Sydney Funding Blueprint





Sydney



Overall Score: 49.7 out of 100 | Overall Rank: 9 out of 55

Overall Rank		9
	Capital	9
	Number/Value	18
	Gender Proportion	7
	Women's Capital Base	15

Funding Snapshot:

- Total funding in Australia reached \$3.5 billion in 2023 (down 54% on 2022) across 413 deals (down 21% on 2022).
 (The State of Australian Startup Funding 2023)¹
- On a positive note, 2023 deal value narrowly eclipsed the pre-pandemic average, suggesting a normalization of the VC market. Indeed, a host of macroeconomic factors such as inflation and geopolitical volatility has put strains on the Australian venture ecosystem. (Pitchbook 2024)²
- Relative to larger economies, Australia remains a small market—roughly 20% smaller than the population of California—and their private markets contend with unique challenges for growth. (Pitchbook 2024)³
- New South Wales received 61% of funding, followed by Victoria (16%) and Queensland (10%) (The State of Australian Startup Funding 2023)⁴
- Start-ups are vital to Australia's economic prosperity. However, only 27% of Australian start-ups are founded by women (Statista 2024)⁵ and 35% of small businesses owners are women (ASBFEO 2023).⁶
- 4% of funding went to female only founders in 2023 (up from 2% in 2022) vs 18% for mixed gender teams and 12% of deals involved female-only founders (up from 9% in 2022) vs 26% involving mixed gender teams (The State of Australian Startup Funding 2023)⁷
- 2023 Female founders spent 513 hours on successful fundraising and met 105 investors before raising, vs male founders who spent 342 hours and met 138 investors. (Startupmuster 2023)⁸
- Sydney ranks 9th place overall (out of 55 cities) and 9th in the Capital pillar ranking of the WE Cities 2023 report (S&P / Dell Technologies 2023)⁹



^{1,4,7,10,18} https://www.australianstartupfunding.com

^{2 3.11} https://pitchbook.com/news/reports/2024-australia-new-zealand-private-capital-breakdown

³ https://www.deloitte.com/au/en/services/economics/analysis/accelerating-women-founders.html

⁴ https://www.statista.com/statistics/886943/australia-startup-foundersbygender/#:~:text=According%20to%20a%20survey%20conducted,founders%20in%20Australia%20were%20female.

^{5.19} https://www.asbfeo.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-07/Small%20Business%20Matters_June%20203%20%281%29.pdf

^{6,17} https://app.startupmuster.com

^{7,12} https://dwen.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/WE-Cities-2023-Blueprint-Sydney-English-PDF.pdf





Australia has a very specific context that directly impacts its funding landscape. The lack of depth in the investor community is a challenge for the market overall, which is small in comparison with many other regions searching for growth in the private markets. For example, there are only a handful of large venture funds in the region, and a common frustration among VC managers is the difficulty for the broader venture community to attain support from large-scale allocators. In 2023 there were just 374 investors recorded in funded deal data, vs 833 in 2022. International investors continue to support the local funding ecosystem. 42% of 2023 deals included at least one international investor in the round (down from 47% in 2022), the majority of this funding coming from the United States, with other investors from India and the UK also actively investing in Australian startups.¹⁰

The Australian venture landscape consists of two camps—one being the three largest firms and the other being a number of smaller funds—with a lack of middle ground between them. All of Australia's largest VC firms were founded during the past decade or so and have played an important role in the regional ecosystem by supporting Aussie founders who historically suffered from a lack of domestic venture funding options. The top three players are Blackbird Ventures, Airtree Ventures, and Square Peg Capital. Square Peg is the only one among the three that is not an Australia-first fund and invests across several global markets. Each raised funds of at least \$500 million along with a swath of other funds, taking each of their AUM into the billions. After those three, there is a wide gap in fund size. More than 80% of the funds raised in Australia & New Zealand since 2015 have been smaller than \$100 million (including some funds from those three large firms). This creates a glut of investors and capital at the early stages of VC and few domestic investors aside from super funds to drive growth investment (Series A upwards).

"The stats on funding of women founders are devastatingly low and easily discouraging as a founder as well as an investor. It is important to keep creating a welcoming environment for women, not just waiting for the opportunity to invest, but all the way from the beginning - to encourage women to safely join the startup industry, build companies and widen the funnel. There is no quick fix, but a long journey that all of us have a responsibility to be part of." - Michael Batko, CEO, Startmate commented on the State of Venture Capital report.

Sydney, the capital of New South Wales (NSW), is the leading tech and innovation ecosystem in the Southern Hemisphere. Home to over 3,000 tech startups, it is the regional HQ for more than 600 multinational companies capitalizing on the state's research, talent, and business-friendly regulatory environment. Internationally-recognised unicorns with global HQs in Sydney include women-founded <u>Canva</u> and <u>Airwallex</u>. Sydney consistently ranks highly in global indices for its



^{8,4,7,10,18} https://www.australianstartupfunding.com

^{9,3,11} https://pitchbook.com/news/reports/2024-australia-new-zealand-private-capital-breakdown

^{10,12} https://dwen.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/WE-Cities-2023-Blueprint-Sydney-English-PDF.pdf





ecosystem strengths, having been ranked in the top 20 most innovative cities in the world in 2023. It has the highest ecosystem value among Oceania ecosystems, with a \$72Bn ecosystem value (H2 2021_2023) and an exit value of \$13Bn. Sydney is also recognized for its strengths in Fintech, adoption of Artificial Intelligence by government, cybersecurity, creative and gaming, and quantum technologies. The city attracts substantial venture capital investment, fuelling growth of the tech and innovation sectors. In 2023, 61% of all capital raised in Australia was raised in NSW. International tech giants are also investing heavily into Sydney. Key highlights include Google's \$1 billion Digital Future Initiative, Microsoft's new Data Centre Academy investing in skills and training, and Amazon Web Services cloud computing expansion. South by Southwest festival has chosen Sydney as its second and only home outside Texas to showcase the latest innovation in tech, gaming, film, and music to digital creatives in the Asia Pacific over the coming decade. (Startup Genome 2024 – Sydney report)¹³

The Australian Government has awarded \$18.4 million to the University of Sydney to establish Quantum Australia to help grow the quantum industry and ecosystem in Australia. (University of Sydney 2024)¹⁴ The NSW Government has built a strong ecosystem for startups and supports hubs across greater Sydney, from the Sydney Startup Hub (home to 400 startups) and Tech Central Scaleup Hub in central CBD to the Western Sydney Startup Hub in Parramatta.

"Sydney has the #1 ranked startup ecosystem in Oceania ¹⁵ and with anchor tenants like Atlassian and Block, the appeal of Tech Central is genuinely global. Whether you're in London, Tokyo or Mumbai, everyone knows the value of locating near these unicorns," says Katie Knight, CEO, Investment NSW.

A fantastic new initiative called Equity Clear born from a group of investors (Scale Investors, Alberts and Giant Leap), is dedicated to fostering diversity and inclusion in the startup world. They believe in "diversity from the start" and that inclusivity in ideas and innovation means we can unlock a wealth of untapped potential and drive economic success for all. They collect and publish pipeline and investment data, starting with gender and are now extending reporting to include intersectional representation and identities. This is a best practice that other countries/regions or cities could mirror to foster more transparency and accountability among investors about how they allocate their funds along gender lines.

General Sources of Funding in Sydney/Australia-Wide

There are many diverse sources of funding for startups in Sydney and Australia-wide including angel networks, vc and private equity funds, funding platforms and strong government programs supported by Invest NSW and diverse grant-making bodies. Despite a common tendency for



^{11,15} https://startupgenome.com/articles/sydney-leads-discover-oceanias-top-startup-ecosystems

 $^{{\}tt 12}\, {\tt https://www.sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2024/04/29/university-of-sydney-awarded--18-4-million-for-national-quantum-.html}$





entrepreneurs to focus on angels and venture capital funds, women entrepreneurs are encouraged to explore both non-dilutive (where you retain equity, such as grants, debt) and dilutive (equity) options to fund and scale their businesses. The following investor/sources of funding databases may also be useful: Investor List and AngelMatch.



Dilutive

There are many angel networks in Australia and in Sydney for you to approach including: Aussie Angels, Sydney Angels, and Angel Investment Network – Australia. As mentioned before, the key VC funds to explore are AirtreeVC, Blackbird Ventures (who invested in Canva) and Square Peg as well as GiantLeap, Scalare Partners (who just acquired Tech Ready Women), Investible and Singapore-based Vulpes Ventures, who also invests in southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Notable family offices and VC funds in Sydney are Alberts, and Euphemia. Equity crowdfunding is an attractive source of funding, as you can also engage your customer/user community, and increase brand awareness as well as raise funding. Three interesting equity platforms for you to explore further are Birchal, OnMarket, and Billfolda. Finally, key accelerators based in Sydney who invest in startups are Antler Australia (part of the global accelerator network) and UNSW Founders Program, which includes the 10x Accelerator programs in Health, Biotech, Defense, Climate and All Industries to equip founders with key business skills, to become investment-ready.

Non Dilutive

In Australia, there's a wide array of grants available to support small businesses, reflecting the commitment of all levels of government to foster a diverse and robust entrepreneurial ecosystem including the Industry Growth Program, CSIRO Kick-start Fund, Small Business Export Loan, and NSW Government MVP Ventures Program and TechVoucher Scheme. Find more grants in different regions showcased by Dell for Startups/Grants Office here. Revenue-based financing companies, also known as royalty-based financing companies, such as Choco Up, and Swoop provide upfront capital in exchange for a percentage of top line revenue, or a fixed percentage of each contract. These solutions are ideal for companies with predictable, recurring revenue such as SaaS companies, ecommerce retailers, subscription businesses, and more. Also check your local and regional banks for small business loans.







Top sources for Women Entrepreneurs

As reflected in Sydney's high overall and capital rankings in the <u>We Cities Sydney report</u>, Sydney has many resources for women entrepreneurs in the form of sources of funding, communities for women entrepreneurs, and other key resources for founders (accelerators, business networks). The Equity Clear initiative mentioned before, encouraging more transparency in the allocation of funds by gender to startups and scale-ups, will hopefully be an even greater catalyst to help increase funding to all women founder teams from the current 4%. We will also mention specific resources for women founders who identify as being from First Nations/Indigenous peoples.



Dilutive

<u>Scale Investors</u> is Australia's first and only network of angel investors committed to investing in and empowering exceptional early-stage women entrepreneurs since 2013.

"At Scale Investors, our mission is to maximise returns by investing in the best women-led startups in Australia and New Zealand. Our vision is to be in a world where gender does not limit access to capital," shares Solai Valliappan, Partner.

<u>Coralus</u>, (formerly SheEO) the international collective of angel investors founded by Vicki Saunders, invests in diverse women founders, 45% of whom are from chronically excluded racial and ethnic groups.

A new women-focused VC focused on investing in women building high growth tech ventures on the scene is Apac fund F5 Collective and Female Led Ventures, led by one of Australia's most respected women VC's, Carol Schwartz AO, is helping to change the funding landscape by investing in women fund managers as well as directly in underrepresented female founders. Skalata, based in Melbourne, is Australia's leading seed-stage venture capital firm and they are committed to funding more women founders, and openly sharing their investment by gender data as part of the Equity Clear initiative. Your current investors can apply to the Alice Anderson Fund, that invests in women-led startups on behalf of Victoria-based women-founded startups, so check them out too. The \$100 million Female Leaders VC Fund from Artesian invests at Series A & B high-growth, female-led startups overlooked by other VCs and underrepresented in Artesian's existing portfolios. ALIVIA Ventures, the California-based VC firm invests in early-stage women tech founders in Australia and the United States and they recently took the Beyond the Billion pledge to invest in more women founders in Australia.







Non-Dilutive (grants and others)

Leading Australian bank Westpac recently injected \$63 million to support female founders ¹⁶, since announcing a \$500 million commitment to back more women in businesses in 2023. Their research shows 51 per cent of women plan to apply for finance to support short to medium business growth, yet more women find it harder to access finance compared with men (29% women to 21% men). Apart from <u>providing specific loans to women founders</u>, they also support the UNSW Founders 10X Accelerator program and other programs.

New arrival, the <u>Woelf Fund</u>, invites women entrepreneurs excluded from traditional financing by providing fair, SDG-focused loans, boosting economic participation for women-owned SMEs in Australia. Women based in Australia investing in women, they provide loans to women founders through individual loans of \$5,000 upwards to \$25,000+. Mary-Anne Anderson, one of the Woelf founders shares,

"Be more meaningful to folks already in your sphere. Although it's been my preferred way in small business over many years, the idea seems to have been lost in our consumer capitalist world over the decades - although it intersects perfectly with the intention of patient and impactful capital."

Other Resources for Women Entrepreneurs – in Sydney and NSW



When it comes to supporting women entrepreneurs, <u>SBE Australia</u> understands the unique challenges women face and has been providing access to tools, networks and knowledge since 2012. Over the last 10+ years, SBE Australia, Not For Profit ("NFP") organization has supported 400 women-founded businesses raising more than \$2 billion of capital, with 85% of companies still in business. <u>Sydney Startups</u> is Australia's largest online community for startups and investors, connecting the community with many resources including finding co-founders to advice and mentoring. <u>Startups and Angels</u> organize Investor week to bring together investors and founders including an illustrious pitch competition with a \$1M USD prize, and <u>Spark Festival</u> is Australia's largest entrepreneurial community – not to be missed!



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¹³ https://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/media/media-releases/2024/08-March/#_ftn1





Key accelerators include <u>Techstars Tech Central Sydney</u>, and <u>Fishburners</u>, with Westpac's backing, will be launching two programs under the <u>Ascent Project</u> aimed at increasing the representation of female founders in the startup ecosystem. 24% of incubators and accelerators are run by universities. (Startupmuster 2023)¹⁷ and UNSW offers the <u>New Wave program</u> for students, staff and alumni who identify as women to access workshops, coaching and mentors.

Leading co-working space Stone and Chalk have four hubs across Australia and residents have raised \$1BN since joining and Upstairs Regional Incubator Bathurst supports Central West regional businesses in NSW through mentoring programs, pitch events and connections with investors. If you go to Melbourne, Launchpad is a great place to work from. WIRE (women in rural, regional and remote enterprises) helps women in rural locations build their businesses. For International companies setting up in Australia, check out the International Landing Pad within the Sydney Startup Hub. Women founders looking to access other markets and find new customers, whether inside Australia or internationally should explore getting certified as women owned businesses via WeConnect International- Australia or Female Owned and Social Traders who certify social enterprises. Scaling, high growth women founders with revenues over \$1M should explore EO Sydney and YPO Australia New Zealand.

Resources for First Nations /indigenous women founders:















Many diverse founders revealed a divergence in outcomes regarding perceived support and capital-raising ability among founders from different ethnicities. (The State of Australian Startup Funding 2023)¹⁸. The limited available data suggests that First Nations Australians are underrepresented in small business ownership. Only 1% of small business owners self-identified as First Nations Australians and 3% of the Australian population self-identified as First Nations Australians. (ASBFEO 2023).¹⁹ Here are some specific resources for women entrepreneurs who identify as being part of this community. Indigenous Business Australia has a suite of finance products including business loans, startup finance package, invoice finance and performance bonds, to help companies that are 50% or more Indigenous-owned. First Australians Capital (Newcastle/Mulubinba) provides a range of resources to Indigenous businesses, including professional business support and services, networking and access to financial capital. Pacific Women's Professional & Business Network (PWPBN) is a collective of Pacific women united to Share, Empower, and Inspire. Members hold a shared concern for the challenges faced by Pacific



^{14 ,17} https://app.startupmuster.com

^{15 ,4,7,10,18} https://www.australianstartupfunding.com

^{16,19} https://www.asbfeo.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-07/Small%20Business%20Matters_June%202023%20%281%29.pdf





women in NSW, Australia, and across the global landscape. <u>Supply Nation</u> is Australia's leading database of verified Indigenous businesses and women founders are encouraged to register and get certified. <u>The Creative Cooperative – Anyone Can Program</u> helps black women and women of color with non-dilutive funding, support and training and the <u>Catalysr – Accelerate Program</u> is an award-winning startup accelerator for high-performing migrant and refugee entrepreneurs. Finally, the <u>First Nations Entrepreneurs Program at AgriPark</u> connects founders to create sustainable opportunities with innovation through an innovation lens, where every step forward honors the pathways forged by First Nations change makers.

Prominent Communities for Women Entrepreneurs



Women founders tend to have different networks and communities to men, which can directly impact access to information and contacts when fundraising, especially when it comes to warm introductions – the preferred way for most investors to find potential deal flow. This section celebrates and amplifies some of the support systems and networks for inclusion available to women founders in Sydney. The Future Female Entrepreneurs Program (FFEP) is an innovative entrepreneurship program, available free to all women and girls in Australia funded under the Australian Government's Women's Leadership and Development Program. The FFEP seeks to build an industry alliance of Australia's digital leaders, education professionals, entrepreneurial organizations, large and small businesses to ensure Australia's next generation of businesswomen have the skills to run their own businesses or transform the industries in which they work.

Women community networks that have been supporting women entrepreneurs for many years include Apropella (formerly Heads Over Heels), Business Chicks, Business Women Australia and Women's Network Australia and DWEN Australia-Sydney Chapter (Dell women entrepreneurs network). Most offer community events, mentoring and access to networks and learning. Women in tech communities include Tech ready Women, Her Tech Circle (formerly Girls in Tech) and Girl Geek Academy, who are on a mission to get 1M women and girls into technology careers by 2030. The Sydney Hills Business Chamber – Women in Business Program is designed to provide opportunities for women in business in the region to connect and build relationships with other women in business. The Startmate/Ladymates program offers a community of women hungry to tackle the world's greatest challenges. The main program has invested in 250+ startups with a combined valuation of more than \$3.5 billion. Combank offers the Women in Focus program to uplift and amplify female perspectives and support established and emerging leaders in business and community. ESBWA was founded in 2020 by Amanda Rose in response to a lack of advocacy







and support for small business women facing unprecedented challenges across Australia. Since its inception, ESBWA has grown to over thirteen thousand members, with a team advisors providing access to mentoring, networking and education.

Areas for Improvement

Though 27% of startups in Australia are founded by women who are innovating across all sectors including AI, Agtech, Cleantech, Edtech, Fintech, Healthtech and so much more, only 0.7% of the total \$10 billion in venture capital funding went to solely women-founded companies in FY22. As for those founded by gender-diverse teams, they received only another 2.2% of all VC invested. Globally, these numbers were closer to 2% and 10%, respectively. This is despite the fact that various studies have shown that women-founded companies outperform per dollar invested with earlier exits and higher valuations. Even with the progress made since the previous WE Cities index in 2018, the capital pillar appears to be the weakest for the majority of WECities featured. Carol Schwartz AO, Founder of Female Led Ventures Portfolio shares:

"I have been an investor and founder mentor for several decades, and I have been so frustrated by the ongoing difficulties talented female founders face in raising capital and scaling their businesses. It seems unbelievable to me when the stats so clearly demonstrate the value that diversity has on startup performance."

Women owners are underrepresented in businesses that are in higher funding rounds in Sydney, i.e., later stage businesses (those that are growing and scaling). Reaching scale is critically important to unlock the growth potential of women entrepreneurs as engines of growth for the city. Although Sydney propelled into the top 10 in the WE Cities Index 2023, its momentum has been just lower than the median putting it at cruising altitude. However, Sydney has many strengths that it can leverage to propel itself even higher.

"Support women to access early stage capital with an initiative taking the best parts of initiatives such as: the Alice Anderson Fund (Victoria); Female Founders Co-Investment Fund (Queensland) and Invest in Women Taskforce (UK)," suggests Crystal Mc Gregor, General Manager at Tech Ready Women.

The seeds of opportunity are sewn in Sydney. It's top 10 ranking shows that it has great potential to reach an even higher ranking in then WE Cities ranking in future.

Resources Table

General Funding Sydney

Organization	Type of Resource	Funder Type	Website
Square Peg ⁽⁾	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.squarepeg.vc/ve nture-capital





		Grant organization,	https://www.csiro.au/en/work
IIIII	Source of Funding	Government funding	-with- us/fundingprograms/sme/csiro-
CSIRO		body	<u>kick-</u> start/about
Business business gov.au		Government funding	https://business.gov.au/grant s-
	Source of Funding	body, Grant organization	and-programs/industrygrowth- program
Australian Government export finance australia	Source of Funding	Debt Funding Provider	https://www.exportfinance.go v.au/small-business/
			https://www.delltechnologies.com/asset /en-
DELL FOR STARTUPS	Other type of	Community Organization	au/solutions/businesssolutions/industry- market/dell-for-
GRANTS OFFICE empowering communities	network	(does not fund women founders)	startups-whitepaper-19-grant-ideas- boost-business.pdf?ref=cpcl_dell-
		roundersy	forstartups-resources-item- 5au_cta_itemlink_19grantideastoboostyou rstartupbusinessin20
airtree	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.airtree.vc/about
			https://nsw.dealroom.co/inve
		Government funding	stors/f/all_slug_locations/any of_~new_south_wales~?promi
Investment NSW	Source of Funding	body	nence=emea_combined_promi
			nence_unique&sort=emea_co
			mbined_prominence_unique
b birchal	Source of Funding	Equity Crowdfunding	https://www.birchal.com
On Market	Source of Funding	Equity Crowdfunding	https://www.onmarket.com.au /equity-crowdfunding/
₩ BILLFOLDA™	Source of Funding	Equity Crowdfunding	https://billfolda.com
∧ NTLER	Source of Funding	Accelerator (that invests money for equity)	https://www.antler.co/locatio n/australia
SCALARE PARTNERS capital. resource. scale	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.scalarepartners.c om
aussie angels	Source of Funding	Angel Network	https://www.aussieangels.co m/founders
al Wit		Government funding	https://www.nsw.gov.au/grant
NSW GOVERNMENT	Source of Funding	body, Grant organization	<u>s-and-</u> funding/techvouchers2025
UNSW FOUNDERS	Source of Funding	Accelerator (that invests money for equity)	https://unswfounders.com/ac celerators
BLACKBIRD	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.blackbird.vc/abo ut-blackbird







Alberts	Source of Funding	Family office, VC Fund	https://www.alberts.co/impac t- ventures/#focus-areas
Giant Leap	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.giantleap.com.au
₩ investible	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.investible.com
VULPES VENTURES	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.vulpesventures.c om/#1
Sydney Angels	Source of Funding	Angel Network	https://www.sydneyangels.net .au
Euphemia	Source of Funding	Family office	https://euphemia.com/about/ #statistics
Angel Investment Network	Investor platform	Angel Network	https://www.australianinvest mentnetwork.com/entreprene urs-home
AngelMatch	Investor platform	Does not provide funding	https://angelmatch.io/investor s/by-location/sydney
Choco Up	Source of Funding	Debt Funding Provider	https://choco-up.com
Swoop	Source of Funding	Debt Funding Provider	https://swoopfunding.com/au /startups/
NSW Investment NSW	Source of Funding	Grant organization, Government funding body	https://www.investment.nsw.g ov.au/grants-andrebates/mvp- ventures/

Women focused sources of funding in Sydney

Organization	Type of Resource	Funder Type	Website
(C) coralus	Source of Funding	Angel Network	https://www.coralus.world
F5 COLLECTIVE	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://f5collective.com
ALICE Anderson Fund	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://launchvic.org/investment/the-alice-anderson-fund/
scale investors.	Source of Funding	Angel Network	www.scaleinvestors.com.au
₩WOELF	Source of Funding	Debt Funding Provider	https://www.woelf.org.au/







	Source of Funding	Bank, Debt Funding Provider	https://www.westpac.com.au/ help/community/female- founders/
ALIAVIA ventures	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.aliavia.vc
Female Leaders Fund BY ARTESIAN	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.femaleleaders.vc
¾ Skalata	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://www.skalata.vc/found er-diversity
FEMALE LED VENTURES	Source of Funding	VC Fund	https://femaleledventures.co m.au

Other Resources for Women Entrepreneurs

	Other Resources for Women Entrepreneurs			
Organization	Type of Resource	Funder Type	Website	
Upstairs STEEL OF TOOL STATUS	Local Entrepreneurship network	Does not provide funding	www.upstairs.org.au	
techstars_	Local Entrepreneurship network	Accelerator (that invests money for equity)	https://www.techstars.com/a ccelerators/tech-centralsydney- nsw	
Female Qwned	Other type of network	Access to Markets/Corporates	https://femaleowned.com.au/r egister	
UNSW FOUNDERS	Accelerator	Does not provide funding	https://unswfounders.com/ne w-wave	
Fishburners	Local Entrepreneurship network, Accelerator	Accelerator (that invests money for equity)	https://fishburners.org/theasc entproject/	
startup/angels	Local Entrepreneurship network	Pitch competition	https://www.startupandangels .com	
spark festival sydney	Local Entrepreneurship network	Angel Network	https://sparkfestival.co	
SYDNEY STARTUPS	Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://sydneystartups.com	
stone& CHALK	Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders), Angel Network	https://www.stoneandchalk.c om.au/investment	
▲ launchpad	Other type of network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://launchpadcentre.com	







FOUNDERS FUND ⁹⁸⁶	Source of Funding	Government funding body	https://www.sbeaustralia.org
WiRE	Women Entrepreneur Community, Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://www.wireprogram.co m/what-wire-is-about
WEC nnect INTERNATIONAL	Other type of network	Access to Markets/Corporates	https://weconnectinternationa l.org/asia-pacific/
Social Traders	Other type of network	Access to Markets/Corporates	https://www.socialtraders.co m.au
Sydney	Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders), Access to Markets/Corporates	https://www.eosydney.com.au
≜ YPO	Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders), Access to Markets/Corporates	https://www.ypo.org/australia - new-zealand/
NSW GYCEROLOT	Other type of network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://www.investment.nsw.g ov.au/innovation/international- landing-pad/

Communities for Women Entrepreneurs

Organization	Type of Resource	Funder Type	Website
	N /2	Community	
	Women	Organization	
APROPELA	Entrepreneur	(does not fund	https://www.apropela.com/
CONNECTIONS FOR GROWTH	Community	women	
		founders)	
	Women	Community	
	Entrepreneur	Organization	
Qusiness)	Community	(does not fund	https://businesschicks.com
Balieks		women	
Jepa		founders)	
Her Tech Circle	Women	Community	
	Entrepreneur	Organization	
	Community	(does not fund	https://www.hertechcircle.org
		women	
		founders)	







techready	Women Entrepreneur Community	Does not provide funding	www.techreadywomen.com
Startmate/Ladymates	Local Entrepreneurship network	Accelerator (that invests money for equity)	https://www.startmate.com/la dymates
	Women Entrepreneur Community	Bank	https://www.commbank.com. au/women- in-focus.html
GIRLGEEKACADEMY	Women Entrepreneur Community	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://girlgeekacademy.com/ about/
Future Female Entrepreneurs Program	Other type of network	Accelerator (does not provide funding)	https://futurefemaleentrepren eursprogram.com.au
AUSTRALIA	Women Entrepreneur Community	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://www.womensnetwork.com.au
Sydney Hills BUSINESS CHAMBER	Local Entrepreneurship network	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://www.sydneyhillsbusine ss.com.au/shbc-women-in- business/
ESBWA Etiropponeurial to senari lisabele Women Australia	Women Entrepreneur Community	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://www.esbwa.com.au
business women australia	Women Entrepreneur Community	Community Organization (does not fund women founders)	https://businesswomenaustral ia.com.au

Indigenous/First Nation

Organization	Type of Resource	Funder Type	Website
PACIFIC		Community Organization	
W@MEN'S	Source of Funding	(does not fund women	https://pacificwomenpbn.com
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS NETWORK INC.		founders)	







FIRST AUSTRALIANS CAPITAL	Source of Funding	Angel Network, Government funding body	https://firstaustralianscapital. org
Supply Nation	Other type of network	Access to Markets/Corporates	https://supplynation.org.au
AGRPARK MARKET TO THE PARK THE PARK TO THE PARK	Other type of network, Accelerator	Accelerator (does not provide funding)	https://agripark.csu.edu.au/in novation/innovate-at-charles- sturt/indigenous-entreprenuer- program
catalysr	Accelerator	Grant Organization	https://catalysr.com.au/accel erate
CREATIVE CO OPERATIVE	Source of Funding, Women Entrepreneur Community	Grant Organization	https://thecco.com.au
INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA	Source of Funding	Debt Funding Provider	https://iba.gov.au/business/finance/

