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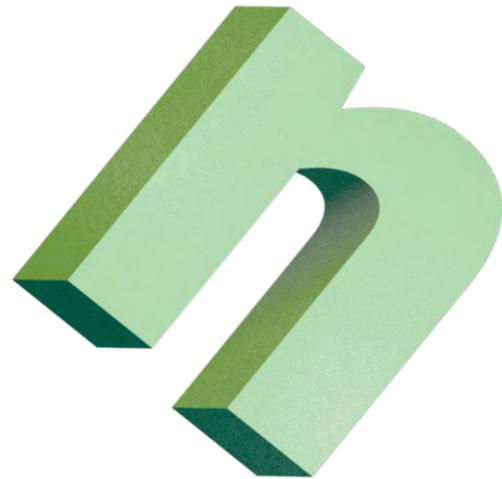
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Cover photo: RCH patient Lily is being
treated for leukaemia at the hospital.
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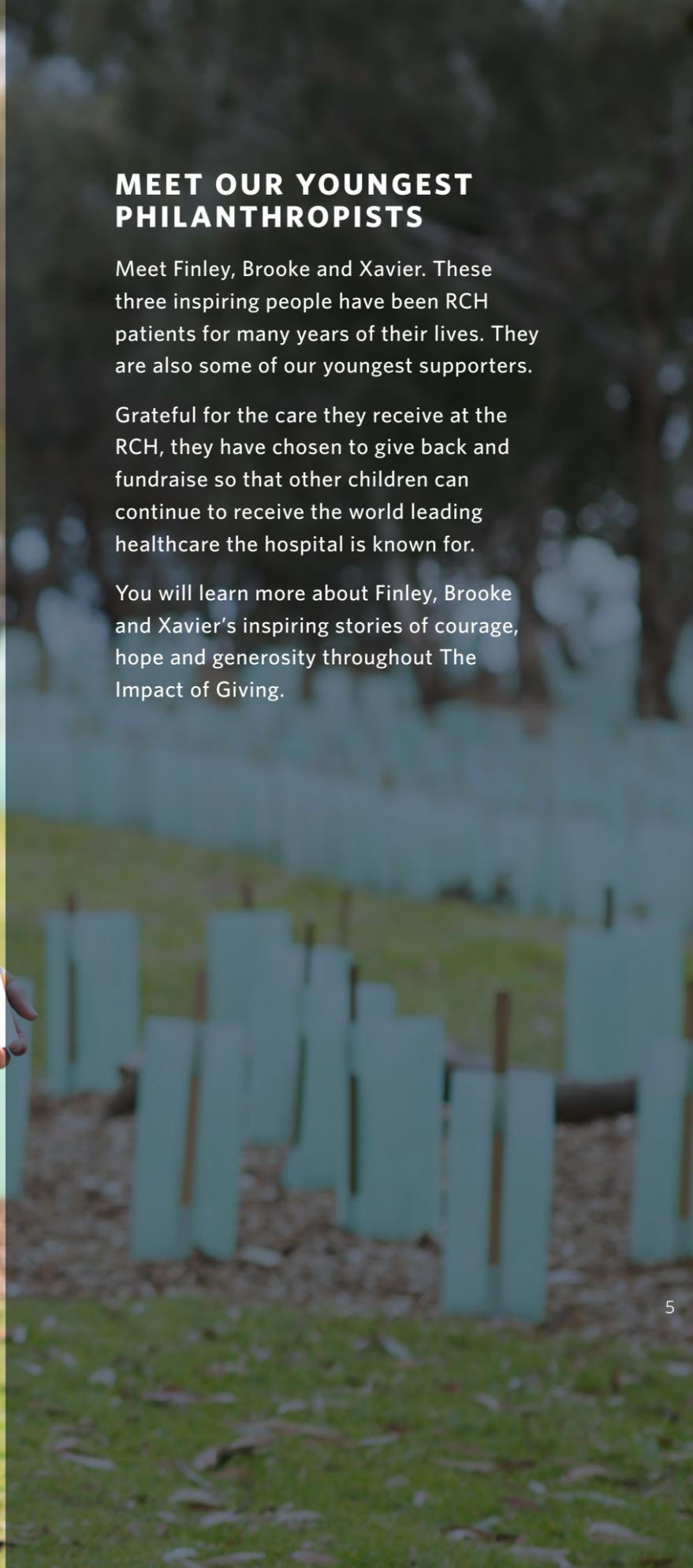


MEET OUR YOUNGEST PHILANTHROPISTS

Meet Finley, Brooke and Xavier. These three inspiring people have been RCH patients for many years of their lives. They are also some of our youngest supporters.

Grateful for the care they receive at the RCH, they have chosen to give back and fundraise so that other children can continue to receive the world leading healthcare the hospital is known for.

You will learn more about Finley, Brooke and Xavier's inspiring stories of courage, hope and generosity throughout The Impact of Giving.





Peter Yates AM, Chairman



Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer

*“Thanks to you, our generous community, we were able to **provide funding to more than 200 life-changing programs** led by the RCH and our campus partners, the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute and the University of Melbourne, Department of Paediatrics.”*

They include:

- **Research:** discovering new treatments and cures for childhood illnesses and diseases including in the areas of cerebral palsy, food allergies and mental health
- **Equipment:** acquiring the most advanced equipment and technology specially designed for children, including a Tobii Eye Gaze Device helping non-verbal patients communicate
- **Patient and family-centred care:** providing exceptional care through programs such as the Chronic Illness Peer Support Group, Wadja Aboriginal Family Place and Music Therapy, all aimed at easing the stress and anxiety experienced by patients and their families
- **Leadership and training:** attracting the world’s brightest medical minds, including global experts in the areas of genomics, trauma and emergency medicine, and providing ongoing education and training to staff across the campus

These programs and initiatives simply would not exist without your support.

In this year’s edition of The Impact of Giving, we highlight a selection of these programs and introduce you to some of the patients whose lives have been changed thanks to the people of Victoria. We also profile some of our most inspiring supporters who have generously given their time to share their stories with us.

There are many stories for you to enjoy in this year’s The Impact of Giving and we hope you like reading them as much as we enjoy sharing them.

As we move towards the 150th anniversary of our great hospital in 2020, your support becomes even more important. Together we can change children’s health by helping the hospital solve today’s medical challenges and be better prepared for tomorrow’s.

We sincerely thank you for generously supporting The Royal Children’s Hospital.

Peter Yates AM Chairman
Sue Hunt Chief Executive Officer

Thank you

Generosity is the cornerstone of The Royal Children’s Hospital (RCH) and it has been that way since the very beginning.

In 1870, Doctors Smith and Singleton had a vision “to help sick and injured children.” They established the Melbourne Free Hospital for Children and a committee of ladies worked to raise the funds needed to develop the hospital. Its aim - to give the best care to sick and injured children free of all charge.

That vision of providing children with the very best healthcare still exists today, as does the philanthropy needed to support it.

Each year at the RCH Foundation we are so grateful for the generosity of the Victorian community. It is this support that enables the hospital to continue to provide the world leading care that Doctors Smith and Singleton could only have dreamed of.

This last year has been no exception, as people from across our community continued to give in support of the work of the hospital. A long and abiding symbol of this is our beloved RCH Auxiliaries, which in 2017 celebrate 95 years of fundraising for the hospital. The Good Friday Appeal also holds a special place in the hearts of all Victorians, this year raising an incredible \$17.6 million.

We are delighted to report that in 2016/17 more than \$53.8 million was raised in support of our great hospital. This support is life-changing and enabled the RCH Foundation to distribute more than \$33.7 million to the hospital.

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2016/17 overview

\$53.8 million

RAISED IN 2016/17 FROM OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS

205

LIFE CHANGING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WERE SUPPORTED THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

85,991

CHILDREN RECIEVED URGENT CARE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

322,291

APPOINTMENTS WERE HELD IN SPECIALIST CLINICS

17,139

SURGERIES WERE PERFORMED AT THE HOSPITAL

437

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, OVER 430 CHILDREN RECIEVE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH RCH@HOME



John Stanway, Chief Executive Officer, RCH

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Great Care

At The Royal Children's Hospital we have the great good fortune of enjoying outstanding support from our community and together we have built a reputation as a world-leader in paediatric care.

Through the work of The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, the annual Good Friday Appeal and generous giving from individuals and organisations across the year, we have invested in new technologies, equipment, programs and research, which have ensured that we not only meet the immediate needs of the state's sickest children but that we are leading the way in paediatric care for the future.

We have a talented, committed and enthusiastic team of professionals whose focus is on doing the best they can for the state's children: your support allows us to do even better.

This year, with funds donated from the Good Friday Appeal, we have been able to extend our 'Hospital After Hours' roster with additional staff resources, helping the RCH continue delivering great care throughout evenings, nights, weekends and public holidays.

In May, with assistance from the RCH Foundation, the RCH Emergency Department launched a new Fast Track Facility to provide an additional 10 treatment spaces for patients with low complexity illness and injury. By promoting the rapid assessment and treatment of these children, the new facility is leading to improved access for more serious patients.

Last year a RCH Foundation grant enabled us to implement a hospital-wide Electronic Medical Record (EMR). This year, the RCH Foundation's generosity will see us establish a Digital Command Centre to realise the EMR's full potential. By aggregating data such as emergency surgery workloads and state-wide intensive care capacity around the clock, the centre will improve efficiency, productivity and timely access to clinical care across the hospital.

Your support has also helped us to find new, innovative and better ways of caring for children. This year, I was delighted to launch our Complex Care Hub, a service that started with a RCH Foundation grant in 2015 and which is now embedded in our day-to-day operations. With a multidisciplinary team supporting children with chronic and complex medical needs, the hub co-ordinates and integrates treatment, and partners with families to deliver the best and most convenient care available that delivers patient and family centred care and a positive experience.

Over the next year, we will continue to pursue new projects that will improve the care we deliver to our patients and their families. Your ongoing support makes these advances possible and we look forward to sharing them with you as we pursue our vision to be a great children's hospital. From everyone here at The Royal Children's Hospital, thank you.

John Stanway
Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital

A message from the Good Friday Appeal

2017 was a great year. Once again we saw our caring and compassionate community come out in force for the Good Friday Appeal.

Every year thousands of individuals, schools, businesses and community groups get together and raise funds, from bakeries holding 'Hot Cross Bun offs' to youngsters making jewellery. The great people of Victoria and Southern New South Wales got involved and donated generously.

We would like to thank all our supporters. Your contribution makes a real difference to the lives of the young patients and their families and on behalf of them, we congratulate you on a magnificent fundraising effort.

Not only was it another record year with a magnificent total of \$17,605,662, it was a year of celebrating some major milestones while introducing new partners and activities.

In 2017, the Appeal celebrated 86 years since The Herald and Weekly Times committed to fundraising for sick children. We also celebrated 60 years of the Channel 7 telecast. In 1957, Channel 7 joined The Herald and Weekly Times as a supporter and presented a three-hour telethon on Good Friday afternoon. The telecast was built around telling the stories of patients at the hospital, showcasing generosity and commitment of the community, with children and their families gathering at The Herald loading dock at Flinders St presenting their tins with hard earned donations. This tradition has continued to grow over the last 60 years. Channel 7 along with the Herald Sun, bring the stories of our great hospital to the community.

An army of volunteers assembled across Victoria and beyond for the Good Friday Appeal. The Pied Pipers and the CFA worked tirelessly door knocking and manning intersections to rattle tins for the great cause.

Our hard working friends at Uncle Bobs Club also reached a milestone, 75 years since the first group of kind hearted men got together to raise funds for sick children. They continue to be wonderful supporters of the Appeal.

The Auxiliaries celebrated 95 years of giving this year and have been generously donating to the Good Friday Appeal since 1955.

We are so blessed to have organisations like Woolworths support the Appeal. For 30 years the wonderful staff have pushed trollies, held raffles and sold tokens to raise funds for the Appeal. They are great people and we know The Royal Children's Hospital appreciates their commitment and generosity.

In a first for the Good Friday Appeal, this year an AFL match was played between North Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs. Over 42,000 lively supporters attended Etihad stadium and cheered enthusiastically for their teams, while donating to the Good Friday Appeal. Our wonderful volunteers at the ground were inundated with people wanting to donate. Kick for the Kids was a great success and will start a whole new tradition of giving.

Also new to the Appeal this year was the Great Good Friday Appeal Raffle. Thanks to our very generous supporters; Mazda, Majestic Caravans, Qantas and the Herald Sun, over 69,000 raffle tickets were sold with all proceeds going to the Good Friday Appeal.

And of course the constant is the community. From our official community fundraisers who raised an incredible \$1.95 million, to the volunteers who helped 95,000 people find their way around Kids Day Out, people rally together to ensure The Royal Children's Hospital can continue to provide world class care to our children. Thank you all.

Penny Fowler Chairman, Good Friday Appeal
Anne Randall Director, Good Friday Appeal

Clockwise from top: GFA final tally, GFA tin shakers: Rebecca Smith, Grace Collins and Madi Lacy supporting the Appeal, Kids Day Out, CFA



MEET XAVIER

Born with a rare condition called Pierre Robin Sequence, Xavier Venville has been an RCH patient since birth. Born with a cleft palate and small jaw, Xavier's airway was also obstructed due to the placement of his tongue. Unable to feed and struggling to breathe, Xavier was admitted to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit for four months.

Following several surgeries to correct his palate, Xavier is now a healthy 16 year old, but continues to visit the RCH for ongoing treatment.

Keen to help the hospital and young people like him, Xavier has been fundraising for the RCH for the past three years. He's hosted two charity head shaves, one Christmas and one pirate themed, which saw him cut off his trademark locks and raise over \$28,000 for the hospital.

"My life has changed for the better and I want to give back to the RCH for the wonderful help they gave me, and continue to give to the newborn babies who need it," said Xavier.



RESEARCH

Moving forward

Dyskinesia is one of the most disabling forms of cerebral palsy, however up until recently, this movement disorder was poorly understood in children. Thanks to the support of generous Victorians, RCH clinicians like Dr Adrienne Harvey are helping to change this.

“My goal is to improve the outcomes for children with cerebral palsy to make sure that they have optimum participation in their daily activities” said Adrienne, who has been a physiotherapist at the hospital for over 25 years.

Affecting over 300,000 Australians, cerebral palsy is caused by damage to the developing brain. The condition can manifest in a variety of disabling movement issues and is often paired with other medical conditions including epilepsy and intellectual impairment. Usually diagnosed within the first two years of a child’s life, people with cerebral palsy often face a lifetime of physiotherapy, medications, complex surgeries and rehabilitation. There is no known cure.

The management and treatment of patients with cerebral palsy at the RCH spans several teams throughout hospital, and is an area of research which requires continuous learning, adaptation and the inputting of knowledge. Within the department of Neurodevelopment and Disability (formerly Developmental Medicine) researchers are working to better understand and manage patients with a range of forms of cerebral palsy, including dyskinetic cerebral palsy.

“Dyskinesia affects a smaller number of people with cerebral palsy compared to those with spasticity, however it has a significant impact on a child’s quality of life. It is a difficult movement disorder to manage and we don’t have all the right tools yet to manage this effectively.”

Adrienne’s role in Neurodevelopment and Disability is primarily that of knowledge translation, to ensure accurate outcome measurement, continual evaluation of interventions and embedding best evidence into routine clinical care, a role that is almost entirely funded by philanthropy.

Working across the three themes of accurate identification and measurement, intervention and the lived experience, Adrienne collaborates with families across the hospital and nationally to ensure that each child is receiving the best level of care. Understanding how each patient responds to medication and therapy, the effectiveness of surgeries and monitoring the families’ overall experience is essential learning for teams both locally and internationally. Adrienne works with patients like Bridget Healy and her family to evaluate interventions and implement change in the treatment, with the ultimate aim of improving outcomes for all children with dyskinetic cerebral palsy.

Research into improving outcomes for young people with cerebral palsy has already resulted in some key learnings, and the RCH has collaborated with the Children’s Hospital at Westmead in Sydney to develop a toolkit for clinicians to better identify and measure dyskinesia in children with cerebral palsy.

“This type of ongoing research is essential to improving the lives of children with cerebral palsy. What we do wouldn’t be possible without philanthropy,” said Adrienne.



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DR ADRIENNE HARVEY, PHYSIOTHERAPIST

RESEARCH

Meet Bridget

Bridget Healy was born determined. She was determined to enter the world early, arriving at just 30 weeks, and now at age nine, she's determined to one day walk unaided.

Bridget's early arrival into the world was something that her parents Michael and Nikki had not been prepared for. With a 20 month old at home, disbelief and confusion with the complications resulting from Bridget's early birth quickly turned to determination, and the family reset their expectations. Weighing just over one-and-a-half kilograms, she had to be dressed in dolls' clothes. Bridget spent her first five weeks in hospital but this was just the beginning of her journey at the RCH.

"I remember the doctors telling me to get used to the idea that it might not be easy, that she most likely won't be able to breastfeed," said mum Nikki.

Bridget and Nikki's bond was instant, and soon the doctors were proved wrong. Bridget was breastfeeding, on the road to recovery and able to go home.

It was just seven months later when the alarm bells went off again. Bridget had missed a couple of developmental milestones and the maternal health nurse identified some problems with her hips. Weekly consultations with a physiotherapist eventually led the family to the RCH, a place they would soon become very familiar with.

"Nothing can prepare you for having a child with special needs. It was a very steep learning curve for the whole family," said Nikki.

The diagnosis of cerebral palsy and the years of treatments which followed has been something that the Healys have approached as a family. From advanced complicated surgeries and lengthy rehabilitation, to the trialing of new treatments, the family have remained optimistic, encouraging and united in their support for Bridget.

At age nine, Bridget's determination and spirit is inspiring. Highly social and music loving, Bridget requires the aid of crutches, a walker and sometimes a wheelchair to get around. Her condition prohibits her to do simple things like tie her shoelaces or carry a plate. However, she doesn't let that stop her from doing the things she loves. She's also not afraid to admit that she has the best brother in the world. Patient and protective, 11 year old Ewan would do anything for his sister and has been by her side every step of the way. Ewan is there to support Bridget with simple tasks around the house and doesn't complain when the request comes to play dolls with her. "Ewan is just fabulous. Having an extra special sister has shaped him and changed the whole family," said Nikki.

Despite Bridget's condition becoming increasingly frustrating as she gets older, the work that Adrienne and the team at the RCH are undertaking give the family hope for the future.

"We haven't hit the magic-changed-our-life treatment yet, but we're hopeful that, with the research that the RCH is undertaking, the next one might help her walk."

MEET THE DONOR

The RCH Auxiliaries are an unparalleled force in fundraising at the hospital. Each year more than 900 members generously dedicate their time, energy and creativity to raise funds to support sick children. Funding for the research into improving outcomes for children with cerebral palsy has been provided by two such Auxiliaries: Hawthorn and Very Special Kids EBC. With a combined effort, the money raised by the RCH Auxiliaries is helping to make a difference to the lives of children with cerebral palsy.



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NIKKI, BRIDGET'S MUM

LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING

Absolute gene-ius

Professor John Christodoulou is the new face of Genomic Medicine at the RCH campus. Working in partnership with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and the University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics, John will lead the integration of genomic medicine into RCH clinical care thanks to your generosity.

Genomic Medicine examines the human genome or the genetic information that determines who a person is, from their looks to the way their body functions. By understanding the genome, researchers can discover new therapies, medications and cures.

"Genomic medicine is an emerging field that's helping us discover the biological basis for childhood onset genetic diseases. It's also helping us discover new disease genes and give answers to families about what's affecting their child. When you understand the biology of a condition, you can identify potential treatments that may change a child's life," said John.

Internationally recognised for his work as a genetic researcher and clinician, John began his career at the hospital. Training under MCRI founder Professor David Danks, John specialised in genetics with an interest in genetic metabolic disorders that interfere with the chemistry of the body. Now, more than 20 years later, John is excited to be back on the RCH campus in a role that was "exactly what I was looking for."

As Chair of Genomic Medicine, John wears many hats. His first is as co-lead of the Australian Genomics Health Alliance, a five-year health services research project with more than 70 organisations "committed to integrating genomic medicine into healthcare across Australia." Through its work, Australian Genomics aims to "shorten diagnosis times, enable early intervention and provide access to treatment for people with genetic disorders."

Australian Genomics primarily plans to do this through a testing process called next generation sequencing (NGS). Through this technology geneticists can test all 20,000 genes at the same time, with the promise of shortening the diagnostic journey for families at a fraction of the cost. A recent study by the Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance found that for infants strongly suspected of having a genetic diagnosis, NGS lead to five times the diagnosis rate at 25 per cent of the cost of regular diagnostic methods. In one third of children, the study found that these results lead to a change in the management of a child's condition and overall health, which can have long term effects on the wellbeing of a patient and their family.

"Eventually, I would like to see genetic testing like this funded through Medicare just like many blood tests are now," said John. "There is inequity of access to genetic testing because of the cost, so we're working towards making this testing available to everyone who needs it."

John's second hat involves his work with the University of Melbourne. John is an integral member of the steering committee responsible for updating their Master of Genetics Counselling degree, as well as developing a new Masters of Genomics and Health degree specifically designed for other health professionals. He is also working with the team delivering the current Doctor of Medicine (MD) program in a bid to revamp the genetics and genomics components of the course.

"Genomics has advanced dramatically in the last five years and our work with the University will ensure that new genetic counsellors and doctors are genomically literate."

John's third hat is that of a genetic researcher. For over 20 years, he has led research into Rett Syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder where children display normal growth and development before gradually losing skills, their ability to communicate, and ultimately suffering

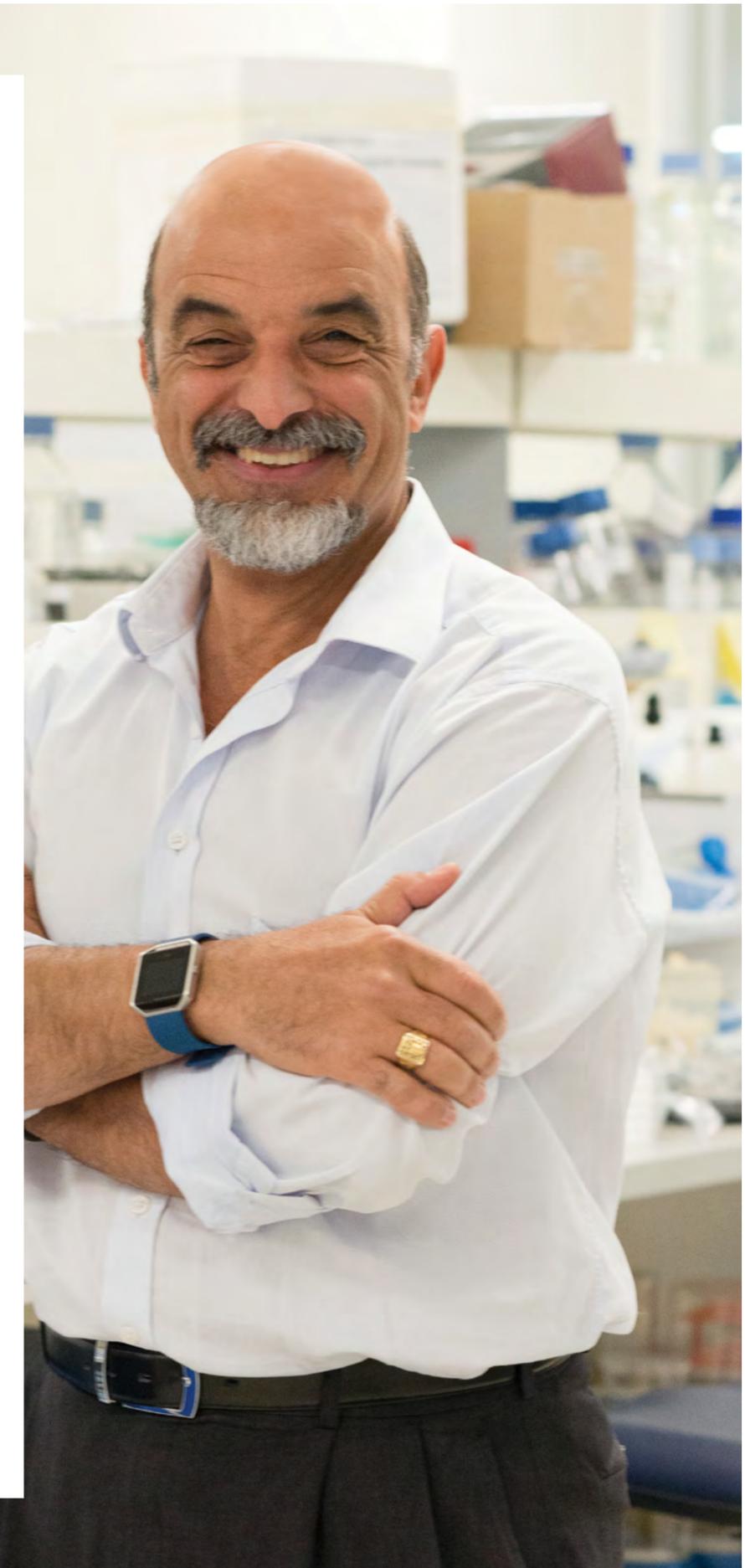
from severe intellectual disability. Through his research, John has gained a better understanding of the relationship between specific changes in the Rett gene and their clinical consequences, and made inroads into knowledge of the biology of Rett Syndrome. John is now working on a specific therapeutic treatment based on these insights.

During this same period John led research into mitochondrial respiratory chain disorders, which affect the body's capacity to use food as energy to fuel its cells. This lack of energy can cause a "catastrophic disease" which often significantly affects the brain, heart, vision and/or hearing. John's research team has uncovered the genetic basis of the disorder in dozens of children, which may lead to new gene discoveries and therapies unthought of without the genetic diagnosis.

John's research has also led to a potential therapy for patients with Phenylketonuria, a disorder where the body can't break down the amino acid phenylalanine causing it to build up in the blood. Without treatment, this build up causes intellectual disability. Still in the testing phase, this therapy involves a genetically modified probiotic that aims to breakdown phenylalanine in the gut before it reaches the blood stream.

Through these many initiatives and your generous support, John is poised to achieve his big dream.

"My hope is that the RCH campus will excel as the premier facility for genomic testing, research and care of children in Australia. Thanks to fabulous philanthropic support, we are already providing families with definitive genetic diagnoses and giving them greater certainty and hope for their children's future. With new and targeted therapies, we'll make it possible for children with serious genetic conditions to lead happier and healthier lives."





LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING

Meet Ginger

Genetic testing has been a blessing for Meg and Matt Salisbury, and their daughter Ginger. Born with a rare genetic condition, Ginger waited years for a definitive diagnosis.

She was five months old when her parents began to suspect something was wrong.

“Ginger had this amazing strength and determination, and then it just stopped. No more rolling from her tummy to her back, no smiles, no milestones. Nothing,” said Meg.

By eight months Ginger was barely sleeping. When a sleep expert told Meg to see a paediatrician immediately, her concerns were validated. After months of appointments, Ginger was referred to the MCRI’s Victorian Clinical Genetics Services for genetic testing. A formal diagnosis was reached one year later.

“We found out that Ginger had KAT6A. She was the first child in Australia to be diagnosed and, at the time, only the 30th person in the world with the condition,” said Meg.

Due to its rarity, there is little known about KAT6A and the protein that causes the condition. However, it is commonly characterised by developmental delay, issues acquiring and understanding speech, congenital cardiac issues, muscle stiffness or weakness, feeding and digestive difficulties and poor eyesight.

“Ginger has many of these issues, but without her diagnosis we wouldn’t have known what to look for,” said Meg.

“Because she can’t communicate, we need to advocate for Ginger and understand what we must do to keep her healthy. The diagnosis is vital to that. How do you know what to do without it?”

Now that she’s getting the care she needs, Ginger is a happy and healthy little girl known for her quirky sense of humour and love of her big sister Scarlet.

“Ginger is so lovable. She’s the happiest, most energetic little girl. Nothing keeps her down,” said Meg.

However, Meg is all too aware that her happy girl may have grown up quite differently without the benefit of a formal diagnosis.

“Before the diagnosis, we were clutching at straws and now we have something concrete. Supporting genetic testing and research at the hospital is so important. What can be accomplished through genetic research for children like Ginger is limitless,” said Meg.



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MEG, GINGER’S MUM

Image David Caird Herald Sun

Communication in sight

Imagine that you suffered from a debilitating condition which meant you lost your ability to move or talk, but were completely conscious in your surrounds.

For many children at the RCH who have suffered a stroke, brain injury or severe degrees of cerebral palsy, this is a reality. Now, thanks to the generosity of Victorians, a new eye gaze communication device has arrived at the RCH which is revolutionising the way that these patients can communicate, and speech pathologist Nat Weekley has seen the benefits first hand.

“The Tobii Eye Gaze is an exciting new device which allows non-verbal patients and those with movement disorders to communicate with voice output, use the Internet and complete their school work using eye gaze,” said Nat.

The Tobii device is part of a family of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and a leading device in eye-tracking and gaze interaction assistive technology. AAC devices help to optimize communication solutions for children with complex communication needs. Featuring a large digital touch screen, and a sensor bar that can track eye movements, the Tobii can be programmed to meet the needs of children of all ages and with vastly different communication skills.

Every day, Nat and the Speech Pathologists in the Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service (VPRS) and Acute Speech Pathology team work with a range of patients both on wards and in the outpatient clinics who present with an array of communication needs. “Often patients may come into the hospital with limited or no communication capacity and their parents will be their only means of communicating.”

Previously, when a patient was admitted to the RCH with spinal damage or cerebral palsy or had suffered a stroke or an acquired brain injury, they could be in hospital for months at a time with extremely limited ways to communicate with the allied health, nursing and medical teams. On some occasions, the wards were able to obtain an eye gaze device on loan, however this came at a high cost and would have short lease periods, often limited to just one month.

“The acquisition of a permanent eye gaze device has already made a huge impact on developing patients’ independence, improving their wellbeing while in hospital, and has enabled medical and allied health teams to work more closely with the children,” said Nat.

In addition to providing a means of communication for many children, the other benefit of the eye gaze technology is that children are able to independently access the internet in circumstances where this would previously not have been possible. For those patients who are quadriplegic, or have limited muscle control in their hands, the Tobii Eye Gaze is a way for patients to access social media sites, communicate with their friends as well as engage in educational tasks and group learning opportunities while in hospital.

“Imagine being a teenager and having your mum type out or read every message and email that you want to send and receive. For some of these kids, gaining independence in the way they use the internet and connect with their friends on social media is a really big deal.”

The Tobii Eye Gaze is now available to patients both in the wards as well as in outpatient clinics as part of the VPRS and the Acute Speech Pathology Service at RCH. New patients can be referred to RCH Speech Pathologists to test their suitability for eye gaze devices. Throughout the process, which can take around three to four months, speech pathologists will work with the child to trial different platforms. Nat will usually start with fun, interactive games which test speed and accuracy of their eye gaze and control. If successful, patients will progress through various communication based activities to facilitate development of functional communication skills using eye gaze. Families will also be involved in programming the device to ensure it will meet the specific needs of the child and the family.

“Often families will choose a combination of different AAC devices and access methods for their child’s communication. This can include an eye gaze device, as well as touch screen programs and sign language. Our goal is to provide these kids with functional communication skills that meet their needs in everyday situations and with a range of communication partners.

“The purchase of the Tobii Eye Gaze device has helped fast track this progress, and has benefited numerous patients across the hospital. We’re extremely grateful for the generosity of the Specsavers teams throughout Australia who have helped make this possible.”



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NAT WEEKLEY, SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Meet Kyle

Kyle Bozanic is a pretty standard 12 year old. Sport mad and willing to give anything a go, Kyle, like most other kids his age, also uses technology to communicate. The difference is that Kyle controls his device with his eyes.

Kyle was diagnosed with quadriplegia dystonia when he was two. Arriving as a new sibling for his brother Ryan, parents Kylie and Frank had no way of knowing how scary the birth of their second child and the weeks which followed would be. Mid-delivery, Kyle had a heart attack. Medical teams worked quickly, and soon he was intubated and transferred to intensive care.

"It was the scariest thing that I've ever been through in my life," said mum Kylie, "but we all stuck together and made it through."

After three weeks in the hospital Kyle was at last able to go home and the family settled into a new way of life. Over a year went by until they realised something was wrong. Kyle was having problems standing and his communication wasn't strong. After a series of tests, the family learnt that their young boy would have trouble walking and talking for the rest of his life.

"Kyle was diagnosed with quadriplegia dystonia, which means he has involuntary muscle movements, has trouble communicating and requires walking aids to get around," said Kylie.

With the news, and the arrival of a third child, the active family took Kyle's condition in their stride. A big sporting family, Kyle was soon up and moving with the aid of a walker. He uses a wheelchair for longer commutes including a special one for playing sport.

"Kyle just loves sports! With two brothers and lots of friends, he'll give anything a go," said mum Kylie.

Having mastered his mobility, the next challenge for Kyle and his family was communication. Determined that their bright, intelligent boy would be able to communicate with family and friends, the Bozanic family had been trained in Makaton Sign Language, which is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. Makaton Signs

are designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order. However Kyle was often exhausted from controlling his movements in a way to effectively communicate. This is where RCH VPRS Speech Pathologist Nat Weekley and Kyle's community and school Speech Pathologists came in.

"Kyle is an extremely engaging boy who always has a lot to say! Children with quadriplegia dystonia, often have involuntary muscle spasms and unwanted movements. These unwanted movements make it difficult for them to access their communication devices and computers using their fingers and hands and they can often find it much easier to control technology with their eyes. That's why the Tobii Eye Gaze was introduced for Kyle," said Nat.

Through consultations at the RCH and in conjunction with his community and school Speech Pathologists, Kyle was introduced to eye gaze technology. Kyle's eye gaze skills were initially assessed with a series of games, and he was hooked instantly. Progressing from games to communication tools took a little longer, however the Speech Pathologists are able to customise the programs to suit Kyle's most important social communication and educational needs and this is something that is constantly being adapted and changed as Kyle progresses and develops.

With the success of the eye gaze trial, the Bozonics were able to work with Kyle's support team to establish a range of devices to assist with his daily communications. For communicating on the go, Kyle has an iPad with a custom made (by his dad) screen guard and speaker attached to his wheelchair. In the classroom, Kyle has an eye gaze device permanently mounted to his desk. Equipped with a special keyboard, Kyle's eye gaze device allows him to communicate with his friends and family, participate in class discussions, communicate with his support team and has him equipped for the future.

"We're so grateful to Nat and everyone at the RCH for the support they provide Kyle and our family. For us, this is an ongoing process, and we're lucky to have access to this fantastic hospital."



MEET THE DONOR

Specsavers has been supporting the RCH for over four years. With a dedicated community program operating across all of their stores, giving back to the communities in which they're located is an integral part of the organisation. Across Victoria, 23 stores support the RCH, with a percentage of every pair of glasses sold donated to the hospital. Each store is passionate about raising funds for the RCH and have supported many areas of the hospital by doing so.

"At Specsavers, we're dedicated to improving people's lives through vision. When the opportunity came up to sponsor the Tobii Eye Gaze Device we jumped at the chance to empower young people through their eyes," said Briony Fitzgerald, Public Relations Coordinator at Specsavers.

An education

A child's capacity for learning is boundless. Even in their darkest days, they can find joy in learning a new skill, reading a book and expressing their ideas. The RCH Education Institute aims to foster that joy, helping sick children continue their journeys as learners while in hospital. By providing rich and fun learning experiences, the Education Institute ultimately helps children make the transition back to school as seamless as possible.

For patients who are well enough, the classroom environment is mirrored in group learning sessions held throughout the hospital. These sessions encourage collaborative learning opportunities, giving children a chance to explore art, writing, maths and science through creative lesson plans. They are also wonderful opportunities for children to connect with peers in similar situations, sharing ideas and experiences.

For children too unwell to leave their rooms, teachers bring the learning experiences to them. These sessions keep the sickest patients engaged by finding the place where their interests and learning opportunities meet. Two of the Education Institute teachers, Belinda Russell and Kate Simmonds, are experts at making education fun and accessible for sick children.

A former visual arts teacher, Belinda came to the hospital after the RCH saved her daughter's life.

"I was so grateful and so inspired by the doctors and nurses who cared for my daughter. After she was better I decided I wanted to give back and was lucky enough to get a job teaching at the RCH."

Kate also had a prior connection to the hospital.

"I used to work at the RCH as a nurse before going into teaching. Being a nurse has been a wonderful advantage in my teaching role, as I understand what's happening with the children medically and what they're going through emotionally."

Before working with a patient, Belinda and Kate get in touch with their 'home' schools to find out what they're studying, as well as the curriculum. These conversations also give them an understanding of how a child learns and what interests

them, helping them to develop activities that will keep them entertained and open them up to learning opportunities. This dialogue also keeps patients connected to their schools and peers.

"Beyond our daily lessons, I love finding ways to keep my students in touch with their classmates and what's happening at home. I often organise Skype calls so kids can catch up with their classmates and still feel like they're part of the group," said Kate.

"Once I know what a child's passionate about, I can get a foot in the door with them and walk them through a rich learning experience, but I have to capture their interest first," said Belinda.

Capturing a sick child's interest is key, as traditional learning environments can be challenging for them to engage in. Belinda and Kate are both adept at finding the fun in things like writing and fractions. Through a paper folding activity, Belinda taught her students about fractions, quizzing them about quarters and eighths as they worked. Kate works with her students on stories about subjects they are passionate about, fostering creativity and literacy.

MEET THE DONOR

These learning experiences wouldn't be possible without community generosity and the support of organisations like the Fight Cancer Foundation. Through their funding of two teaching positions in the Education Institute, the Fight Cancer Foundation is helping sick children find joy in their hospital experience.

"Learning is a connection to the outside world for sick children, so to those like the Fight Cancer Foundation who support the Education Institute, I say thank you! It's wonderful to know that good people are supporting you in changing children's lives for the better," said Belinda.

"I try my best to make a child's RCH journey a special one and take their mind off of what they're going through. The support of donors and charities like the Fight Cancer Foundation helps me do that. We are so lucky to have it and couldn't do what we do without their support," said Kate.



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BELINDA RUSSELL, RCH TEACHER

Meet Lily

For cancer patient Lily Wadley, the Education Institute has been a bright spot in her RCH journey.

Lily's journey began when a week of abdominal pain prompted her mum Katherine to take her to their local hospital. Thought to have nothing more than constipation, she was soon sent home. A few days later Lily became sallow and trickles of blood started running from her nose. A visit to their GP for blood tests revealed the cause of her illness.

"That night we received a call from the doctor saying Lily needed to come to the local emergency department right away and that first thing the following morning she would be transferred to the RCH where they had assigned her an oncologist. In one phone call our lives completely changed," said Katherine.

Lily was diagnosed that day with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a condition where the body overproduces immature white blood cells. These cells crowd the bone marrow and prevent it from producing normal white blood cells, increasing the risk of infection and illness.

Though this is a relatively low risk form of cancer, Lily was thrown a curveball in the form of the Philadelphia chromosome. Occurring in only three per cent of children, the Philadelphia chromosome is a genetic anomaly, generating a protein which causes cancer to grow uncontrollably and makes it extremely resistant to chemotherapy.

Though predominantly an outpatient, Lily must remain in Melbourne close to the RCH for a year of active treatment. Her treatment protocol combines chemotherapy with what's called a targeted agent. This targeted agent blocks the protein, preventing the cancer from multiplying and sensitising it to chemotherapy, of which Lily will undergo nine rounds that can last anywhere from 21 days to 18 months.

This combination of treatment has revolutionised the care children like Lily receive and her early test results are promising. Currently, Lily's cancer is in remission, the Philadelphia chromosome is undetectable and she's not expected to need a bone marrow transplant. Following the first year of active treatment, Lily will undergo maintenance therapy to help prevent a relapse.

"So far, Lily's responding really well to treatment and she's starting to feel more like her old self. Before she got sick she was this bright, bubbly and fearless little girl. Once she began treatment her personality just disappeared and it's only recently started to come back," said Katherine.

A "passionate artist", Lily's personality shines when she's drawing, writing or crafting. Both Belinda and Kate have taken advantage of this, finding interesting and creative ways for her to learn.

"I need all of my magic tricks to get Lily to engage when she's not well," said Belinda. "She loves fabrics and textiles, so we recently made a cushion for her sister, which was a maths exercise in disguise. To design the cushion we needed creativity, but we also used maths to take the measurements and estimate the number of stitches needed to sew each side of the cushion. It was wonderful to see Lily's joy at making it. She had never sewn a button before, so we added buttons to the cushion and she was so proud of herself for learning something new."

"Lily has been so unwell, that any type of engagement can be difficult," said Kate. "But Lily has loved working with the Sphero, which is a little robotic ball that lights up and rolls around. It's a great educational tool that can be used for a number of learning activities. We used it recently for a race, with the students creating chariots for the Sphero to pull around. Lily used problem solving skills to formulate the design and maths to measure everything out accurately."

Though their lives have changed drastically over the past year, Lily and Katherine are grateful for the RCH and the support of people like Belinda and Kate.

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KATHERINE, LILY'S MUM

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORTED IN 2016/17

The RCH Foundation supports the purchase of life-changing and life-saving equipment specifically designed for children.

Alleviating injection pain and discomfort through the provision of a freezer to store Coolsense skin numbing devices

Allowing **non-verbal patients to use their eyes to communicate** and access the internet with the Tobii Eye Gaze device

Allowing RCH dentists to **design, personalise and print 3D dental prosthetics** for children with dental or craniofacial conditions

ColourBurst stimulator accessory to **diagnose eye disease and determine the visual prognosis of patients under two years of age**

Correcting abnormal heart rhythms in children through the use of cryoblation freezing technology

Cryopreservation equipment for the long term storage of tumour samples for the Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank

Developing an **education resource for Vietnamese families** which promotes rights and responsibilities

Echo machine to support the development of a cardio-oncology service, to monitor the long-term damaging effects of childhood cancers on the heart

Educational play therapy equipment to distract and decrease anxiety in children visiting the specialists clinics

Educational resources to prepare traumatised, vulnerable young people for a happier and safer future

Enhancing the treatment and care of rural patients with cystic fibrosis with the use of **portable respiratory testing devices**

Ensuring **optimum clinical outcomes for orthopaedic patients** through the use of new traction equipment

Establishing a **Digital Command Centre** to provide live data from across the hospital to RCH teams 24/7

Exploring the educational benefits of working with clay through the **RCH Early Learning Centre Integrated Clay Studio and Art Space**

Fast-tracking the diagnoses and treatment of children presenting to the Emergency Department through **new blood testing equipment**

Improved guest wireless internet access for RCH patients, families and visitors, allowing better access to **My RCH portal**

Improving paediatric rehabilitation through **new equipment targeting multiple muscle groups**

Improving patient outcomes through **3D imaging that creates detailed scans** to assist with surgical planning

Improving the assessment of children with nose, throat and larynx conditions with a **new tool for measurement**

Intelligent equipment integrating with the electronic medical record to provide the **timely administration of pain relief for intensive care patients**

Mobile MRI and CT equipment, capable of travelling between cardiology and neurosurgery operating theatres, to provide more effective and timely scanning

Optimising neurosurgery at the RCH through the use of a **high precision navigational device**

Promoting **independence for patients with neurological conditions** by providing a new specialist commode

The RCH has become the first paediatric hospital in the southern hemisphere to install powerful **MR PET** scanning technology.

The MR PET combines the most effective medical scanning procedures, Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET), into one piece of equipment for the first time, overlaying the results of both scans into one image.

Thanks to the combined scans, the MR PET can pin point the exact location of an abnormality, which is particularly relevant for children with cancer or epilepsy. For epilepsy patients, the scan can determine the exact location in the brain causing the epileptic seizures for a more successful surgery. For cancer patients, it can identify the extent and spread of cancer, helping to monitor the response to treatment.

The **Karl Storz Vitom and Camera System** is an innovative piece of equipment that records operating procedures in full high-definition. It is also able to take still photos in theatre that will be used to provide vital imagery and training to surgeons and clinical staff, both during and post-surgery.

RCH cardiac surgeon Associate Professor Christian Brizard has used the technology, to assist with conference presentations helping to train up and coming surgeons across Victoria, Australia and the world.

Providing RCH speech pathologists with **iPads to assist in assessing, treating and communicating with non-verbal patients**

Providing **recreational and mentoring opportunities** for children with diabetes through camps

Streamlining testing for patients with cancer and blood conditions through the purchase of additional equipment

Supporting better care for children with central line and reducing their risk of infection through **innovative nurse training**

Supporting **cystic fibrosis patients** and their families with a **range of physiotherapy equipment**

Supporting parents and care givers of RCH cardiac patients through the **provision of a breastfeeding chair**

Supporting the establishment of **additional consulting suites at the hospital, including new medical imaging and lab processing equipment**

Three new ultrasound machines which provide faster, more detailed results for patients across the hospital

Upgrading the **clinical research MRI scanner** to significantly enhance clinical care and research capacity on campus

Upgrading the **iPad program for Educational Play and Music Therapy**

Using play and a **range of hospital-specific play equipment** to prepare children for medical procedures

Wound dressing equipment to support the timely treatment of patients requiring post surgical care

Supporting the **Uncle Bobs Club Child Development Centre** for children with developmental disabilities

Temporary pacemakers used in emergency situations for intensive care patients

The **Ocular Coherence Tomography (OCT)** allows ophthalmologists to take a never-before-seen look at babies' retinas including their maculas. This improves detection rates for prematurity-related eye disease, retinal disorders and cancers such as retinoblastoma.

The OCT uses near-infrared light to generate a high-resolution cross-sectional image of the eye, showing its sub-surface details. The machine is perfect for small babies because it's portable and can easily be used crib-side, is non-invasive and doesn't touch the eye, and scans in just one to three seconds.

This technology means babies can be better monitored and receive earlier treatment for conditions that were difficult to detect before. With this technology the RCH is hoping to prevent children from having a lifetime of blindness.

PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

SUPPORTED IN 2016/17

The RCH Foundation fully supports the hospital’s philosophy of using and developing innovative models of patient and family centred care. This ensures that patients receive the very best care, and that their families are recognised as instrumental in this process, included each step of the way.

A speciality **multidisciplinary clinic for muscular dystrophy patients**

Acquatic physiotherapy at the RCH pool to improve the strength, range of movement and mobility of patients

Annual clinical **Uncle Bobs Clinical Neurology Fellowship**

Better access and wait times for patients in the Emergency Department through improved design, capacity and staffing

Celebrating RCH volunteers through the **RCH Volunteers Festival**

Clinical sessions for the Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Chair of Developmental Medicine to improve clinical care, increase research and train clinical and research staff on the genetics of neurodisability

Clinical Trials Coordinator to increase the number of children enrolled in solid tumour trials

Creating a **recipe book** suitable for children with renal impairment

Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse to improve the wellbeing of diabetes patients

Discovering and highlighting paediatric health issues and challenges through the **RCH Australian Child Health Poll**

Education and skills training for RCH Consumer Representative Volunteers

Eczema workshop providing families with extensive education, assessment, home management plans, demonstration of treatments and support

Educational Play Therapists to provide positive procedural support and experiences

Enhancing the parent-child relationship, communication and social skills through the **Mother Goose Program**

The **Complex Movement Disorders Program (CMDP)** greatly improves the lives of children with conditions affecting their movement, including cerebral palsy, neurodegenerative diseases and acquired brain injuries. It features a multidisciplinary team of surgeons, specialists and allied health professionals working together to provide comprehensive and world-leading care.

In the CMDP, research and clinical care will be run side by side, which will be of great benefit to children and families, and will help to make significant strides in the treatment of these disorders.

Ensuring early detection and timely access to assessment for **children at risk of developmental delay**

Ensuring that **patient mental health** is addressed as part of routine healthcare through improving clinician knowledge, skills and behaviour

Epidermolysis Bullosa Nurse Consultant to support and streamline care for patients and their families

Establishing a **cross-campus (RCH and Alfred Hospital) Burns Fellow** to ensure delivery of best practice care, service and teaching

Establishing a **dedicated multiple sclerosis clinic** at the RCH to provide multidisciplinary care and commence clinical and therapeutic studies

Expanding the **art therapy program in the Children’s Cancer Centre**

Extending the **RCH Telehealth program**, for regional and interstate children to have video-call appointments with the RCH

Family Resource Coordinator to provide practical and emotional support services to cancer patients

Immunotherapy Transplantation Research Nurse to provide ongoing care and management of patients involved in clinical trials

Implementing a **new protocol for faecal disimpaction in the Emergency Department**, to reduce admissions and time for patients and staff

Improving care for children with bowel or bladder dysfunction through evidence based treatment

Improving care for children with **upper limb deficiencies**

Improving care for obese children and adolescents through the **RCH Weight Management Service**

Improving coping strategies and pain management through provision of **Music Therapy in the Children’s Cancer Centre, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Cardiac and Palliative Care**

Improving **Family Services and Volunteer Programs** through better tools, resources and training

Improving **health literacy for oesophageal atresia and tracheo-oesophageal fistula patients** through the publication of adolescent-friendly resources

Improving **saliva control and dental care** for children with **cerebral palsy**

Improving the approach to care and minimising hospital visits for complex patients through the **Complex Care Program**

Improving the **transition to adult healthcare** for patients with intellectual disability and/or autism spectrum disorder

Intestinal transplant Clinical Nurse Consultant to facilitate the development of a paediatric intestinal program

Modifying the home environment of children with obesity to encourage healthier outcomes

Music Therapy program specifically for adolescent mental health patients

Nephrologist to lead clinical research programs in congenital and chronic kidney diseases, dialysis and renal transplantation

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit to further optimise the care of infants and their families through the integration of nursing and medical roles at an advanced level

Nutrition outpatient services for cancer patients at significant nutritional risk

Oesophageal Atresia Research Nurse to provide improved care for patients

Production of **educational ‘how to’ videos** for the RCH diabetes website

Production of **TV programs aimed at alleviating the stress and anxiety** of patients and their families

Promoting **mental health and wellbeing** for hospital staff

Providing additional **social work services in the Children’s Cancer Centre**

Providing educational **toys and resources** for patients and their siblings in the **RCH Family Hub**

Providing **excellence and leadership in health services to indigenous children and families** through the Wadja Aboriginal Family Place

Providing **fuel and food vouchers** to families attending the Children’s Cancer Centre

Providing **fuel and food vouchers** to families of patients with neurological conditions

Providing individually targeted **Music Therapy** interventions to patients through the **Neuroscience and Rehabilitation Music Therapy Program**

Providing **neuropsychology assessment for patients with brain tumours** at the Children’s Cancer Centre

Providing **resources and activities for eating disorder patients** to access during prescribed rest periods

Providing **social work support to children** and their families affected by **mental health issues**

Purchase of **specialised treatment chairs for Day Medical and Day Cancer Care**

Reducing the distress and anxiety of children and adolescents receiving cancer treatment through the **Children’s Cancer Centre Comfort First Program**

Samaritan Fund for patients and families of the Children’s Cancer Centre to **cover the cost of expenses incurred by frequent and lengthy hospital admissions**

Specialised Music Therapy for adolescents to promote healing and resilience during their stay in hospital

Stroke Program Coordinator to improve care and outcomes for children affected by stroke

Supporting children with cancer in regional Victoria through the **Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program**

Supporting **Chronic Illness Peer Support (ChIPS)**, a vibrant program for young people living with a chronic illness

Supporting patients and families transitioning to adult healthcare through the **Transition Support Service**

Supporting the **care of international patients** through the **RCH Global Health Office**

Supporting the families of children awaiting liver transplant by providing **meal vouchers** whilst the child is an inpatient

Supporting **two teachers to educate and engage patients** in the Children’s Cancer Centre

Training junior paediatric neurologists in the diagnosis and management of paediatric neuromuscular disorder in children

RESEARCH

SUPPORTED IN 2016/17

The RCH Foundation works closely with the RCH and campus partners the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute (MCRI) and The University of Melbourne’s Department of Paediatrics to find new diagnosis, treatments and cures for childhood illnesses and diseases.

Aligning and integrating MCRI and RCH research capability and output to improve clinical practice and achieve globally competitive excellence in paediatric healthcare and medical research

Annual **research fellowship** for paediatric neurology trainees

Enhancing clinical and research outcomes through **improved collection and collation of patient data and samples**

Enhancing the care of children with brain tumours through **therapeutic cancer trials**

Examining the ways in which Hospital-in-the-home and the RCH Emergency Department **treat children with urinary tract infections**

Exploring the **mental health risks** for children transitioning to secondary school

Funding for **postdoctoral neurodisability researchers**

Improving care for young people with cerebral palsy

Improving care for young people with cerebral palsy through enabling the automatic and accurate measurement of hip migration percentage from pelvic x-rays

Improving patient health outcomes through supporting the **Health Services Research Unit**

Increased data collection and research opportunities in the paediatric intensive care unit

Investigating the **link between sleep, biological ageing and cardiorespiratory health**

MCRI Career Grants and Scholarships for early and mid-year researchers

Providing funding for the continuation of ten high level **research projects at MCRI**

Reducing persisting symptoms and complications after **childhood concussion**

Examining how children and young people can be better **protected from suicide and self-harm**

Research and implementation of **campus wide cutting edge clinical trials**

Research coordination across paediatric cardiac surgery, cardiology and intensive care

Research into the genetic basis of **chemotherapy-induced heart disease**

Research into the **safety and effectiveness of Fluoxetine** as a treatment for autism

Researching the **optimal dose of anti-rejection drugs prior to kidney transplantation**

Study Coordinator facilitating the Children’s Oncology Group clinical trial activity

Studying **paediatric central nervous system tumours** at the molecular level

Supporting a **Director of Research** to advance RCH emergency care

Supporting a **Neonatal Research Nurse** to assist with clinical and laboratory based studies

Supporting a study into the **developmental outcomes of children with tuberous sclerosis complex**

Supporting an integrated clinical and **research programs into the genetic cause of kidney disease** in children

Supporting continuous **innovation in MRI analysis** as part of clinical service

Supporting the **Centre for Community Child Health’s Research and Policy** team

Supporting the Centre for Community Child Health’s **research into child development**

Supporting the development of software for the analysis of **3D clinical photography**

Supporting the **MCRI Community Health Services Research** group

Supporting the **Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance** to incorporate genomic sequencing into Victorian healthcare

Supporting the **RCH Gender Service** to improve outcomes for transgender youth

Trialling the **Parent Engagement Resource framework** for identifying family psychosocial concerns

Upgrading the **Children’s Cancer Centre Tissue Bank** to increase the quality, quantity, variety and accessibility of specimens

With diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels being responsible for over one third of Australian deaths, **a research project is being led by RCH Cardiology to determine if heart disease can be traced back to childhood.**

While factors like a sedentary lifestyle and the consumption of processed foods certainly have an impact, the RCH Cardiology team are exploring whether chronic diseases present in children — especially those due to chronic inflammation or infection — can lead to an increased risk in the development of cardiovascular disease as an adult.

Collecting long-term **data about children with Prader-Willi syndrome** and associated research

Developing a register to collect data underpinning **research into cerebral palsy**

Developing new guidelines to improve health outcomes for **children suffering from concussion**

Education of Victorian general paediatricians to **manage the care** of simple food allergies

Establishing a register to **collect data on children with hand conditions and differences**

Establishing a **register to improve cardiac patient care** and the transition to adult care after Fontan surgery

Establishing a specialised **paediatric cancer genetic service**

The Melbourne Infant Study: BCG for Allergy and Infection Reduction (MIS BAIR) is a collaboration between the RCH, MCRI and the University of Melbourne. Involving 1,438 newborn babies, it investigates whether the tuberculosis (BCG) vaccine given shortly after birth can prevent the development of allergic diseases (eczema, food allergy and atopic sensitisation that can lead to asthma) and infections (particularly respiratory) in the first year of life.

MIS BAIR includes the collection of a large number of biosamples for laboratory studies to investigate how BCG vaccine influences the developing immune system. These samples, together with their associated clinical data will be available for researchers on the Melbourne Children’s campus for years to come.

LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SUPPORTED IN 2016/17

The RCH Foundation provides funding for academic leadership, scholarship and fellowship positions, education programs and training opportunities for staff. This ensures patients now and into the future have access to the world's best and brightest medical minds.

A Clinician Compact to ensure continuous improvement in strengthening intracampus relationships and culture

Academic Paediatric Surgeon and Director of the Trauma Service advancing and providing academic leadership in paediatric surgery

Acknowledging the work of women on campus by **celebrating International Women's Day**

Advancing clinician knowledge of the **impact of hospitalisation, illness and impairment on child development**

APEX Chair in Developmental Medicine improving the management, training and research of developmental disability in children

Associate Director of Policy and Service Development advocating for evidence-based policy, translating research into practice and developing the RCH workforce

Professor Anthony 'Tony' Penington is the inaugural **Jigsaw Foundation Chair of Paediatric Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery** at the RCH. He leads a highly-qualified team advancing research, treatments and surgical outcomes for children with conditions like vascular anomalies, cleft lip and palate, craniofacial deformities and congenital hand conditions.

Tony's speciality is vascular malformations, or birthmarks, which are a collection of blood vessels that have developed abnormally. He is a key member of the RCH team that treats them and is also working with his MCRI team to research the genetics of vascular malformations, as well new treatment options.

Building the culture, capacities and competencies needed to best translate research findings into great clinical care

Capacity building in adolescent health and medicine through **online professional development**

Chair in Genomic Medicine integrating genomics into RCH clinical care and establishing the hospital as a leader in the field

Clinical Research Fellow conducting clinical research and implementing the findings into RCH paediatric neurosurgery

Clinical, Educational and Research Fellowship in paediatric rheumatology to improve clinical care and workforce training

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship funding an overseas study trip for an RCH nurse

Developing an **online learning course in paediatric penile pathology** for clinicians, doctors and students

Developing medical, nursing and allied health staff as researchers to improve patient care

Developmental Medicine Training Coordinator developing resources for professionals and families of children with a disability

Digitisation and appraisal of historic RCH films and photos preserving the hospital's long history for future generations

Donald Ratcliffe and Phyllis McLeod Director of Nursing Research and a Nursing Research Team improving nursing capacity and outcomes for patients and families

Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship supporting the integration of research processes into nursing practice at the RCH

Emergency Nurse Practitioner App to assist with the assessment and management of patients presenting to the RCH Emergency Department

Enhancing campus education to improve quality of care and support health service research

Establishing a **professional development program to support early years practitioners** to provide great care to children in the community

Establishing an **outreach education program** for nurses and allied health professionals across Victoria

Fellow in paediatric and adolescent gynaecology supporting specialised gynaecology care for children

Fellowship in paediatric gastroenterology providing high level training for overseas doctors

Geoff and Helen Handbury Chair in Adolescent Health ensuring clinical leadership, expertise and innovation across adolescent services at the RCH

Improving the **cultural sensitivity of RCH staff and the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** at the hospital

Laboratory Genetic Counsellor integrating genetic test processes at the RCH with those of the Victorian Clinical Genetics Services

Leadership medical education roles **advancing the medical education programs** on campus

Mental health clinical service design **professional sessions improving clinical care and research in mental health**

National Paediatric Bioethics Conference and public forum providing education, development and training for campus staff

Nurse Scientist Fellowship combining a program of laboratory research in vascular anomalies with nursing research on quality of life for children affected by them

Oncology leadership positions in the Children's Cancer Centre

Paediatric and Neonatal Surgeon developing intestinal surgical and academic services within RCH paediatric surgery

PhD studentship researching sleep problems for children with physical disability and their carers

Professional development program for RCH teachers to improve patients' literacy learning

Promoting **great care and safe clinical practice** through training that simulates critical patient situations

Providing academic leadership in research and teaching on the RCH campus through the **Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair of Paediatrics**

The **RCH Simulation Program** is taking team building to the next level through sophisticated medical simulations. By exposing teams to acute, but rare patient events in a safe environment, the program is improving clinical decision making, enhancing communication skills, and furthering great patient and family care in the most critical situations.

Providing **guidelines for the care of cystic fibrosis patients** with gastrointestinal conditions

Providing **online learning** opportunities for clinicians specialising in adolescent health

Providing **professional development and leadership opportunities** for Allied Health and Nursing staff

Providing professional development at the **Australia and New Zealand Burns Association Annual Scientific Meeting**

Providing **professional development** opportunities for Paediatric Intensive Care Unit nurses

Providing **professional development** opportunities for Uncle Bobs Child Development Centre staff

Providing **professional development** opportunities in Australia and overseas for RCH staff

Purchasing **educational books to support students' literacy and learning** at the RCH

Rats of Tobruk Fellowship focused on epilepsy care and supporting RCH Neurology to deliver great patient outcomes

Redeveloping the Uncle Bobs Child Development Centre website to provide information about the RCH early childhood intervention service

Respiratory Medicine Fellowships specialising in cystic fibrosis care and research

Supporting a **new after-hours model of care** to improve care coordination, support staff and boost clinical resources

Supporting an **internationally renowned speaker in the field of nephrology** to provide an educational platform for clinical and research presentations

Supporting the Children's Bioethics Centre in **promoting the rights and responsibilities of children and their families in healthcare**

Supporting the Health Services Research Unit to **develop and disseminate critical data that drives decision making for RCH services**

PHILANTHROPICALLY FUNDED POSITIONS

Leadership positions and chairs

Academic Paediatric Surgeon and Head of Trauma Services
Chair in Developmental Mental Health
Chair in Genomic Medicine
Head of Molecular Diagnostics
Director of Research in Emergency Medicine
Director of Medical Education
The Apex Australia Foundation Chair in Developmental Medicine
The Donald Ratcliffe and Phyllis McLeod Director of Nursing Research
The Geoff and Helen Handbury Chair in Adolescent Health
The Jigsaw Foundation Chair in Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery
The Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Chair of Developmental Medicine (clinical sessions)
The Loti and Victor Smorgon Chair in Paediatrics
Translational Research Academic Paediatric Surgeon

Fellowships

Burns Fellowship
Children's Cancer Centre Fellowship
Clinical, Educational and Research Fellowship in Paediatric Rheumatology
Clinical Research Fellow - Pilot Renal Genomics and Induced Patient Stem Cell Program (ReGeniPS)
Clinical Research Fellowships in Respiratory Medicine
Community Health Services Research Fellow
Developmental Medicine Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Endocrine Clinical Research Fellowships
Gastroenterology Fellowship
LifeCourse Analytical Clinical Fellow
Neurology Clinical Research Fellowship
Neuromuscular Fellowship
Nurse Scientist Fellowship
Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology Fellowship
Paediatric Cancer Genetics Fellowship
Paediatric Neurosurgery Clinical Research Fellowship
RCH Community Paediatric Fellows
The Aitken Fellowship
The Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience Fellowship
Uncle Bobs Club Clinical Neurology Fellowship

Scholarships

Allied Health and Nursing Education, Development and Leadership Program
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship
Elizabeth Fearon Travelling Scholarship
The Rosen Family, Lily's Gift Travelling Scholarship for General Registered Nurses
Jeannie H Poolman Travelling Scholarship
Jeff Crouch Memorial Travelling Scholarship
The Karmien Chan Memorial Travelling Scholarship
The Pied Pipers Travelling Scholarship
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MEET BROOKE

At the age of nine, Brooke began losing control of her body. By 14 she was no longer able to feed herself or walk. Eventually she was unable to attend school.

Born with a rare and degenerative movement disorder called dystonia, Brooke suffered from unrelenting and occasionally life threatening muscle cramps that twisted and contorted her body into uncomfortable positions and movements.

When numerous medicines and treatments failed to work, Brooke's only option was Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), which disrupts the abnormal brain activity that causes dystonia. Only the third paediatric patient in Australia to receive DBS, Brooke's results are remarkable and she's beginning to walk again.

Her struggle was the inspiration for Brookestars Dream, which raised over \$51,000 for the hospital. Most recently, Brooke supported the hospital as the face of Fly for the Kids, a fundraiser held by her neurologist, Associate Professor Andrew Kornberg. Brooke's story helped A/ Professor Kornberg establish the Complex Movement Disorders Program to support patients like her.

"When my dystonia was really bad I got scared, but I always knew that all my doctors at the hospital would be there to help me. They helped me get DBS and I love it. I got to go back to school again, I learnt to walk again and I can even ride a bike now! I wanted to tell my story to help Andrew so that he can help other little kids with dystonia too," said Brooke.



LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The Leadership Circle brings philanthropic individuals together for a common goal: to support the RCH in its mission to be a world leading paediatric hospital and centre for excellence.

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THANK YOU LEO AND RICHARD

When his daughter Ava was diagnosed with a life threatening heart condition, Leo Iazzolino saw the incredible care the RCH provides firsthand.

"Ava's life was hanging in the balance and we were told to prepare for the worst. But once we arrived at the RCH and met with surgeons, cardiologists and nursing staff we felt that Ava had a fighting chance," said Leo.

After emergency surgery and three months at the hospital, Ava was well enough to return home. It was then that Leo and his wife Josephine decided to give back to the hospital as a thank you.

"We started calling our friends and family asking them to support vital cardiac equipment at the hospital. My wife and I donated through our company, Elite Property Group, and together we raised over \$275,000 in a few days."

One of Leo's kind hearted friends was Richard Torossi, whose company, Bayport Group, continues to support the hospital and sick children like Ava.

"My company supports the RCH because we genuinely believe in the magnificent work it does now and will do tomorrow. When called upon we didn't have to think twice about getting involved."

Both Leo and Richard are members of the RCH Foundation Leadership Circle, helping to advance great care at the hospital.

"My family wanted to do some good because of the good that was done for our daughter and being a member of the Leadership Circle is a great way to do that," said Leo. "It's a privilege to meet the hospital's star performers, hear about their amazing work and support them to be successful."

Image: Leo Iazzolino and Richard Torossi

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

The RCH Foundation is delighted to acknowledge the individuals who believe that through major philanthropic support they can make a difference to children's health.

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THANK YOU TO THE ROSEN FAMILY

When their daughter Lily was diagnosed with a heart condition in utero, Paul and Sheryl Rosen's lives were turned upside down.

"On the final scan they picked up that Lily's Pulmonary Valve was thickened and narrowed, which was causing abnormally high pressure on her right ventricle. All of a sudden our birth plan changed to ensure Lily was born at a hospital with a newborn intensive care unit," said Sheryl.

Within three hours of being born, Lily was transferred to the RCH. The following day she underwent a balloon valvuloplasty, in which a heart catheter inserts an inflatable balloon into the valve to stretch it open. Thanks to this procedure and ongoing care, Lily is now a healthy and energetic little girl who loves dancing and playing in her backyard.

"The RCH is amazing. Every member of staff is so caring and knowledgeable, and they've done so much to help Lily and us as parents," said Sheryl.

Wanting to give back to the hospital, Sheryl and Paul established The Rosen Family, Lily's Gift Travelling Scholarship for General Registered Nurses. This scholarship enables nurse graduates who have demonstrated ability in a field of paediatric nursing to travel overseas for further experience, education or a period of special observation.

"The hospital does so many great things and if we can help perpetuate that, we're thrilled. This is our way of showing our gratitude for Lily's care," said Paul.

Image: Sheryl, Lily and Paul Rosen

THANK YOU SPOTLESS

In 2017, Associate Professor Andrew Kornberg took-off on a fundraising adventure called Fly for the Kids. A much-loved RCH neurologist, Andrew covered 27,000kms as he solo circumnavigated Australia in honour of the many RCH patients and families he's cared for.

Andrew couldn't have completed his once in a lifetime trip without the support of sponsors like Spotless, one of Australia's leading providers of integrated facilities services. Spotless generously donated over \$10,000 to help Fly for the Kids get off the ground.

"Spotless is such an integral part of the RCH, so showing our support for the patients and families is something that we're really passionate about as a business."

"Supporting Fly for the Kids hits close to home for many of our staff who have young families and know the importance of programs that can assist the lives of those living with complex movement disorders."

"We look forward to seeing what Andrew and the RCH team accomplish with the program," said Fiona McKerrow, Spotless Contract Manager.

Thanks to supporters like Spotless, the first five years of a Complex Movement Disorders Program have been funded. The Program will provide world leading care for children and young people affected by life limiting movement disorders.

"We will run our research and clinical care side by side, and having this expertise in one place will have an incredible benefit to these children and families. I am sure that we will make great strides in the treatment of these disorders," said Andrew.

Image: A/Professor Andrew Kornberg and Fiona McKerrow, Spotless Contract Manager.



FLY FOR THE KIDS - CORPORATE AND MAJOR SUPPORTERS

In 2017 Associate Professor Andrew Kornberg circumnavigated Australia, flying solo to raise money for a new Complex Movement Disorders Program at the RCH. Thank you to the corporate supporters and major donors who helped make A/Professor Kornberg's journey a reality.

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The RCH Good Friday Appeal

Thank you to supporters of the RCH Good Friday Appeal, including many schools across Victoria who helped A/Professor Andrew Kornberg's fundraising adventure take flight.



THANK YOU KMART

“At Kmart we’re nuts about Christmas, and after working with The Royal Children’s Hospital for many years, we knew that we had to do something extra special for the new hospital. The solution was a nine metre tall Christmas tree!” said Kate Trench-Thiedeman.

Kmart has been bringing the joy of Christmas to children at the RCH for over 10 years. As an organisation with more than 200 stores across Australia and New Zealand, Kmart is dedicated to giving back to the communities which it’s located in, with children and their families being at the heart of it.

What started as a gift giving exercise has expanded to a full hospital take over. Every year in collaboration with the Pied Pipers and RCH Auxiliaries, Kmart deliver Christmas trees, decoration and cheer to the whole hospital. Enabling RCH patients to experience the joy of Christmas is something that everyone at Kmart is proud to be a part of.



Image: Shawn Mackenzie-Ross, Veronica Batson and Kate Trench-Thiedeman from Kmart

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We are grateful to our corporate donors who have supported us through monetary and in-kind donations.

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THANK YOU EPICURE

What do you get when you combine 500 kg of gingerbread, 360 kg of royal icing, 150 kg of marzipan and approximately 800 miniature Christmas trees? A gingerbread village.

Held during the Christmas season at Melbourne Town Hall, the annual Gingerbread Village by EPICURE is a confectionary triumph created by award-winning Executive Pastry Chef Deniz Karaca and his team. In gorgeous detail they recreate the city's biggest landmarks like Luna Park, the MCG and the RCH.

The RCH Foundation became the charity partner for the Gingerbread Village in 2016, which raised over \$28,000 to help sick children at the hospital.

"The Gingerbread village was born from an idea to use our passion to create something special to delight people during the festive season. Since then more than 291,840 visitors have attended our magnificent creation at the Melbourne Town Hall. In 2016 we were exceptionally proud to choose the RCH Foundation as our charity partner and to celebrate we created a magnificent replica of the hospital in gingerbread. The delight shown by the children when they saw it for the first time was unforgettable. We look forward to further building on our relationship with the RCH Foundation over many years," said David Mercer, Epicure's State Manager for Victoria and New South Wales.



Image: Executive Pastry Chef Denize Karaca

Opposite clockwise from top left: Michael Garafillis, Peter Brown, Phillip Lusher, Peter McKie, Kerri Osborne from Strathmore Community Branch Bendigo Bank

THANK YOU STRATHMORE COMMUNITY BRANCH BENDIGO BANK

Community is at the heart of more than just the name of the Strathmore Community Branch Bendigo Bank. Over the past eight years, the organisation has donated over \$300,000 to the RCH, including the sponsorship of 10 beds across the hospital, six of which are in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

"We have always considered sponsorship to be an important part of supporting our communities. We are proud that we are able to help the NICU provide great care to our sickest babies," said Peter Brown, Chairman of Strathmore Community Branch Bendigo Bank.



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Thank you to all of the generous businesses that held fundraisers in support of the hospital throughout the year.

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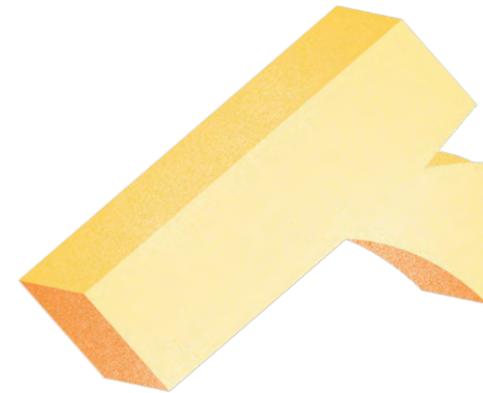
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THANK YOU TO DEBRA AUSTRALIA

Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) may well be the worst disease you've never heard of. A rare disease whereby the skin blisters and peels at the slightest touch, living with EB has been likened to living with third degree burns.

DEBRA Australia is dedicated to supporting EB sufferers and since 2014, the trust has funded an EB nurse at the RCH to improve and streamline patient care.

"EB nurse Lauren has made an enormous difference to our EB families. Sometimes it takes a special donation to kick start something new," said DEBRA Australia board member David Hanvey.

Image: David Hanvey

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Leaving a Gift in Will is a deeply touching way to support generations to come.

Many people remembered the hospital in their Will and we sincerely thank them.

In their memory we recognise and honour their legacy.

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THANK YOU FRED AUMANN

Fred Aumann's connection to the RCH began with his mother, Hilda. In leaving a \$1.1million bequest to the hospital, Fred ensured this connection would continue for generations into the future.

Fred's mother was a member of the Templestowe Auxiliary, as was his-sister-in law Pat, and his family's connection to the Auxiliary made a significant impression on him.

"Fred's bequest honours his family's dedication to and continuing support of the RCH," said Elizabeth Baxter, Fred's niece. "We pray that his generosity will improve the lives of many children in a world class facility."

THE 1870 SOCIETY

We gratefully acknowledge supporters who have planned to leave a gift in their Will.

Your commitment inspires us, and will give hope to children and families for generations to come.

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Bimbadeen Heights Primary School
BMX Victoria
Boneo Primary School
Carine Boustany - Dylan's Angels
Frank Bowden
Stephen and Lois Boyd
Nick's Wish Trivia Night
Bright P-12 College
Broadmeadows Special
Development School
Bunyip Primary School
Mikayla Butcher
Shari Butcher
Breathe Easy Cocktail Party

C

Glen Campbell - Princes Laundry
Carl and Eric's Mobile Disco
Carwatha College
Catholic Ladies' College
Catholic Regional College Melton
Caulfield Grammar School
Cherelle and Nimary Courts
Christmas Lights

Children's Bioethics Centre - Spooktober
Bob and Marlyn Clark
Bob's Christmas Shave
Mary Clark
Mason Clarke Preserving Company
Steven Clayson
Concord Primary School
Copperfield College
Country Women's Association of
Victoria - Knox Knights Branch

D

Dandenong Fire Brigade
Dandenong Market
Darebin United Soccer Club
Noemie Decamne
Diamond Creek East Primary School
Krystal Dickinson
Kilmore Halloween Maze
Riley Dickinson - Hazelglen Scout Group
Sara Dobson - Running for a Cause
Lucy and Maggie Donaghey
Donvale Christian College
Drouin South Primary School
Kate Dunn
Diana Dusenjko - Greenvale Gardens
Community Picnic In The Park

E

Nicholas Egan
Adele Ellis - Fundraising for Caroline
Elsternwick Primary School
Emerald Primary School
Emerald Secondary College
Nell, Orlu and Nina Evans

F

Farm Road Pre-School
Keira Flowers
Clara and Helen Flynn
Finnan's Gift
John Barassi - Boost Juice
Alex Camplin - Boost Juice, Southbank
Jenny Camplin - Movie Luncheon
John Shore - The Op Shop Ball
Ray White Branch Fundraising
Bayswater
Box Hill
Commercial FTG
Ferntree Gully
Mornington
One Network Loan Market
Phillip Island
Wantirna
Team Finnan's Gift
Emma Brennan
James Brown
Lachlan and Carolyn Buszard
Oliver Camplin-Warner
Alyssa Caplan
Michael Cheung
Jennifer Douglas
Amanda and Jimmy
Team French
Richard Gannon
Tim James
Roy LeMiere
Linda MacDonald
Team Mahoney
Catherine McGrath
Phil Ore
Pearce Posse
Jarrad Preston
Karina Roby

Team Seabrook
Slater Family
Ann-Maree Smithells
Kerri Smithells
Troy Smithells
Paul Sporton
Gavin Stewart
Vivian Vuong
Nick Warren
Danielle Weston
Dannika White
Fiona Williams
Alan Youhana

G

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School
James Gard
Tony Gavaghan - Tony's Pie Shop
Geelong City Urban Fire Brigade
Gilson College - Mernda Campus
Glenvale School - Melton Campus
Glenvale School Melbourne Campus
Shari Gotch
Great Amazing Race
Neil Allen
Toni Amos
Melissa and Steph
Team Hot Chocolate - Priya Baliga
Deb Banner
Tanya Blake
Robyn Boal
Susan Brooks
Alison Campbell
Cardio Team - Brooke Louise
Cardio Team - Jenna
Rick Clayton
Shae Cox
Rebecca Dowell

David Fansworth
Luci Finlay
Matt Gauci
Tue Joseph Giang
Nataleigh Gleeson
Diana Greenslade
Ruth Hearnshaw
Steph Hearnshaw
Mikayla Jones
Lauren Keilar
Georgina Kibble
Gabriella Lasa
Tim Leach
Los Hombres Trabajadores
Martin de Bruyn
Samantha MacLeod
Vicki Malins
Lea Mann
Vicki Moore
Sam Murphy
Belinda Nash
Alex Newbold
Donna Nieuwenhuys
Tory O'Brien
Pass the Ball to Tucker
Daniel Percy
Jodie Perry
Bethany Phelan
Ian Phillips
The Gemtooians
Amanda Powderly
Dario and Nella Pugliese
Chuck Rankin
Victoria Rogers
Tanya Ross
Melina Russell
Sarah and Samantha
Donna Smith
Cait Speldewinde

THANK YOU TO THE NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIAN PUNJABI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (NZAUSPCA)

For the NZAUSPCA, fundraising for the RCH was a logical choice. "We work closely with children and families, so decided to use our annual dinner to raise money for the hospital," said Jasvir Dharni, NZAUSPCA Secretary.

To date, the NZAUSPCA has raised over \$45,000 for the RCH and currently sponsors three beds in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit.

"We're grateful to live in best city in world, and giving something back to one of the world's best hospitals brings us great satisfaction."



Steve and Sash

Sharon Stokes

Vincent Stokes

The Odd Couple

Tess

Shane Thiele

Jessica

Fiona Vanotti

Karen Wade

Lisa Whittle

Yvonne

Angela Zuniga

Chloe and Racquel Grigoropoulos

Swati Gupta

Tarun Gupta

H

Terence Hallpike

Beverley Harbert

Harcourt Valley Primary School

Colleen Harkin

Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon

Mabel Hibbert and Friends

Alice Homer - Shopping Tours

Jason Hucker

Molly Hucker Memorial Golf Day

Husband Family - Christmas Lights

I

Inala Village - Picture Night

Dominic Italiano

One Star Coffee Lounge

J

Jordan Jacobs - Charity Christmas Party

Ashleigh Jaffe and Noa Haskin

Lemonade Stand

Janagarjana Dhol Pathak

Stephanie Jeffs - NNU Market

Shane Jenkins - BSX2017

Brad and Katrina Jenkinson

Hammer Time

Jet Gymnastics Jump-a-thon

Caleb Jones

K

Taylor Kako

Shayaan Khan

Kids on Collins

Kismet Park Primary School

Kurnai College

L

Lake Charm Primary School

Shane Larsen

Zeke's Fund Christmas Lights

Ben Le Mesurier

Fixed Heart Fixed Gear

Leo's Club of Korumburra

The Lewis Family - Team Olivia

Lifestyle Communities

Alysha Liston - Baby Shower

Loyola College

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School

M

Alicia MacLean

Making a Difference Ball

Making a Difference with Burpees

Buninyong CrossFit

Andy and Claire

Justin Batrouney

Stephanie Bilson

Jeni Burton

Connor Dowie

Joanne Dowie

Kade Dowie

Adam Greedy

Nikki Hexter

Lilly Kerr

Rebecca Leech

Abby-Elle McArthur

The Riordans

Melissa Scott

Casey Smith

Benjamin Townsend

Lee Townsend

Mark Williams

Paul Wilson

Tim Young

Mansfield Primary School JSC

Bella Manson, Ella Sevier,

Abbey Hill and Jess McLaren

Mary Martin Bookshop

Rebecca Matzner - Cookie Stand

Ash McKee

Melbourne Girls Grammar School

Melbourne Marathon Festival

James Fink

Abbey Gray

Tim Schork

Melton Country Club^B

Merrivale Primary School

Roman Middleton Charity Golf Day^B

Mindfulness Meditation Society

Chris Montalti - A Night On a Bike

Montmorency Secondary College

Monash Senior Citizens Centre Inc

Mooroolbark College

Mooroopna Primary School

Morang South Primary School

Mount Scopus College - Lower Kinder

Aleph

Mount St Joseph Girls' College

Mount View Primary School

Mt Evelyn Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

Multicultural Youth Centre

Luke Murrell

Mustang Owners Club of Australia

N

Narre Warren North Uniting
Church Op Shop
Lily Neagle
Newport Gardens Primary School
Nhill College
Ninja 300 Riders
Numurkah Secondary College SRC
Sophie Nurse
NZ Australia Punjabi Cultural
Association^B

O

Jacqueline O'Day
O'Day Family Christmas
Lights Display
Amma Owusu
Leah's Legacy Find a Cure
Park Orchards Primary School

P

Jim Panovski
Australian Macedonian
Golf Open Championship^B
Kristy Parker - Talon Peatey
Parkridge Retirement Village
Sonya Parmar
Paterno Lucania Club
Mukund Pathik
Lorraine Paton
Rene Hartnett Stall for
Cancer Research
Natasha Payne
ChIPS Cadbury Fundraising Boxes
and Movie Fundraiser
Gary Pekin - Harness Racing Charity Day
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School
Kirk Peterson - Christmas in July Dinner
Khang Pham - High Tea at the Windsor
Georgia Pitts - Music Festival at RMIT
Port Melbourne Life Saving Club
Sam Pucci - Jar of Hope Raffle

R

Tahlia Radclyffe - Lemonade Stand
Matt Reeves and Chris Dowling
Sophie Reitsma, Lewis Fitzgerald
and Keelie Geyer
Ripponlea Primary School
Christine Roberts
Rokeby Primary School
Kon Romios - Little Kid BIG Hope
Rotary Club of Albert Park
Rotary Club of Alexandra
Rotary Club of Bairnsdale
Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat
Rotary Club of Mitchell River
Rotary Club of Sunbury^B
Rotary Club of Werribee 200km Walk
Liat Harrower
Judy Quarantotto
Geoff Smith
Adele Stothart
Run Melbourne
Jacintha Field
Melanie Harrison
Emma McAuliffe
Jordan Rathbone
Tegan Shearer-Goodliffe
Kate Ryan - Bath Family Holiday
Fundraising Stall

S

Sacred Heart College
Salesian College 'Rupertswood'
Perry Sambor
Annual Live Life Foundation
Charity Golf Day
Sandhurst Aged Care
Anthony Schibeci - Grand Trek
Scouts Victoria
Seaford North Primary School
Sean Balchin

See Yup Society
Austin Shea
Natasha Sinclair
Alessandra Siri
Sirius College - Grand Alumni Reunion
Jaymie Skinner
Somerville CFA
Stadium Stomp
Tony Duong
K2LD Architects 3000
Gabriel Poulton
Fernando Torres
Kevin Ung
St Albans Meadows Primary School
St Aloysius Catholic Primary School
St Aloysius College
St Catherine's Primary School
St Francis Xavier Primary School
St Kevin's College
St Luke's Primary School
St Mary's Parish Primary School
St Mary's Primary School - Colac
St Mary's Primary School - Myrtleford
St Mary's School
St Monica's College
St Peter Chanel School
Stella Maris Catholic Primary School
Karen Stephenson - Koda's Project
Rory Stewart
Sunrise Preschool
Sunshine College
Sykes Family - Christmas Lights

T

Lily Tan
Tarwin Lower Primary School
Brooke Taylor
Karinda Taylor
World No Tobacco Day Fun Run

Teesdale Primary School
The Ivanhoe Grammar School
Buckley House
The MacRobertson Girls' High School
The Peninsula School
Abbie Thomas - NICU Tea Party
Amy Thomas
Thurgoona Community Centre
Charli and Mia Towell
Liana Trifunovic

V

Sophie Vrtacic

W

Stephanie Wain
Wandong Primary School
Wantirna South Primary School
Eddie Warfield
Warracknabeal Blooming Girl Guides
Finley Warren - A Celebration of Little
Feet and Big Hearts - 10 Years On
Watsonia Compounding Pharmacy
Western Heights College
William Hill Cox Plate Pin Promotion
Williamstown High School
Wodonga Middle Years College
Wodonga Senior Secondary College
Wyndham Vale Primary School

Y

Yarram Secondary College
Yarrowonga College
P-12 Secondary Campus
Yering Primary School
Aki Yin - Hearts to Hearts
Monika Younan

^B Bed Sponsorship program



RCH1000

We gratefully acknowledge the members of RCH1000 who donate \$1,000 each year to support vital research programs at The Royal Children's Hospital.



THANK YOU BEV NOONAN

Every year, the RCH Auxiliaries honour one member through the Madge Tate Service Award. Recognising dedication, leadership and extraordinary service, this year's award goes to Parkville Auxiliary member Bev Noonan.

"She offers hospitality, so that friendships are fostered and bonds strengthened. She is characteristically optimistic and positive, so that members feel encouraged rather than obligated, and consequently work together with enthusiasm and fun," said Louise Gourlay OAM, Patron of Auxiliaries.

Bev has been a member of Parkville Auxiliary for more than 15 years and through this time has been instrumental in both the growth of members, as well as the growth of funds raised for the hospital. Always coming up with new and innovative ways to fundraise including high quality Christmas hampers and art auctions, Bev is known to always go the extra mile to gather donations and inspire others to raise funds for the RCH.

"I feel very honoured to be selected as this year's Madge Tate Award Winner. Volunteering with the Auxiliaries is something I'm very passionate about, and I'm grateful for my family and husband Gerry for all of the support, assistance and countless hours that they have contributed over the years," said Bev.



RCH AUXILIARIES

For 95 years the Auxiliaries have proudly supported the RCH. Today, over 60 Auxiliary groups are actively fundraising for the hospital across the state. Their dedication and goodwill raised over \$1.4million for the 2017 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

A

ABC Auxiliary
Absent Friends Auxiliary
American Women's Association
aRCHers Auxiliary

B

BEADS Auxiliary
Beyond Sight Auxiliary
Brimbank Torch Auxiliary
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

C

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary
Cancer In Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)
Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary
Caroline Auxiliary
CasKids Auxiliary
Caulfield Auxiliary
Charity Works For Kids Auxiliary
Charli's Angels Auxiliary
Children's Flyers Fund Auxiliary
Chip In Auxiliary
Comfort for Kids Auxiliary
Courage for Kids Auxiliary
CPR - Cardiac Paediatric Research Trust
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

D

Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary
Do-Bees Auxiliary

E

Ezy Breathing Auxiliary

F

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

G

Geelong Auxiliary

H

Haemophilia Auxiliary (HAUX)
Hawthorn Auxiliary
Heart Throb Auxiliary
Heart To Heart Auxiliary
Hidden Treasures Auxiliary

I

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

K

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

L

Leukaemia Auxiliary @ RCH (LARCH)
Let the Children Play Auxiliary
Lifetime 4 CF Kids Auxiliary

M

Mish Mish Auxiliary
Mum's Kids Auxiliary

N

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

O

Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary (OARA)

P

Pankina Auxiliary
Parkville Auxiliary
Pelican Auxiliary
Prembubs Auxiliary

R

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

S

Smiley Auxiliary
South Western Auxiliary
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary
Special Kids EBC Auxiliary
St Kilda Auxiliary
StroKidz Auxiliary

T

Templestowe Auxiliary
The Children's Brain Tumour Association
The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary
Trailblazers Auxiliary

V

VivaRCH Auxiliary

W

Wangaratta Auxiliary
Waverley Auxiliary
Werribee Ladies For Kids Auxiliary
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

Y

Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary
Young Set Auxiliary

IN CELEBRATION

Giving In Celebration is a simple and personal way to make any special occasion.

Over the course of the year many generous supporters forwent gifts to support the hospital in celebration of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs and other special occasions.

A

Anvitha Ananth's 3rd Birthday
Shaia Asari's 1st Birthday

B

Scarlet and Amelia Baker's 1st Birthday
Daniel Balicevic's 1st Birthday
Bella Black's Bat Mitzvah
Stephanie Briskin's 40th Birthday

C

Leah Cagliarini's 1st Birthday
Alfie Carr's 1st Birthday
Peter Cook's 1st Birthday
Letty Lorna Cullen's 1st Birthday
Penny Cummins 1st Birthday

D

Gabriella Datt's Christening
Birth of Baby Davies
Paris Dimech's 1st Birthday

F

Esther Feldman's 8th Birthday
Estelle Fookes' 70th Birthday

G

Aari Galea's 1st Birthday
Rohini Ganesan's 1st Birthday
Janak Godhani 1st Birthday
Joshua Guha's 1st Birthday

H

Kylie Gunn and Maya Hikri's Bat Mitzvah
Paul Hamer's 40th Birthday
Nicole and Toby Harris' daughter's 1st Birthday
Hazel's Birthday
Maya Herszfeld's Bat Mitzvah

I

Eva Ilkiw's 1st Birthday
Ivy's Birthday

J

Jess, Eve, Marissa and Amber's
Bat Mitzvah

K

Lucas Kakridas' Baptism
Nishka Khanna's 9th Birthday
Aliza Kingsley's Bat Mitzvah
Rose (Gulsah) Kul's Kitchen Tea
Eddie Kutner's 70th Birthday

L

Jade Larkin's Wedding
Ashton Lee's 1st Birthday
Liv Lew's Bat Mitzvah
Bonnie Lin's 7th Birthday
Henry Lipshut's Bar Mitzvah
Nicole Lovelock's Birthday
Freja Lunt's 1st Birthday

M

Jade Manton's Wedding
Sam Marton's Bar Mitzvah
Meher and Meera's Birthday Gift
Jordan Michaels' Birthday
Daisy Micheluzzi's 21st Birthday
Harry Miriklis' 50th Birthday
Axel Murphy's 2nd Birthday

N

Aryan Naran's 1st Birthday
Esme Ng's 1st Birthday

O

Orla O'Donohue's 1st Birthday
Hunter Orchard's 1st Birthday
Olive O'Shea's 1st Birthday

P

Xavier Parkinson's 3rd Birthday
AaroHi Patel's 2nd Birthday
Lexi Potter's 9th Birthday
Bella Prunty's 1st Birthday

R

Dhruv Rajadhyax's 1st Birthday
Harry Ryan's 1st Birthday

S

Penny Small's 40th Birthday
Amy Smith's Bat Mitzvah

THANK YOU JADE AND RICK WARBURTON Jade Larkin's Wedding

"I've never organised a fundraiser or anything like this, but felt that, on my wedding day, I really wanted to say thanks to The Royal Children's Hospital for helping me get here."

Jade Larkin's RCH journey began at a very early age when she was born with congenital heart disease. Undergoing two open heart surgeries by the age of 14, Jade's condition has had its ups and downs, and she's grateful to the RCH for the continuous care they provided right up until she graduated to adult health services. To celebrate her wedding, she organised RCH bonbonniere gifts for each of her 90 wedding guests.

"I'm forever thankful for the care and support provided by the hospital, it was great to be able to include the RCH in my wedding," said Jade.

T

Jasmine Thongpak's Birthday
Miriam Tisher's 70th Birthday
Jack Tozer's 1st Birthday
George and Terry Tsoukalas' 70th Birthday

V

Keisha Verma's Birthday
Lily Vu's 24th Birthday

W

Alice Wallace's 1st Birthday
Zac Weller's Bar Mitzvah
Dion Wijesinghe's 1st Birthday



IN MEMORY

Giving In Memory is a meaningful way to pay tribute to a loved one who has passed away.

Throughout the last financial year, many families created a lasting legacy by requesting donations to the RCH Foundation in lieu of flowers. We acknowledge these loved ones below.

A

Murray William Abraham
Bruno Andreetta
Roma Ankers
Lucia Aquilina
Lynette Joy Archer
Chloe Arthur

B

Lucy Bailey
Sofia Baltatzidis
Cheydan Tori Barr
Rosa Battista
Filomena Bellizia
Rachela Bernardi
Robert John Birthisel
Jermain Robert Bourbon
Con Bouzikas
Louisa Mary Bradley
Elsie Bonnie Bradshaw
Barry Brien
Carmen Briffa
Jack Brown
Gwen Buchanan
Francesco Butera

C

Giuseppe Caia
Vincenzo (Vince)
Capobianco
Giuseppe Caridi
Iris Carroll

Antonino Cavallaro
Edwina Margaret Chambers
Scarlett Chesher
Paolo Chimenti
John Christopoulos
Vasilios Chronopoulos
Antonietta Ciccossillo
Henry Coates
Tom Cornelissen
Caterina Cuttelle

D

Yvonne Daws
Fortunato De Agostino
Annette de Vos
Susan Dean
Anita Louise Deb
Ethan Devine
Jade (Jadeybird)
Dharmawardena
Michele Di Berardino
Matthew James Di Gregorio
Johanna Dubelaar
Charlotte Paige Duncan
Memorial Fund

E

Esme Edgley
Bob Ellis

F

David Farrugia
Maria Antonia Fazzolari
Amanda Fellows
Amelio Ferro
Alexandria Lily Filippetto
Teresa Finnigan
Sarah Janice Forrester
Billy Burns Fotheringham
Irene Laura Franceschini

G

Valmai Gardiner
Norah Susan George
Victor Georgiadis
Giuseppina Giuliani
George Gogos
Easton Goodwin
Mary Kathleen Graham

H

Graham Harrison
Marie Humphreys
Parker Jay Hutchings

K

John Kingstons
Dimitrios Kollias
Ioannis (John) Korfiatis
George Koutros
Joshua Krupjak

L

Frank Latella
Gabriel Latorre
Colleen Dawn Lewis
Connor Lewis
Anthony Ligidakis

M

Ennio Macaro
Graham Mackieson
Gabriel Maclou
Filomena Maglione
Paul Manning
Roy Edward Marshall
Pietro Martuccio
Heather McKinnis
James (Jim) Henry
McKnight
Michael Mones
Rose Mosley
Myra Rose Murfett

N

Maxwell George Naylor
Ron Neville
Angelo Nocera
Bodhi Norich
Gweneth Notley
Samuel Thomas Nye

O

Graeme Oldfield
Anna Oleksiuk
Thomas Eugene O'Malley
Lorraine Ortenzio
Rex Rocket Costelloe
Outhred

P

Roger William Page
Donald David Parsons
Paschalis Pashos
Margaret Paterson
Beverley Paterson
Andonia Pavlis
Maria Pavlou
Nikolaos Perdikaris
Glenn Fredrick Petersen
Hayden Michael Potts

R

Jordan Rabar

S

Georgette Sacca
Lorraine Saunders
Pietro Scalzo
Tate Ethan Scarce
Valentine Scicluna
Jane Scicluna
Subhash Sehgal
Concetta Selvaggi

Peter James Sexton
Kyle Sheldon Memorial Fund
Ron Shore
William Arnold Showler
Christine Siokou
Spiros Skleros
Albert Stevenson
Bert Stevenson
Nazario Stoduto
Betty Constance Sutton

T

Simone Jade Tan
Mario Theodoulou
Anna Tieppo
Oliver and Elliot Todd's
Memorial Fund
Caterina Torchia
Patrick (Pat) Henry Trait
Gwendoline Traplin
Carlo Santo Trifiletti

V

Christine Vankarlingen
Nicolas Vemis
Giovanni Venezia
Libero Venturini

W

Jeanette Walkear
Lorna Jean Walkers
Alexander R Watt

Alex Watt
Don Webb
Robert Wills
Louis Wilson
Rachelle Louise Winn
Daniel Witham
George Sydney Woods

X

Angelo Xerakias
Anastasios Xidias

Y

Christine Young



OUR COMMITMENT TO DONORS

To ensure the RCH Foundation has the respect, trust and confidence of our supporters and friends, we declare all donors have the following rights:

- To be informed of the RCH's mission and vision, and the way in which their gift will fulfill this mission and vision while meeting the supporter's philanthropic intentions
- To be advised of the membership of the various boards and committees that govern the RCH Foundation and to expect the Board will exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities
- To have access to the RCH Foundation's most recent financial statements and investment policies
- To be assured that their gift is used effectively for the purposes specified by the supporter, or where such purposes are no longer practicable or appropriate, that the RCH Foundation and hospital promises to remain as true as possible to the supporter's original intentions and stipulations
- To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition for their generosity
- To expect that their request for anonymity is strictly observed
- To expect that all information about their support or intended support is handled with professionalism, respect and confidentiality and in a manner equal and above that required by law
- To be provided with prompt, truthful and forthright answers about any aspect of their gift
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers or employees of the RCH Foundation
- To have the opportunity to update their communication preferences and unsubscribe from mailing lists
- To be assured we value their privacy and information. To read our privacy policy, please visit www.rchfoundation.org.au/privacy





MEET FINLEY

It's been 11 years since Finley 'Fin' Warren was admitted to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with Long Gap Oesophageal Atresia. As his oesophagus and stomach weren't connected, Fin was unable to feed orally or swallow his own saliva without choking. Three major surgeries and around-the-clock care were needed to connect his oesophagus to his stomach and get him well.

To celebrate the 10 year anniversary of his graduation from NICU, Fin and his family wanted to do something big for the hospital. A talented guitarist and all around active kid, Fin decided to busk and bike his way along the 230km journey from his hometown of Maffra to the RCH.

"I decided to give back to the hospital because I wanted to say 'thank you' for saving my life," said Fin.

Raising over \$25,000, Fin and his family are now sponsors of a neonatal cot in NICU, to support the care of Victoria's sickest and most vulnerable babies.

Financials

A summary of the 2016/17 financial results are reported on pages 80-81 of this report.

These results have been summarised in the tables and charts displayed and include:

- Figure 1A Income (by major category)
- Figure 2A Approved Grants (by funding area)
- Figure 3A Distributions of Income (distribution by funding area with fundraising costs and funds carried over for future grants)

2016/17 Income

The total income for 2016/17 is \$53.8 million. This is reported by the principal funding source.

Bequest and estate income was at similar levels to 2016 and was supported by a large number of generous gifts.

Income resulting from general donations increased, as the number of donations from major gifts, trusts and foundations, regular givers and corporate donors grew.

Approved grants

Throughout 2016/17 just under 90 Grants were approved, totalling \$25.6 million. In many cases this funding extends over a number of years.

Grants are categorised in four key areas, including:

- Patient and family centred care
- Equipment and technology
- Research
- Leadership, education and training

The major Grants approved in 2016/17 include:

- After Hours Clinical Care: Continuing Coordinated Care 24/7
- Clinical and Supportive Care Development: Children's Cancer Centre
- Translational Research Academic Paediatric Surgeon
- Children's Bioethics Centre
- Upgrade of Clinical Research MRI Scanner
- Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair of Paediatrics
- The Complex Movement Disorders Program
- Chronic Illness Peer Support (ChIPS)
- Melbourne Children's: Advancing Research Translation and Impact
- Additional Day Patient Chairs
- Digital Command Centre
- Senior Leadership Development 2017
- Emergency Department Fast Track
- Clinical, Educational & Research Fellowship in Paediatric Rheumatology
- RCH Medical Education: Leading the Way

Distributions

In 2016/17, \$33.7 million was distributed to the hospital through the granting process. An additional \$13.8 million was held for future granting.

The major distributions in 2016/17 include:

- MCRI Research Grant
- Upgrade of Clinical Research MRI Scanner
- MR PET
- Chair in Paediatric Reconstructive Surgery
- MCRI Career Grants and Scholarships
- Complex Care Program
- Melbourne Clinical Trials Centre
- Allied Health and Nursing Education, Development and Leadership Program
- After Hours Clinical Care: Continuing Coordinated Care 24/7
- Ultrasound Machines
- Emergency Department Fast Track
- Additional Day Patient Chairs
- Directors of Education
- Simulation Centre
- Wadja Aboriginal Family Place Model of Care
- RCH Global Health Office

Administration and fundraising costs

\$6.3 million of costs were incurred in 2016/17. This is a result of the costs associated with raising fundraising income, investing for future growth and ensuring the appropriate controls and governance procedures are maintained and strengthened, along with managing the grants process.

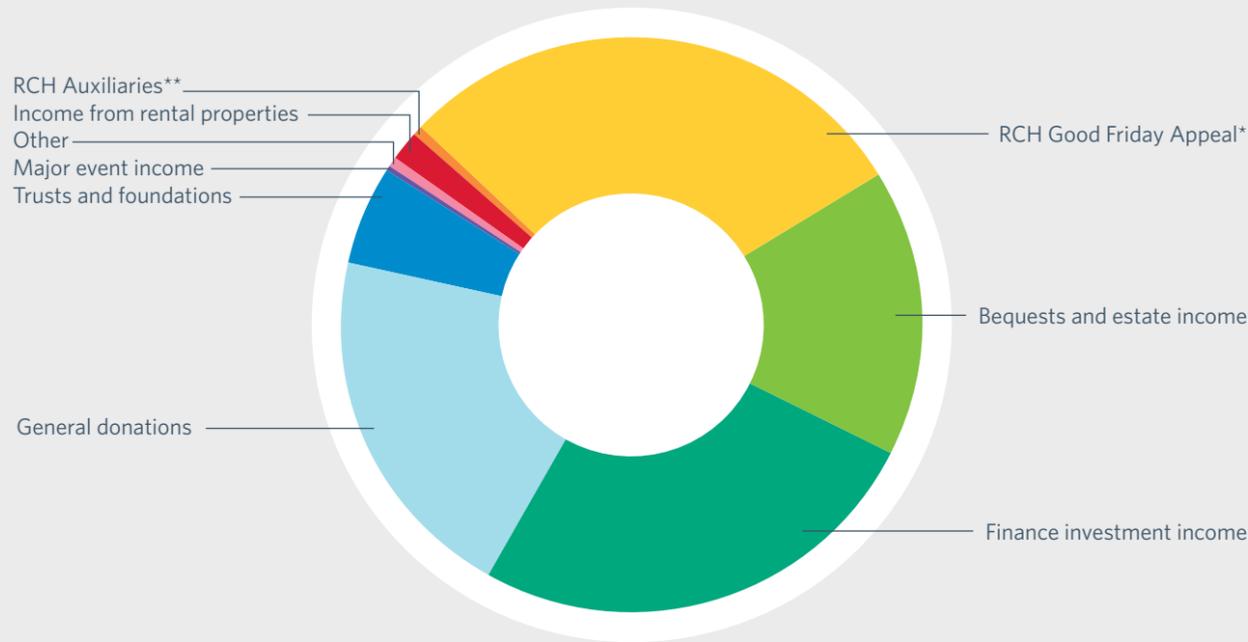
The financial results have been extracted from the Audited Financial Reports.



FIGURE 1A **INCOME 2016/17**

	(\$)	(%)
RCH Good Friday Appeal*	15,735,996	29
Bequests and estate income	8,707,707	16
Finance investment income	13,951,440	26
General donations	10,943,773	20
Trusts and foundations	2,954,702	5
Major event income	124,723	0.5
Other	361,326	1
Income from rental properties	888,354	2
RCH Auxiliaries**	201,175	0.5
Totals	53,869,196	100

FIGURE 1B **INCOME 2016/17**



* GFA revenue is net of costs incurred in conducting the Appeal. Total funds raised was \$17,605,662.
 ** From 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2017 RCH Auxiliaries raised \$1,433,177 which was included in the RCH Good Friday Appeal total. The balance represents amounts collected towards the 2018 Appeal.

FIGURE 2A **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS 2016/17**

	(\$)
Patient and family centred care	5,286,963
Equipment and technology	3,010,920
Research	2,156,054
Leadership, education and training	15,144,311
Totals	25,598,248*

*This figure includes a number of projects being undertaken by the RCH that will be carried out over a three to five year period.

FIGURE 3A **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME 2016/17**

	(\$)
Grants and distribution	33,736,570
Patient and family centred care	8,929,099
Equipment and technology	4,675,483
Research	11,053,560
Leadership, education and training	9,078,428
Future granting obligations	13,818,913
Administration and fundraising costs	6,313,713
Totals	53,869,196

FIGURE 2B **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS**

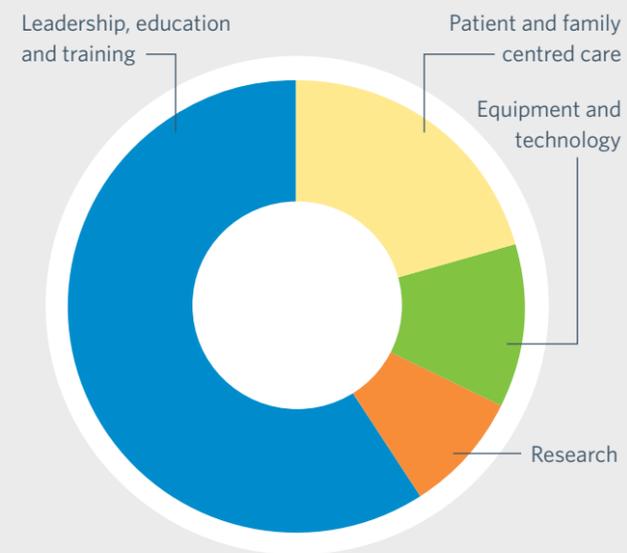
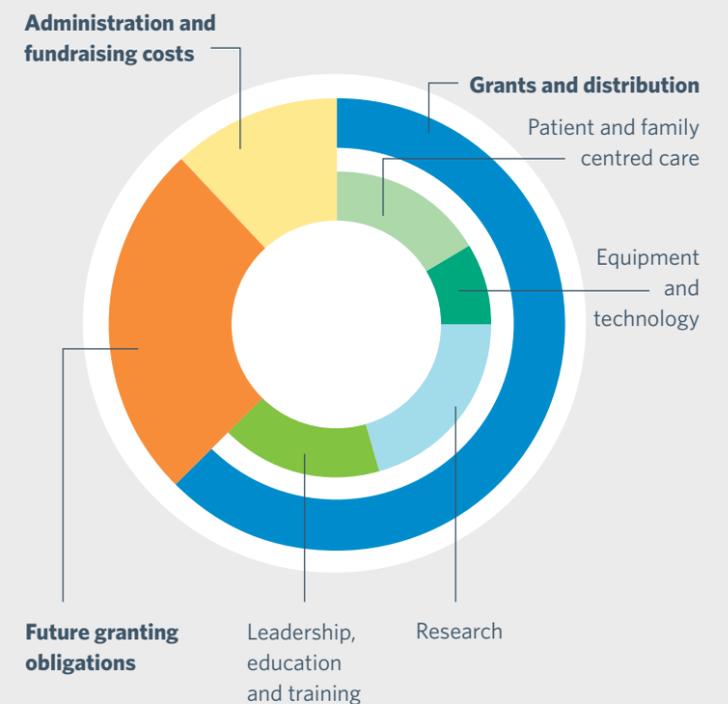


FIGURE 3B **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Yates AM BCom Melb MSc,(Mgt) Stanford MAICD, Doctorate of the University (Murdoch) - Chairman

Mr Yates has been the Chairman of the RCH Foundation since July 2012. He is Deputy Chairman of The Myer Family Investments Ltd and a Director of AIA Australia Limited. He is also Chairman of the Royal Institution of Australia, the Australian Science Media Centre, the Faculty of Business and Economics at Melbourne University, the Shared Value Project and Deputy Chairman of Asialink. Mr Yates is a Director of the RCH and the Australian Chamber Orchestra. From 2004-2007 Mr Yates was Managing Director of Oceania Capital Partners and held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Publishing and Broadcasting Limited from 2001-2004. Until 2001 he worked in the Investment Banking industry including 15 years with Macquarie Bank. Director since January 2001 and Chairman since 2012.

Richard Leder BEc LLB (Hons) - Deputy Chairman

Mr Leder is a partner of the national law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Corrs). He specialises in commercial litigation and media law. He is Corrs' Melbourne litigation practice group leader and the Melbourne office pro-bono partner. He represents a range of media institutions including Seven Network. He also advises the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and represents corporate and professional organisations and community welfare groups. Director since 14 September 1998.

Robyn Anderson

Mrs Anderson is the immediate Past President of the Auxiliaries at the RCH. She has been Personal Assistant to the CEO of UniSuper and also Executive Assistant to the General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia in her business life. Prior to that she was head of the Probate Department for a city legal firm. She is a 46-year active member and long term Secretary of the CasKids Auxiliary of the RCH. She is a Auxiliaries Living Treasure, a Madge Tate Award Winner and a Life Governor of the RCH. Director from 30 June 2013 to 19 October 2016.

Professor Julie Bines MBBS MD FRACP

Professor Bines is the inaugural Victor and Loti Smorgon Professor of Paediatrics and the Deputy Head of Department of Paediatrics at The University of Melbourne. Professor Bines is a Paediatric Gastroenterologist and Head of Clinical Nutrition at the RCH. She also leads the RV3 Rotavirus Vaccine Program and Intestinal Failure Research Group at the MCRI. Director from 30 June 2013 to 19 October 2016.

Peter Blunden

Peter Blunden was appointed Victorian Managing Director – Editorial for News Corp Australia in 2012. Peter is a director of the Herald & Weekly Times, the RCH Good Friday Appeal, the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, a committee member of the Moonee Valley Racing Club, and a member of the Carbine Club. Director since 1 July 2012.

Alisa Camplin-Warner OAM

Mrs Camplin-Warner worked globally with the IBM Corporation for 16 years. Chair of the Australian Sport Foundation from 2010-2013, she is now Deputy Chair of the Australian Sports Commission and a Director of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and of the Collingwood Football Club. Mrs Camplin-Warner is also the Performance Manager for the 2018 Australian Winter Olympic Games Team, a Resiliency and High Performance consultant and an in-demand keynote speaker. Mrs Camplin-Warner received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and the Australian Centenary Medal in 2001. Director since 30 June 2013.

Associate Professor Michael Cheung BSc (Hons) MB ChB MRCP (UK) MD FRACP

Michael Cheung is Director of Paediatric Cardiology at the RCH and Leader of the Heart Research Group at MCRI. He trained in paediatric cardiology at Grantham Hospital (Hong Kong), Great Ormond Street Hospital (London, UK), Royal Brompton Hospital (London, UK), and the Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto, Canada). His research includes assessment techniques for blood flow, vascular function in congenital and acquired heart disease, functional outcomes following treatment of congenital heart disease, novel indices of ventricular function, and remote ischaemic preconditioning for induction of organ protection. Director since 19 October 2016.

Tracey Fellows

As CEO of REA Group, Tracey Fellows leads the Group's strategy, operations and investments in Australia, Asia, India and North America. Tracey joined REA Group in 2014 from Australia Post where she was responsible for the physical and digital mail. She sits on the APEC Business Advisory Council. Director since 19 October 2015.

Professor Christine Kilpatrick MBBS MBA MD Melbourne FRACP FRACMA FAICD FAHMS Hon DMedSci

Professor Kilpatrick was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the RCH in July 2008. She was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003 and in 2014 was included in the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. Director from 25 August 2008 to 21 April 2017 when she left the RCH to take up the position of Chief Executive, Melbourne Health.

Hon Rob Knowles AO

Hon Rob Knowles AO was Victorian Minister for Health from 1996 until 1999 and MLC for Ballarat from 1976-1999. He has also served as Chairman of Food Standards Australia and New Zealand; as a member of the National Health & Hospital Reform Commission and as a former Aged Care Complaints Commissioner. He is currently Chairman of the RCH, a Director with Beyond Blue Ltd, Drinkwise Australia Ltd, Global Health Ltd, IPG Ltd, the Silver Chain Group of Companies and St John of God Healthcare Ltd. He is also a Commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission. Director since 1 December 2012.

Sameer Kumar BBus FCA

Mr Kumar is the Managing Partner for Firm Strategy at PwC. He also leads the firm's ASENZ (Australia, South East Asia, New Zealand) consulting business. He has over 26 years' experience across strategy, digital, financial effectiveness and operations. Mr Kumar served on the Board of the RCH from July 2012 to July 2015. Director since 19 October 2015 and Chair of Audit Committee since 15 June 2016.

Karl Kutner BPD

Mr Kutner is an Alternate Director of Central Equity as well as a Director of a number of the Group's companies. Karl is responsible for all acquisitions and town planning matters along with overseeing the sales and marketing departments, and he has been an integral member of the Central Equity Group since its growth years on Southbank in the early 1990's. Karl holds a Bachelor Degree in Planning and Design from the University of Melbourne along with a Certificate IV in Business from RMIT. Director since 19 October 2016.

Lewis Martin GAICD

Mr Martin joined Seven Network as a Sales Executive over 20 years ago and in 2008 he was appointed Managing Director. Mr Martin is a board member of the RCH Good Friday Appeal and the Cure for MND Foundation, and is an advisor to a number of Melbourne based not-for-profit organisations. He is also a board member of Racing.com and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Director since 30 June 2013.

Andrew Shelton BA MA Cambridge FAICD

Mr Shelton is a company director, and an independent corporate finance advisor and consultant. He is the Principal and Director of Andrew Shelton & Co Pty Limited, and the founder, and Director of Ice Sports Australia Pty Limited. Formerly, Andrew was President and CEO of JP Morgan Canada, following a period with JP Morgan in New York. He is a Director of the RCH Foundation, Chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. Director since 30 June 2013.

Dr Gillian Sparkes PhD MBA FAICD FIPAA MRACI

Dr Sparkes holds a PhD in Applied Science (Chemistry), a Masters of Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Victorian Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Dr Sparkes has been the Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability since July 2014 and has held various senior roles in the Victorian Government. She was a Director of South Gippsland Water and was the CEO of the Australian Sustainable Industry Research Centre at Monash University. Dr Sparkes is also a Board member of the Country Fire Authority, Greening Australia Ltd and the Industry Capability Network, Victoria. Director since 19 October 2015.

John Stanway BEc Monash GradDiplR Victoria FAICD

John Stanway was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer at the RCH in April 2017. Prior to commencing in this role, John was the Chief Operating Officer at the RCH for more than ten years, overseeing clinical operations. From 2012, John also held the position of Deputy CEO. Before joining the RCH, John managed Monash Medical Centre, was Chief Executive of the Transport Accident Commission and held various senior management roles at General Motors Holden. John was also President of the Victorian Hospitals Industrial Association and Chairman for 10 years. Director since 21 June 2017.

Dr Miriam Weisz DBA MBA BEc(Hons)

Dr Weisz has a Doctor of Business Administration specialising in Strategic Management in Education. She was an Associate Professor in Teaching and Learning at RMIT and was the Director of the University's Quality Improvement Processes. After retirement from full-time employment, Dr Weisz was appointed to the Victorian Board of the Australian Medical Board in 2011 and to the Australian Medical Council in 2012. She served as Chair of the Development Board of the Centre for Adolescent Health at the RCH for 10 years from 2006. She is currently President of RCH Auxiliaries. Director since 19 October 2016.

Company secretary

Sue Hunt is CEO of the RCH Foundation, she was appointed to the position of Company Secretary on 6 October 2010.

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Edie was born with Gastroschisis, meaning her intestines were on the outside of her body. She was immediately rushed to the RCH for emergency care and surgery.

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Although Edie is now home enjoying life with her family, she still needs specialised care. She has a feeding tube and a line through her neck to give her nutrients.

Edie will need RCH care for many years to come but if you met her today, you would never know the trauma she has been through.



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