

For Release: 9 June 2026

ANZ invests in First Nations-led financial empowerment through partnership with First Nations Foundation

ANZ has announced a two-year Impact Partnership with [First Nations Foundation \(FNF\)](#), a national organisation dedicated to improving financial literacy, economic empowerment and long-term financial wellbeing for First Nations peoples.

The partnership advances a key commitment under ANZ's 10-year Australian First Nations Strategy, '[Fuelling the Fire](#)' to invest in First Nations-led financial education and wellbeing initiatives that support economic self-determination.

Over the two-year partnership, the Foundation's in-person community outreach will expand, and is expected to support hundreds more First Nations people nationally to build financial capability, confidence and pathways to improved financial outcomes. First Nations customers, including individuals and businesses, will also gain access to culturally grounded financial education, through FNF's *My Money Dream* and *My Business Dream* programs.

The partnership will also strengthen ANZ staff understanding of First Nations peoples' unique relationships with money through cultural competency training for staff, designed to improve customer experience.

ANZ Head of First Nations Strategy, Shelley Cable, said: "This partnership is a meaningful investment in First Nations-led solutions that support financial empowerment and long-term independence.

"Our shared ambition with First Nations Foundation is to invest in First Nations people to become financially empowered and confident. This will create greater choice, opportunity and self-determination for First Nations people, customers and communities."

The collaboration builds on the success of FNF's *Financial Wellness Outreach* initiative, which has already helped reconnect First Nations people with more than \$31 million in lost superannuation since 2016 – highlighting the impact of trusted, place-based engagement.

FNF CEO and Wiradjuri and Ngiyampaa woman, Leah Bennett, said: "By choosing to partner with FNF, ANZ is not just supporting a program or a project, they're investing in community-led solutions, cultural strength, and long-term change. Self-determination is central to how we lead and design our work.

"Our communities know what's best for us, and we're at our strongest when we're backed by the trust, leadership, and support of partners like ANZ."

As Australia's only national First Nations-led financial education provider, First Nations Foundation works alongside communities to deliver culturally grounded, evidence-based programs that strengthen financial confidence and economic participation. With deep community trust and a strong track record of impact, FNF combines advocacy, capability building and collaboration to drive sustained, community-led change.

For media enquiries contact:

Alexandra La Sala
Public Relations Advisor
Tel: +61 499 292 554

Kate Power
Public Relations Manager
Tel: + 61 481 547 556

About First Nations Foundation: First Nations Foundation (FNF) is dedicated to empowering Indigenous Australians to take control of their financial future through all aspects of their training and education initiatives. As the only national First Nations financial education provider in Australia, FNF leverages evidence-based research to

inform its programs and advocate for systemic changes to enhance financial security among First Nations Australians. The Foundation's efforts aim to increase individuals' confidence in managing finances, reduce shame associated with financial matters, and promote intergenerational knowledge sharing.

About ANZ's First Nations Strategy: In June 2025, ANZ announced the launch of 'Fuelling the Fire', its inaugural Australian First Nations Strategy and a landmark first for the Australian banking sector. Harnessing the combined strengths of ANZ and First Nations, the ten-year strategy aims to advance First Nations' aspirations for economic self-determination. ANZ was the first major Australian company to register a Reconciliation Action Plan in 2007 and has since completed five. The First Nations Strategy builds on this foundation.