

**THE BIG
ISSUE**

**SMART.
SAVVY.
SUCCESSFUL.**

MEDIA KIT



WHAT'S IN IT?

Featuring independent, high-quality journalism, *The Big Issue* magazine is jam-packed with current affairs, general interest stories, personal experiences, humour, arts and entertainment —

with photography, books, movies and music being regular features in every issue.



“I LIKE HELPING PEOPLE. THE ARTICLES APPEAL TO ME AND I OFTEN GET TO READ ABOUT THINGS THAT I WOULDN'T READ ABOUT IN THE MAINSTREAM PRESS.”

Reader, Brisbane

REGULAR FEATURES

The Big Issue is a lively, informative and often cheeky general-interest magazine with a social conscience. We are media that makes a difference — to the people who sell our mag, and through the stories we are able to tell every edition.

Vendor Profile: our people share their life stories.

Letter to My Younger Self: reflective words of wisdom from the famous and infamous among us.



Tastes Like Home: chefs, cooks and foodies share their favourite recipes and why they mean home to them.



“I LIKE TO GET IT AND MAKE TIME FOR WHEN I CAN READ IT UNINTERRUPTED — COVER TO COVER.” Reader, Sydney

THE BIG STATS

Many of our readers are regular, loyal buyers who have developed a connection with their vendor, or support the Women's Subscription Enterprise through a subscription. We have a growing readership base and online presence — advertise with us and we'll help you reach your audience.



259,000
READERSHIP (FORTNIGHTLY)

14,000
CIRCULATION (FORTNIGHTLY)

1500
SUBSCRIBERS

 **OVER 21K**
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

 **OVER 14K**
TWITTER FOLLOWERS

 **OVER 7.3K**
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Big Issue has 1500 subscribers including a vast number of great Australian brands.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities



Thomson Geer
Lawyers

CLAYTON UTZ



CORRS
CHAMBERS
WESTGARTH

Maddocks

OUR AUDIENCE

Our readers are socially aware, culturally engaged, philanthropic and loyal.

28%

OF OUR READERS ARE SOCIALLY AWARE



68%

OF OUR READERS FEEL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE

30%

OF OUR READERS ARE IN THE AB QUINTILE GROUP



33%

OF OUR READERS BELIEVE A % OF EVERYONE'S INCOME SHOULD GO TO CHARITIES

100%

OF OUR READERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE SOCIALLY AWARE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION

47%

OF OUR READERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE IN THIS SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

67%

OF OUR READERS HAVE A DIPLOMA OR A DEGREE



86%

OF OUR READERS AGREE THAT HELPING OTHERS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHO THEY ARE

49%

OF OUR READERS ARE AGED 25-49 YEARS OLD

56%

OF OUR READERS ARE PROFESSIONALS, MANAGERS OR WHITE COLLAR WORKERS AND ARE 65% MORE LIKELY TO TO BE A PROFESSIONAL THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION

28%

OF OUR READERS EARN OVER \$100K AND ARE 40% MORE LIKELY TO EARN OVER \$100K THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION

56%

OF OUR READERS ARE FEMALE

44%

OF OUR READERS ARE MALE



“IT IS OUR PLEASURE

TO ADVERTISE AND BE ASSOCIATED WITH *THE BIG ISSUE* — A PUBLICATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!”

PIRANHA



“I USUALLY BUY IT WHEN I’M NEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND READ IT FROM COVER TO COVER.

I JUST START AT THE BEGINNING AND READ THE WHOLE THING.

WHEN I’M DONE, I LEAVE IT ON THE TRAIN FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO READ.”

READER, MELBOURNE



A GOOD FIT FOR ADVERTISERS

The Big Issue is becoming one of the fastest growing magazines in Australia, while many other magazines are declining. When you advertise in The Big Issue, you also know your money is going towards a great cause.

ADVERTISING PERSONAS



LIBERTARIANS

ARE SOCIALLY AWARE, PROGRESSIVE AND OPEN MINDED. THEY ARE HIGHLY EDUCATED AND MANY ARE YOUNG SINGLES.

OUR READERS ARE 189% MORE LIKELY TO BE LIBERTARIANS THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION



SOCIAL PROGRESSIVES

ARE EDUCATED, HIGH INCOME, INTELLECTUAL AND FOCUSED ON SUCCESS. MADE UP OF A MIX OF YOUNG SINGLES AND COUPLES AND MID-LIFE HOUSEHOLDS.

OUR READERS ARE 330% MORE LIKELY TO BE SOCIAL PROGRESSIVES THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION



HEALTHY, WEALTHY, WISE

ARE YOUNG SINGLES AND COUPLES, HIGHLY EDUCATED AND HIGH INCOME, DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE FOR AN EXCITING LIFE. CAREER FOCUSED AND SOCIALLY AWARE, YOU'LL FIND THE MAJORITY LIVING IN SYDNEY APARTMENTS

OUR READERS ARE 124% MORE LIKELY TO BE HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION



HIGH LIFE

ARE HIGHLY TECHY, CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE LOVING YOUNG SINGLES AND COUPLES.

OUR READERS ARE 195% MORE LIKELY TO BE HIGH LIFE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION



SMART MONEY

WHO ARE HIGH INCOME, HIGHLY EDUCATED, CULTURED AND SUCCESS FOCUSED. MANY ARE MID-LIFE AND OLDER HOUSEHOLD CONSUMERS WHO ENJOY SOPHISTICATED INNER CITY LIVING.

OUR READERS ARE 90% MORE LIKELY TO BE SMART MONEY THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION

“ADVERTISING WITH *THE BIG ISSUE* WORKS IT’S THE ONLY TIME WE’VE EVER RECEIVED A NOTE FROM A READER REGARDING AN AD!

WE BELIEVE IN *THE BIG ISSUE*’S REACH AND WE ALSO HAVE CONSISTENTLY GREAT EXPERIENCES WORKING WITH THEIR ADVERTISING TEAM.”

Text Publishing



50%

of our readers are big spenders and are 40% more likely to spend big than the general population.

76%

of our readers believe that quality is more important than price and 77% try to buy Australian made products as often as possible.

54%

of our readers are heavy magazine readers and are 333% more likely than the general population to read five or more magazines regularly.

OUR PARTNERS

Corporate Australia supports The Big Issue through advertising, subscriptions and partnerships.



“WE HAVE PROUDLY SUPPORTED THE BIG ISSUE SINCE 1996 TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND POSITIVE CHANGE TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, MARGINALISATION AND DISADVANTAGE IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS CREATED VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR TEAM MEMBERS, FOSTERED COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS AND DELIVERED MEANINGFUL IMPACT AIMED AT DELIVERING A BETTER TOMORROW.”

AUSTRALIA POST

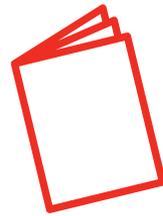


THE BIG MILESTONES

We are Australia's longest-standing and most significant social enterprise, with plenty of achievements along the way.



14 MILLION
MAGAZINES HAVE BEEN SOLD



700+
EDITIONS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED



\$38M+
HAS GONE DIRECTLY
INTO VENDORS' POCKETS

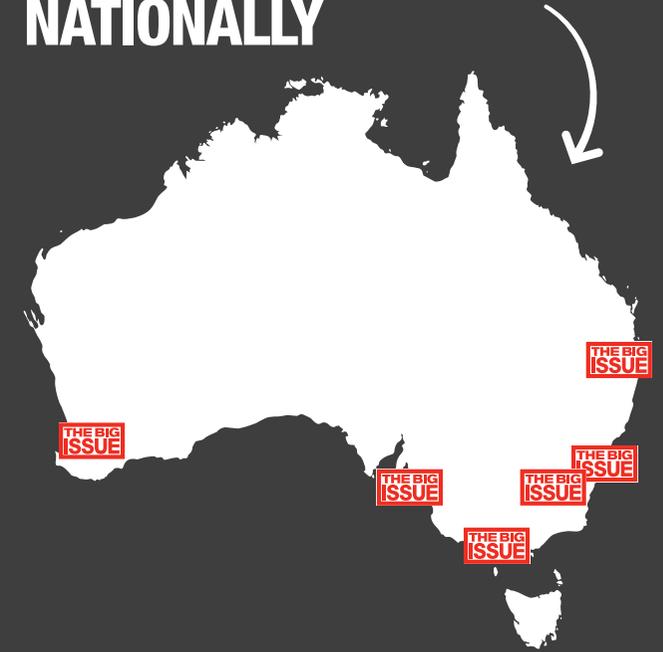


\$25K
ESTIMATED REDUCTION PER VENDOR,
PER YEAR TO SAVE THE COMMUNITY IN USE
OF SOCIAL SERVICES



28 YEARS
RUNNING AUSTRALIA'S MOST RECOGNISED
AND SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**OVER 600+ VENDORS
SELL THE MAGAZINE
NATIONALLY**



“THE BIG ISSUE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
**HAS A PROFOUND
IMPACT ON THE LIVES**

OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO
ARE MARGINALISED BY HOMELESSNESS.
THIS, TOGETHER WITH ITS QUALITY
EDITORIAL CONTENT AND ABILITY TO
CONNECT WITH ITS READERS IN A
UNIQUE WAY, MAKES IT AN EFFECTIVE
PLATFORM FOR OUR STORYTELLING.”

ORIGIN ENERGY FOUNDATION



WHO WE ARE

The Big Issue is a fortnightly, independent magazine, packed with high-quality, general interest articles — featuring arts, entertainment, humorous columns, current affairs, lifestyle, personal experiences and its own particular brand of irreverence.



INDEPENDENT



A GOOD READ
FOR A GOOD DEED



RESPONSIBLE



HELPING PEOPLE HELP
THEMSELVES



SUCCESSFUL



WELL-LOVED AND RESPECTED

“HOMELESSNESS IS THE AREA WE HAVE CHOSEN TO FOCUS OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ON AND WE’VE BEEN PROUD PARTNERS OF THE BIG ISSUE SINCE 2014.

DURING THIS TIME, WE’VE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE THE WOMEN’S WORKFORCE GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, CREATING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND AUSTRALIA.”

REA GROUP



“I THINK THE BIG ISSUE IN BOTH INTENT AND CONTENT IS A NOTABLE TRIUMPH OF AUSTRALIAN PUBLISHING.”

Andrew Denton





“IT GIVES YOU

A SENSE OF PURPOSE, DIGNITY, IT IS LIKE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, I GO ‘RIGHT, I’M GOING TO PUT MY UNIFORM ON, THIS IS ME, I’M GOING TO BE WORKING.’”

THE BIG ISSUE IS AUSTRALIA'S LEADING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, OFFERING PEOPLE A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT.

The Big Issue is a fortnightly, independent magazine sold on the streets by people experiencing homelessness, marginalisation and disadvantage.

Vendors buy copies of the magazine for \$4.50 and sell them for \$9, keeping the difference. More than 7,500 vendors have sold the magazine since 1996.

Collectively they have sold more than 14 million magazines across Australia, directly earning over \$38 million.

The Big Issue magazine is estimated to save the community \$25,000 per vendor per year through a reduction in their demand for social services including hospitals, welfare support and correctional facilities.

Where our vendors sell

Over the past 28 years, *The Big Issue* has grown from a small number of vendors working in Melbourne's CBD to a group of more than 600 vendors working across the country per year.

Whilst the majority of our vendors work in the CBD areas of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, and Perth, we also have a number of vendors regularly selling in regional centres including:

VIC – Geelong, Ballarat, Wangaratta

NSW – Katoomba, Leura, Newcastle

QLD – Gold Coast

SA – Whyalla

WA – Bunbury, Busselton

Also available by subscription

The Big Issue magazine is also available to purchase via subscription.

The Women's Workforce employs women experiencing homelessness and disadvantage (who find it difficult selling the magazine on the streets) in a safe and supportive environment to hand pack copies of the magazine for subscribers each fortnight.

More than 200 women have been employed in the enterprise which operates in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth.

THE SMALL RATES

Not-For-Profit and Corporate Rates

BOOKINGS	NOT-FOR-PROFIT	x4	x6	CORPORATE	x4	x6
All figures listed are per ad	(Base rates)	(10% discount)	(20% discount)	(Base rates)	(10% discount)	(20% discount)
Full page	\$1,712	\$1,540	\$1,370	\$3,424	\$3,081	\$2,739
Half page	\$943	\$848	\$754	\$1,887	\$1,697	\$1,509
Outside back cover	\$2,269	\$2,042	\$1,815	\$4,538	\$4,083	\$3,630
Inside back cover	\$1,994	\$1,794	\$1,595	\$3,988	\$3,588	\$3,190
Double page spread	\$2,650	\$2,385	\$2,120	\$5,299	\$4,769	\$4,239
Inserts (no discounted rates)	\$300 per thousand			\$400 per thousand		

(AUD. All rates include 10% agency commission but exclude GST)

THE IMPORTANT SPECS

FULL PAGE

180mm (w) x 235mm (h) – No bleed
5mm+ Text area margins

HALF PAGE

180mm (w) x 115mm (h) – No bleed
5mm+ Text area margins

INSIDE/OUTSIDE BACK COVER

210mm (w) x 270mm (h) – 5mm bleed (all edges)
10mm Text area margins

DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD

420mm (w) x 270mm (h) – 5mm bleed (all edges)
10mm Text area margins

- Artwork is to be supplied as a high resolution PDF or TIFF.
- Dimensions must be accurate.
- Files must be Mac compatible.
- All fonts must be embedded or converted to outlines. If this can't be done, both screen and printer fonts must be supplied with the artwork.
- All images must be embedded.
- The artwork must be saved in CMYK at 300dpi.
- **Files to be emailed to advertise@bigissue.org.au**

THE BIG SCHEDULE

Please be mindful of public holidays and key dates when considering editions and the distribution of the magazine.

The Big Issue Media Kit 2026
release and material schedule:

MONTH	Edition Number	Advertising Deadline	Release	Cover Date
JAN	752	10-Dec-25	Fri 26 Dec 25	26 Dec to 15 Jan 26
	753	7-Jan-26	16-Jan-26	16 to 29 Jan 26
FEB	754	19-Jan-26	30-Jan-26	30 Jan to 12 Feb 26
	755	4-Feb-26	13-Feb-26	13 to 26 Feb 26
MAR	756	18-Feb-26	27-Feb-26	27 Feb to 12 Mar 26
	757	2-Mar-26	13-Mar-26	13 to 26 Mar 26
APR	758	18-Mar-26	27-Mar-26	27 Mar to 9 Apr 26
	759	27 Mar 26	10-Apr-26	10 to 23 Apr 26
MAY	760	15-Apr-26	24-Apr-26	24 Apr to 7 May 26
	761	29-Apr-26	8-May-26	8 to 21 May 26
	762	13-May-26	22-May-26	22 May to 4 Jun 26
JUNE TBI 30th BIRTHDAY	763	27-May-26	5-Jun-26	5 Jun to 2 Jul 26
JUL	764	24-Jun-26	3-Jul-26	3 to 16 Jul 26
	765	8-Jul-26	17-Jul-26	17 to 30 Jul 26
AUG	766	22-Jul-26	31-Jul-26	31 Jul to 13 Aug 26
	767	5-Aug-26	14-Aug-26	14 to 27 Aug 26
SEP	768	19-Aug-26	28-Aug-26	28 Aug to 10 Sep 26
	769	2-Sep-26	11-Sep-26	11 to 24 Sep 26
OCT	770	16-Sep-26	25-Sep-25	25 Sep to 8 Oct 26
	771	30-Sep-26	9-Oct-26	9 to 22 Oct 26
NOV	772	14-Oct-26	23-Oct-26	23 Oct to 5 Nov 26
	773	23 Oct 26	6-Nov-26	6 to 19 Nov 26
DEC	774	11-Nov-26	20-Nov-26	20 Nov to 6 Dec 26
	775	25-Nov-26	Mon 7 Dec 26	7 to 25 Dec 26
	776		26-Dec-26	

CONTACT THE BIG ISSUE

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