federal, electoral legislation
- gifts to independent candidates and independent members may be deductible, and

- companies may be entitled to deductions.

*Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008* was passed by the House of Representatives on 21 February 2008 and introduced to the Senate on 11 March 2008. Schedule 1 of the Bill amends the income tax law to remove tax-deductibility for contributions or gifts to political parties, independent members and candidates. The measure applies in relation to contributions and gifts made on or after 1 July 2008. The Senate referred the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report by June 2009. Further, the *Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008* was passed by the Senate on Tuesday, 3 February 2009 with amendments. Individual taxpayers will still be able to claim a tax deduction for such gifts up to \$1,500 due to amendments.

#### **2.2.10 Five General Categories of Deductible Gift Recipient from 1 July 2006:**

- Australian disaster relief funds – public funds for the relief of people in distress as a result of a declared disaster which occurred in Australia
- animal welfare charities – charitable institutions that provide short-term direct care and/or rehabilitate certain animals
- charitable services institutions – charitable institutions that would be Public Benevolent Institutions but for their health promotion and/or harm prevention activities
- war memorial repair funds – public funds established and maintained for the reconstruction or critical repair of a qualifying war memorial, and
- developed country disaster relief funds – public funds established by a public benevolent institution for the relief of people in distress as a result of a declared disaster in a developed country.

#### **2.2.11 Educational Scholarships**

From 1 July 2006, a public fund established for charitable purposes is eligible for endorsement as a DGR by the Commissioner if its sole purpose is to provide money for scholarships, bursaries or prizes to which section 30–37 of the ITAA 1997 applies.

A scholarship, bursary or prize to which the section applies is one which:

- may only be awarded to Australian citizens, or permanent residents of Australia, within the meaning of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948
- is open to individuals or groups of individuals throughout a region of at least 200,000 people or throughout at least an entire state or territory
- promotes recipients' education in either or both of:
  - preschool courses, primary courses, secondary courses or tertiary courses, or
  - educational institutions overseas, by way of study of a component of one of the above courses, and
- is awarded on merit or for reasons of equity (e.g. for students who are experiencing financial disadvantage or hardship).

Scholarships and bursaries are ongoing or one-off benefit payments for school fees, textbooks and related educational expenses such as uniforms or travel. A prize is an award of money or property that is usually conferred for reasons of merit such as academic achievement but may also be for reasons of equity.

### 2.2.12 Share Gifts

From 1 July 2007, if you make a gift of listed shares valued at \$5,000 or less that you acquired at least 12 months earlier, you could be eligible to claim a deduction. For the gift to be tax-deductible, **all** of the following requirements must be met:

- the shares were acquired in a listed public company
- when the shares were given, they were listed for quotation on the official list of an Australian stock exchange
- the shares were given to a DGR
- the shares were acquired at least 12 months before they were given, and
- the market value of the shares was \$5,000 or less on the day they were given.

### 2.2.13 Public Ancillary Fund Amendments

In the May 2010 Budget, the federal government announced that it would improve the integrity of Public Ancillary Funds (PubAFs) by introducing a new regulatory framework similar to that introduced for PAFs. Amending legislation was introduced as part of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No 7) Bill 2011. Guidelines were made by a legislative instrument

on 9 December 2011, setting out rules for establishing, operating and winding up a PubAF, and transitional provisions. Most changes took effect on 1 January 2012.

The reformed regulatory framework takes much of its shape from that of PAFs. A new section 426–102 inserted into Schedule 1 of Taxation Administration Act 1953 sets out the elements of a trust that is a PubAF, including that trustees are constitutional corporations or a Public Trustee. The main amendments introduced have the effect that:

- An ancillary fund is defined as a ‘public ancillary fund’ or ‘private ancillary fund’ in Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, section 995–1. Philanthropic trust funds can be ‘public ancillary funds’ or ‘private ancillary funds’ under the Taxation Administration Act 1953, (Schedule 1 section 426–1).
- PubAFs are identified as such on the Australian Business Register (Taxation Administration Act 1953, Schedule 1 section 426–104).
- The Minister (Treasurer) must make binding guidelines through legislative instruments (Taxation Administration Act 1953, Schedule 1 section 426–103).
- The Commissioner of Taxation will have power (under the Taxation Administration Act 1953, Schedule 1 section 426–120) to:
  - impose administrative penalties on trustees and directors of trustees who breach the Guidelines, or
  - suspend or remove trustees for breaches of guidelines.

The Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2011 set out requirements for operation, winding up and portability, including:

- the PubAF’s nonprofit nature
- minimum annual distribution of 4 per cent of the market value of net assets as at end of previous financial year
- annual valuation of assets
- accounts; annual financial statements; and audit of financial accounts
- annual income tax return
- investment strategy and limitations on investing
- trustees’ fees and remuneration
- inviting the public to donate, and
- transferring assets to another PubAF.

Model trust deeds are available from the ATO website and cater for different state laws.

#### **2.2.14 New DGR Class Announced**

Parliament passed Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013, which received Royal assent on 29 June 2013. The legislation enabled eligible providers of ethics education in government schools to receive tax-deductible donations. The start date for the DGR category was 29 June 2013.

#### **2.2.15 Reforming the Administration of Tax Deductible Gift Recipients**

On 5 December 2017, the Government announced that it intended to reform the administration and oversight of DGRs. The ATO Commissioner will have a power of exemption in certain circumstances. Separate government DGR registers such as overseas aid, environment and culture will be transferred to the ACNC. Public fund requirements will be abolished.

## 2.3 Private Ancillary Funds<sup>8</sup> (PAFs) – 2001–2018

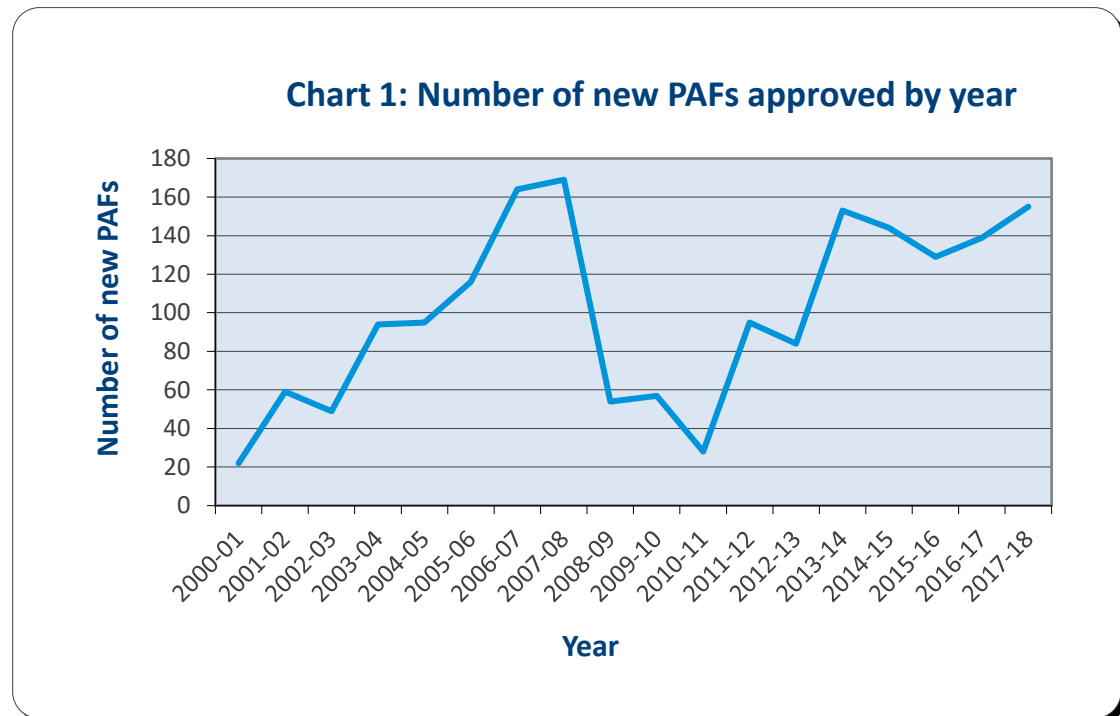
PAFs are trusts to which taxpayers can make tax-deductible donations.<sup>9</sup> The term *private ancillary fund* is defined in the taxation legislation and has some similarities with the US private family foundation. The **sole** purpose of a PAF must be to provide money, property or benefits to funds, authorities or institutions, which are DGRs. Table 1 displays the number of PAFs, donations received, distributions made and closing values since 2000–01.

| Table 1:<br>Numbers of PAFs, donations received, distributions made and closing values |                                     |                               |                    |                    |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Date                                                                                   | Number of PAFs approved in the year | Total number of PAFs approved | Donations received | Distributions made | Closing value |
|                                                                                        |                                     |                               | (\$m)              | (\$m)              | (\$m)         |
| 2000–01                                                                                | 22                                  | 22                            | 78.66              | –                  | 78.62         |
| 2001–02                                                                                | 59                                  | 81                            | 53.04              | 6.69               | 133.71        |
| 2002–03                                                                                | 49                                  | 130                           | 53.18              | 18.42              | 179.33        |
| 2003–04                                                                                | 94                                  | 224                           | 155.66             | 27.46              | 332.02        |
| 2004–05                                                                                | 95                                  | 319                           | 192.69             | 57.43              | 523.25        |
| 2005–06                                                                                | 116                                 | 435                           | 364.94             | 84.47              | 885.42        |
| 2006–07                                                                                | 164                                 | 599                           | 533.26             | 133.42             | 1,484.47      |
| 2007–08                                                                                | 169                                 | 768                           | 779.33             | 140.57             | 2,069.35      |
| 2008–09                                                                                | 54                                  | 822                           | 272.71             | 155.34             | 2,038.19      |
| 2009–10                                                                                | 57                                  | 879                           | 321.04             | 197.47             | 2,266.83      |
| 2010–11                                                                                | 28                                  | 907                           | 304.39             | 165.41             | 2,124.46      |
| 2011–12                                                                                | 95                                  | 1,002                         | 354.49             | 251.66             | 2,933.60      |
| 2012–13                                                                                | 84                                  | 1,069                         | 316.89             | 277.97             | 3,402.97      |
| 2013–14                                                                                | 153                                 | 1,204                         | 558.83             | 326.95             | 4,246.68      |
| 2014–15                                                                                | 144                                 | 1,315                         | 1,867.44           | 422.92             | 5,979.52      |
| 2015–16                                                                                | 129                                 | 1,426                         | 810.73             | 456.81             | 8,307.39      |
| 2016–17                                                                                | 139                                 | 1,495                         | 837.05             | 451.36             | 9,391.51      |
| 2017–18                                                                                | 155                                 | 1,650                         | 1,009.00           | 394.43             | 7,183.14      |

<sup>8</sup> On 1 October 2009, existing Prescribed Private Funds (PPFs) became Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs).

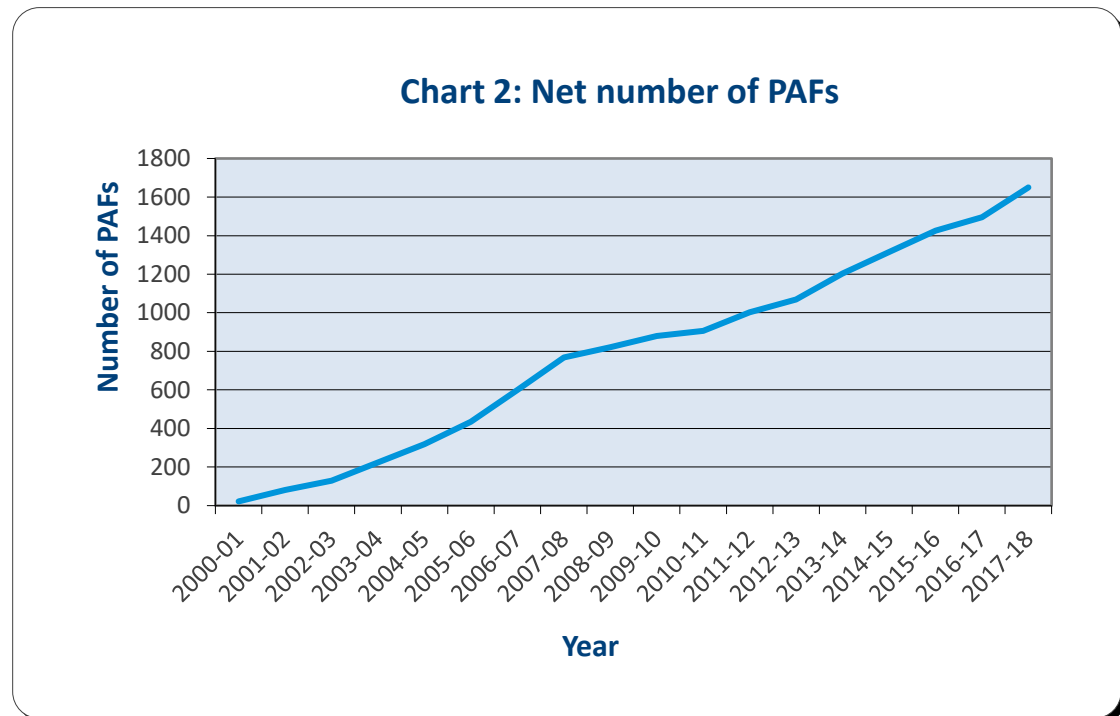
<sup>9</sup> PPFs were part of the Howard Government's response to the report on philanthropy in Australia by the Business and Community Partnerships Working Group on Taxation Reform dated 26 March 1999. See section 2.2.1.

There were 155 new PAFs approved in the 2017–18 financial year, representing an 10.37 per cent increase from the previous financial year and bringing the total number of PAFs existing to 1,650 PAFs (see Charts 1 and 2).<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> The statistics for the 2011–12 income year were sourced from 2012 returns processed by 18 June 2014 and the statistics for the 2013–14 year was sourced from 2014 returns processed by 12 February 2016. The statistics for the earlier and later income years are as at 31 October of the following year.

Chart 2 displays the total number of PAFs approved by year, taking into account the closure of some. It can be seen that there has been an increase in the cumulative number of PAFs each year.



As can be seen in Chart 3 (overleaf), for the year ending 30 June 2018, a total of \$1,009 million was donated to PAFs. This represents a 20.54 per cent increase in donations from the previous 2016–17 financial year, during which \$837 million was donated.

**Chart 3: Total donations received by PAFs**

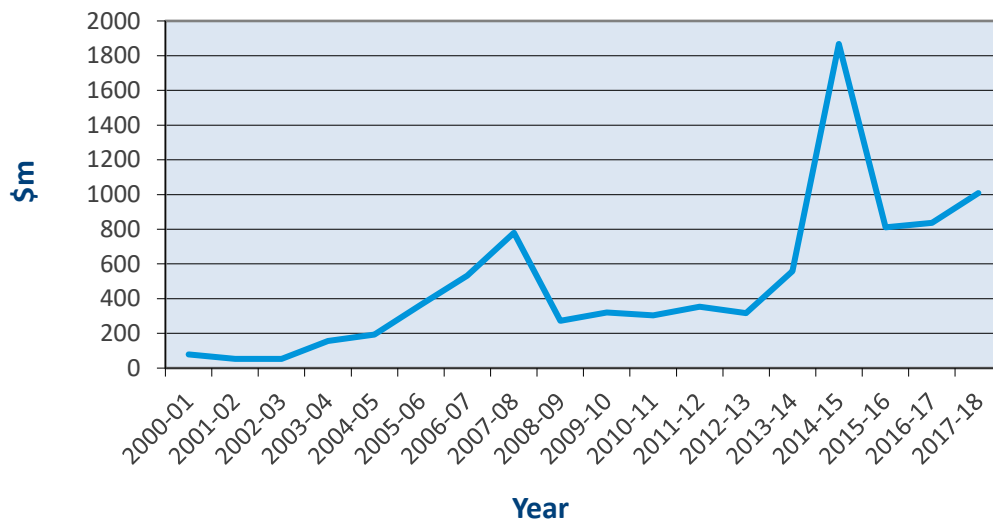
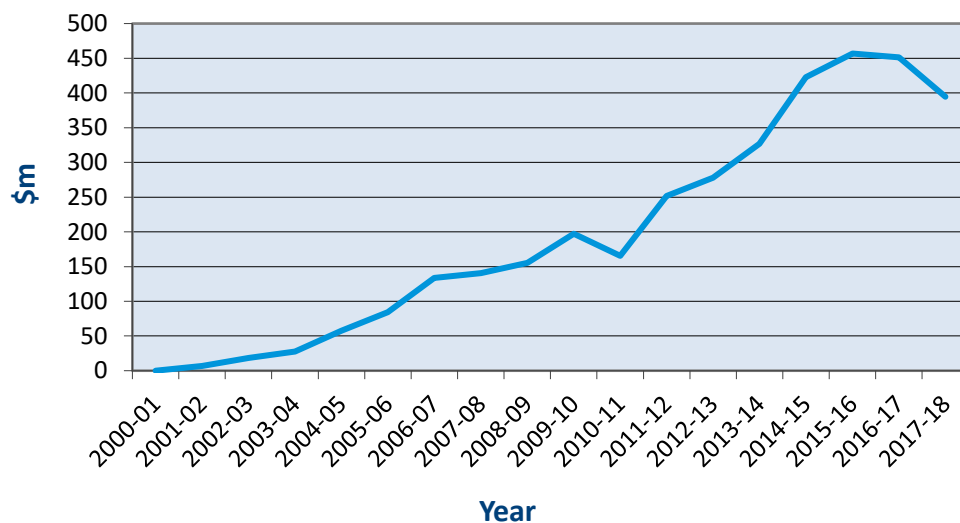


Chart 4 displays the value (in millions) of distributions (grants) made across the years by PAFs.

**Chart 4: Total distributions made by PAFs**



In 2017–18, the ATO has released data of PAF distributions in 2016–17 and 2017–18 to specific DGR categories, for the first time since 2012–13, albeit with slightly different categories (see Table 2). Donations increased to ancillary funds, legislated, multi, non-DGRs and the family in 2017–18 and decreased to all other categories. See section 2.1 for more information.

**Table 2: PAF distributions (\$) made to deductible gift recipients by category of recipients, 2007–08 to 2017–18<sup>11</sup>**

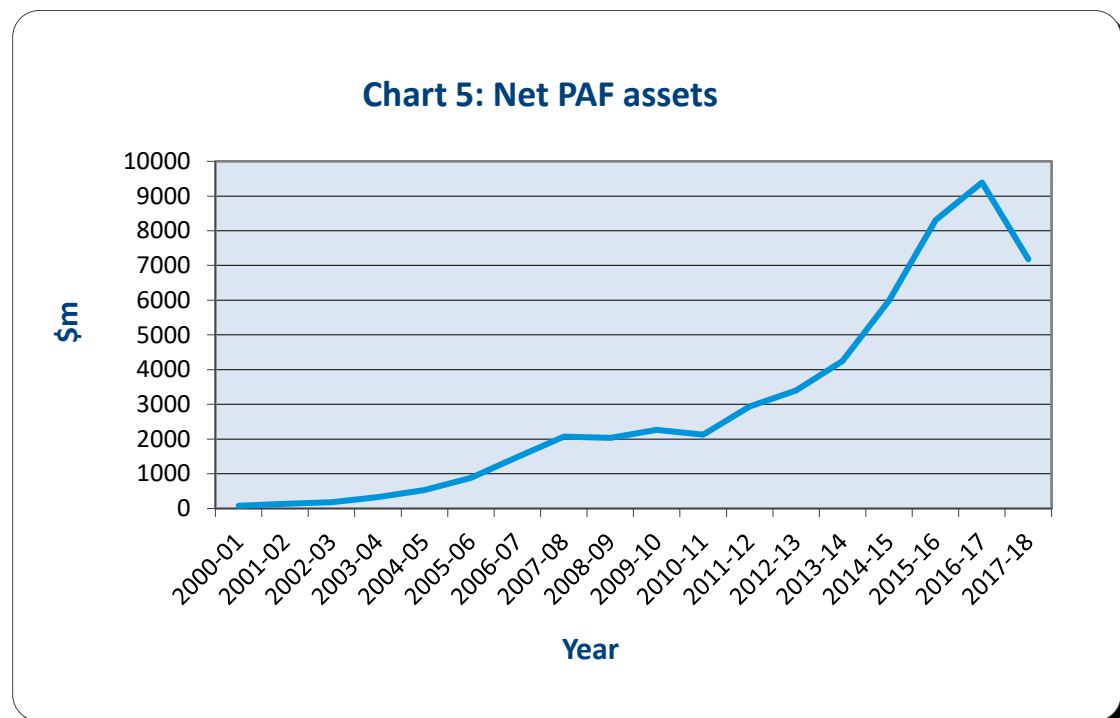
| DGR General categories          | 2007-08            | 2008-09            | 2009-10            | 2010-11            | 2011-12            | 2012-13            | 2013-14            | 2014-15            | 2015-16            | 2016-17            | 2017-18            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ancillary Fund DGRs             | 6,958,664          | 7,153,762          | 4,631,412          | 11,611,933         | 6,382,749          | 4,442,391          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 5,572,296          | 9,941,940          |
| Cultural Organisations          | 10,943,058         | 18,546,509         | 26,368,480         | 28,341,761         | 22,760,139         | 40,937,178         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 44,193,448         | 36,333,155         |
| Defence                         | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 65,500             | 59,600             |
| Education                       | 16,206,527         | 14,540,161         | 20,261,363         | 9,977,762          | 24,771,616         | 36,360,901         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 12,106,888         | 6,641,587          |
| Environment                     | 14,107,795         | 13,006,208         | 12,645,892         | 13,311,684         | 8,153,522          | 9,049,031          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 13,417,426         | 9,683,089          |
| Family                          | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 30,000             | 100,000            |
| Fire and emergency services     | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 15,000             | 10,000             |
| Health                          | 9,803,167          | 14,410,340         | 18,435,455         | 14,160,319         | 33,001,353         | 27,926,685         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 48,968,584         | 40,678,204         |
| International Affairs           | 11,159,253         | 10,243,277         | 16,179,924         | 17,584,209         | 18,019,217         | 19,568,947         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 14,494,518         | 10,421,142         |
| Legislated                      | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 30,034,735         | 30,817,283         |
| Multi                           | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 119,152,183        | 124,943,021        |
| Not a DGR <sup>12</sup>         | 298,267            | 1,252,612          | 949,900            | 32,100             | 1,991,891          | 562,130            | na                 | na                 | na                 | 6,246,643          | 6,744,721          |
| Not a DGR but a TCC             | 270,872            | 1,256,764          | 0                  | 362,640            | 1,059,832          | 1,804,772          | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 |
| Research                        | 11,597,567         | 2,874,685          | 25,081,891         | 4,931,365          | 32,605,299         | 8,999,479          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 49,933,203         | 13,852,278         |
| Sports & Recreation             | 463,500            | 17,369             | 53,535             | 87,697             | 65,743             | 41,900             | na                 | na                 | na                 | 188,417            | 69,500             |
| Welfare                         | 44,355,002         | 49,651,302         | 48,878,297         | 42,091,825         | 69,836,571         | 72,427,783         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 106,281,883        | 103,964,241        |
| Other <sup>13</sup>             | 14,406,530         | 22,290,872         | 23,983,222         | 22,916,849         | 33,015,696         | 21,427,641         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 427,000            | 121,000            |
| Insufficient details provided   | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 937,633            | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 |                    |
| <b>Total distributions made</b> | <b>140,570,201</b> | <b>155,243,860</b> | <b>197,469,370</b> | <b>165,410,144</b> | <b>251,663,628</b> | <b>244,486,471</b> | <b>326,946,377</b> | <b>422,916,380</b> | <b>456,806,890</b> | <b>452,268,309</b> | <b>394,429,261</b> |

<sup>11</sup> The statistics for most income years are as at 31 October of the following year, for example 2014–15 income year includes data from 2014–15 returns processed by 31 October 2016. However, the 2015–16 figures were sourced from 2016 returns processed by 4 April 2018, the 2013–14 figures were sourced from 2014 returns processed by 12 February 2016 and the statistics for the 2011–12 income year were sourced from 2012 returns processed by 18 June 2014.

<sup>12</sup> 'Not a DGR' includes distributions made to recipients where ABN details are not provided, incomplete or not to a valid recipient. 'TCC' stands for Tax Concession Charity.

<sup>13</sup> In the years prior to 2016-17, 'Other' includes donations to 'family', 'defence', 'industry, trade and design', 'philanthropic trusts', 'fire & emergency organisations' and specifically listed DGRs.

Chart 5, below, displays the closing value of PAFs by year. The net assets of PAFs as at October 31, 2018, were \$7,183 million, compared to \$9,391 million as at 31 October 2017.



A separate information sheet on Ancillary Fund giving is released by ACPNS each year and is available at <https://research.qut.edu.au/australian-centre-for-philanthropy-and-nonprofit-studies/resources/giving-statistics/>.

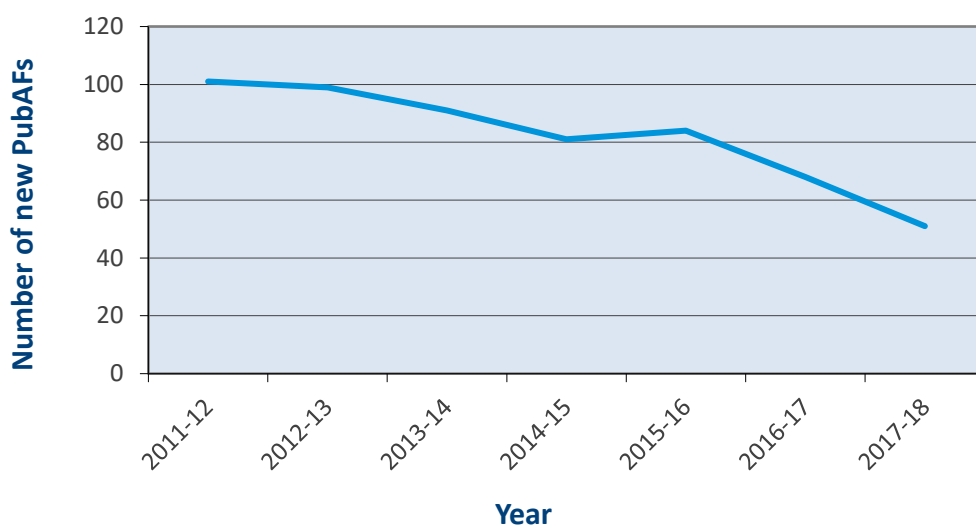
## 2.4 Public Ancillary Funds (PubAFs) – 2011–2018

Table 3 displays the statistics for PubAFs from 2011–12 through to 2017–18. As at 31 October 2018, there were 1,355 PubAFs with 51 new PubAFs approved in the 2017–18 financial year. Donations received by PubAFs in 2017–18 were down slightly from 2016–17 (\$683.60 million in 2017–18 compared to \$691.67 million the previous year). A total of \$394.95 million was distributed in 2016–17/2017–18, leaving \$3,483.32 million in net assets.

| Table 3:<br>Numbers of PubAFs, donations received, distributions made and closing asset values |                                       |                                      |                    |                    |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Financial Year                                                                                 | Number of PubAFs approved in the year | Cumulative number of PubAFs approved | Donations received | Distributions made | Net PubAF assets |
|                                                                                                |                                       |                                      | (\$m)              | (\$m)              | (\$m)            |
| 2011–12                                                                                        | 101                                   | 1,437                                | 337.48             | 370.47             | 1,682.07         |
| 2012–13                                                                                        | 99                                    | 1,527                                | 465.70             | 420.06             | 2,957.39         |
| 2013–14                                                                                        | 91                                    | 1,550                                | 617.45             | 525.23             | 3,461.26         |
| 2014–15                                                                                        | 81                                    | 1,539                                | 622.63             | 507.98             | 3,717.09         |
| 2015–16                                                                                        | 84                                    | 1,449                                | 768.31             | 394.14             | 3,822.37         |
| 2016–17                                                                                        | 68                                    | 1,304                                | 691.67             | 468.54             | 2,586.93         |
| 2017–18                                                                                        | 51                                    | 1,355                                | 683.60             | 394.95             | 3,483.32         |

Chart 6 shows that the number of new PubAFs has decreased with 51 new PubAFs being approved in 2017–18, compared to 68 approved in the previous year. This has fallen every year except 2015–16.

**Chart 6: Number of new PubAFs approved by year**



For the first time since 2013–14, there has been an increase in the total number of PubAFs in 2017–18 (allowing for the closure of some PubAFs) with an increase of 3.91% or 51 PubAFs (see Chart 7).

**Chart 7: Net number of PubAFs**

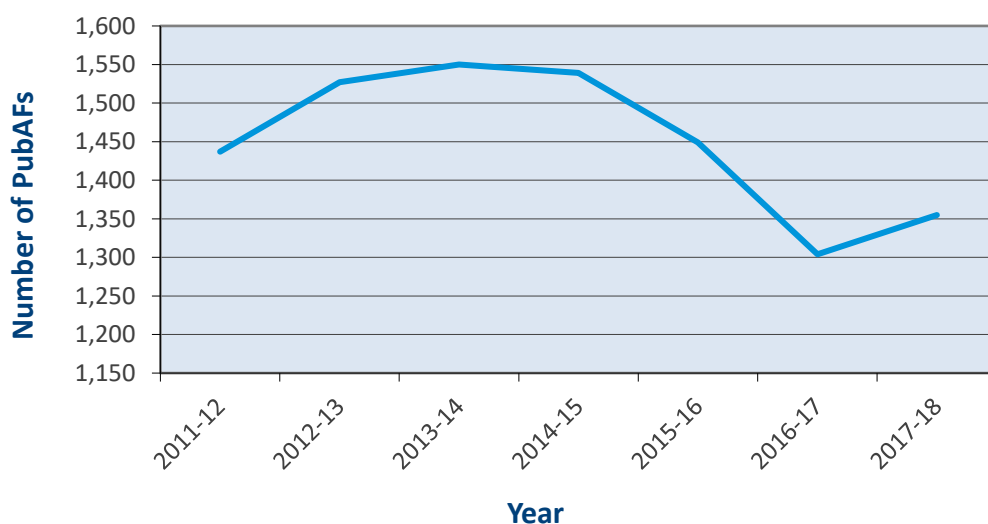
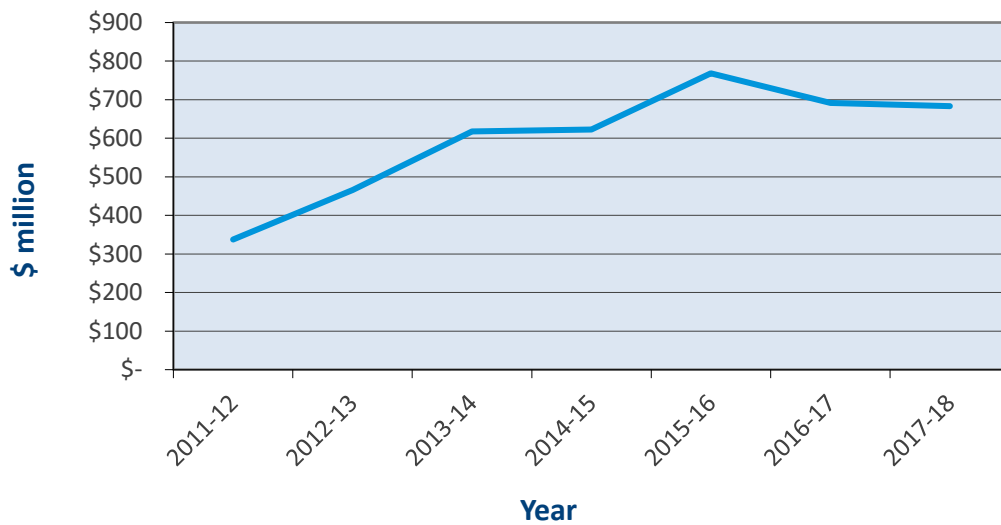


Chart 8 displays the total amount received by PubAFs in donations each year. In 2017–18, PubAFs received \$683.60 million (a slight decrease of 1.17% from the previous year).

**Chart 8: Total donations received by PubAFs**



In 2017–18, PubAFs made distributions (grants) totalling \$394.95 million. This is a decrease of 15.71% from the previous year where distributions totalled \$468.54 million and marks a return to similar figures to 2015–16 after a spike in 2016–17 (see Chart 9).

**Chart 9: Total distributions made by PubAFs**

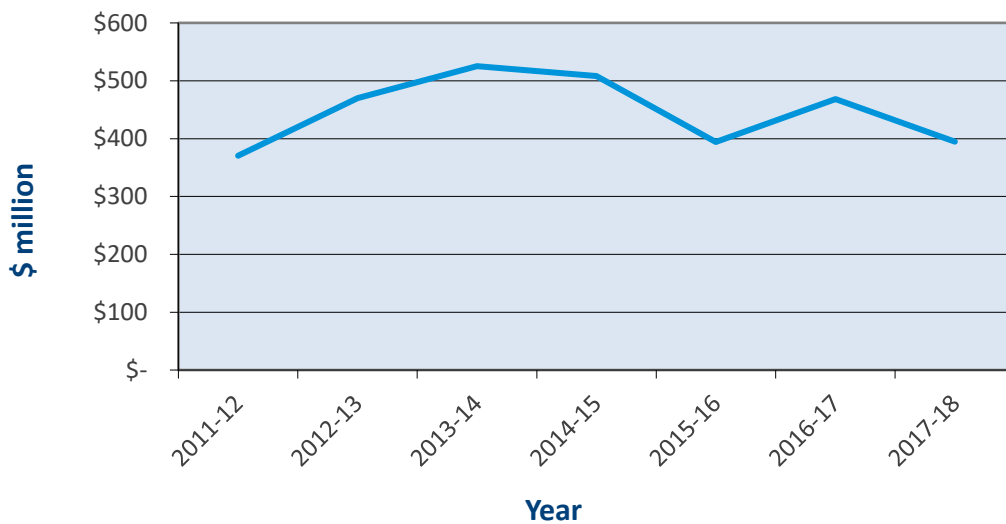


Table 5 displays the distributions made by PubAFs to various DGRs by the category of recipients. Donations decreased in 2017–18 to all categories except environment, fire and emergency services, sports and recreation, the family, welfare and rights and PAFs.

**Table 4: PubAF distributions made (\$) to deductible gift recipients by category of recipient, 2011–12 to 2017–18<sup>14</sup>**

| <b>DGR General categories</b>   | <b>2011-12</b>     | <b>2012-13</b>     | <b>2013-14</b>     | <b>2014-15</b>     | <b>2015-16</b>     | <b>2016-17</b>     | <b>2017-18</b>     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ancillary Fund DGRs             | 3,456,273          | 5,836,347          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 2,067,643          | 950,221            |
| Cultural Organisations          | 11,030,854         | 13,929,865         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 14,518,489         | 11,007,280         |
| Defence                         | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 20,435             | 7,070              |
| Education                       | 65,139,978         | 104,753,951        | na                 | na                 | na                 | 50,921,181         | 22,579,856         |
| Environment                     | 918,933            | 1,072,759          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 963,758            | 1,194,596          |
| Family                          | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 3,000              | 5,000              |
| Fire and emergency services     | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 6,121              | 7,325              |
| Health                          | 54,550,247         | 48,184,549         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 84,821,516         | 62,222,918         |
| International Affairs           | 4,355,701          | 7,972,587          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 2,650,673          | 1,527,741          |
| Legislated                      | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 8,516,300          | 4,901,203          |
| Multi                           | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 142,065,179        | 131,642,436        |
| Not a DGR <sup>15</sup>         | 6,652,301          | 1,292,749          | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 |
| Not a DGR but a TCC             | 3,270,894          | 6,995,191          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 24,991,293         | 10,600,170         |
| Private Ancillary Funds         | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | 0                  | 1,000              |
| Research                        | 26,527,038         | 11,571,858         | na                 | na                 | na                 | 10,610,064         | 9,748,151          |
| Sports & Recreation             | 633,227            | 698,365            | na                 | na                 | na                 | 446,819            | 573,088            |
| Welfare                         | 192,109,915        | 100,694,479        | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 |
| Other <sup>16</sup>             | 1,801,370          | 1,527,638          | na                 | na                 | na                 | 105,749            | 5,100              |
| Insufficient details provided   | na                 | 1,815,097          | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 | na                 |
| <b>Total distributions made</b> | <b>370,466,731</b> | <b>306,345,435</b> | <b>525,233,837</b> | <b>507,979,232</b> | <b>394,141,696</b> | <b>469,779,301</b> | <b>394,946,995</b> |

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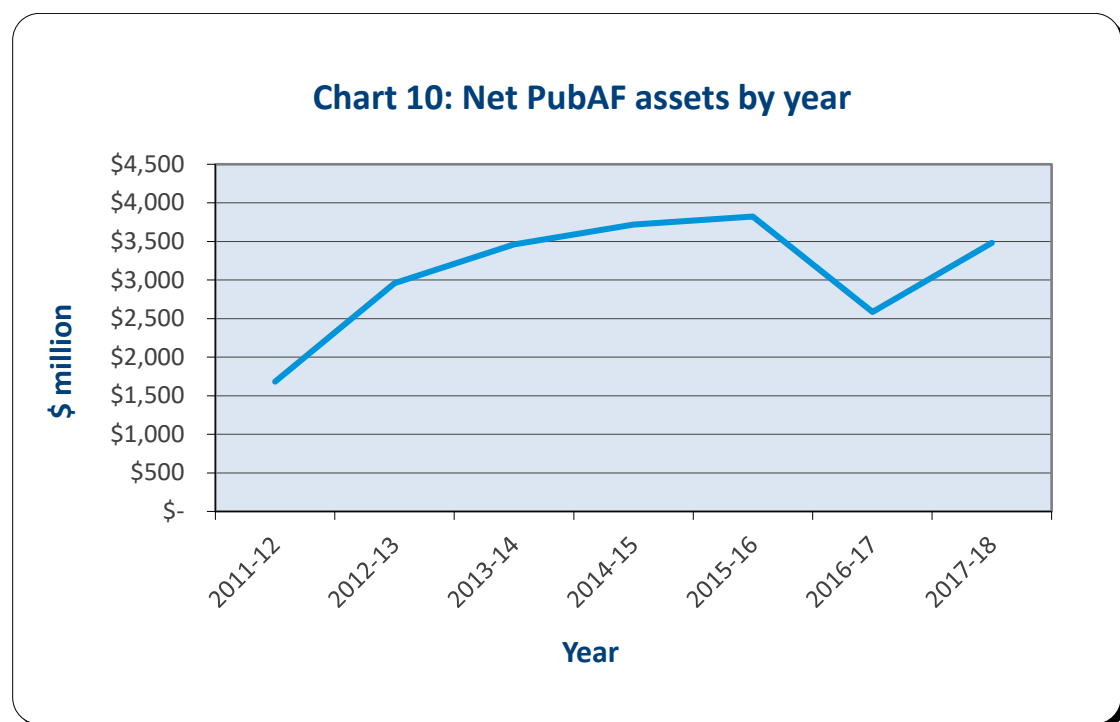
Table 5 breaks down the number of DGRs by their category as at 1 November 2019.

| <b>Table 5:<br/>Number of DGRs by category of recipient, as at 1 November 2019<sup>17</sup></b>                            |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Type of DGR</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Number of DGRs</b> |
| Public benevolent institutions                                                                                             | 10,523                |
| School or college building fund                                                                                            | 4,883                 |
| Health Promotion Charity                                                                                                   | 1,887                 |
| Private Ancillary Funds                                                                                                    | 1,767                 |
| Public fund on the register of cultural organisations                                                                      | 1,763                 |
| Public library                                                                                                             | 1,695                 |
| Ancillary funds                                                                                                            | 1,410                 |
| Scholarship fund                                                                                                           | 640                   |
| Public fund on the register of environmental organisations                                                                 | 638                   |
| Public museum                                                                                                              | 618                   |
| Public fund for persons in necessitous circumstances                                                                       | 613                   |
| Animal welfare charity                                                                                                     | 529                   |
| A public fund for providing volunteer based emergency services                                                             | 364                   |
| Public fund for religious instruction in government schools                                                                | 303                   |
| Public hospital                                                                                                            | 302                   |
| Overseas aid fund                                                                                                          | 262                   |
| Government Special School                                                                                                  | 237                   |
| Public art gallery                                                                                                         | 195                   |
| Specifically Listed in the ITAA                                                                                            | 193                   |
| Approved research institute                                                                                                | 172                   |
| Institution consisting of a public library, public museum and public art gallery or of any two of these bodies             | 121                   |
| Public fund on the register of harm prevention charities                                                                   | 99                    |
| A public fund established and maintained for the purpose of providing money for the provision of public ambulance services | 84                    |
| Technical and Further Education (TAFE)                                                                                     | 81                    |
| Public institution for research                                                                                            | 77                    |
| Public fund for public benevolent institutions                                                                             | 72                    |
| Charitable services institution                                                                                            | 70                    |
| Non-profit hospital                                                                                                        | 65                    |
| Residential educational institution                                                                                        | 57                    |
| Public university                                                                                                          | 53                    |
| Other organisations <sup>18</sup>                                                                                          | 330                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                               | <b>30,103</b>         |

<sup>17</sup> Organisations with active DGR status as at 1 November 2019. Organisations can have more than 1 role and may be listed more than once in the data.

<sup>18</sup> Other organisations includes DGR types other than those listed

Chart 10 shows that net PubAF assets increased by 34.65% in 2017–18 to \$3,483 million.



## 3.0 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS 2017–18

This section of the Working Paper analyses the nature and extent of tax-deductible donations to DGRs claimed by Australian individual taxpayers in their 2017–18 income tax returns.

As mentioned in the Executive Summary (see page 4), the information presented is based on the amount and type of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by Australian individual taxpayers for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. This information has been extracted mainly from the ATO's publication *Taxation Statistics 2017–18*.<sup>19</sup> The 2017–18 data is the latest that has been made publicly available by the ATO. Previous year's reports are available at

<https://research.qut.edu.au/australian-centre-for-philanthropy-and-nonprofit-studies/resources/giving-statistics/>.

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<sup>19</sup> The data represent information in tax returns for the 2016–17 year processed by the ATO as at 31 October 2018. It also includes some additional data supplied directly by the ATO to ACPNS researchers.

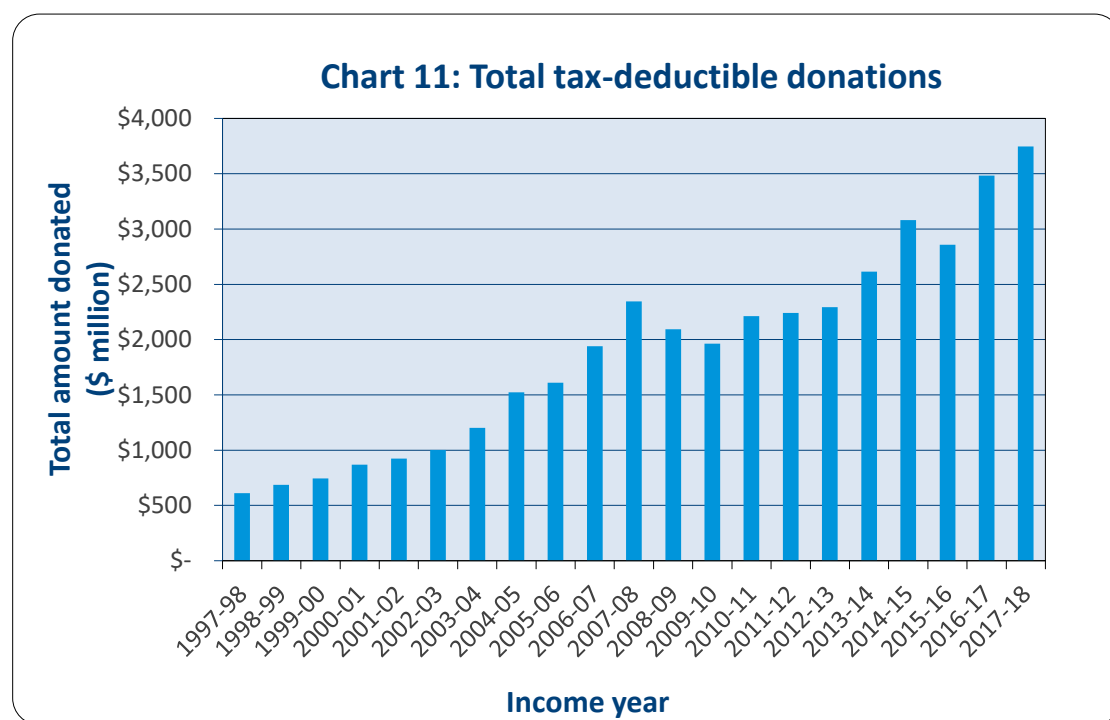
## 3.1 Individual Taxpayer Donations

Table 1 in the Appendix to this paper (which forms the basis of Charts 11 to 16) contains data relating to the number of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers in their 2017–18 income tax return and revised data for previous income years.<sup>20</sup>

According to ATO statistics, in 2017–18 a total of 4.43 million individual taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$3.75 billion. This represented an increase of 7.61 per cent from the previous income year's total of \$3.48 billion.

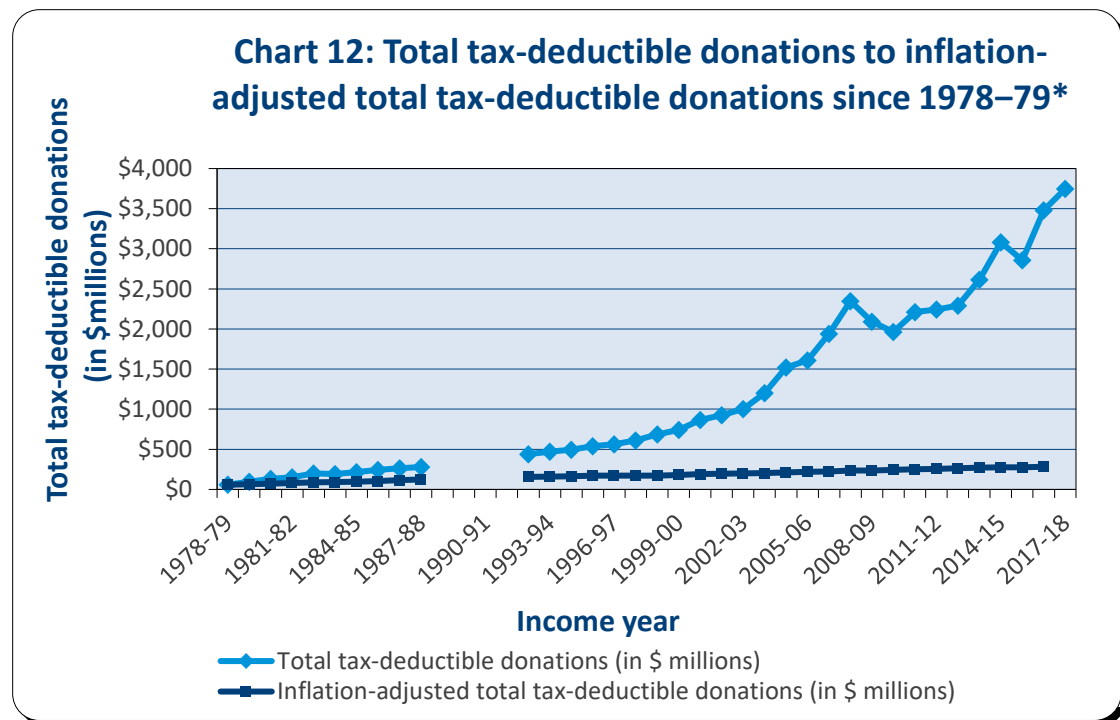
Gift deductions represented 10.2 per cent of all personal taxpayer deductions. This compares to deductions for the cost of managing tax affairs claimed by Australian taxpayers in 2017–18 which totalled \$2.31 billion, or 6.3 per cent of all personal taxpayer deductions.

*Chart 11: Total tax-deductible donations* shows a twenty-year comparison of the total amount of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers between the 1997–98 and 2017–18 income years.



<sup>20</sup> The ATO revises its figures to take account of newly processed returns and adjustments for three years after initial release and Appendix 1 reflects all revisions to October 2019. The figures used in the text compare the state of the data as at October of the year to which the data relates so that proper comparisons can be made with the previous year.

As Chart 12 depicts, using the base year of 2011–12,<sup>21</sup> the actual total tax-deductible donations made by Australian taxpayers far exceeds inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). While there have been some decreases (most notably after the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) in 2007–08), the overall trend is for the total amount donated to rise each year.



\*Disclosure of tax-deductible donations was not required in income tax returns from 1988–1992.

Chart 13: *Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers* shows that, in 2017–18, 4.43 million Australian taxpayers (or 31.01 per cent of the Australian taxpaying population) made and claimed tax-deductible donations. This has decreased slightly from 2016–17 where 32.60 per cent of taxpayers claimed a deduction and continues this decreasing trend which started in 2011–12. This percentage claiming a deduction is now at its lowest point since 1999–2000.

<sup>21</sup> The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) changed the index reference base in September 2012 from 1989–90 to 2011–12. As a result, all CPI rates have been reset. See <https://www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Consumer-price-index/> for more information on the CPI rate.

**Chart 13: Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers**

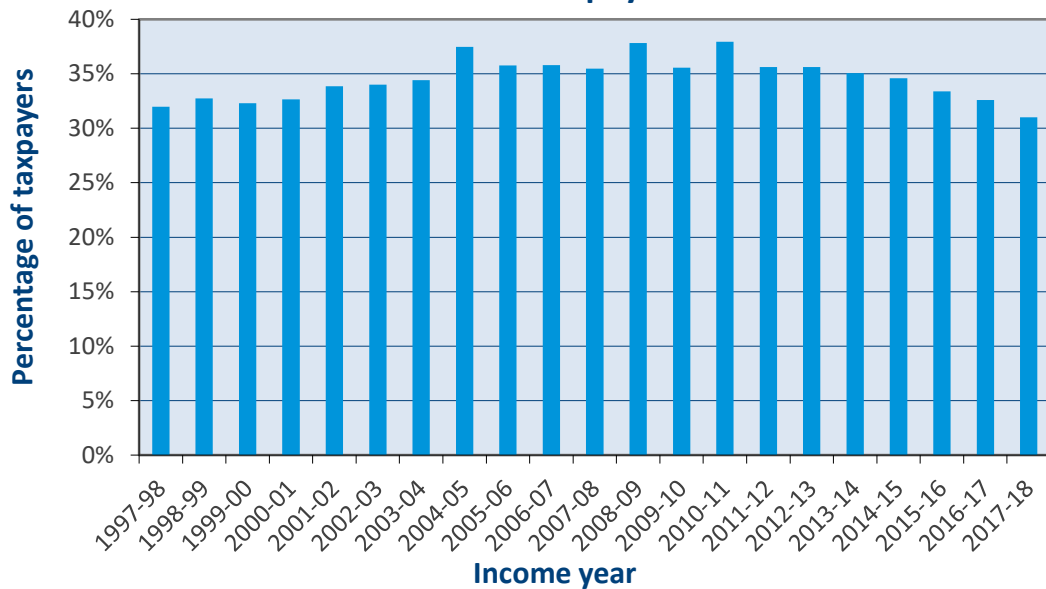


Chart 14: Total donating taxpayers to total taxpayers shows the number of taxpayers who claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs against the total number of taxpayers in from the 1997–98 financial year to the 2017–18 financial year. While the number of taxpayers has steadily risen in the past five years, the number of donating taxpayers has remained constant.

**Chart 14: Total donating taxpayers to total taxpayers**

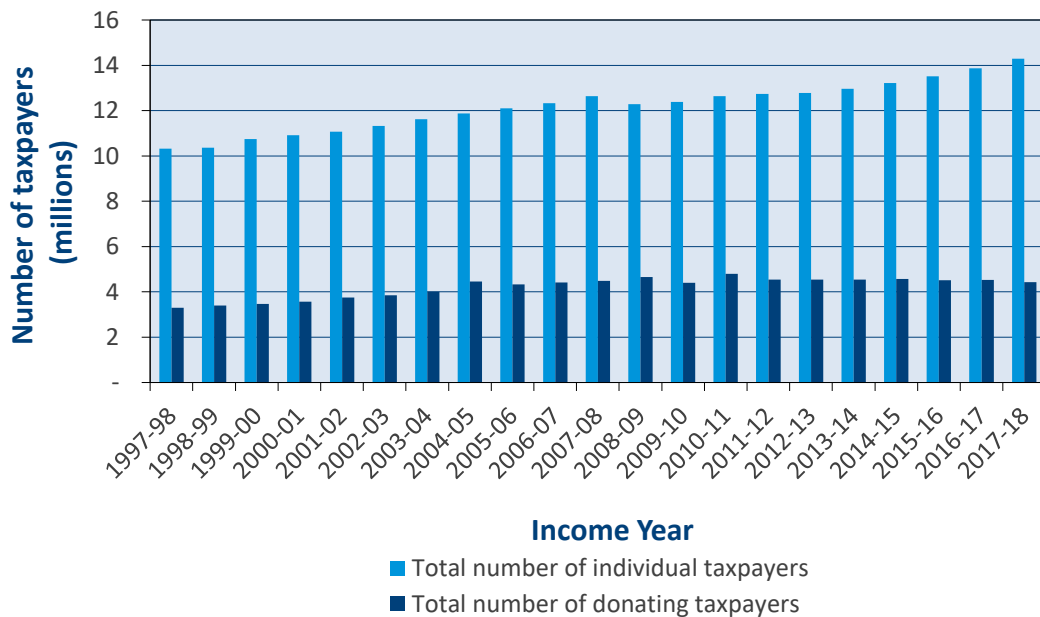


*Chart 15: Average and median tax-deductible donation by year* shows a comparison of the average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers from 1997–98 to 2017–18. The average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed by Australian taxpayers for 2017–18 was \$845.73. This represented an increase of 9.84 per cent since the previous income year, where the average donation was \$769.99. The median amount claimed by Australian taxpayers in 2017–18 was \$115.<sup>22</sup> This is a slight increase from the previous year where the median amount claimed was \$110.

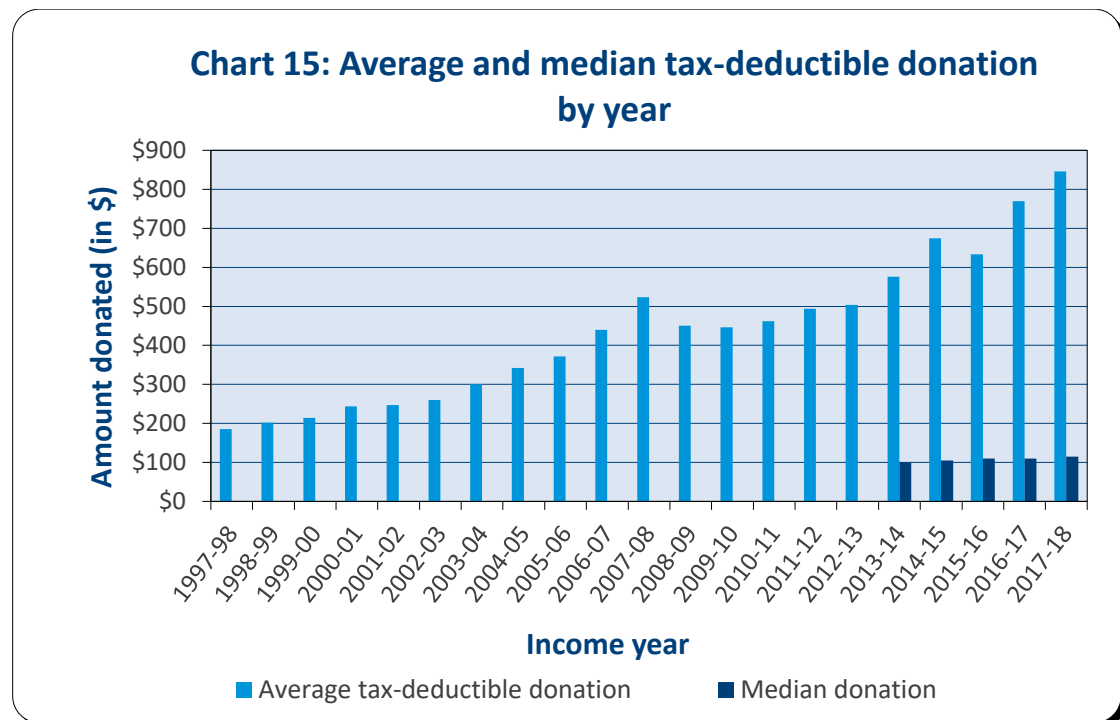
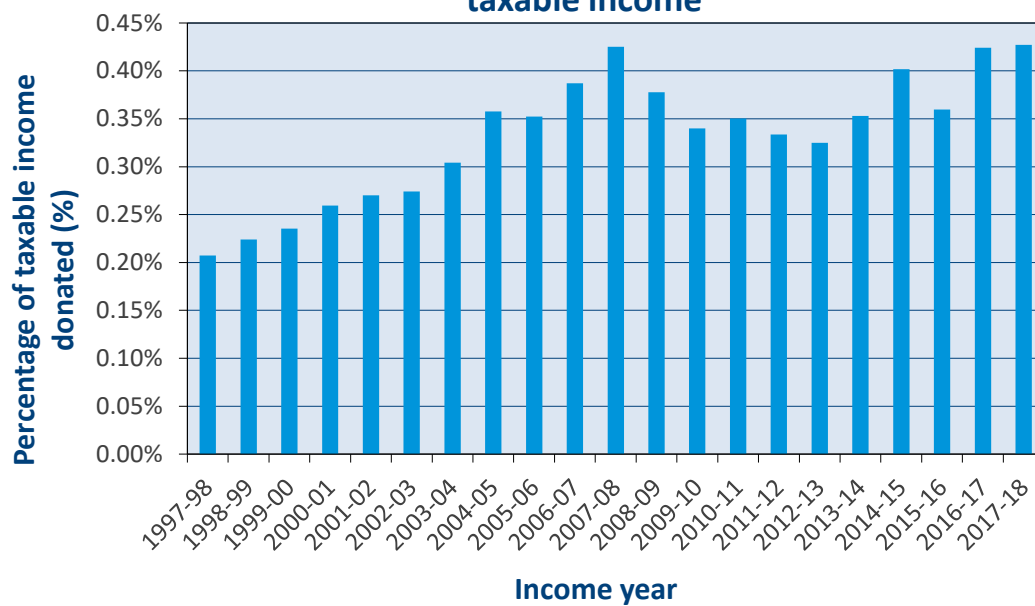


*Chart 16: Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income* graphs the percentage of taxable income that Australians donate to DGRs and claim as tax deductions. Chart 11 reveals that in 2017–18, on average, those individual taxpayers who made tax-deductible donations to DGRs donated 0.43 per cent of their taxable income. This is consistent with the previous year, in which the average percentage of taxable income donated was 0.42 per cent.

This amount has oscillated over the past 20 years, from a low of 0.21 per cent in 1997–98 to be at its highest in 2017–18 (equal that of the 0.43 per cent recorded in 2007–08).

<sup>22</sup> Median donation has only been made available since 2013–14.

**Chart 16: Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income**



The ATO also provides information on workplace giving (see Table 6). The number of people employed by organisations which have workplace giving programs has increased by 7.68 per cent to 3,825,871 in 2017–18. Similarly, the number of employees using workplace giving has increased by 4.61 per cent from 2016–17. However, the percentage of employees using workplace giving has fallen by 2.85 per cent to 4.74 per cent in 2017–18. This figure has fluctuated from 4.65 per cent in 2011–12 to 4.92 per cent in 2013–14.

The total amount given using workplace giving was \$38 million in 2017–18, an increase of 5.56 per cent from the previous year. In 2017–18, the average donation was \$210, while the median donation was \$75.

| Table 6:<br>Workplace giving programs 2011–12 to 2017–18 income years <sup>23</sup> |                                                                        |                                                  |                                       |                                                    |                       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                                     | Total number of employees employed by workplace giving employers (no.) | Number of employees using workplace giving (no.) | Percentage using workplace giving (%) | Total donations given using workplace giving (\$m) | Average donation (\$) | Median donation (\$) |
| 2011–12                                                                             | 2,813,915                                                              | 130,754                                          | 4.65%                                 | 27                                                 | N/A                   | N/A                  |
| 2012–13                                                                             | 2,928,725                                                              | 141,910                                          | 4.85%                                 | 28                                                 | 197                   | N/A                  |
| 2013–14                                                                             | 3,173,802                                                              | 156,289                                          | 4.92%                                 | 31                                                 | 201                   | N/A                  |
| 2014–15                                                                             | 3,319,105                                                              | 162,573                                          | 4.90%                                 | 43                                                 | 261                   | 76                   |
| 2015–16                                                                             | 3,601,066                                                              | 169,714                                          | 4.71%                                 | 35                                                 | 206                   | 75                   |
| 2016–17                                                                             | 3,553,057                                                              | 173,466                                          | 4.88%                                 | 36                                                 | 208                   | 78                   |
| 2017–18                                                                             | 3,825,871                                                              | 181,456                                          | 4.74%                                 | 38                                                 | 210                   | 75                   |

### 3.1.1 Summary and Discussion

Based on the data extracted from Table 1 in the Appendix (comprising Charts 11 to 16), our analysis reveals that Australia's giving is a mixed bag. The overall amount donated has increased to \$3.75 billion. However, the percentage of taxpayers donating has continued a downward trend since 2010–11, falling to 31.01 per cent. The percentage of income donated has however increased to 0.43 per cent. The median amount claimed by individuals was \$115 in 2017–18. The median donation in workplace giving programs was \$75 (while the average donation was \$210).

<sup>23</sup> Source: Table 9: Individuals – workplace giving programs, 2017–18 income year, Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18.

## 3.2 Individual Taxpayer Donations by GENDER

Table 2 in the Appendix to this paper (which forms the basis of Charts 17 to 27) contains data relating to a gender breakdown of the number of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers in their 2017–18 income tax return.

*Chart 17: Total tax-deductible donations by gender<sup>24</sup>* reveals that, in 2017–18, 2.19 million male taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$2.15 billion. This represented 57.31 per cent of the total tax-deductible donations made and claimed in the year. A total of 2.24 million female taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$1.60 billion in 2017–18. This represented 42.69 per cent of the total tax-deductible donations made and claimed in 2017–18.

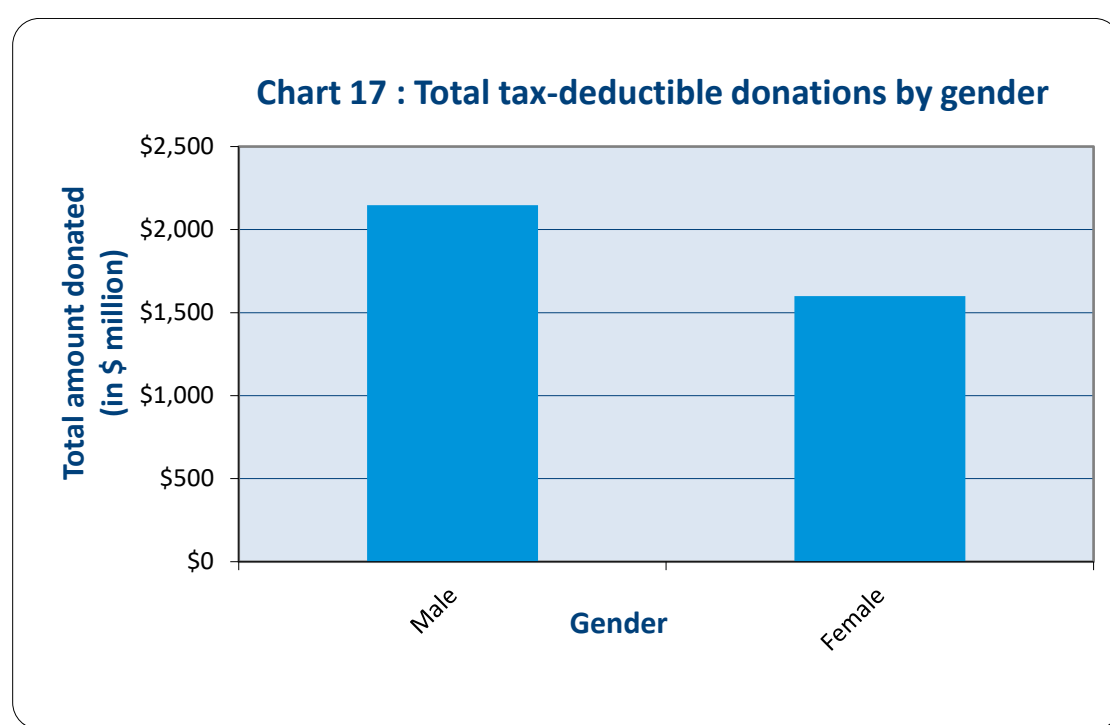
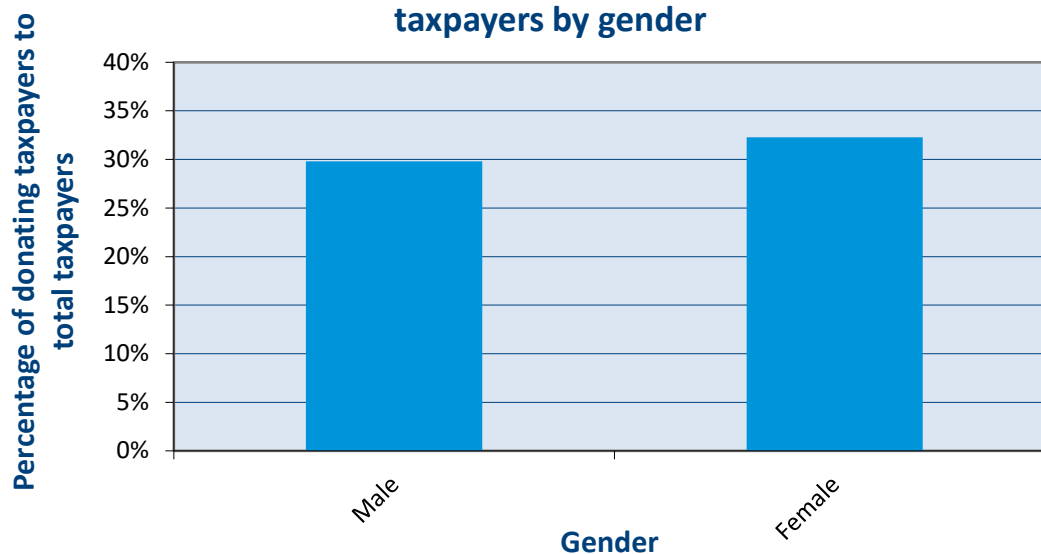


*Chart 18 (overleaf): Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers by gender* reveals that 29.79 per cent of Australian male taxpayers and 32.29 per cent of Australian female taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs in 2017–18. The combined average was 31.01 per cent.

<sup>24</sup> Please note, the data displayed is for people nominating their gender as either male or female. Data for people identifying their gender as 'other' is not displayed.

**Chart 18: Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers by gender**



The percentage of both males and females claiming tax-deductible donations has steadily declined from 2010–11 when 39.02 per cent of females and 36.91 per cent of males made and claimed donations (see Chart 19).

**Chart 19 : Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers by gender, 2010–11 to 2017–18**

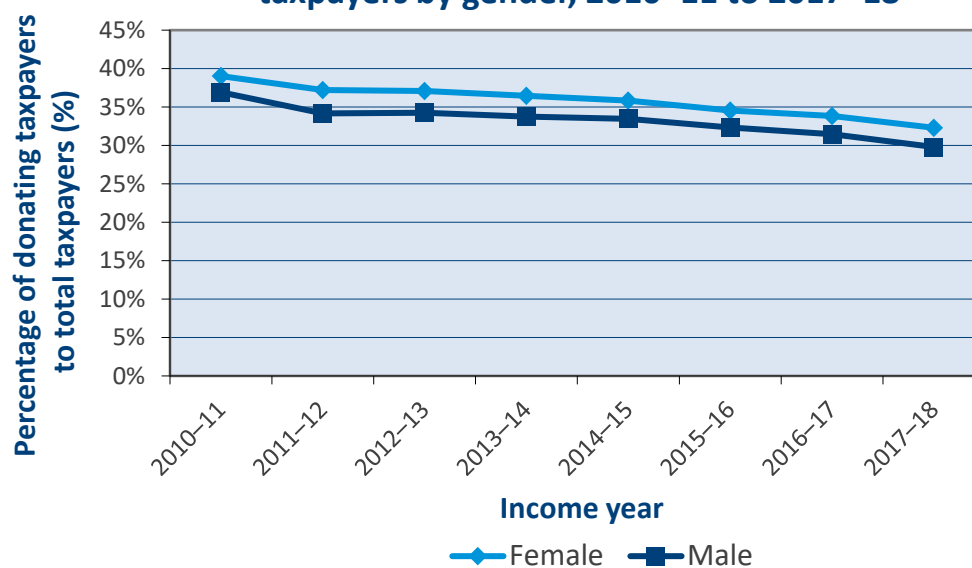


Chart 20: Average tax-deductible donation by gender reveals that the average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed in 2017–18 by Australian male taxpayers was \$982.39 (a modest 3.04 per cent increase from \$953.40 in 2016–17). The average tax-deductible donation for Australian female taxpayers was \$712.64 (a significant increase of 20.98 per cent from \$589.06 in 2016–17). The average tax-deductible donation has steadily increased for both males and females since 2010–11 (see Chart 21).

**Chart 20: Average tax-deductible donation by gender**

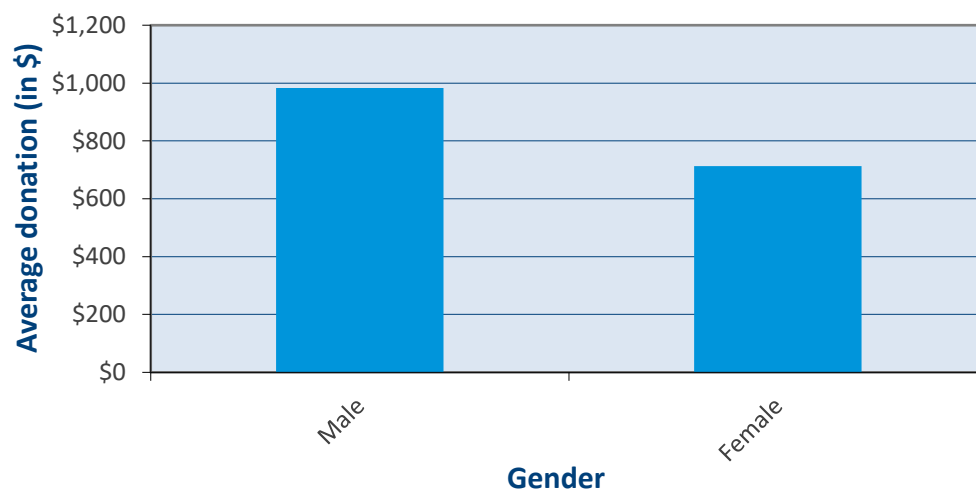


**Chart 21 : Average tax-deductible donations by gender, 2010–11 to 2017–18**

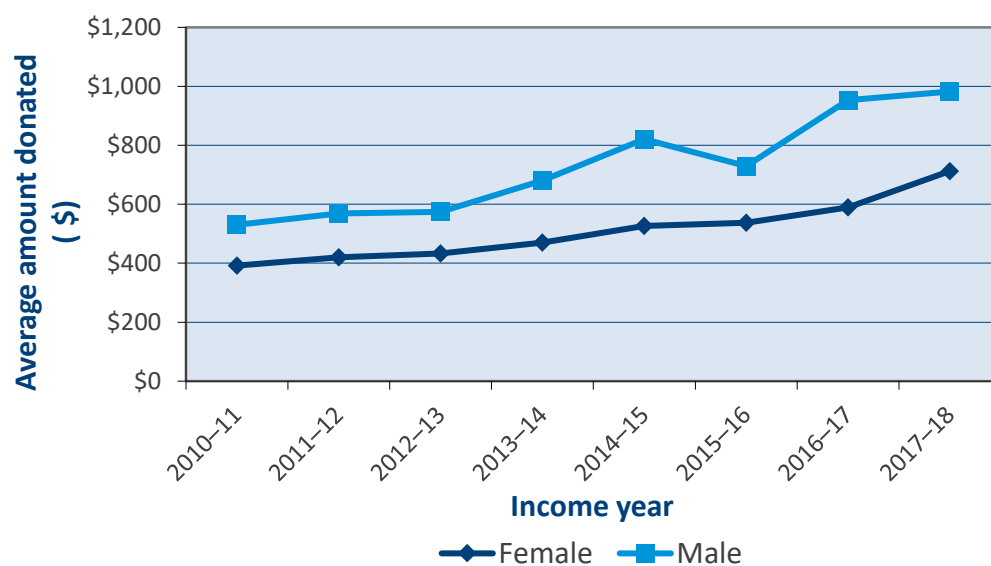


Chart 22: Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by gender graphs the amount donated relative to the taxpayers' taxable income. The chart reveals that in 2017–18, on average, male Australian taxpayers who donated to DGRs claimed 0.41 per cent of their taxable income in tax-deductible donations (a decrease from 0.43 per cent in 2016–17), while female taxpayers who made donations to DGRs claimed 0.46 per cent of their taxable income, an increase from 0.41 per cent in 2016–17. This has steadily risen over time with minor fluctuations (see Chart 23).

**Chart 22: Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by gender**

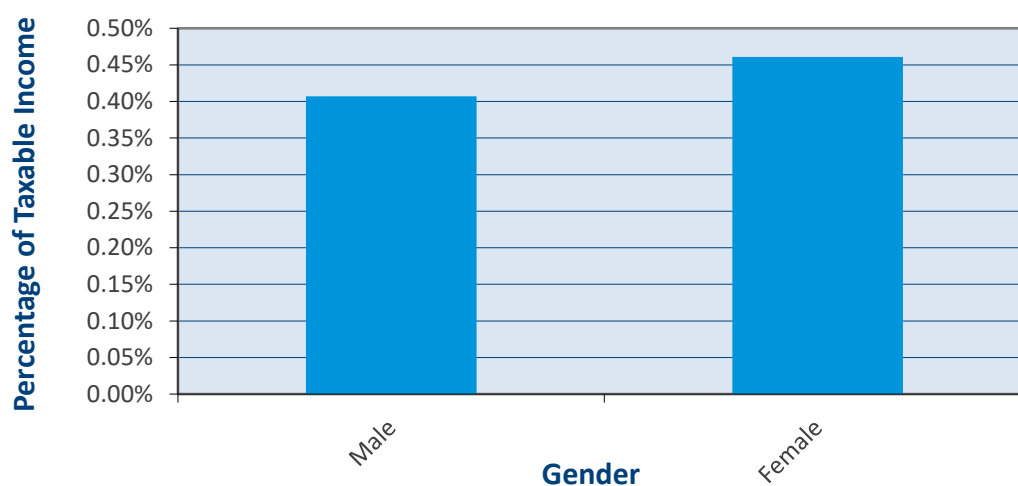


**Chart 23 : Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by gender, 2010–11 to 2017–18**

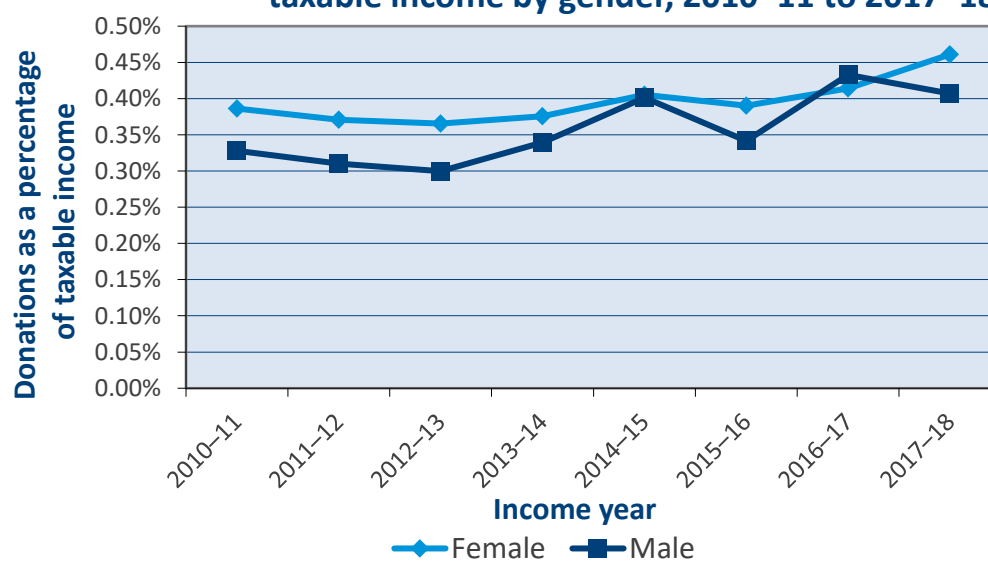


Table 4 in the Appendix provides the breakdown of gift deductions by age and gender. For the first time, claimants aged 55–59 years donated the largest percentage of the national total (20.82 per cent). They also had the largest percentage of donating taxpayers of total taxpayers (38.37 per cent). Claimants in this age group donated on average, \$1,668.09 in 2017–18, compared to the national average of \$845.73.

Those claimants aged 75 years and over donated the second largest percentage of the national total (16.20 per cent). Their average gift (\$4,154.51) is well above the mean for all age groups (\$845.73) but is slightly lower than the previous year (\$4,647.54). The total value of gifts from this age group was \$606.96 million (a decrease of 12.56 per cent from 2016–17).

*Chart 24: Average tax-deductible donations by age and gender in 2017–18* reveals that the average tax-deductible donation made to DGRs and claimed in 2017–18 by both male and female taxpayers increases with age. This chart indicates that males aged 75 years and over had the highest average tax-deductible donation (\$4,998.89) compared to all age brackets, followed by males aged 70–74 years (\$3,523.22).

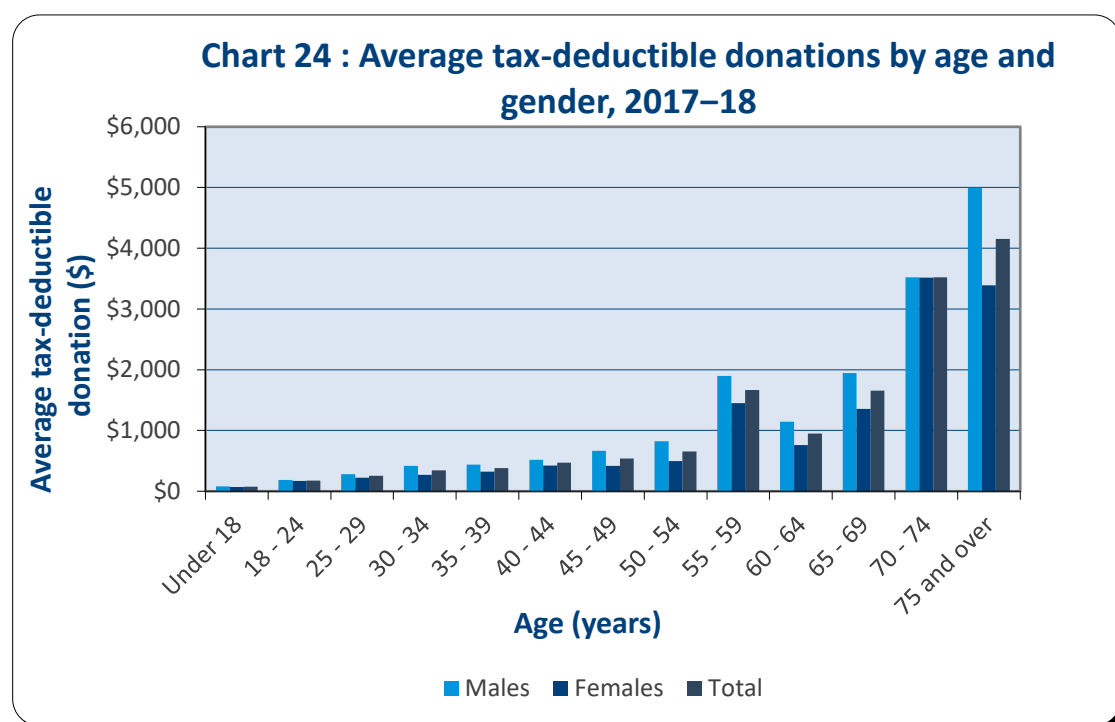


Chart 25 (overleaf) displays the average difference between males and females in each age group in 2017–18. Males have a higher average donation than females for every age group with the greatest difference being \$1,609.81 between males and females aged 75 years and over. In general, this is a linear trend where the older the age group, the wider the gap between genders. The average difference across all age groups was \$269.76 (down 25.96 per

cent from \$364.34 the previous year). There was no difference between females and males in the 70–74 age group.

**Chart 25 : Average donation difference between males and females by age group, 2017–18**

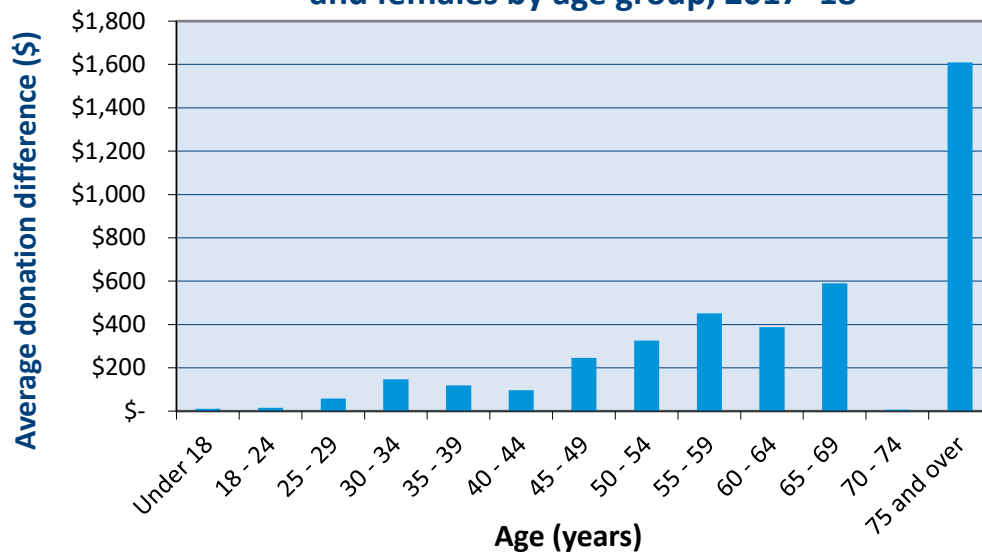


*Chart 26 : Total tax-deductible donations by age and gender* reveals that the total amount donated to DGRs and claimed in 2017–18 by Australian male and female taxpayers generally increases with age but decreases at 60–64 years before a sharp increase at the 75 years and over age bracket. This trend is consistent with previous years.

**Chart 26 : Total tax-deductible donations by age and gender, 2017–18**

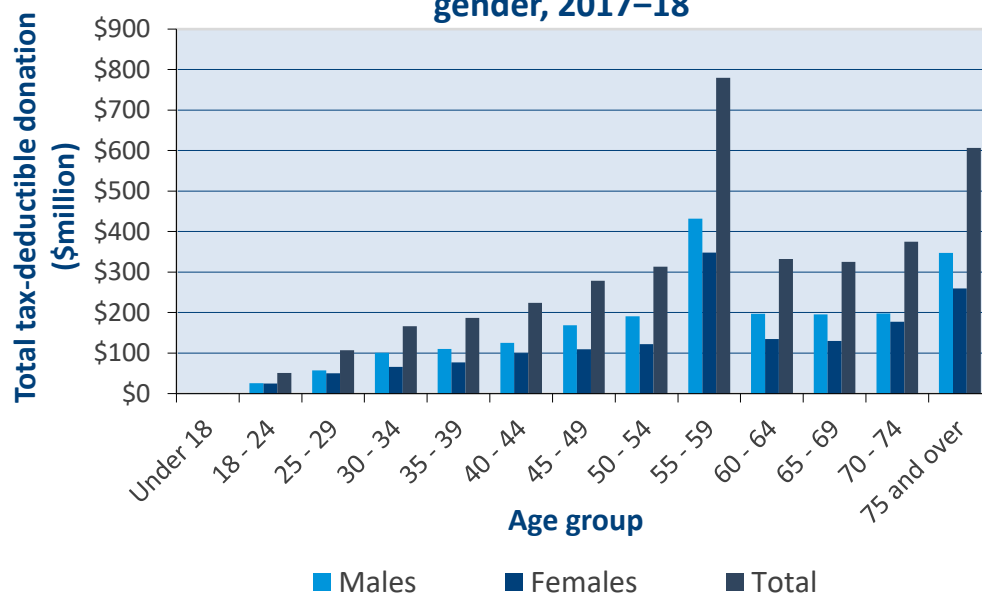
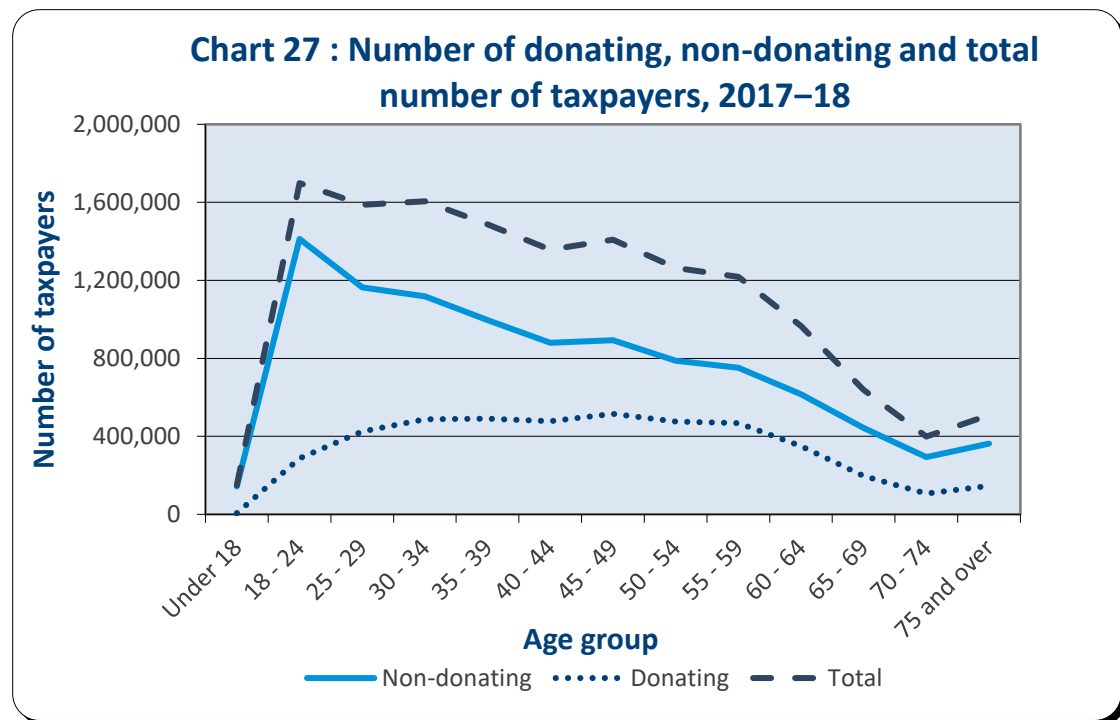


Chart 27: Number of taxpayers reveals that the number of taxpayers is highest in the 18–24 years age bracket. Apart from those under 18, this age bracket has the highest number of non-donating taxpayers with only 16.86 per cent donating compared to the national average of 31.01 per cent. Those aged 55–59 years had the highest percentage of donors (38.37 per cent).



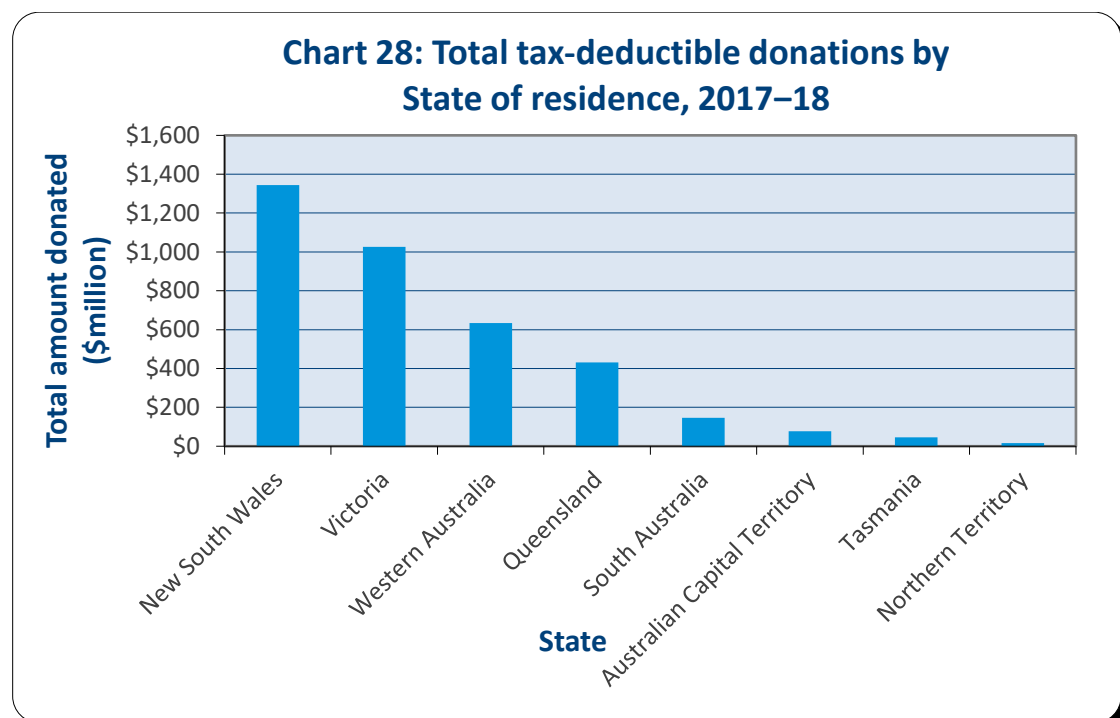
### 3.2.1 Summary and Discussion

Based on the data extracted from Table 2 in the Appendix (forming the basis of Charts 17 to 27 and Tables 7 to 15), our analysis reveals that there are some differences in tax-deductible giving between male and female Australian taxpayers. Male taxpayers in 2017–18 donated more in monetary terms than female taxpayers (both in terms of total and average tax-deductible donations). When expressed as a percentage of their respective taxable incomes, females donated 0.46 per cent of their income, and males donating 0.41 per cent of their income. In terms of donating taxpayers as a percentage of total taxpayers expressed by gender, more females claimed a tax-deductible donation (32.29 per cent) compared to males (29.79 per cent). The combined average was 31.01 per cent. This is consistent with previous years.

### 3.3 Individual Taxpayer Donations by STATE OF RESIDENCE

Table 4 in the Appendix to this paper (which forms the basis of Charts 28 to 32) contains data relating to the amount donated and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers to DGRs in their 2017–18 income tax returns according to their State of residence.<sup>25</sup>

*Chart 28: Total tax-deductible donations by State of residence* reveals that in 2017–18, **New South Wales** taxpayers claimed the highest total value of tax-deductible donations to DGRs. This is consistent with previous years.



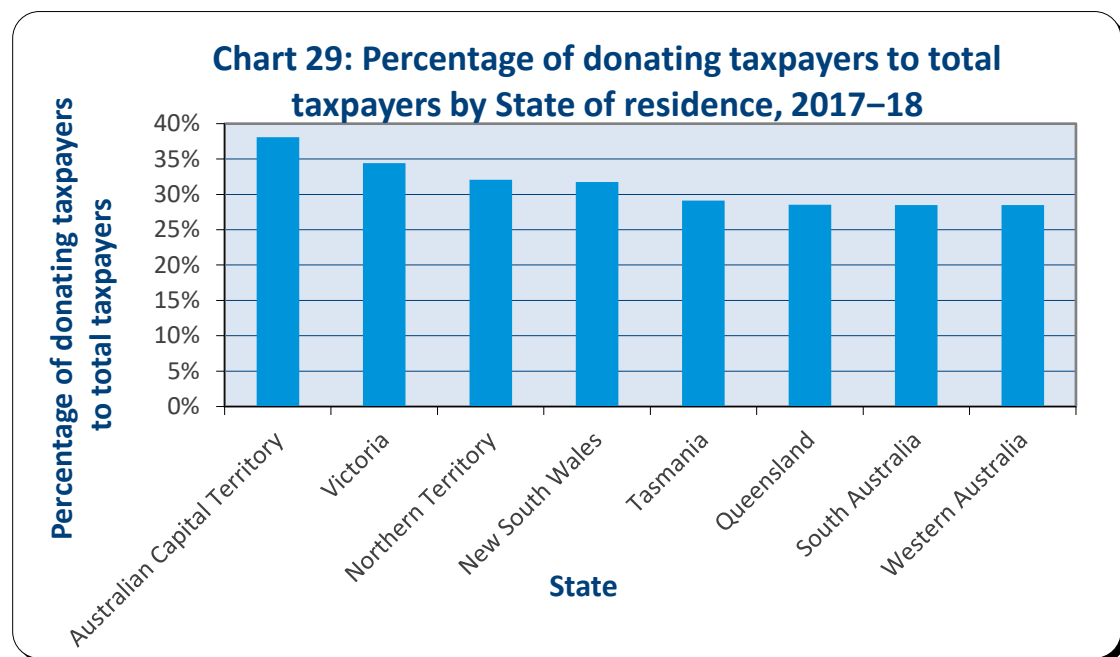
In 2017–18, a total of \$1.34 billion was donated and claimed by 1,424,243 taxpayers in **New South Wales**. This amount represented 35.86 per cent of the national total amount claimed and has increased from \$1.24 billion in 2016–17.

The next largest donor state was **Victoria** with 1,250,987 taxpayers claiming tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$1.03 billion, representing 27.39 per cent of the national total.

<sup>25</sup> Taxpayers who are living overseas and those who did not state their residential postcode on their are not included in these figures.

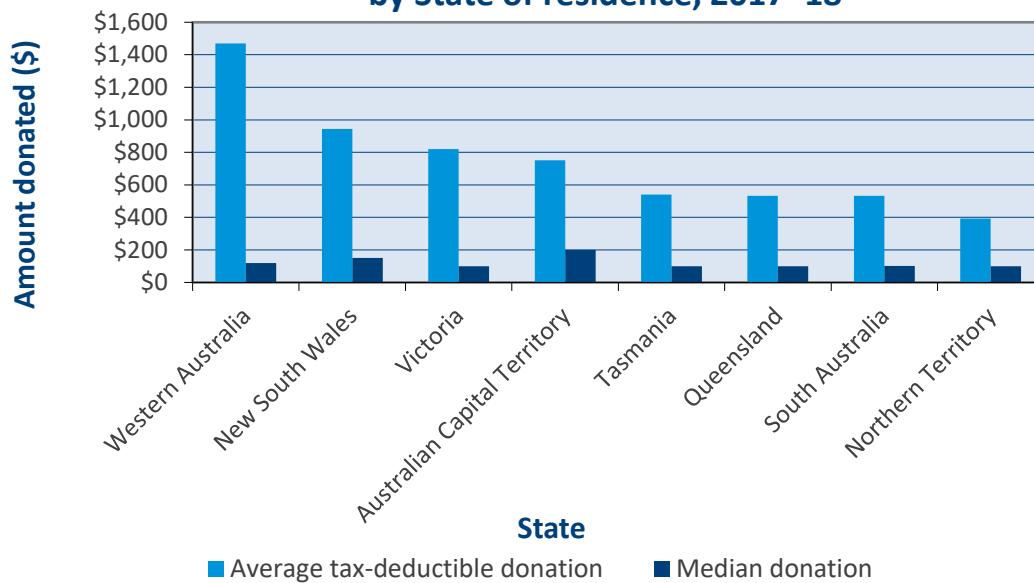
Overall, 431,676 **Western Australian** taxpayers donated a total of \$634.40 million (representing 16.93 per cent of the national total). This is an increase of 20.20 per cent from \$527.76 million in 2016–17. Together, these three states (**NSW, VIC and WA**) accounted for 80 per cent of total tax-deductible donations made to DGRs in 2017–18.

*Chart 29: Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers by State of residence* reveals that 38.09 per cent of total taxpayers in the **Australian Capital Territory** made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs in 2017–18, once again, the highest of all states and territories (although it has dropped from 40.37 per cent in 2016–17). In **Victoria**, 34.41 per cent of taxpayers made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs, followed by the **Northern Territory** with 32.07 per cent. This is consistent with the previous year. The national average was 31.01 per cent (a decrease from 2016–17 where 32.60 per cent of taxpayers claimed a tax-deductible gift).



In terms of average tax-deductible donations per state, *Chart 30 (overleaf): Average and median tax-deductible donation by State of residence* reveals that, once again, residents in **Western Australia** made and claimed the largest average tax-deductible donation to DGRs of \$1,469.61. This represents an increase of 23.52 per cent from 2016–17 where the average tax-deductible donation in **Western Australia** was \$1,189.80.

**Chart 30: Average and median tax-deductible donation by State of residence, 2017–18**



This was then followed by the taxpayers living in **New South Wales** with an average tax-deductible donation of \$943.40. Taxpayers in **Victoria** had an average tax-deductible donation of \$820.38, followed by taxpayers in the **Australian Capital Territory** (\$750.88).

Taxpayers from the **Northern Territory** and **South Australia** had the lowest average tax-deductible donations at \$392.71 and \$531.85, respectively. **Queensland** has had an increase in their average donation of 9.63 per cent (from \$486.55 in 2016–17 to \$533.41 in 2017–18).

The national average for tax-deductible donations made to DGRs was \$845.73 (an increase from \$769.99 for the previous financial year).

For the fourth time, the ATO has released the median donation claimed by taxpayers in each state and territory. Those in the **Australian Capital Territory** had the greatest median donation of \$200, while those in **New South Wales** had a median donation of \$150. The median for taxpayers in **Western Australia** was \$120 and \$102 for those in **South Australia**. Taxpayers in all other states and territories (**VIC, TAS, QLD and NT**) had a median donation of \$100.

Chart 31 (overleaf): *Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by State of residence* graphs the amount donated relative to the taxable income of taxpayers across each state for the 2016–17 and 2017–18 financial years.

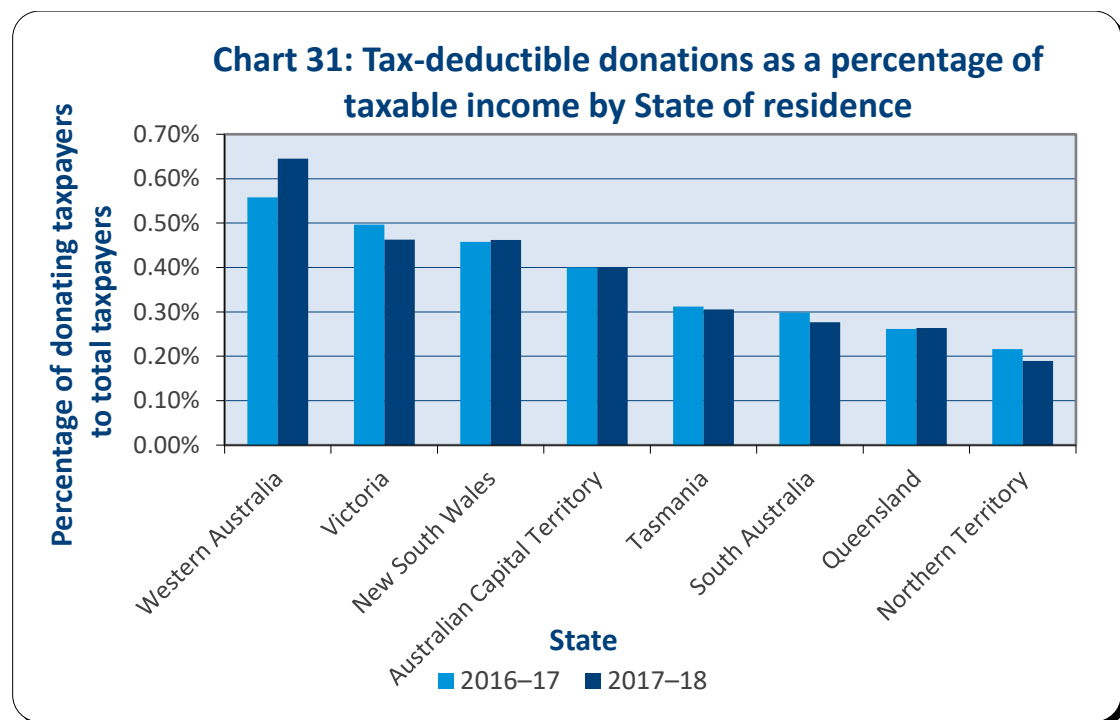


Chart 31 reveals that in 2017–18, taxpayers from **Western Australia** collectively donated approximately 0.65 per cent of their combined taxable income (an increase from 0.56 per cent in 2016–17). This was followed by taxpayers in **Victoria** and **New South Wales** who donated approximately 0.46 per cent of their taxable income to DGRs. The national average was 0.43 per cent.

Chart 32 (overleaf) examines in closer detail the Western Australian donations as a percentage of taxable income over the past ten years. It highlights that prior to 2016–17, Western Australia was donating around the national average but this has jumped significantly over the past two years to be well above the national average.

**Chart 32: Western Australia, donations as a percentage of income, 2007–08 to 2017–18**



Much of this increase has occurred in the postal code **WA 6011 (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)**. Table 7 highlights this postal code which provided 64.54 per cent of the total donations in Western Australia. When this postcode is removed from the Western Australian figures, the average donation and donations as a percentage of taxable income come down significantly and are lower than the national average.

**Table 7: Donations from WA 6011 compared to WA total, 2017–18**

| State                             | No. of gifting taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$ million) | Percentage donating | Donations as a Percentage of Taxable Income | Average Tax-deductible Donation \$ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WA 6011                           | 2,017                    | \$409.46                          | 31.10%              | 37.78%                                      | \$203,006.74                       |
| WA Total                          | 431,676                  | \$634.39                          | 28.49%              | 0.65%                                       | \$1,469.61                         |
| WA Total (without WA 6011)        | 429,659                  | \$224.93                          | 28.48%              | 0.23%                                       | \$523.51                           |
| Australia Total                   | 4,430,597                | \$3,747.10                        | 31.01%              | 0.43%                                       | \$845.73                           |
| Australia Total (without WA 6011) | 4,428,580                | \$3,337.63                        | 31.01%              | 0.38%                                       | \$753.66                           |

### 3.3.1 Size of Gifts Claimed by State and Territory

For the ninth time, the ATO has provided information on the number of gifts by size claimed by taxpayers in each state and territory. This provides an indication of the level of giving by dollar value across states and territories in 2017–18.

For example, Table 8 shows that in **New South Wales** there were 203,480 taxpayers who claimed deductible gifts up to \$25 which accounted for \$2,906,931 of donations to DGRs. At the other end of the scale in **New South Wales**, there were 3,093 taxpayers who claimed gifts of more than \$25,000 amounting in total to \$662,106,388 in donations claimed.

Data on the number and value of gifts for states other than New South Wales is available via Tables 9–15.

| Table 8: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>NEW SOUTH WALES 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                        | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                           | 203,480                   | 2,906,931                 |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                          | 186,030                   | 8,142,189                 |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                         | 219,493                   | 17,891,700                |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                        | 307,110                   | 52,766,819                |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                      | 367,748                   | 188,784,361               |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                    | 118,644                   | 232,950,249               |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                                   | 12,490                    | 86,037,753                |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                                  | 6,155                     | 92,046,572                |
| More than \$25,000                                                                    | 3,093                     | 662,106,388               |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                          | <b>1,424,243</b>          | <b>1,343,632,962</b>      |

| Table 9: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>VICTORIA 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                 | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                    | 217,757                   | 3,193,857                 |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                   | 208,371                   | 9,196,453                 |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                  | 217,657                   | 18,114,382                |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                 | 246,933                   | 42,340,176                |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                               | 264,876                   | 134,961,360               |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                             | 80,590                    | 158,178,660               |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                            | 8,325                     | 57,344,202                |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                           | 4,166                     | 62,608,853                |
| More than \$25,000                                                             | 2,312                     | 540,343,146               |
| Total                                                                          | 1,250,987                 | 1,026,281,089             |

| Table 10: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>QUEENSLAND 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                    | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                       | 173,276                   | 2,456,019                 |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                      | 127,924                   | 5,512,430                 |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                     | 119,484                   | 9,656,425                 |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                    | 149,411                   | 25,536,267                |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                  | 180,229                   | 90,526,905                |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                | 50,930                    | 99,379,220                |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                               | 5,140                     | 35,319,251                |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                              | 2,240                     | 32,699,612                |
| More than \$25,000                                                                | 798                       | 130,670,478               |
| Total                                                                             | 809,432                   | 431,756,607               |

| Table 11: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                         | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                            | 51,621                    | 775,002                   |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                           | 44,204                    | 1,891,879                 |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                          | 41,713                    | 3,330,010                 |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                         | 50,394                    | 8,563,629                 |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                       | 65,453                    | 33,545,190                |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                     | 19,511                    | 37,392,754                |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                                    | 1,840                     | 12,602,911                |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                                   | 816                       | 11,993,270                |
| More than \$25,000                                                                     | 360                       | 36,649,587                |
| Total                                                                                  | 275,912                   | 146,744,232               |

| Table 12: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                           | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                              | 82,530                    | 1,162,302                 |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                             | 59,847                    | 2,603,067                 |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                            | 63,785                    | 5,327,175                 |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                           | 81,880                    | 14,174,325                |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                         | 107,427                   | 55,035,098                |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                       | 31,415                    | 60,195,602                |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                                      | 2,902                     | 20,001,856                |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                                     | 1,380                     | 19,924,789                |
| More than \$25,000                                                                       | 510                       | 455,972,376               |
| Total                                                                                    | 431,676                   | 634,396,590               |

| Table 13: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>TASMANIA 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                  | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                     | 19,990                    | 289,311                   |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                    | 12,959                    | 560,903                   |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                   | 12,170                    | 977,714                   |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                  | 14,127                    | 2,426,482                 |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                | 19,228                    | 9,876,003                 |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                              | 5,923                     | 11,295,724                |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                             | 527                       | 3,604,616                 |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                            | 241                       | 3,471,989                 |
| More than \$25,000                                                              | 107                       | 13,638,579                |
| Total                                                                           | 85,272                    | 46,141,321                |

| Table 14: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>AUSTRALIA CAPITAL TERRITORY 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                                     | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                                        | 13,589                    | 193,822                   |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                                       | 11,239                    | 482,443                   |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                                      | 12,713                    | 1,032,674                 |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                                     | 19,206                    | 3,317,019                 |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                                   | 32,414                    | 17,258,070                |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                                 | 12,307                    | 23,678,793                |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                                                | 1,066                     | 7,249,114                 |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                                               | 440                       | 6,363,075                 |
| More than \$25,000                                                                                 | 165                       | 17,870,486                |
| Total                                                                                              | 103,139                   | 77,445,496                |

| Table 15: Number and value of gifts claimed by taxpayers in<br>NORTHERN TERRITORY 2017–18 |                           |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Value of deductible gifts (\$)                                                            | No. of donating taxpayers | Total value of gifts (\$) |
| \$1 to \$25                                                                               | 8,797                     | 117,328                   |
| \$26 to \$50                                                                              | 6,315                     | 283,084                   |
| \$51 to \$100                                                                             | 5,765                     | 487,625                   |
| \$101 to \$250                                                                            | 7,217                     | 1,276,262                 |
| \$251 to \$1,000                                                                          | 10,316                    | 5,287,610                 |
| \$1,001 to \$5,000                                                                        | 2,552                     | 4,710,665                 |
| \$5,001 to \$10,000                                                                       | 212                       | 1,463,234                 |
| \$10,001 to \$25,000                                                                      | 96                        | 1,394,984                 |
| More than \$25,000                                                                        | 19                        | 1,193,968                 |
| Total                                                                                     | 41,289                    | 16,214,760                |

### 3.3.2 Summary and Discussion

Based on the data extracted from Table 4 in the Appendix (comprising Charts 28 to 32 and Tables 7 to 15), our analysis reveals that **New South Wales** taxpayers made and claimed the largest amount of tax-deductible donations to DGRs in 2017–18. Taxpayers from **Western Australia** made the highest average tax-deductible donation to DGRs and donated the highest amount as a percentage of their income but this was primarily due to the influence of one postal code (**WA 6011, Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove**). Taxpayers residing in the **Australian Capital Territory** had the highest percentage of taxpayers claiming a tax-deductible gift. The largest median donation was made by those in the **Australian Capital Territory** (\$200), followed by those in **New South Wales** (\$150). The median amount claimed nationally was \$115.

## 3.4 Individual Taxpayer Donations by STATE AND POSTCODE OF RESIDENCE

For more than 10 years, the ATO has provided information that allows us to drill down beyond the state of residence to examine the postcode of residence for taxpayers who claimed a tax-deductible gift in 2017–18. A search tool for all Australian postcodes which will retrieve all the relevant deductible gift data for the years 2005–06 to 2017–18 is available from the ACPNS website:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/acpns#!/vizhome/Postcode-tax-stats/Postcodestatistics>

### 3.4.1 Highest Total Gifts Claimed

Tables 5 in the Appendix (which form the basis for Tables 16 to 19 in this working paper) list the top five postcodes in each state by highest total claimed gifts.<sup>26</sup> There appears to be a relationship between the wealth of the taxpayers in each postcode and the total of the postcode's total tax-deductible gifts claimed.

| Table 16: Postcode with the highest TOTAL gifts claimed by taxpayers for each State and Territory, 2017–18 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| State & Postcode                                                                                           |      | Places within Postcode                                                                                                                                                                              | Total Gifts Claimed (\$) |
| WA                                                                                                         | 6011 | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                                                                                                                                                         | \$409,464,592            |
| VIC                                                                                                        | 3142 | Hawkesburn, Toorak                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$116,464,665            |
| NSW                                                                                                        | 2110 | Hunters Hill, Woolwich                                                                                                                                                                              | \$69,758,860             |
| QLD                                                                                                        | 4007 | Ascot, Hamilton, Hamilton Central                                                                                                                                                                   | \$27,405,308             |
| ACT                                                                                                        | 2603 | Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill                                                                                                                                                                 | \$9,657,306              |
| TAS                                                                                                        | 7250 | Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Launceston, Newstead, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Ravenswood, Riverside, St Leonards, Summerhill, Trevallyn, Travellers Rest, Waverley, West Launceston, | \$6,181,156              |
| SA                                                                                                         | 5065 | Dulwich, Glenside, Linden Park, Toorak Gardens, Tasmore                                                                                                                                             | \$5,037,629              |
| NT                                                                                                         | 0810 | Alawa, Brinkin, Casuarina, Coconut Grove, Jingili, Lee Point, Lyons, Millner, Moil, Muirhead, Nakara, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri                                               | \$3,272,259              |

<sup>26</sup> Groups which include miscellaneous data including unknown/invalid postcodes were excluded as they do not refer to a specific postcode or region.

The postcode with the highest total gifts claimed in 2017–18 was **WA (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)** which recorded \$409,464,592 in total gifts claimed. This is an increase of 98.43 per cent from the \$206,350,525 claimed in 2016–17 and accounted for 64.54 per cent of the total donations in the state.

All states except **Queensland, Tasmania** and **Western Australia** saw shifts in the postcode that claimed the highest total of tax-deductible donations to DGRs from the previous year. Table 17, below, shows the changes that have occurred between 2015–16 and 2017–18 in each state and territory.

**Table 17: Postcode with the highest TOTAL gifts claimed by taxpayers for each State and Territory, 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18**

|            | <b>2015–16</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2016–17</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2017–18</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NSW</b> | <b>2030</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2041</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2110</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Dover Heights, HMAS Watson, Rose Bay North, Vaucluse, Watsons Bay                                                                                                                                   | Balmain East, Birchgrove, Balmain                                                                                                                                                                   | Hunters Hill, Woolwich                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>VIC</b> | <b>3142</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>3148</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>3142</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Hawkesburn, Toorak                                                                                                                                                                                  | Chadstone, Holmesglen, Chadstone Centre, Jordanville                                                                                                                                                | Hawkesburn, Toorak                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>QLD</b> | <b>4217</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4007</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4007</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Benowa, Bundall, Bundall BC, Bundall DC, Chevron Island, Gold Coast MC, Isle of Capri, Main Beach, Surfers Paradise                                                                                 | Hamilton, Hamilton Central, Ascot                                                                                                                                                                   | Hamilton, Hamilton Central, Ascot                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SA</b>  | <b>5044</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>5063</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>5065</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Glengowrie, Someton Park                                                                                                                                                                            | Eastwood, Fullarton, Frewville, Parkside, Highgate                                                                                                                                                  | Dulwich, Glenside, Linden Park, Toorak Gardens, Tusmore                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>WA</b>  | <b>6010</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6011</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6011</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Claremont, Claremont North, Karrakatta, Mount Claremont, Swanbourne                                                                                                                                 | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                                                                                                                                                         | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>TAS</b> | <b>7250</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>7250</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>7250</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Launceston, Newstead, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Ravenswood, Riverside, St Leonards, Summerhill, Trevallyn, Travellers Rest, Waverley, West Launceston, | Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Launceston, Newstead, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Ravenswood, Riverside, St Leonards, Summerhill, Trevallyn, Travellers Rest, Waverley, West Launceston, | Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Launceston, Newstead, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Ravenswood, Riverside, St Leonards, Summerhill, Trevallyn, Travellers Rest, Waverley, West Launceston, |
| <b>NT</b>  | <b>0810</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>0870</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>0810</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Alawa, Brinkin, Casuarina, Coconut Grove, Jingili, Lee Point, Lyons, Millner, Moil, Muirhead, Nakara, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri                                               | Araluen, Alice Springs, Braitling, Ciccone, Desert Springs, East Side, Gillen, Sadadeen, Stuart, The Gap, White Gums                                                                                | Alawa, Brinkin, Casuarina, Coconut Grove, Jingili, Lee Point, Lyons, Millner, Moil, Muirhead, Nakara, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri                                               |
| <b>ACT</b> | <b>2602</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2602</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2603</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | Ainslie, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Conner, Watson                                                                                                                                        | Ainslie, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Conner, Watson                                                                                                                                        | Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill                                                                                                                                                                 |

*Table 18: Highest average gifts claimed by taxpayers 2017–18 by postcode for each State* identifies the postcode in each state whose taxpayers had the largest average deductible gift. This year the postcode **WA 6011 (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)** recorded the highest average gift in the country at \$203,006.74. This has increased significantly from 2016–17 when the average gift in the postcode was \$96,111.10. The average taxable income in this postcode was \$167,090 while the median taxable income was \$72,947 making this the wealthiest postcode in the state and the tenth wealthiest in the country.

The wealthiest postcode in Australia, **NSW 2028 (Double Bay)**, claimed \$6,100,664 in donations in total with an average gift of \$4,830.30. This postcode had an average taxable income of \$242,428 (the median income was \$72,980).

In **Victoria**, the postcode **VIC 3744 (Wandiligong)** recorded the highest average gift in the state with \$109,781.49. The wealthiest postcode in Victoria, **VIC 3142 (Hawksburn, Toorak)**, recorded an average donation of \$33,086.55.

| Table 18: Postcode with the highest AVERAGE Gift Claimed by taxpayers for each State and Territory, 2017–18 |      |                                                                         |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| State & Postcode                                                                                            |      | Places within Postcode                                                  | Average Gift per Gifting Taxpayer (\$) |
| WA                                                                                                          | 6011 | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                             | \$203,006.74                           |
| VIC                                                                                                         | 3744 | Wandiligong                                                             | \$109,781.49                           |
| NSW                                                                                                         | 2008 | Darlington, Chippendale                                                 | \$48,767.16                            |
| TAS                                                                                                         | 7001 | Hobart                                                                  | \$36,794.11                            |
| QLD                                                                                                         | 4705 | Clarke Creek, Lotus Creek, Mackenzie River, Marlborough, Mount Gardiner | \$16,903.52                            |
| SA                                                                                                          | 5001 | Adelaide                                                                | \$11,312.35                            |
| ACT                                                                                                         | 2603 | Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill                                     | \$3,622.40                             |
| NT                                                                                                          | 0851 | Katherine                                                               | \$1,952.49                             |

Table 19 (overleaf) indicates the postcode in each state with the greatest participation rate by all taxpayers in that postcode. This does not appear to be obviously related to the wealth of taxpayers. For the second year in arrow, the postcode with the highest percentage rate was **Joondalup DC (WA 6919)** (62.41 per cent) which is a regional metropolitan city, with an average income of \$58,721.

**Table 19: Postcode with the Highest PERCENTAGE of taxpayers claiming a gift for each State and Territory, 2017–18**

| State & Postcode |      | Places within Postcode                                          | Percentage of Taxpayers claiming a gift |
|------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| WA               | 6919 | Joondalup DC                                                    | 62.41%                                  |
| NSW              | 2703 | Yanco                                                           | 57.75%                                  |
| SA               | 5710 | Stirling North                                                  | 53.86%                                  |
| VIC              | 3433 | Monegeetta                                                      | 50.38%                                  |
| ACT              | 2605 | Curtin, Garran, Hughes                                          | 42.42%                                  |
| NT               | 0814 | Nightcliff                                                      | 41.67%                                  |
| TAS              | 7021 | Lauderdale                                                      | 39.87%                                  |
| QLD              | 4014 | Banyo, Nudgee, Nudgee Beach, Virginia, Virginia BC, Virginia DC | 38.10%                                  |

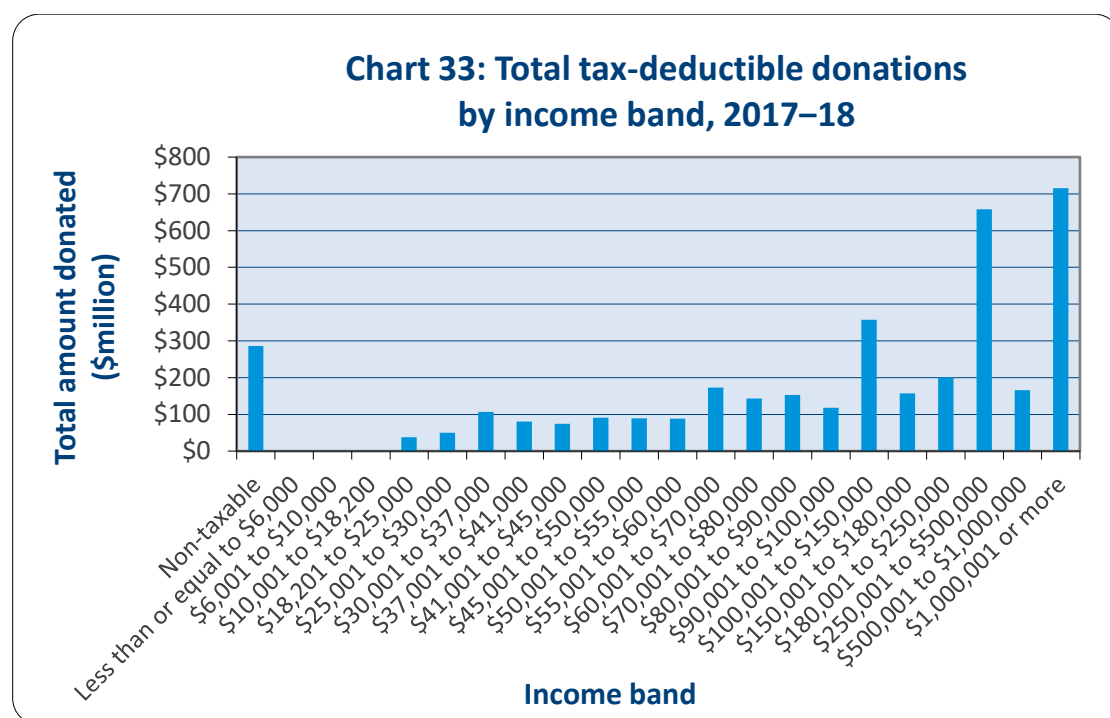
### 3.4 Summary and Discussion

Based on the data extracted from Tables 5 and 6 in the Appendix (comprising Tables 16 to 19), the largest amount of tax-deductible donations to DGRs in 2017–18 both in total and on average came from the postcode **WA 6011 (Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove)**, while those in **WA 6919 (Joondalup)** had the highest percentage of taxpayers claiming a tax-deductible gift.

### 3.5 Individual Taxpayer Donations by INCOME BAND

Table 4 in the Appendix to this paper (which forms the basis of Charts 33 to 39) contains data relating to the number of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by individual Australian taxpayers in their 2017–18 income tax returns, according to income bands.

*Chart 33: Total tax-deductible donations by income band* reveals that in 2017–18 individual Australian taxpayers with a taxable income over \$1 million claimed in total \$715.45 million in tax-deductible gifts, representing 19.09 per cent of the overall amount claimed in 2017–18. This is an increase of 22.83 per cent from 2016–17 when taxpayers in this band claimed \$582.46 million in deductible donations (or 16.73 per cent of the national total).



The next highest percentage came from individual taxpayers earning between \$250,001 and \$500,000 donating \$657.73 million in total, representing 17.55 per cent of all donations. This was an increase of 185.28 per cent from 2016–17 when taxpayers in this band claimed \$230.56 million in total.

Those with a non-taxable income claimed \$285.74 million in tax-deductible gifts. This represented 7.63 per cent of the total amount claimed by individual Australian taxpayers in 2017–18.

Chart 34: *Percentage of Donating Taxpayers to Total Taxpayers by Income Band* reveals that there is a fairly smooth increasing trend from lower to higher income bands; with 4.32 per cent of taxpayers claiming a gift in the less than or equal to \$6,000 income band compared to 54.48 per cent for those with over \$1 million in taxable income.

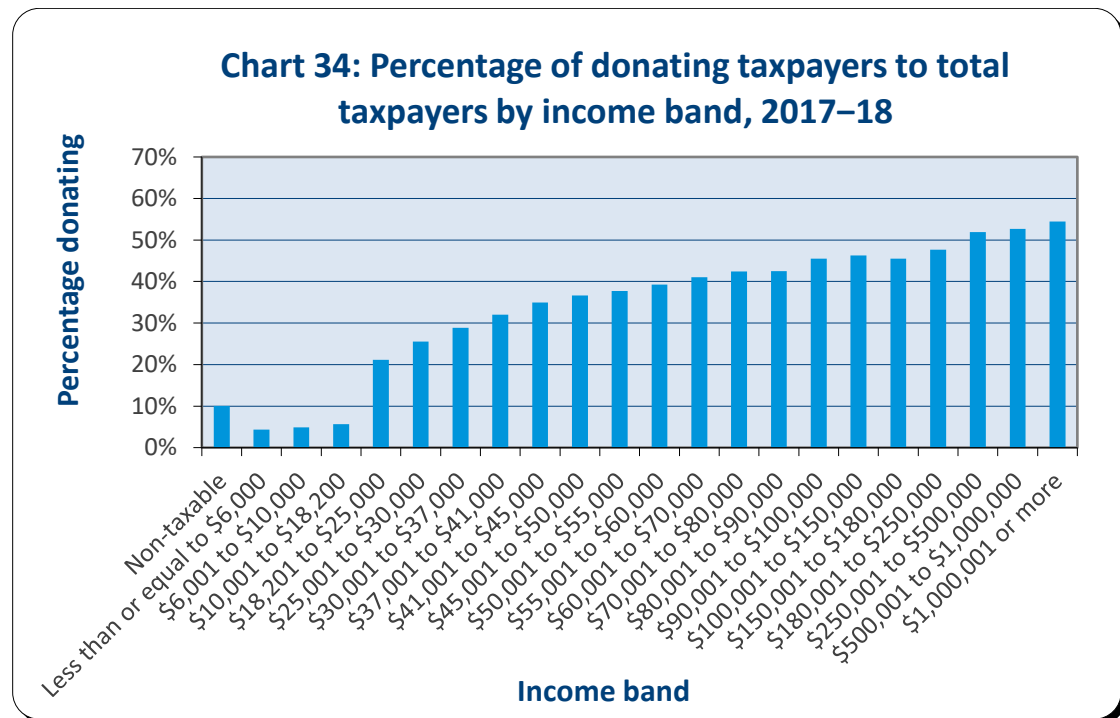


Chart 35 (overleaf) shows the percentage of donating taxpayers in 2007–08 and 2017–18. In each age bracket, the percentage making and claiming a tax-deductible donation has decreased significantly over the past ten years. In 2007–08, on average 35.47 per cent of taxpayers claimed a donation and this rose to more than half of taxpayers for those earning over \$80,000. However, by 2017–18 on average only 31.01 per cent of taxpayers claimed a donation and this figure only rose above 50 per cent for those in income bands greater than \$250,000.

**Chart 35: Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers, 2007-08 and 2017-18**

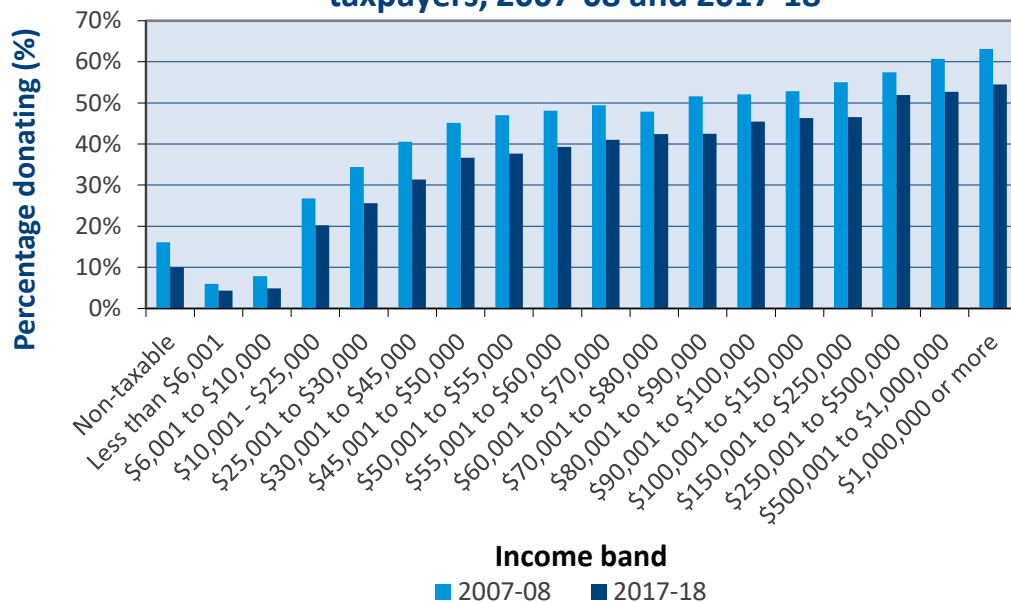


Chart 36 breaks down the percentage of donating taxpayers for those with a taxable income of \$1 million or more since 2007–08. Following the same trend as the other income bands, the percentage making and claiming a tax-deductible donation has decreased from 63.12 per cent in 2007–08 to 54.48 per cent in 2017–18, a decrease of 13.69 per cent.

**Chart 36: Percentage of Donating Taxpayers to Total Taxpayers (for those with a taxable income of more than \$1 Million)**

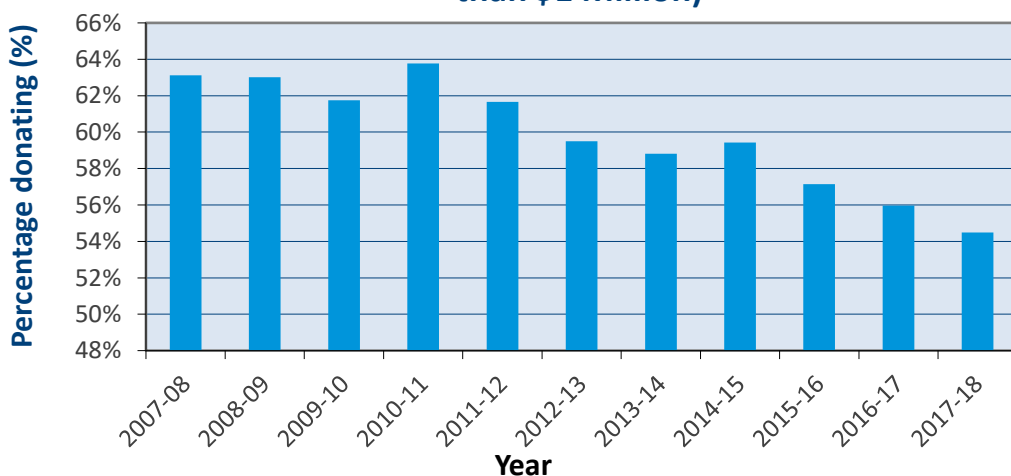
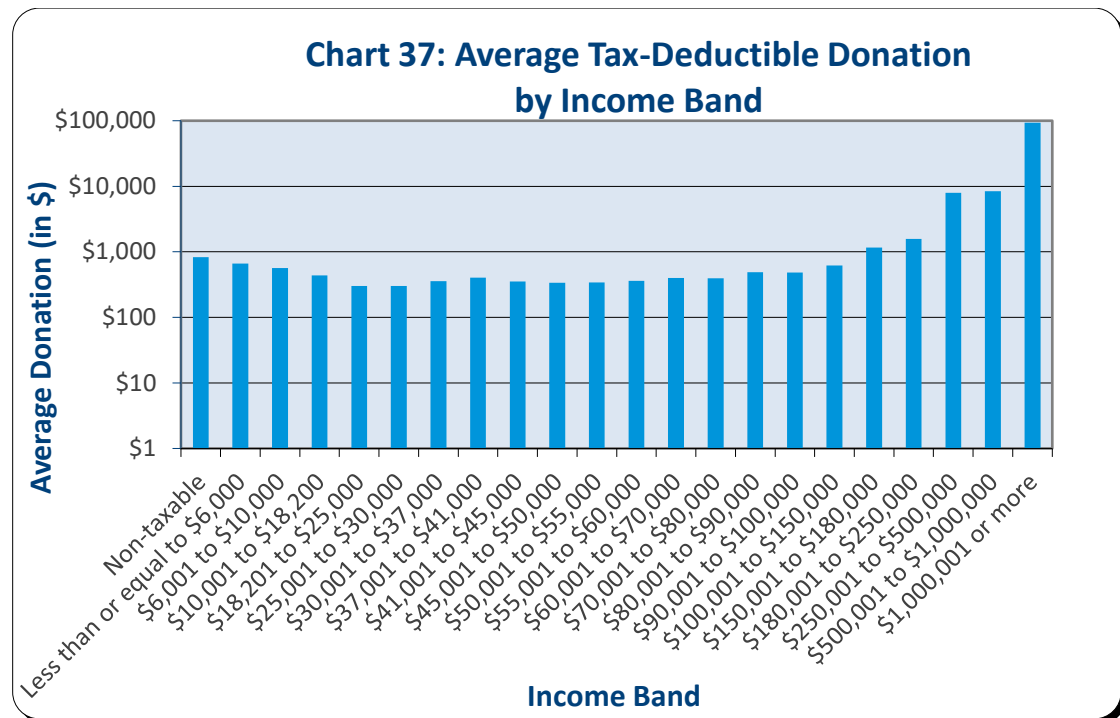


*Chart 37: Average tax-deductible donation by income band* shows, in general terms, the more one earns, the more one claims as a tax-deductible donation. For those earning more than \$150,000 in 2017–18, the average donation claimed was greater than the national average of \$845.73 while those earning up to \$150,000 donated, on average, less than the national average.



While the average tax-deductible donation was \$845.73 in 2017–18, donating taxpayers with a taxable income over \$1 million per year claimed an average of \$93,645.00 in tax-deductible donations. This figure has increased by 8.46 per cent from 2016–17 where the average donation for this income band was \$86,341.93. Chart 38 (overleaf) shows how this figure has fluctuated from around \$50,000 to \$100,000 over the past ten years (with the exception of 2009–10).

**Chart 38: Average donation for those with a taxable income of more than \$1 Million 2006-07 to 2017-18**

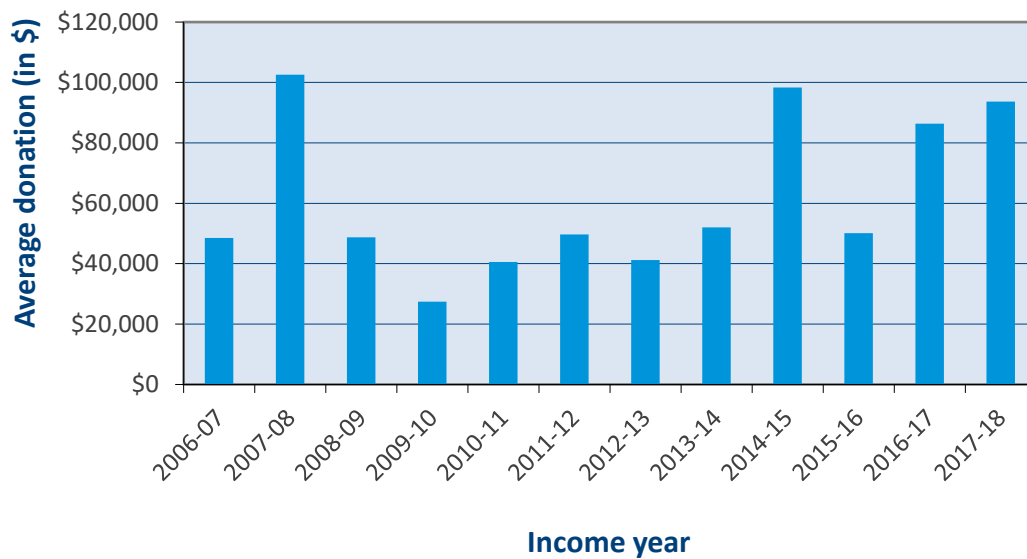
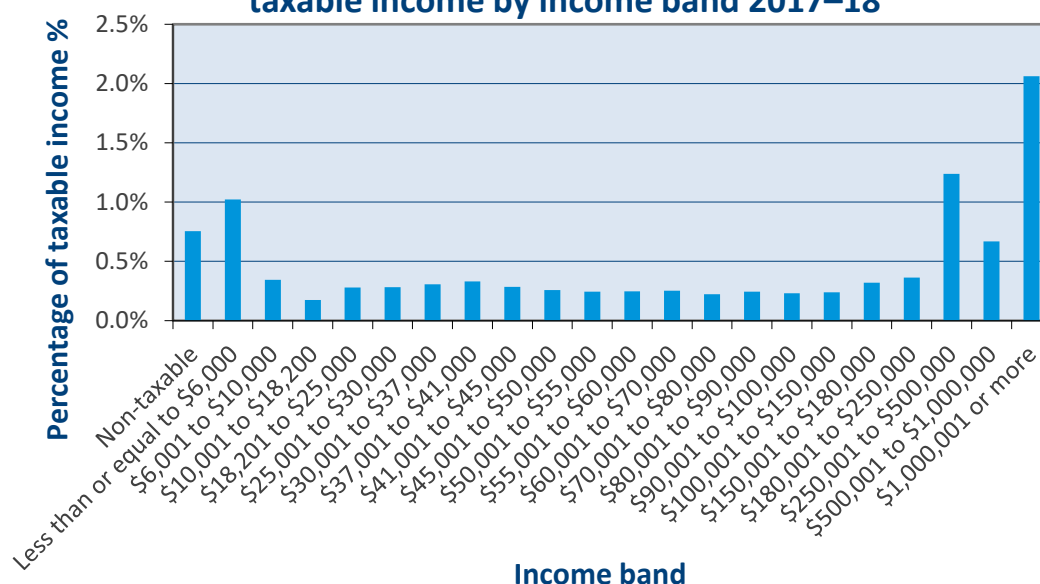


*Chart 39 (overleaf): Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by income band* graphs the amount donated relative to the taxable incomes of donating taxpayers across each income band. The chart shows that those with the lowest and highest taxable incomes donated the highest percentage of their income in 2017–18. The percentage of income donated by those in the less than or equal to \$6,000 income band decreased from 1.09 per cent in 2016–17 to 1.02 per cent in 2017–18. Taxpayers earning more than \$1 million donated 2.06 per cent of their income (compared to 2.10 per cent in 2016–17). Taxpayers earning between \$250,001 and \$500,000 donated 1.24 per cent of their income in 2017–18 (a large increase from 0.48 per cent in 2016–17).

**Chart 39: Tax-deductible donations as a percentage of taxable income by income band 2017–18**



### 3.5.1 Summary and Discussion

Based on the data extracted from Table 4 in the Appendix (forming the basis of Charts 33 to 39), our analysis supports the general contention that the greater the taxable income, the greater the amount donated to DGRs and claimed by Australian taxpayers.

A total of 7,640 taxpayers with taxable incomes of more than \$1 million made and claimed tax-deductible donations to DGRs totalling \$715.45 million in 2017–18. This represented 19.09 per cent of all tax-deductible donations in 2017–18. This income band also had the highest percentage of taxpayers claiming a donation (54.48 per cent) and donated 2.06 per cent of their income.

For taxpayers with a taxable income less than \$6,001, the average gift claimed was \$659.49, with 4.32 per cent of taxpayers in this income band claiming a gift. Taxpayers in this income band donated 1.02 per cent of their taxable income.

## 3.6 Individual Taxpayer Donations by OCCUPATION

Since 2006–07, the ATO has made available data for wages and salary classified by occupation code of the taxpayer.

Occupation is taken from the personal tax return item 1. The occupation codes for 2017–18 are based upon the ‘Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, Version 1.2’ produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2013.<sup>27</sup> There are eight major groups:

- managers
- professionals
- technicians and trades workers
- community and personal service workers
- clerical and administrative workers
- sales workers
- machinery operators and drivers workers, and
- labourers.

Each major group has a number of sub-groups. Table 8 in the appendix contains the data relating to these eight major groups of occupations.

On the ACPNS website is a search tool for all occupations which will retrieve all the relevant deductible gift data for the year 2017–18 by occupation and years dating back to 2006–07. This is available from <https://public.tableau.com/profile/acpns#!/vizhome/Occupation-tax-stats/Taxdeductiblegiftsbyoccupation>.

Tables 20-23 below show the occupations with the highest average claimed gifts, the highest total claimed gifts, the highest percentage of claimed gifts against total income and the highest percentage of participating taxpayers per occupation code. The miscellaneous ‘no occupation’ and ‘other’ categories have been omitted from the data analysis as well as occupation codes containing fewer than 100 people.

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<sup>27</sup> See <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1220.0Main+Features1First%20Edition,%20Revision%201?OpenDocument>

Table 20 identifies the top ten occupations by the total amount claimed. Once again, **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** (occupation code 1111) donated the highest amount in total, \$470,354,085 in 2017–18. This is an increase of 18.96 per cent from 2016–17, where the total amount donated from this occupation code was \$395,380,600. This occupation has consistently donated the highest amount in total since data was first collected in the 2006–07 year.

| Table 20: Highest TOTAL Gifts Claimed by Individual Taxpayers 2017–18 by OCCUPATION <sup>28</sup> |                 |                                              |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rank                                                                                              | Occupation Code | Occupation Code                              | Total value of gifts/donations (\$) |
| 1                                                                                                 | 1111            | Chief executive officer or managing director | \$470,354,085                       |
| 2                                                                                                 | 1112            | General manager                              | \$82,914,919                        |
| 3                                                                                                 | 2211            | Accountant                                   | \$57,109,711                        |
| 4                                                                                                 | 2544            | Registered nurse                             | \$50,889,147                        |
| 5                                                                                                 | 2539            | Other medical practitioners                  | \$49,559,986                        |
| 6                                                                                                 | 5121            | Office administrator or manager              | \$38,083,284                        |
| 7                                                                                                 | 1311            | Advertising and sales manager                | \$37,454,089                        |
| 8                                                                                                 | 2414            | Secondary school teacher                     | \$35,246,964                        |
| 9                                                                                                 | 5311            | Administration assistant or office worker    | \$32,144,547                        |
| 10                                                                                                | 7312            | Bus or coach driver                          | \$30,730,985                        |

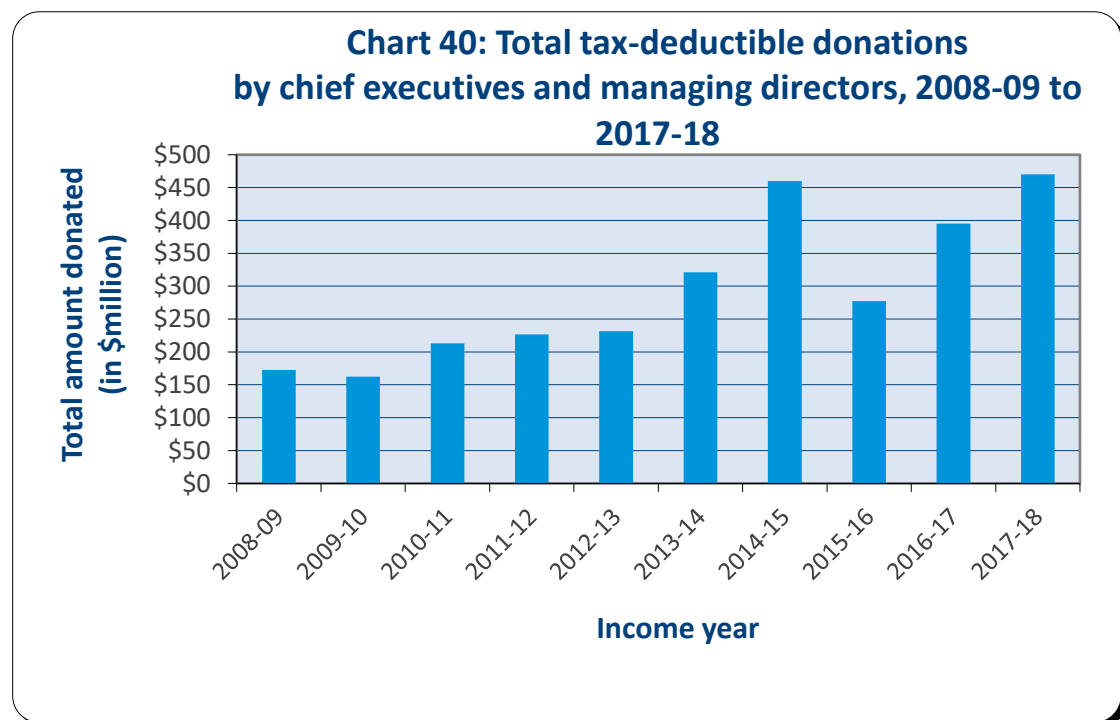
Table 21 (overleaf) displays the top ten occupation groups by average gift. As with the previous year, **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** claimed the highest average tax-deductible donation (\$9,358.98) and has increased by 18.90 per cent since 2016–17 when the average gift was \$7,871.56 for this occupation code.

<sup>28</sup> Occupations with less than 100 individuals and the miscellaneous 'other' category were excluded from analysis.

**Table 21: Highest AVERAGE Gifts Claimed by Individual Taxpayers 2017–18  
by OCCUPATION<sup>29</sup>**

| Rank | Occupation Code | Occupation Code                              | Average gift (per gifting taxpayer) (\$) |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 1111            | Chief executive officer or managing director | \$9,358.98                               |
| 2    | 2711            | Barrister                                    | \$5,792.45                               |
| 3    | 2539            | Other medical practitioners                  | \$3,991.62                               |
| 4    | 2533            | Internal medicine specialist                 | \$3,548.34                               |
| 5    | 2535            | Surgeon                                      | \$3,407.51                               |
| 6    | 2532            | Anaesthetist                                 | \$3,178.79                               |
| 7    | 2712            | Judicial or other legal professionals        | \$2,722.12                               |
| 8    | 2222            | Financial dealer                             | \$2,283.20                               |
| 9    | 2534            | Psychiatrist                                 | \$2,201.85                               |
| 10   | 9222            | Consultant – financial investment            | \$2,029.78                               |

Chart 40 shows the total amount donated by **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** since 2008–09. It shows that this amount has steadily increased each year with the exception of 2015–16.<sup>30</sup>



<sup>29</sup> Occupations with less than 100 individuals and the miscellaneous 'other' category were excluded from analysis.

<sup>30</sup> In 2006–07 and 2007–8, this occupation code was 1000 and incorporated, company directors, executive – type of executive unspecified, manager – type of manager unspecified so comparisons with these years are not possible.

Chart 41 displays the average donation by chief executives and managing directors from 2008–09 to 2017–18. It follows the same pattern as the total gifts with a sharp increase in 2014–15, followed by a decrease in 2015–16 and a rise again in 2016–17 and 2017–18.

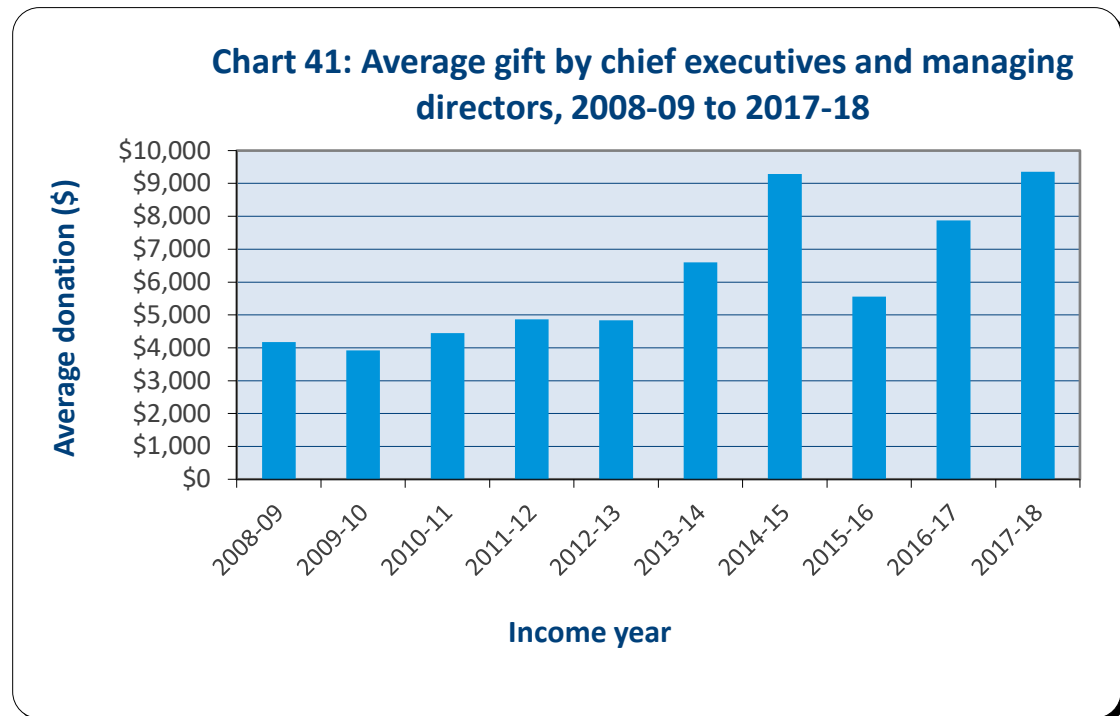


Table 22 identifies deductible gifts as a percentage of income by occupation. Once again, **Ministers of Religion** ranked highest. **Ministers of Religion** have ranked first in all recorded years except 4 where they ranked second.<sup>31</sup> Overall, this list features a mix of occupation codes with low and high mean taxable incomes.

<sup>31</sup> Ministers of religion ranked second in 2007–08, 2008–09, 2013–14 and 2016–17.

**Table 22: Highest PERCENTAGE of Income Claimed as Gifts by Individual Taxpayers 2017–18 by OCCUPATION<sup>32</sup>**

| Rank | Occupation Code | Occupation Code                              | Total gifts as a per cent of total taxable income (%) |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 2722            | Religious leader                             | 1.90%                                                 |
| 2    | 2711            | Barrister                                    | 1.52%                                                 |
| 3    | 1111            | Chief executive officer or managing director | 1.50%                                                 |
| 4    | 7100            | Machine operator – type not specified        | 1.47%                                                 |
| 5    | 7312            | Bus or coach driver                          | 1.40%                                                 |
| 6    | 2511            | Dietician                                    | 1.02%                                                 |
| 7    | 1113            | Legislator                                   | 0.83%                                                 |
| 8    | 2539            | Other medical practitioners                  | 0.81%                                                 |
| 9    | 2712            | Judicial or other legal professionals        | 0.79%                                                 |
| 10   | 9222            | Consultant – financial investment            | 0.69%                                                 |

Table 23 (overleaf) depicts the percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers within each occupation code in 2017–18.<sup>33</sup> For the eighth year in a row, the occupation with the highest percentage of donating taxpayers was **Police** (occupation code 4413) in which 73.42 per cent of taxpayers made a tax-deductible donation. The occupation with the next highest percentage of donating taxpayers was **Machine Operator** (occupation code 7100) with 68.11 per cent donating, followed by **School Principals** (59.77 per cent). This is consistent with 2016–17.

<sup>32</sup> Occupations with less than 100 individuals and the miscellaneous 'other' category were excluded from analysis.

**Table 23: Highest PERCENTAGE of Donating Taxpayers to Total Taxpayers  
2017–18 by OCCUPATION<sup>34</sup>**

| Rank | Occupation Code | Occupation Code                              | Per cent of Total Taxpayers Claiming a Gift (%) |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 4413            | Police                                       | 73.42%                                          |
| 2    | 7100            | Machine operator – type not specified        | 68.11%                                          |
| 3    | 1343            | School principal                             | 59.77%                                          |
| 4    | 1324            | Policy and planning manager                  | 57.75%                                          |
| 5    | 1323            | Human resource manager                       | 54.21%                                          |
| 6    | 4412            | Fire or emergency service worker             | 53.92%                                          |
| 7    | 2712            | Judicial or other legal professionals        | 53.45%                                          |
| 8    | 2222            | Financial dealer                             | 53.36%                                          |
| 9    | 1392            | Senior non-commissioned defence force member | 53.04%                                          |
| 10   | 2223            | Financial investment advisor or manager      | 52.70%                                          |

Traditionally, this list is dominated by professions that involve senior management positions that require a high degree of demonstrated leadership, often of ‘close’ teams such as police, health, education, legal and banking and finance often with payroll deduction to ‘benevolent funds’ for members of their profession/industry. There has been little shift in this list with Police, School Principals and Policy and Planning Managers being in the top four for ten years now.

### 3.6.1 Summary and Discussion

There has been little change in the donations by occupation over the years with **Chief Executives and Managing Directors** claiming the highest amount both in total and in the average gift. This occupation has consistently been in the top two for both total amount donated and average donation since 2008–09.

<sup>34</sup> Occupations with less than 100 individuals and the miscellaneous 'other' category were excluded from analysis.

## 4.0 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Despite the limitations described below, the ATO statistics are one of the few ways in which donation information is collected on a rigorous basis. All taxpayers are required to make a formal declaration at the end of their tax returns that the information contained therein is correct. Under the system of self-assessment, the ATO generally treats the tax return lodged by a taxpayer as being correct when lodged.

However, the ATO has a wide-ranging audit program to confirm whether the details disclosed in taxpayers' income tax returns are correct or not. If the taxpayer has made a false or misleading statement or claimed an amount that cannot be substantiated, then the taxpayer is faced with the prospect of fines, penalties and interest charges.

The ATO Taxation Statistics also provide useful trend data as the information is collected annually on much the same basis. Other surveys are usually snapshots with different questions, methodology and definitions of what is a gift or donation.

Despite these limitations, it is considered that the results of this analysis will prove useful to DGR fundraisers and in the development of fundraising strategies. Knowing where donors come from, and how much taxpayers within certain industries and specific occupations give, can assist DGRs to target fundraising strategies towards these extant donor groups.

- a. This study uses information from published ATO material and represents only the extent of tax-deductible donations made to DGRs and claimed by Australian taxpayers at Item *D9 Gifts or Donations* in their individual income tax returns for the 2017–18 income year. This study does not measure the total amounts gifted by Australian taxpayers. It is not known exactly what percentage of taxpayers make tax-deductible donations and forget to claim them on their income tax returns. Many smaller donations may not be claimed. For example, a \$2 donation receipt may have been lost or forgotten to be claimed at tax time by many taxpayers. However, it is assumed that the larger the donation, the more likely the donation will be claimed by the taxpayer on their tax return. Data from *Giving Australia 2016* supported this with 74 per cent of those donating \$10,000 or more claiming a tax deduction, compared with 21.2 per cent of those donating between \$1 and \$24 (McGregor-Lowndes et al. 2017).
- b. It is not known how many erroneous tax-deductible donations are claimed by taxpayers. For instance, in 2002–03, the ATO found 265,547 discrepancies in reviewing individual tax returns.

- c. This study is based only on the extent of charitable giving by individual taxpayers. It does not measure the extent of business or corporate giving. The statistics relating to the extent of tax-deductible donations made by non-individual taxpayers (such as companies, trusts, etc.) is not recorded in published ATO data. Unlike the individual income tax return, the partnership, trust and company income tax returns do not have an item equivalent to *Item D9 Gifts or Donations*.
- d. The amount recorded at *Item D9 Gifts or Donations* only represents those donations that can be claimed as an income tax deduction. Many individual taxpayers make donations to organisations that cannot be claimed as tax deductions (e.g. purchasing badges or tea towels, buying food and small items from charity-run fêtes, buying tickets to a fundraising event or dinner, and sponsorships). The ATO statistics only capture philanthropic gifts and contributions by individuals to DGRs.
- e. Some taxpayers do not lodge their tax returns by the due date. The ATO adds new information to its aggregate dataset when it is processed. This means that the total tax-deductible gifts in a previously reported year may increase in a subsequent annual report, which includes references to previous years. For instance, the data presented in this paper is based on information contained in individual taxpayers' 2018 tax returns processed by the ATO as at 31 October 2019.
- f. Any information contained in 2017–18 income tax returns lodged by Australian taxpayers after October 31, 2019, will not be reflected in this 2020 Taxation Statistics publication. Instead, information relating to 2018 tax returns of individuals lodged after 31 October 2019 will be incorporated into and reflected in, future Taxation Statistics publications. In this paper, we found certain figures have been revised and updated from previous Taxation Statistics publications. This is particularly so with the total number of donors, total tax-deductible donations made and donations according to the state of residence. This paper indicates the situations where late taxpayer filings have not been included.
- g. The analysis of industry classifications and gift deductions should not be confused with taxpayers' occupations. The analysis is solely based on taxpayers who are sole traders. For example, lawyers may be included in:
- salary and wage taxpayers (employed lawyers)
  - sole trader lawyers who operate their own businesses
  - lawyers who carry on business as partners in a partnership, or even

- a company or trust.

Thus, this data should not be applied as if it represents the gift deductions of all taxpayers who might provide legal services, **ONLY** those who are sole trader business taxpayers.

- h. The ATO has provided data by occupation code declared in an individual taxpayer's return. There are a large number of taxpayers who do not declare their occupation or are classified as miscellaneous.

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## 6.0 APPENDIX

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 1: Total and Average Donations (Revised ATO Data)<sup>35,36</sup>**  
**Income Years Ending 30 June 2007 to 30 June 2018**

|                                             | 2007–08    | 2008–09    | 2009–10    | 2010–11    | 2011–12    | 2012–13    | 2013–14    | 2014–15    | 2015–16    | 2016–17    | 2017–18    |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of taxable taxpayers                 | 10,083,420 | 9,582,260  | 9,537,600  | 9,815,520  | 10,203,645 | 9,867,053  | 10,094,991 | 10,357,365 | 10,584,639 | 10,774,892 | 10,863,970 |
| Number of non-taxable taxpayers             | 2,910,660  | 3,325,920  | 3,511,860  | 3,459,530  | 3,163,135  | 3,538,884  | 3,556,057  | 3,610,001  | 3,752,762  | 3,715,422  | 3,424,322  |
| Total taxpayers                             | 12,994,080 | 12,908,185 | 13,049,460 | 13,275,050 | 13,366,780 | 13,405,941 | 13,651,048 | 13,967,366 | 14,337,401 | 14,490,314 | 14,288,292 |
| Taxable income (\$ million)                 | 568,595    | 581,278    | 610,179    | 658,167    | 699,637    | 740,422    | 775,670    | 803,029    | 834,117    | 850,354    | 877,123    |
| Donating taxpayers                          | 4,536,475  | 4,780,600  | 4,545,765  | 4,928,310  | 4,663,785  | 4,682,081  | 4,675,588  | 4,708,194  | 4,649,607  | 4,621,170  | 4,430,597  |
| Total tax-deductible donations (\$ million) | 2,386      | 2,141      | 2,033      | 2,305      | 2,298      | 2,355      | 2,685      | 3,153      | 2,931      | 3,582      | 3,747      |
| Percentage change                           | 22.31%     | -10.28%    | -5.04%     | 13.38%     | -0.31%     | 2.49%      | 14.03%     | 17.40%     | -7.04%     | 22.21%     | 4.62%      |
| Percentage of donors to total taxpayers     | 34.91%     | 37.04%     | 34.83%     | 37.12%     | 34.89%     | 34.93%     | 34.25%     | 33.71%     | 32.43%     | 31.89%     | 31.01%     |
| Donation as a percentage of taxable income  | 0.42%      | 0.37%      | 0.33%      | 0.35%      | 0.33%      | 0.32%      | 0.35%      | 0.39%      | 0.35%      | 0.42%      | 0.43%      |
| Average tax-deductible donation             | 525.96     | 447.81     | 447.23     | 467.71     | 492.69     | 502.98     | 574.35     | 669.60     | 630.32     | 775.06     | 845.73     |
| Increase of average donation (\$)           | 87.47      | -78.15     | -0.58      | 20.48      | 24.98      | 10.29      | 71.37      | 95.25      | -39.29     | 144.74     | 70.67      |
| Increase of average donation (%)            | 19.95%     | -14.86%    | -0.13%     | 4.58%      | 5.34%      | 2.09%      | 14.19%     | 16.58%     | -5.87%     | 22.96%     | 9.12%      |
| Median donation (\$)                        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | \$ 100     | \$ 105     | \$110      | \$110      | \$115      |

<sup>35</sup> Source: Table 1: Individuals Tax. Selected Items, for income years 1978–79 to 2017–18, Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18

<sup>36</sup> Statistics for the 2015–16 and 2016–17 income years reported in this table may not match the statistics reported in previous editions of Taxation statistics because they have been updated in this table. It differs from the figures used in the text as they compare the state of the data as at October of the year to which the data relates so that proper comparisons can be made with the previous year.

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 2: Donations by Gender<sup>37</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Gender                    | Total number of individuals | Taxable income | Total tax-deductible donations |                 | Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers | Donations as a percentage of taxable income | Average tax-deductible donation | Percentage of national total |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                           |                             | \$m            | no.                            | \$m             | %                                                   | %                                           | \$                              | %                            |
| Male                      | 7,337,391                   | 527,681        | 2,186,028                      | 2,148           | 29.79%                                              | 0.41%                                       | 982.39                          | 57.31%                       |
| Female                    | 6,950,901                   | 347,000        | 2,244,569                      | 1,600           | 32.29%                                              | 0.46%                                       | 712.64                          | 42.69%                       |
| <b>Total<sup>38</sup></b> | <b>14,288,292</b>           | <b>877,123</b> | <b>4,430,597</b>               | <b>3,747.10</b> | <b>31.01%</b>                                       | <b>0.43%</b>                                | <b>845.73</b>                   | <b>100.00%</b>               |

<sup>37</sup> Source: Table 3: Individual Tax. Selected items, by sex, taxable status, age range and taxable income range, 2017–18 income year Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18.

<sup>38</sup> Numbers may not add up due to nondisclosure.

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 3: Donations by Gender and Age**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Gender              | Total number of individual | Taxable income | Total tax-deductible donations |              | Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers | Donations as a percentage of taxable income | Average tax-deductible donation | Percentage of national total |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     | Taxpayers                  | \$m            | no.                            | \$m          | %                                                   | %                                           | \$                              | %                            |
| <b>Male</b>         |                            |                |                                |              |                                                     |                                             |                                 |                              |
| Under 18            | 76,033                     | 781            | 3,157                          | 0            | 4.15%                                               | 0.03%                                       | 79.25                           | 0.01%                        |
| 18 – 24             | 868,830                    | 29,436         | 137,242                        | 25           | 15.80%                                              | 0.09%                                       | 184.78                          | 0.68%                        |
| 25 – 29             | 809,446                    | 44,214         | 201,804                        | 57           | 24.93%                                              | 0.13%                                       | 282.02                          | 1.52%                        |
| 30 – 34             | 825,453                    | 58,211         | 241,379                        | 100          | 29.24%                                              | 0.17%                                       | 415.62                          | 2.68%                        |
| 35 – 39             | 773,388                    | 64,355         | 249,852                        | 110          | 32.31%                                              | 0.17%                                       | 440.00                          | 2.93%                        |
| 40 – 44             | 697,705                    | 64,622         | 241,198                        | 125          | 34.57%                                              | 0.19%                                       | 517.62                          | 3.33%                        |
| 45 – 49             | 711,241                    | 69,401         | 253,881                        | 169          | 35.70%                                              | 0.24%                                       | 665.73                          | 4.51%                        |
| 50 – 54             | 639,925                    | 61,044         | 232,007                        | 191          | 36.26%                                              | 0.31%                                       | 823.92                          | 5.10%                        |
| 55 – 59             | 620,948                    | 55,873         | 227,203                        | 432          | 36.59%                                              | 0.77%                                       | 1,900.34                        | 11.52%                       |
| 60 – 64             | 501,767                    | 37,098         | 172,185                        | 197          | 34.32%                                              | 0.53%                                       | 1,145.36                        | 5.26%                        |
| 65 – 69             | 343,687                    | 20,125         | 100,455                        | 196          | 29.23%                                              | 0.97%                                       | 1,946.21                        | 5.22%                        |
| 70 – 74             | 216,152                    | 10,616         | 56,199                         | 198          | 26.00%                                              | 1.87%                                       | 3,523.22                        | 5.28%                        |
| 75 and over         | 252,816                    | 11,905         | 69,466                         | 347          | 27.48%                                              | 2.92%                                       | 4,998.89                        | 9.27%                        |
| <b>Total male</b>   | <b>7,337,391</b>           | <b>527,681</b> | <b>2,186,028</b>               | <b>2,148</b> | <b>29.79%</b>                                       | <b>0.41%</b>                                | <b>982.39</b>                   | <b>57.31%</b>                |
| <b>Female</b>       |                            |                |                                |              |                                                     |                                             |                                 |                              |
| Under 18            | 72,971                     | 616            | 2,653                          | 0            | 3.64%                                               | 0.03%                                       | 68.13                           | 0.00%                        |
| 18 – 24             | 829,756                    | 24,676         | 149,122                        | 25           | 17.97%                                              | 0.10%                                       | 169.05                          | 0.67%                        |
| 25 – 29             | 778,419                    | 34,641         | 222,755                        | 50           | 28.62%                                              | 0.14%                                       | 224.48                          | 1.33%                        |
| 30 – 34             | 779,855                    | 38,977         | 246,399                        | 66           | 31.60%                                              | 0.17%                                       | 269.10                          | 1.77%                        |
| 35 – 39             | 713,777                    | 38,811         | 240,804                        | 77           | 33.74%                                              | 0.20%                                       | 320.57                          | 2.06%                        |
| 40 – 44             | 660,125                    | 39,746         | 236,229                        | 100          | 35.79%                                              | 0.25%                                       | 421.46                          | 2.66%                        |
| 45 – 49             | 697,249                    | 43,589         | 261,349                        | 110          | 37.48%                                              | 0.25%                                       | 419.36                          | 2.92%                        |
| 50 – 54             | 623,577                    | 37,944         | 244,433                        | 122          | 39.20%                                              | 0.32%                                       | 498.88                          | 3.25%                        |
| 55 – 59             | 597,784                    | 34,975         | 240,403                        | 348          | 40.22%                                              | 1.00%                                       | 1,448.58                        | 9.29%                        |
| 60 – 64             | 462,941                    | 22,473         | 177,791                        | 135          | 38.40%                                              | 0.60%                                       | 758.37                          | 3.60%                        |
| 65 – 69             | 295,073                    | 12,284         | 95,643                         | 130          | 32.41%                                              | 1.06%                                       | 1,356.18                        | 3.46%                        |
| 70 – 74             | 183,379                    | 6,799          | 50,357                         | 177          | 27.46%                                              | 2.60%                                       | 3,516.29                        | 4.73%                        |
| 75 and over         | 255,995                    | 11,472         | 76,631                         | 260          | 29.93%                                              | 2.26%                                       | 3,389.08                        | 6.93%                        |
| <b>Total female</b> | <b>6,950,901</b>           | <b>347,000</b> | <b>2,244,569</b>               | <b>1,600</b> | <b>32.29%</b>                                       | <b>0.46%</b>                                | <b>712.64</b>                   | <b>42.69%</b>                |

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 4: State of Residence<sup>39</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| State of Residence           | Total number of individual taxpayers | Taxable income | Total tax-deductible donations |                | Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers | Donations as a percentage of taxable income | Average tax-deductible donation | Median tax-deductible donation | Percentage of national total |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                              |                                      | \$million      | no.                            | \$m            | %                                                   | %                                           | \$                              | \$                             | %                            |
| New South Wales              | 4,488,958                            | 290,636        | 1,424,243                      | 1,343.63       | 31.73%                                              | 0.46%                                       | 943.40                          | 150                            | 35.86%                       |
| Victoria                     | 3,635,842                            | 221,648        | 1,250,987                      | 1,026.28       | 34.41%                                              | 0.46%                                       | 820.38                          | 100                            | 27.39%                       |
| Queensland                   | 2,836,521                            | 163,747        | 809,432                        | 431.76         | 28.54%                                              | 0.26%                                       | 533.41                          | 100                            | 11.52%                       |
| South Australia              | 967,851                              | 53,032         | 275,912                        | 146.74         | 28.51%                                              | 0.28%                                       | 531.85                          | 102                            | 3.92%                        |
| Western Australia            | 1,515,159                            | 98,338         | 431,676                        | 634.40         | 28.49%                                              | 0.65%                                       | 1,469.61                        | 120                            | 16.93%                       |
| Tasmania                     | 292,971                              | 15,096         | 85,272                         | 46.14          | 29.11%                                              | 0.31%                                       | 541.11                          | 100                            | 1.23%                        |
| Northern Territory           | 128,728                              | 8,547          | 41,289                         | 16.21          | 32.07%                                              | 0.19%                                       | 392.71                          | 100                            | 0.43%                        |
| Australian Capital Territory | 270,779                              | 19,326         | 103,139                        | 77.45          | 38.09%                                              | 0.40%                                       | 750.88                          | 200                            | 2.07%                        |
| Other Taxpayers              | 151,483                              | 4,312          | 8,647                          | 24.49          | 5.71%                                               | 0.57%                                       | 2,831.66                        | 200                            | 0.65%                        |
| <b>Total<sup>40</sup></b>    | <b>14,288,292</b>                    | <b>874,682</b> | <b>4,430,597</b>               | <b>877,123</b> | <b>31.01%</b>                                       | <b>0.43%</b>                                | <b>845.73</b>                   | <b>115</b>                     | <b>100.00%</b>               |

<sup>39</sup> Source: Table 4: Selected items, by sex, taxable status, state/territory1 and taxable income range, 2017–18 income year. Australian Taxation Office (2019) Taxation Statistics 2017–18

<sup>40</sup> Numbers may not add up due to nondisclosure.

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 5: Income Band<sup>41</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Taxable Income Bands          | Total number of individual taxpayers | Taxable income | Percentage of taxpayers in income band to total | Total tax-deductible donations |                 | Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers | Donations as a percentage of taxable income | Average tax-deductible donation | Percentage of national total |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                               |                                      | \$m            | Taxpayers                                       | no.                            | \$m             | %                                                   | %                                           | \$                              | %                            |
| Non-taxable                   | 3,424,322                            | 37,819         | 23.97%                                          | 343,950                        | 285.74          | 10.04%                                              | 0.76%                                       | \$830.75                        | 7.63%                        |
| Less than or equal to \$6,000 | 36,681                               | 102            | 0.26%                                           | 1,584                          | 1.04            | 4.32%                                               | 1.02%                                       | \$659.49                        | 0.03%                        |
| \$6,001 to \$10,000           | 21,365                               | 170            | 0.15%                                           | 1,036                          | 0.58            | 4.85%                                               | 0.34%                                       | \$564.00                        | 0.02%                        |
| \$10,001 to \$18,200          | 36,647                               | 512            | 0.26%                                           | 2,064                          | 0.90            | 5.63%                                               | 0.18%                                       | \$435.15                        | 0.02%                        |
| \$18,201 to \$25,000          | 591,983                              | 13,465         | 4.14%                                           | 125,112                        | 37.70           | 21.13%                                              | 0.28%                                       | \$301.29                        | 1.01%                        |
| \$25,001 to \$30,000          | 650,265                              | 17,890         | 4.55%                                           | 166,302                        | 50.36           | 25.57%                                              | 0.28%                                       | \$302.83                        | 1.34%                        |
| \$30,001 to \$37,000          | 1,029,139                            | 34,651         | 7.20%                                           | 296,924                        | 106.36          | 28.85%                                              | 0.31%                                       | \$358.20                        | 2.84%                        |
| \$37,001 to \$40,000          | 623,410                              | 24,295         | 4.36%                                           | 199,361                        | 80.14           | 31.98%                                              | 0.33%                                       | \$402.00                        | 2.14%                        |
| \$40,001 to \$45,000          | 605,632                              | 26,042         | 4.24%                                           | 211,448                        | 74.51           | 34.91%                                              | 0.29%                                       | \$352.37                        | 1.99%                        |
| \$45,001 to \$50,000          | 741,391                              | 35,211         | 5.19%                                           | 271,788                        | 91.18           | 36.66%                                              | 0.26%                                       | \$335.49                        | 2.43%                        |
| \$50,001 to \$55,000          | 697,603                              | 36,603         | 4.88%                                           | 262,982                        | 89.23           | 37.70%                                              | 0.24%                                       | \$339.29                        | 2.38%                        |
| \$55,001 to \$60,000          | 620,445                              | 35,638         | 4.34%                                           | 243,660                        | 88.09           | 39.27%                                              | 0.25%                                       | \$361.54                        | 2.35%                        |
| \$60,001 to \$70,000          | 1,052,493                            | 68,238         | 7.37%                                           | 431,789                        | 172.70          | 41.03%                                              | 0.25%                                       | \$399.96                        | 4.61%                        |
| \$70,001 to \$80,000          | 859,508                              | 64,335         | 6.02%                                           | 364,475                        | 143.49          | 42.41%                                              | 0.22%                                       | \$393.69                        | 3.83%                        |
| \$80,001 to \$90,000          | 731,555                              | 62,124         | 5.12%                                           | 310,883                        | 152.55          | 42.50%                                              | 0.25%                                       | \$490.69                        | 4.07%                        |
| \$90,001 to \$100,000         | 537,340                              | 50,944         | 3.76%                                           | 244,414                        | 118.32          | 45.49%                                              | 0.23%                                       | \$484.08                        | 3.16%                        |
| \$100,001 to \$150,000        | 1,252,537                            | 149,869        | 8.77%                                           | 579,817                        | 357.79          | 46.29%                                              | 0.24%                                       | \$617.07                        | 9.55%                        |
| \$150,001 to \$180,000        | 298,480                              | 49,105         | 2.09%                                           | 135,752                        | 157.14          | 45.48%                                              | 0.32%                                       | \$1,157.52                      | 4.19%                        |
| \$180,001 to \$250,000        | 266,026                              | 55,088         | 1.86%                                           | 126,814                        | 200.65          | 47.67%                                              | 0.36%                                       | \$1,582.25                      | 5.35%                        |
| \$250,001 to \$500,000        | 160,241                              | 53,074         | 1.12%                                           | 83,194                         | 657.73          | 51.92%                                              | 1.24%                                       | \$7,905.96                      | 17.55%                       |
| \$500,001 to \$1,000,000      | 37,206                               | 24,791         | 0.26%                                           | 19,608                         | 165.46          | 52.70%                                              | 0.67%                                       | \$8,438.59                      | 4.42%                        |
| \$1,000,001 or more           | 14,023                               | 34,717         | 0.10%                                           | 7,640                          | 715.45          | 54.48%                                              | 2.06%                                       | \$93,645.00                     | 19.09%                       |
| <b>Total<sup>42</sup></b>     | <b>14,288,292</b>                    | <b>877,123</b> | <b>100.00%</b>                                  | <b>4,430,597</b>               | <b>3,747.10</b> | <b>31.01%</b>                                       | <b>0.43%</b>                                | <b>845.73</b>                   | <b>100.00%</b>               |

<sup>41</sup> Source: Table 4: Selected items, by gender, taxable status, state/territory and taxable income range, 2017–18 income year. Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18.

<sup>42</sup> Numbers may not add up due to nondisclosure and/or rounding.

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 6: Highest Total Deductible Gifts by State and Postcode<sup>43</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Postcode   | Locations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No. of Gifting taxpayers | Amount of Gift \$ | Average Gift \$ | % Making Gift | % of Taxable Income |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>NSW</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 2110       | Hunters Hill, Woolwich                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2,115                    | \$69,758,860      | \$32,982.91     | 33.76%        | 6.27%               |
| 2008       | Chippendale, Darlington                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,430                    | \$69,737,045      | \$48,767.16     | 22.68%        | 18.76%              |
| 2030       | Dover Heights, HMAS Watson, Rose Bay North, Vaucluse, Watsons Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3,264                    | \$65,021,086      | \$19,920.68     | 32.51%        | 3.56%               |
| 2088       | Mosman, Spit Junction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7,302                    | \$35,855,831      | \$4,910.41      | 35.92%        | 1.03%               |
| 2027       | Darling Point, Edgecliff, HMAS Rushcutters, Point Piper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2,236                    | \$32,815,340      | \$14,675.91     | 36.42%        | 2.69%               |
| <b>VIC</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 3142       | Hawkeburn, Toorak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3,520                    | \$116,464,665     | \$33,086.55     | 34.45%        | 5.79%               |
| 3141       | South Yarra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5,931                    | \$36,630,249      | \$6,176.07      | 31.47%        | 1.83%               |
| 3122       | Auburn South, Glenferrie South, Hawthorn, Hawthorn North, Hawthorn West                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5,620                    | \$32,669,179      | \$5,813.02      | 33.66%        | 1.84%               |
| 3685       | Boorhaman North, Brimin, Browns Plains, Carlyle, Gooramadda, Great Southern, Prentice North, Rutherglen                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 595                      | \$26,350,337      | \$44,286.28     | 34.98%        | 30.29%              |
| 3124       | Camberwell, Camberwell North, Camberwell South, Camberwell West, Hartwell, Middle Camberwell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5,286                    | \$24,403,614      | \$4,616.65      | 34.76%        | 1.71%               |
| <b>QLD</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 4007       | Ascot, Hamilton, Hamilton Central                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2,801                    | \$27,405,308      | \$9,784.12      | 28.86%        | 2.61%               |
| 4069       | Brookfield, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket, Kenmore, Kenmore DC, Kenmore East, Kenmore Hills, Pinjarra Hills, Pullenvale, Upper Brookfield                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6,903                    | \$14,485,103      | \$2,098.38      | 30.81%        | 0.73%               |
| 4051       | Alderley, Enoggera, Gaythorne, Grange, Newmarket, Wilston                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6,477                    | \$11,852,741      | \$1,829.97      | 35.09%        | 0.80%               |
| 4870       | Aeroglen, Barron Gorge, Brinsmead, Bungalow, Cairns, Cairns City, Cairns DC, Cairns MC, Cairns McLeod Street, Cairns North, Earlville, Earlville BC, Edge Hill, Freshwater, Kamerunga, Kanimbla, Lamb Range, Manooora, Manunda, Martynvale, Mooroolool, Parramatta Park, Portsmouth, Redlynch, Stratford, Westcourt, Whitfield | 13,130                   | \$11,653,132      | \$887.52        | 30.10%        | 0.47%               |

<sup>43</sup> Postcodes with less than 100 individuals were excluded from analysis

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 6: Highest Total Deductible Gifts by State and Postcode<sup>43</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Postcode   | Locations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No. of Gifting taxpayers | Amount of Gift \$ | Average Gift \$ | % Making Gift | % of Taxable Income |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 4350       | Athol, Blue Mountain Heights, Centenary Heights, Charlton, Clifford Gardens, Cotswold Hills, Cranley, Darling Heights, Drayton, Drayton North, East Toowoomba, Finnie, Glenvale, Gowrie Mountain, Harlaxton, Harristown, Kearneys Spring, Middle Ridge, Mount Kynoch, Mount Lofty, Mount Rascal, Newtown, North Toowoomba, Northlands, Northpoint, Prince Henry Heights, Rangeville, Redwood, Rockville, South Toowoomba, Toowoomba, Toowoomba City, Toowoomba DC, Toowoomba East, Toowoomba South, Toowoomba Village Fair, Toowoomba West, Top Camp, Torrington, Wellcamp, Westbrook, Wilsonton, Wilsonton Heights, Wyalla Plaza | 19,225                   | \$8,099,234       | \$421.29        | 31.15%        | 0.24%               |
| <b>SA</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 5065       | Dulwich, Glenside, Linden Park, Toorak Gardens, Tasmore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2,118                    | \$5,037,629       | \$2,378.48      | 31.91%        | 0.94%               |
| 5066       | Beaumont, Burnside, Erindale, Hazelwood Park, Stonyfell, Waterfall Gully, Wattle Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2,507                    | \$4,807,018       | \$1,917.44      | 30.56%        | 0.70%               |
| 5034       | Clarence Park, Goodwood, Kings Park, Millswood, Wayville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2,196                    | \$4,156,512       | \$1,892.77      | 33.64%        | 0.86%               |
| 5062       | Brown Hill Creek, Clapham, Hawthorn, Kingswood, Lower Mitcham, Lynton, Mitcham, Mitcham Shopping Centre, Netherby, Springfield, Torrens Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3,352                    | \$4,107,466       | \$1,225.38      | 33.94%        | 0.53%               |
| 5081       | Collinswood, Gilberton, Medindie, Medindie Gardens, Vale Park, Walkerville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,925                    | \$4,046,624       | \$2,102.14      | 31.26%        | 0.69%               |
| <b>WA</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 6011       | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2,017                    | \$409,464,592     | \$203,006.74    | 31.10%        | 37.78%              |
| 6012       | Mosman Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1,581                    | \$7,801,056       | \$4,934.25      | 28.31%        | 1.03%               |
| 6153       | Applecross, Applecross North, Ardross, Brentwood, Canning Bridge Applecross, Mount Pleasant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,059                    | \$7,086,646       | \$1,745.91      | 29.21%        | 0.54%               |
| 6009       | Broadway Nedlands, Crawley, Dalkeith, Nedlands, Nedlands DC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3,392                    | \$6,848,636       | \$2,019.06      | 29.91%        | 0.45%               |
| 6014       | Floreat, Jolimont, Wembley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4,688                    | \$6,342,693       | \$1,352.96      | 33.97%        | 0.50%               |
| <b>TAS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 7250       | Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Launceston, Newstead, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Ravenswood, Riverside, St Leonards, Summerhill, Trevallyn, Travellers Rest, Waverley, West Launceston,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8,373                    | \$6,181,156       | \$738.22        | 29.07%        | 0.39%               |
| 7004       | Battery Point, South Hobart                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1,690                    | \$3,863,987       | \$2,286.38      | 34.54%        | 1.25%               |
| 7005       | Dynnyrne, Lower Sandy Bay, Sandy Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2,689                    | \$3,065,788       | \$1,140.12      | 30.20%        | 0.49%               |
| 7001       | Hobart                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 79                       | \$2,906,735       | \$36,794.11     | 13.17%        | 5.62%               |
| 7000       | Glebe, Hobart, Mount Stuart, North Hobart, Queens Domain, West Hobart                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3,237                    | \$2,302,622       | \$711.34        | 34.20%        | 0.40%               |

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18**  
**Table 6: Highest Total Deductible Gifts by State and Postcode<sup>43</sup>**  
**Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Postcode   | Locations                                                                                                                                                                                    | No. of Gifting taxpayers | Amount of Gift \$ | Average Gift \$ | % Making Gift | % of Taxable Income |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>NT</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 0810       | Alawa, Brinkin, Casuarina, Coconut Grove, Jingili, Lee Point, Lyons, Millner, Moil, Muirhead, Nakara, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri                                        | 7,298                    | \$3,272,259       | \$448.38        | 34.02%        | 0.23%               |
| 0870       | Araluen, Alice Springs, Braitling, Ciccone, Desert Springs, East Side, Gillen, Sadadeen, Stuart, The Gap, White Gums                                                                         | 4,426                    | \$2,381,676       | \$538.11        | 30.97%        | 0.26%               |
| 0820       | Bayview, Charles Darwin, Coonawarra, Darwin DC, East Point, Eaton, Fannie Bay, Larrakeyah, Ludmilla, Parap, Stuart Park, The Gardens, The Narrows, Winnellie, Woolner,                       | 4,391                    | \$1,970,784       | \$448.82        | 33.30%        | 0.18%               |
| 0812       | Anula, Buffalo Creek, Holmes, Karama, Leanyer, Malak, Marrara, Wulagi                                                                                                                        | 4,193                    | \$1,294,108       | \$308.64        | 37.54%        | 0.18%               |
| 0830       | Archer, Driver, Durack, Farrar, Fray, Marlow Lagoon, Moulden, Palmerston, Shoal Bay, Woodroffe, Yarrawonga                                                                                   | 4,390                    | \$1,199,430       | \$273.22        | 39.08%        | 0.16%               |
| <b>ACT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 2603       | Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill                                                                                                                                                          | 2,666                    | \$9,657,306       | \$3,622.40      | 38.92%        | 1.22%               |
| 2602       | Ainslie, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Conner, Watson                                                                                                                                 | 8,038                    | \$7,727,560       | \$961.38        | 38.99%        | 0.51%               |
| 2615       | Charnwood, Dunlop, Flynn, Florey, Fraser, Higgins, Holt, Kippax, Latham, Macgregor, Macnamara, Melba, Stranthnairn, Spence                                                                   | 10,799                   | \$5,741,363       | \$531.66        | 38.37%        | 0.33%               |
| 2611       | Bimberi, Brindabella, Chapman, Cooleman, Coombs, Coree, Denman Prospect, Duffy, Fisher, Holder, Rivett, Stirling, Stromlo, Uriarra, Uriarra Village, Waramanga, Weston, Weston Creek, Wright | 8,112                    | \$5,298,800       | \$653.21        | 41.17%        | 0.37%               |
| 2617       | Belconnen, Belconnen DC, Bruce, Evatt, Giralang, Kaleen, Lawson, McKellar, University of Canberra                                                                                            | 8,084                    | \$5,007,796       | \$619.47        | 35.28%        | 0.35%               |

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**Table 7: Highest Average Deductible Gift by State and Postcode**  
Income Year Ending 30 June 2018

| Postcode   | Locations                                                                                                                                | No. of Gifting taxpayers | Amount of Gift \$ | Average gift \$ | % Making Gift | % of Taxable Income |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>NSW</b> |                                                                                                                                          |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 2008       | Darlington, Chippendale                                                                                                                  | 1,430                    | \$69,737,045      | \$48,767.16     | 22.68%        | 18.76%              |
| 2110       | Hunters Hill, Woolwich                                                                                                                   | 2,115                    | \$69,758,860      | \$32,982.91     | 33.76%        | 6.27%               |
| 2030       | Dover Heights, HMAS Watson, Rose Bay North, Vaucluse, Watsons Bay                                                                        | 3,264                    | \$65,021,086      | \$19,920.68     | 32.51%        | 3.56%               |
| 2027       | Darling Point, Edgecliff, HMAS Rushcutters, Point Piper                                                                                  | 2,236                    | \$32,815,340      | \$14,675.91     | 36.42%        | 2.69%               |
| 2108       | Coasters Retreat, Currawong Beach, Great Mackerel Beach, Palm Beach                                                                      | 404                      | \$5,094,404       | \$12,609.91     | 31.46%        | 2.68%               |
| <b>VIC</b> |                                                                                                                                          |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 3744       | Wandiligong                                                                                                                              | 55                       | \$6,037,982       | \$109,781.49    | 23.21%        | 50.90%              |
| 3944       | Portsea                                                                                                                                  | 149                      | \$8,694,407       | \$58,351.72     | 31.70%        | 16.03%              |
| 3685       | Boorhaman North, Brimin, Browns Plains, Carlyle, Gooramadda, Great Southern, Prentice North, Rutherglen                                  | 595                      | \$26,350,337      | \$44,286.28     | 34.98%        | 30.29%              |
| 3142       | Hawksburn, Toorak                                                                                                                        | 3,520                    | \$116,464,665     | \$33,086.55     | 34.45%        | 5.79%               |
| 3943       | Sorrento                                                                                                                                 | 294                      | \$4,488,354       | \$15,266.51     | 25.32%        | 3.33%               |
| <b>QLD</b> |                                                                                                                                          |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 4705       | Clarke Creek, Lotus Creek, Mackenzie River, Marlborough, Mount Gardiner                                                                  | 27                       | \$456,395         | \$16,903.52     | 11.02%        | 2.35%               |
| 4007       | Ascot, Hamilton, Hamilton Central                                                                                                        | 2,801                    | \$27,405,308      | \$9,784.12      | 28.86%        | 2.61%               |
| 4067       | St Lucia, St Lucia South                                                                                                                 | 1,271                    | \$4,073,502       | \$3,204.96      | 23.65%        | 0.97%               |
| 4069       | Brookfield, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket, Kenmore, Kenmore DC, Kenmore East, Kenmore Hills, Pinjarra Hills, Pullenvale, Upper Brookfield | 6,903                    | \$14,485,103      | \$2,098.38      | 30.81%        | 0.73%               |
| 4424       | Drillham, Drillham, Glenaubyn                                                                                                            | 11                       | \$20,441          | \$1,858.27      | 9.91%         | 0.52%               |
| <b>SA</b>  |                                                                                                                                          |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 5001       | Adelaide                                                                                                                                 | 54                       | \$610,867         | \$11,312.35     | 27.00%        | 2.96%               |
| 5415       | Mintaro, Stanley                                                                                                                         | 32                       | \$185,114         | \$5,784.81      | 21.62%        | 2.77%               |
| 5279       | Koorine, Mount Burr, Mount McIntyre, Short, Wattle Range East                                                                            | 31                       | \$131,884         | \$4,254.32      | 14.83%        | 1.33%               |
| 5201       | Blackfellows Creek, Kuitpo, Meadows, Paris Creek, Prospect Hill                                                                          | 340                      | \$1,133,139       | \$3,332.76      | 25.43%        | 1.43%               |

<sup>44</sup> Postcodes with less than 100 individuals were excluded from analysis

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**Table 7: Highest Average Deductible Gift by State and Postcode**  
Income Year Ending 30 June 2018

| Postcode   | Locations                                                                                                                                                                                      | No. of Gifting taxpayers | Amount of Gift \$ | Average gift \$ | % Making Gift | % of Taxable Income |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 5278       | Kalangadoo, Krongart, Moerlong, Wepar                                                                                                                                                          | 58                       | \$149,515         | \$2,577.84      | 18.35%        | 0.92%               |
| <b>WA</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 6011       | Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove                                                                                                                                                                    | 2,017                    | \$409,464,592     | \$203,006.74    | 31.10%        | 37.78%              |
| 6012       | Mosman Park                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,581                    | \$7,801,056       | \$4,934.25      | 28.31%        | 1.03%               |
| 6237       | Boyanup, Elgin, Gwindinup, North Boyanup, Stratham, The Plains                                                                                                                                 | 408                      | \$905,051         | \$2,218.26      | 26.24%        | 0.95%               |
| 6009       | Broadway Nedlands, Crawley, Dalkeith, Nedlands, Nedlands DC                                                                                                                                    | 3,392                    | \$6,848,636       | \$2,019.06      | 29.91%        | 0.45%               |
| 6333       | Bow Bridge, Denmark, Hay, Hazelvale, Kentdale, Kordabup, Mount Lindesay, Mount Romance, Nornalup, Ocean Beach, Parryville, Peaceful Bay, Scotsdale, Shadforth, Tingleddale, Trent, William Bay | 764                      | \$1,478,385       | \$1,935.06      | 21.36%        | 0.92%               |
| <b>TAS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 7001       | Hobart                                                                                                                                                                                         | 79                       | \$2,906,735       | \$36,794.11     | 13.17%        | 5.62%               |
| 7211       | Cleveland, Conara, Epping Forest                                                                                                                                                               | 17                       | \$46,077          | \$2,710.41      | 16.04%        | 0.97%               |
| 7004       | Battery Point, South Hobart                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,690                    | \$3,863,987       | \$2,286.38      | 34.54%        | 1.25%               |
| 7210       | Campbell Town, Lake Leake                                                                                                                                                                      | 105                      | \$230,088         | \$2,191.31      | 20.23%        | 0.97%               |
| 7209       | Ross, Tooms Lake                                                                                                                                                                               | 45                       | \$65,540          | \$1,456.44      | 19.48%        | 0.50%               |
| <b>NT</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 0851       | Katherine                                                                                                                                                                                      | 174                      | \$339,733         | \$1,952.49      | 18.01%        | 0.57%               |
| NT other   |                                                                                                                                                                                                | 73                       | \$123,459         | \$1,691.22      | 30.93%        | 0.86%               |
| 0874       | Irlpme, Mount Johns, Undoolya                                                                                                                                                                  | 26                       | \$29,806          | \$1,146.38      | 25.49%        | 0.41%               |
| 0880       | Gapuwiyak, Gunyangara, Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala                                                                                                                                                     | 227                      | \$249,942         | \$1,101.07      | 24.25%        | 0.44%               |
| 0875       | Flynn, Larapinta                                                                                                                                                                               | 107                      | \$109,345         | \$1,021.92      | 22.86%        | 0.42%               |
| <b>ACT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                   |                 |               |                     |
| 2603       | Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill                                                                                                                                                            | 2,666                    | \$9,657,306       | \$3,622.40      | 38.92%        | 1.22%               |
| 2600       | Barton, Canberra, Capital Hill, Deakin, Deakin West, Harman, HMAS Harman, Parkes, Russell, Yarralumla                                                                                          | 2,446                    | \$3,612,219       | \$1,476.79      | 41.03%        | 0.56%               |
| 2605       | Curtin, Garran, Hughes                                                                                                                                                                         | 3,266                    | \$4,200,879       | \$1,286.25      | 42.42%        | 0.61%               |
| 2604       | Causeway, Kingston, Narrabundah                                                                                                                                                                | 3,145                    | \$4,040,831       | \$1,284.84      | 38.05%        | 0.54%               |
| 2602       | Ainslie, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Conner, Watson                                                                                                                                   | 8,038                    | \$7,727,560       | \$961.38        | 38.99%        | 0.51%               |

**Taxation Statistics 2017–18<sup>45</sup>**

**Table 8: Occupation Code  
Income Year Ending 30 June 2018**

| Occupation                             | Total number of individual taxpayers | Taxable income | Total tax-deductible donations |            | Average gift | Percentage of donating taxpayers to total taxpayers | Donations as a percentage of taxable income |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                                      | \$ m           | no.                            | \$ m       | \$           | %                                                   | %                                           |
| Managers                               | 1,514,976                            | \$156,988      | 608,738                        | \$763.94   | \$1,254.96   | 40.18%                                              | 0.49%                                       |
| Professionals                          | 2,494,627                            | \$217,240      | 1,054,726                      | \$693.15   | \$657.18     | 42.28%                                              | 0.32%                                       |
| Technicians and Trades Workers         | 1,291,753                            | \$86,446       | 413,587                        | \$111.29   | \$269.08     | 32.02%                                              | 0.13%                                       |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 1,320,127                            | \$55,966       | 409,259                        | \$105.73   | \$258.34     | 31.00%                                              | 0.19%                                       |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers    | 1,567,583                            | \$91,217       | 605,553                        | \$227.86   | \$376.28     | 38.63%                                              | 0.25%                                       |
| Sales Workers                          | 980,725                              | \$40,014       | 253,985                        | \$58.18    | \$229.07     | 25.90%                                              | 0.15%                                       |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers        | 675,167                              | \$42,921       | 240,142                        | \$92.20    | \$383.94     | 35.57%                                              | 0.21%                                       |
| Labourers                              | 1,197,051                            | \$49,359       | 292,328                        | \$74.45    | \$254.68     | 24.42%                                              | 0.15%                                       |
| Other                                  | 3,246,283                            | \$134,532      | 552,279                        | \$1,620.29 | \$2,933.83   | 17.01%                                              | 1.20%                                       |

<sup>45</sup> Source: Table 14: Selected items, by occupation, sex and taxable income range, 2010–11 to 2017–18 income years. Australian Taxation Office (2020) Taxation Statistics 2017–18.



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