

Canberra Community Chest

Partner Prospectus

Sunday, 22 November 2026



2025 Partners

Bosom Buddies
Canberra Rape Crisis Centre
Dainere's Rainbow
Daniela Dwyer Foundation
Equine Pathways Australia
Palliative Care ACT
Pegasus Riding for the Disabled
Project Independence
Respite Care for Queanbeyan
Rise Above – Capital Region Cancer Relief
The Shepherd Centre
Water Wombats - Aquatic Disability Services



- “The Canberra Community Chest brings together some great charities & community groups to celebrate all that we do. None of these organisations could meet their mission without the support of the community and teaming up with Thoroughbred Park and these magnificent equine superheroes just makes sense. Whilst we all get to compete for valuable prize money we mingle with likeminded people and our deeds are championed to the community. This contribution (\$25,500) enabled us to support the growing number of cancer patients we support and directly it supported an additional 10 individual and families. This contribution is the equivalent to 125 food vouchers, or covered 80 bill payments, or covering the initial fertility preservation costs for 50 patients.” **Rise Above Capital Region Cancer Care CEO Wayne Simpson (2023 winning partner)**
- “My first reaction was a mix of disbelief, gratitude, and overwhelming joy. A day on, the excitement has settled into a deep sense of pride and gratitude. The team is energised, emotional, and motivated. We’ve had families and supporters reaching out, everyone is feeling the significance of what this means for our children. The \$25,000 is a significant contribution for the small but impactful Water Wombats, with the winnings to help provide inclusive, trauma-informed, and neurodiversity-affirming programs that support children’s development in and out of the water. It’s more than a prize, it’s momentum for real change, this funding will be transformative.” **Water Wombats Founder Carol Jennings (2025 winning partner)**

Canberra Community Chest

When: Sunday, 22 November 2026

What: The Canberra Community Chest will be Canberra's equal richest race with \$250,000 up for grabs, \$200,000 prizemoney plus a \$50,000 community chest for the 12 charity and community partners

The race will feature 12 runners with one charity and community partner designated for each runner

The Canberra Community Chest will be a Quality Open Handicap over 1400m which is limited to 12 runners.

Why: Community giving. Each partner will receive portion of the \$50,000 community chest based on the finishing position of their designated horse. The partner with the winning horse will receive \$25,000 and the last placed horse will receive \$1,000.

Who: Charities and community groups with a meaningful connection to the Canberra region (further details follow)

How: Applications are via Thoroughbredpark.com.au and close at 5pm, Wednesday, 2 September 2026



Eligible Partners

You may be eligible to apply for a Partner Slot in the Canberra Community Chest if either:

(a) You are a Registered Charity, Community Group, or Sporting Club based in:

- (a) the Australian Capital Territory ('ACT');
- (b) Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council area; or
- (c) the Yass Valley Council area, or

(b) You are an equine welfare related charity.

a) If you are a Registered Charity, Community Group, or Sporting Club the following conditions apply:

1. Registered Charities must be endorsed as having DGR status;
2. Community Groups must have a clear and demonstrated mission to serve the local community;
3. Community Groups must not have annual income exceeding \$3,000,000 in the preceding financial year;
4. Sporting Clubs must have a clear and demonstrated mission to serve the local community through the promotion of a sport or activity; and
5. Sporting Clubs must not have annual income exceeding \$3,000,000 in the preceding financial year.

b) The Canberra Racing Club reserves the right to exclude any potential Partner from participating in the Canberra Community Chest in its absolute discretion, including if:

1. the potential Partners values do not align with the Canberra Racing Club values; or
2. that potential Partner could bring the Canberra Racing Club into disrepute.

An independent selection committee will determine the 11 most appropriate, all either eligible applicants then entering a public vote to determine the 12th and final partner.



Partner Obligations

- 1) Partners of the Canberra Community Chest will be encouraged to:
 - a) Promote the 'Canberra Community Chest' on their website, social media channels, and other relevant platforms
 - b) Inspire their supporters and members to participate in the event
 - c) Be named and promoted as a 'partner' of the 'Canberra Community Chest' race in all relevant promotional materials.



Partner Benefits

- A share of the minimum \$50,000 partner prizemoney determined by finishing position of designated runner (up to \$25,000)
- An equal share (1/12th) of all other fundraising efforts made by CRC to contribute to the Chest
- 4 tickets to Canberra Community Chest Black-Tie
- Brand exposure through CRC owned channels, earned media and paid advertising campaign
- Networking opportunities with like-minded organisations

	Partner Prize (AUD)
1st	25000
2nd	7500
3rd	5000
4th	3000
5th	2000
6th	1500
7th	1000
8th	1000
9th	1000
10th	1000
11th	1000
12th	1000

Canberra Community Chest Black Tie

- Held in Thoroughbred Park's premier room, the Owners and Trainers Lounge
- Each partner will receive four complimentary invitations to the Black-Tie event held on Thursday, 19 November
- All-inclusive event showcasing the best produce from the region
- A representative of the partner will be involved in the random selection of their runner on the evening
- Media will be in attendance to amplify the message of Canberra Community Chest and its partners
- Politicians, media and community leaders will be amongst invitees
- Opportunity for partners to grow connection and network with likeminded organisations



Canberra Community Chest Race Day Offering

- Quality eight-race program
- Each partners will be invited to activate at the event with a 3m x 3m site to support initiatives & programs
- Access to all-inclusive Canberra Community Chest Luncheon
- Live music
- Food Vans
- Face Painters
- Photo wall





Media & Promotion

- Partners will receive a media kit to assist with the promotion of the Canberra Community Chest and their brand
- Significant exposure via Sky Racing who broadcast Canberra racing to 68 countries globally and 3,000+ venues throughout Australia
- On-course signage at Thoroughbred Park
- Social media campaign executed by all parties (including CRC paid campaign)
- CRC radio campaign through Canberra FM
- Leveraging media partnership with Region Media, Canberra Times, Amplify FM and Win TV.
- Leveraging all parties' databases through EDM campaign
- Leveraging all parties' media networks to drive earned media including media day at Thoroughbred Park in the week preceding race day

Application Process

- To apply to be one of 12 partners for the inaugural Canberra Community Chest, please go to thoroughbredpark.com.au
- Applications close Wednesday, 2 September.
- Independent selection committee will select the 11 partners who best align with the selection criteria.
- These partners will be announced within 2 weeks of applications closing, with all other eligible partners going to a public vote. The most voted organisation will then gain the 12th and final partnership in the Canberra Community Chest with public voting to close on Friday, 6 November.