

48 Heroes Of Philanthropy

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For the eighth straight year we spotlight notable philanthropists in the Asia-Pacific region, especially those who made news in the past year by launching new and innovative projects. The 48-member honor roll ranges from billionaires with expansive visions of how best to help society to less well-known business people whose generosity is also leaving a huge mark.

Our goal is not to rank the biggest givers—the figures would be impossible to collect. Instead we aim to call attention to people and causes. We try to identify a new group of altruists each year, though several people here are returning to the list because of an important donation or project announced since a year ago. And the goal is to pick only true philanthropists — people who are giving their own money, not their company's (unless they own most of the company), because donating shareholder funds isn't exactly charity.

We also don't list people who work in philanthropy solely as foundation heads, volunteers or fundraisers. They're crucial to carrying out the projects outlined here, but we want to focus on the people writing the checks and sketching the broad vision. Of course, many people here do several things — they donate their own money while also having their company kick in some funds. Either way, if our effort in compiling this roster encourages more people to support worthy causes, then it's a success.

Here is the list, arranged alphabetically by country and by honoree within each country:

AUSTRALIA



Clive Berghofer 79

FOUNDER, CLIVE BERGHOFER GROUP

Last August donated \$45 million to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, now renamed QIMR Berghofer. Had previously donated \$5.5 million to the institute for a cancer research center in 2001. Left school at 13 to work in a sawmill; moved into land sales and property development in his hometown of Toowoomba. Has also supported local schools, sports clubs, hospitals and charities, as well as the University of Southern Queensland.



Audette Exel 51

COFOUNDER & CEO, ISIS (ASIA PACIFIC) PTY.

Her ISIS Foundation helps more than 30,000 impoverished people each year in Nepal and Uganda, joining with local health care, education and infrastructure groups. Grew up in New Zealand, then worked as an international finance lawyer in Australia and Hong Kong. Appointed managing director of a Bermuda bank at age 30, then cofounded the foundation in 1998 and also ISIS (Asia Pacific) to fund its overhead costs. Now based in Sydney, the firm—which advises on corporate acquisitions and raises money for fund managers—has donated more than \$7 million to the foundation.



Andrew Forrest 53

FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, FORTESCUE METALS GROUP

Donated \$62 million to Western Australia's five universities last October to fund scholarships and a residential college. In March launched the Global Freedom Network, an alliance between three major religions and his Walk Free Foundation to end slavery. Also works to boost job prospects and health care for the country's indigenous people. Stepped down as CEO of iron-ore giant Fortescue in 2011 to concentrate on philanthropy. He and his wife, Nicola, were the first Australians to sign the Giving Pledge, in 2013, promising to donate most of their wealth to charity during their lifetimes.



James Packer 46

CHAIRMAN, CROWN RESORTS

Established the \$56 million Sydney Arts Fund in November, following government approval for his \$2 billion casino resort on Sydney Harbour. Donation is divided equally between his family's foundation and its half-owned casino operator, Crown Resorts. Half the funding will go to arts groups in Sydney's poor, western suburbs.

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