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2018 was a big Year for Grameen Australia ... and we aim to make 2019 even Better



We are hosting our inaugural **SOCIAL IMPACT INSIGHT TOUR** to Manila and Siem Reap in March 2019. Participants will gain on-the-ground access to social businesses in action to gain insights into why social business is such a powerful tool for social change. We aim to run the tours annually to ensure as many of our wonderful, vital supports as possible have the opportunity to see how their support is making a difference.



innovations to solve shared economic and social issues.

We are thrilled to be co-hosting the **SOCIAL BUSINESS YOUTH SUMMIT 2019** in Manila with special guest Nobel Peace Laureate Professor Yunus. The Summit some of the world's greatest Social Business leaders. In the dynamic, creative environment of the 2-day conference, the inspiration of passionate young minds is partnered with expert knowledge and skills to design new



At our **SOCIAL BUSINESS HUB** in Manila three major programs are underway that will provide an innovative and robust structure for scale:

1. IT Program to deliver the first fully integrated cashless microfinance program in Manila, with the loan management, account and cashless banking systems all seamlessly connected.
2. Grameen America developed loan management program for the Account Management Team.
3. Piloting of innovative new business Training Program specifically designed for our borrowers by leading training organisation the Academy of Entrepreneurs.



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With the support of the **SOCIAL BUSINESS DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL BUSINESS HUB**, new entrepreneurs are building businesses to support their families and communities:

1. Telstra Schools Program – microfinance to 200 parents & 2 parent managed businesses operation (sewing & café). School 2 at inception phase.
2. OceanaGold Program – organic farm successfully providing food to 1 OceanaGold cafeteria. Second pilot farm program established in another OceanaGold location to generate income for local farmers. Replication of farming program in other locations approved in principle.



Thanks to the support of so many crowdfunding donors our **VILLAGE GROWER PROJECT** has achieved its first step, buying our land for our layer farm. The next step is to commence building the infrastructure for the farm so that we can provide disease-free, healthy eggs to our Village Grower Farmers



The **AUSTRALIAN MICROFINANCE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND BUSINESS PLAN** is at the next stage of formal review following completion of draft one. The advice of Professor Yunus has been sought, and a Board level committee is being established to embed leading Financial Technology to ensure a first stage pilot is technologically and financially robust and efficient.



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Creative Innovation 2019 Asia Pacific: Are you future-ready?

We are proud to be a Partner for Creative Innovation 2019 Asia Pacific, the leading Asia Pacific innovation summit taking place in Melbourne from 1-3 April 2019 at the Sofitel Melbourne On Collins. The theme being explored is “Human Intelligence 2.0 – A Collective Future? How will we manage the transition?”

Creative Innovation 2019 Asia Pacific is the place to imagine the future, inspire your leadership and achieve business success.

This is the premiere conference for anyone who cares about creativity, innovation, leadership, change, transformation and the future. It is the place to imagine the future, inspire your leadership and achieve business success. The event brings together hundreds of leaders from business, government, academia, community, not-for-profits and media, who will hear from a world-class line-up of over 40 visionary innovators, futurists and leaders.

As a Partner for this event, we are proud to offer our networks access to an exclusive discount of 10% off Platinum, Gold and Silver conference packages. To activate your discount, enter the password 'collective' when purchasing tickets at the link below: <https://www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/Ci2019/>

Deep Conversation tickets start from \$150, Master Classes from \$225

Can you help us make 2019 even better?

Next month we will be launching an appeal to all our supporters and encourage you to keep an eye out for our communications



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