

Policy & Advocacy Highlights



Our advocacy on the **“zombie” budget measures** that were retained from the 2014 Budget to the 2015 and 2016 Budgets
15 June 2016



Our opinion piece on the long term **social effects of natural disasters**, published in Fairfax papers
9 June 2016



Along with other organisations, we advocated in our Budget Submission for vital changes to the **“Work for the Dole”** scheme
15 February 2016



Our publication **Tax Talks 5: The effects of a higher GST on households**, an overview of some modelling undertaken by NATSEM for us, led to an interview with Leigh Sales on ABC's 730 Report
4 November 2015



ACOSS played a leading role in the **National Reform Summit**, along with the Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Business Council of Australia
25 August 2015



Our submission to the **Government's retirement incomes** review called for structural reform of inefficient tax breaks for superannuation
4 August 2015

Resilient Community Organisations



The ACROSS Resilient Community Organisations project seeks to build the resilience of community organisations to natural disasters and emergencies. With climate change set to increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events across Australia, it's critical that community organisations take action to build resilience and ensure their ability to provide essential services before, during and after such events. Funded by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department National Emergency Management Program, the project developed an online toolkit to help organisations measure and improve their resilience to disasters and emergencies, which includes:

- A Disaster Resilience Benchmarking Tool so organisations can assess their current state of disaster preparedness and identify areas of improvement.
- Six Steps to Disaster Resilience, which include information and resources organisations need to take action.

<http://resilience.acoss.org.au>



Digital Business Kits

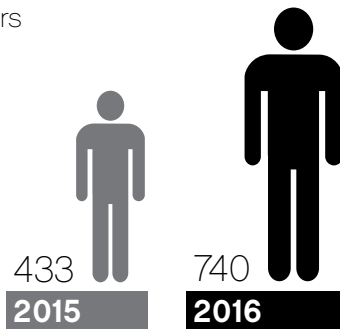
Our Digital Business Kits project, carried out in partnership with InfoXchange and funded by the Federal Government, assists community organisations to make the best use possible of digital technology. A range of resources have been developed throughout the life of the project, including information resources on using social media; online fundraising systems and using the 'cloud'.

<http://improveit.org>

Engagement

Individual supporters increased by

71%



25

Policy papers published



3,765

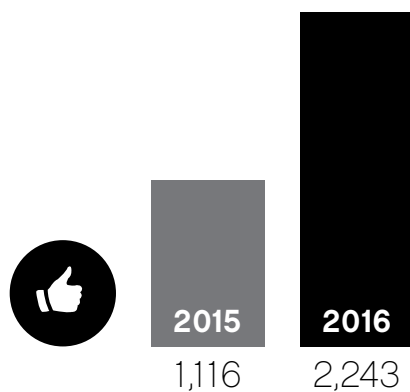
Media mentions (approximatly)

Social media engagement



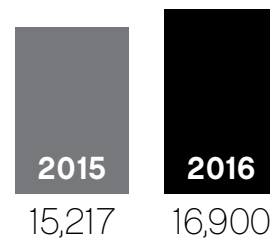
Facebook page "likes" increased by

101%



1,148

ACOSS tweets



Twitter followers increased by

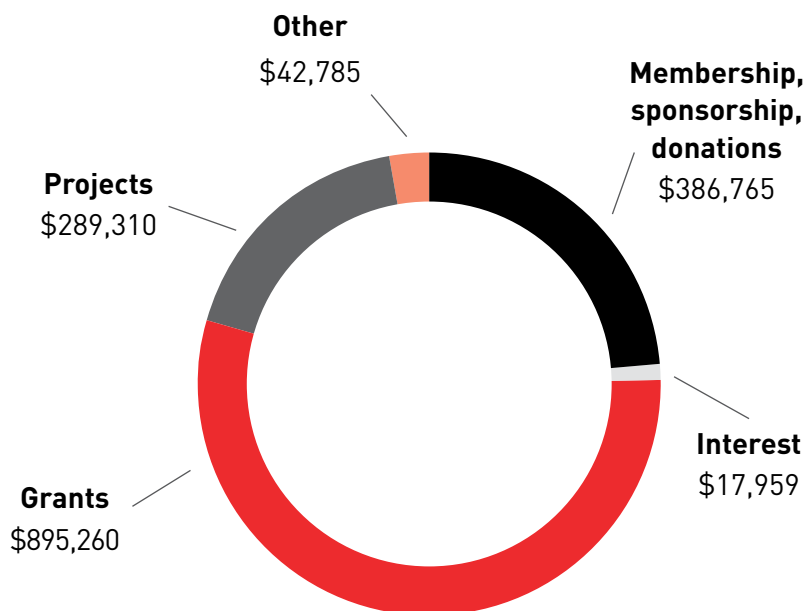
11%

2,242,000

Number of times our tweets were seen

Income

In the 2015-16 financial year, our income of \$1,632,079 came from a number of sources:



Expenditure

The application of ACOSS' income is applied strategically across a number of different categories, totaling \$1,642,579:

