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A YEAR IN REVIEW 2015/16

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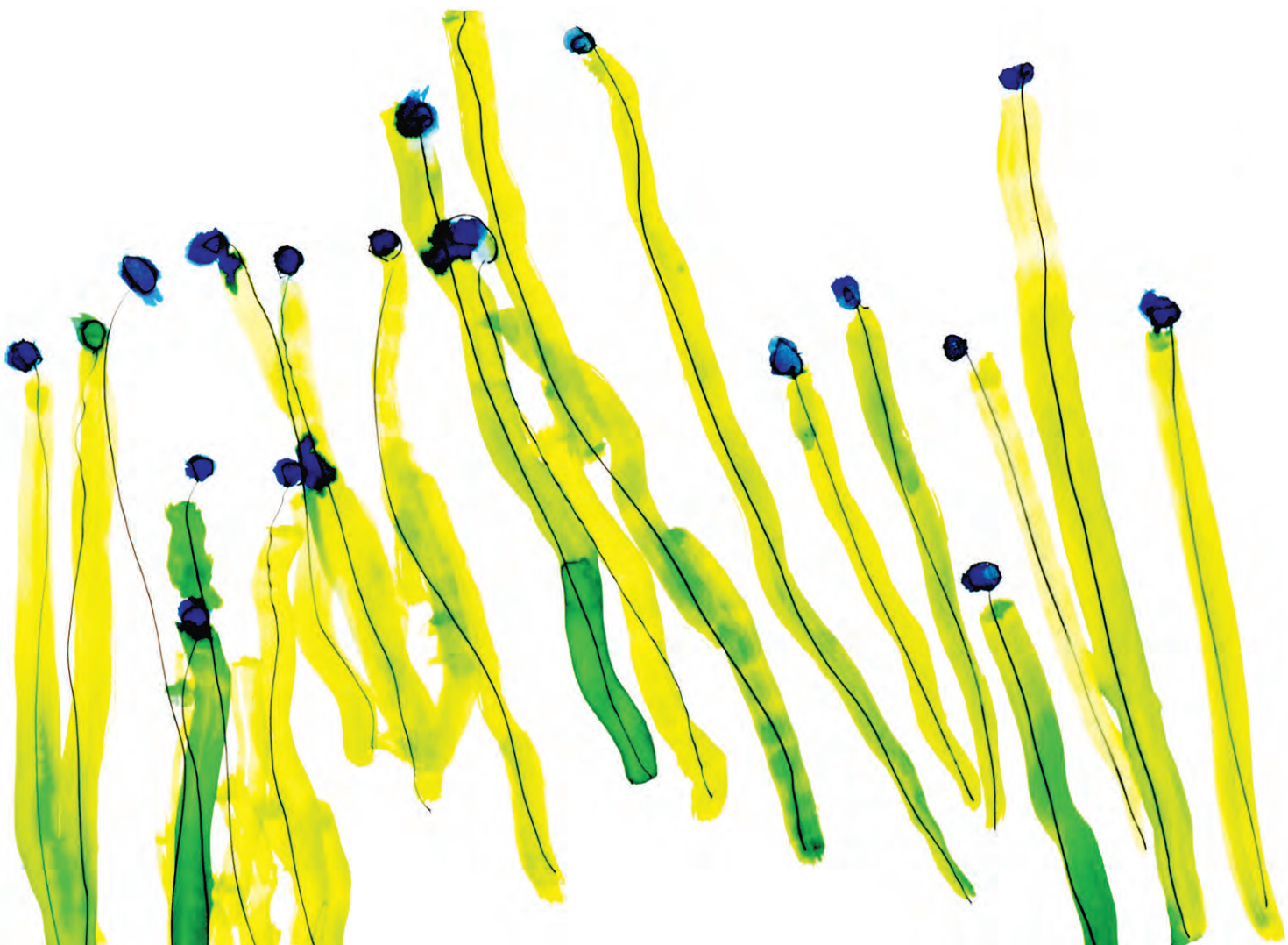
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Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer



Peter Yates AM, Chairman

Thank you

At The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Foundation, we are constantly amazed and eternally grateful for the generosity of the Victorian community. It is this generosity that enables the hospital to continue to provide world leading care to our children every day.

The RCH was built on the generosity of Victorians. From our beginnings in 1870, the Victorian community has continually aspired to greatness in our children's hospital, and now more than ever this support is enabling vital changes to the way healthcare is delivered.

Every year, people from across our community give generously to the hospital. The extraordinary and continued success of the Good Friday Appeal is the best example of this commitment to our sickest and most vulnerable children.

Many of our donors have a personal connection to the RCH, having a family member cared for here, or even experiencing first-hand the great care provided by the hospital. No matter the motivation, we are all committed to changing the future of children's health. This last year was no exception, with more than \$55 million being raised in support of the hospital across a range of income streams.

2015/16 was a transformational year, in which the RCH Foundation distributed more than \$47 million to the hospital; more funds than ever before. Thanks to our generous community, we were able to provide funding to more than 180 life-changing programs and initiatives to support the hospital and our campus partners, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and the University of Melbourne Department of Paediatrics.

These programs and initiatives span numerous medical specialisations and teams across the campus, but all have one thing in common – they ensure the hospital can continue to provide great care to our sickest and most vulnerable children. These initiatives are centred around four key areas of medical excellence and include:

- Purchasing ground-breaking equipment, like a SPECT/CT machine
- Funding numerous life-changing research projects including those investigating heart disease and cancer in children
- Ensuring we have the best medical minds right here on campus
- Supporting patient and family centred care by implementing the first electronic medical record at a paediatric hospital in Australia.



In this year's edition of the Impact of Giving, we highlight the life changing programs you have funded, and meet some of our most inspiring patients and their families who, in the face of adversity, continue to astound us with their composure, positivity and compassion for others.

We also share stories about the heartwarming connection the RCH medical team has with its patients. We recap this year's incredibly successful Good Friday Appeal and highlight many of the other fundraising initiatives and donors who have so generously supported us throughout the year.

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

Yesterday's successes allow us the confidence to dream big today. As we move towards the 150th anniversary in 2020, philanthropy is playing an increasingly significant role in making sure these dreams are realised.

Thank you so much for supporting The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation. You are truly helping to change the future of children's health.

Peter Yates AM Chairman

Sue Hunt Chief Executive Officer

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Professor Christine Kilpatrick, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Children's Hospital

Great Care

Healthcare is an integral part of our lives, and it is changing – fast.

This change is driven primarily by scientific and technological innovation and discovery. Many of the children we treat today at The Royal Children's Hospital will live long and productive lives with conditions and diseases that, only a generation ago, would have greatly compromised and even prematurely ended their lives. By the same token, we now see a cohort of children who survive previously terminal illnesses, but must live with significant, ongoing treatments.

This care is expensive. The new era in healthcare is something that we rightfully celebrate, in homes and communities around the country – but our ability to continue to adequately fund it is a high profile challenge for governments worldwide.

At The Royal Children's Hospital, we have the very great fortune of being supported by our community, to an extraordinary extent, to go beyond good healthcare. Through the annual Good Friday Appeal, and generous giving from individuals and organisations across the year, we have long been able to aspire to, and achieve, the delivery of great care.

This has made us a global leader in paediatrics, and as a leader we feel a strong responsibility to look courageously to the future; to anticipate and be part of change; and to start building, today, the things you will need from us tomorrow.

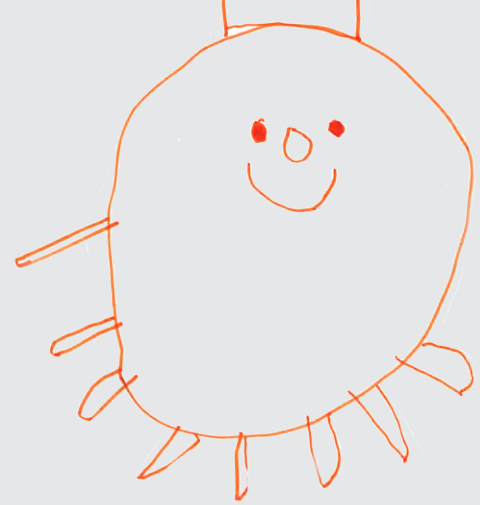
I am proud to report that over the past year, with your support through The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, we have done exactly that. Your support of our research programs has helped us to find new, better ways of caring for children, and your support for new equipment has helped us deliver the best new models of care in the safest, most efficient way. Notably, in 2015-16, your generosity helped make us the first hospital in Australia to implement the world-leading Epic electronic medical record (EMR). The EMR will greatly enhance the patient experience, and give us the capacity to capture and analyse real data, in real time, to build the foundation for the next quantum shift in the delivery of care. The very personal, human care our patients receive at the RCH will never change, but as we look forward to our 150th anniversary in just four years' time, our transformation to a digital hospital is an imperative that you enable.

We have many ambitious and exciting plans for the next 12 months, all made possible by virtue of your support. We look forward to sharing them with you, and hearing from you, as we continue to confidently pursue our vision, to be a great children's hospital, leading the way. From everyone here at The Royal Children's Hospital, thank you.

Professor Christine Kilpatrick Chief Executive Officer,
The Royal Children's Hospital

2015/2016

Financials



A summary of the 2015/16 financial results are reported on pages 10-11 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 Distribution of Income (distribution by funding area with fundraising costs and funds carried over for future grants)

2015/16 Income

The total income for 2015/16 is \$55.4 million. This is reported by the principal funding source.

This represents a \$14 million increase in income from the previous financial year. This can be attributed to growth in general donations, bequest and estate income and a one-off finance investment income.

The increase in bequest and estate income is largely due to the generous gift received from the Lionel Richard Vivian Spencer Fund.

Investment income increased due to the sale of a one-off long term investment.

Income resulting from general donations also increased, as the number of donations from major gifts, regular givers, third-party fundraisers and corporate donors grew.

Approved Grants

Throughout 2015/16 more than 180 Grants were approved, totalling \$33.8 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 2015/16 include:

- After Hours Clinical Care – Continuing Coordinated Care 24/7
- Allied Health and Nursing Education, Development and Leadership Program
- Support for the Chair in Genomic Medicine
- Clinician (Medical, Nursing and Allied Health) Research Leaders of the Future
- Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance
- Professor of Nursing Research and a Nursing Research Team
- The Royal Children's Hospital Weight Management Service
- Wadja Aboriginal Family Place

Distributions

Of the \$55.4 million raised in 2015/16, \$47 million was distributed to the hospital through the granting process. An additional \$2 million was held for future granting.

The major distributions in 2015/16 include:

- Electronic Medical Record - \$10.7 million
- MR PET - \$6.6 million

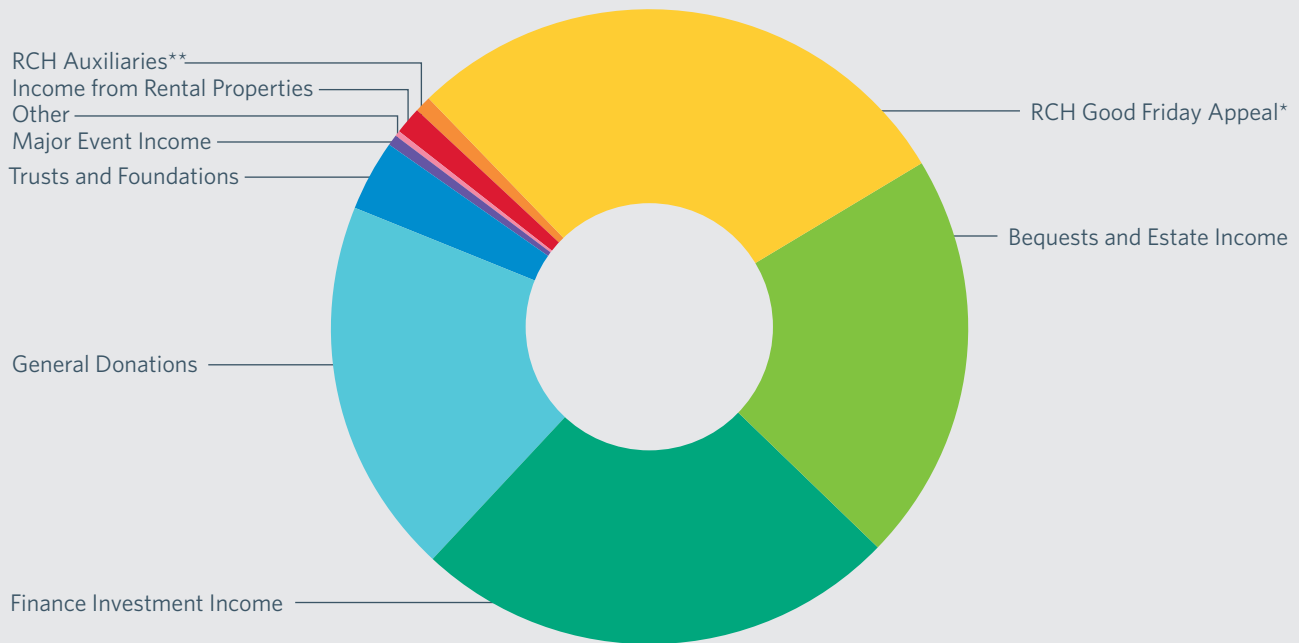
General Expenses

\$5.8 million of costs were incurred in 2015/16. This is a result of the costs associated with raising fundraising income, managing the grants process, investing for future growth and ensuring the appropriate controls and governance procedures are maintained and strengthened.

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

FIGURE 1A **INCOME 2015/16**

	(\$)	(%)
RCH Good Friday Appeal*	15,628,292	28
Bequests and Estate Income	11,364,099	21
Finance Investment Income	13,406,038	24
General Donations	10,368,811	19
Trusts and Foundations	2,985,034	5
Major Event Income	263,779	0
Other	240,179	0
Income from Rental Properties	784,413	1
RCH Auxiliaries**	317,047	1
Totals	55,357,692	100

FIGURE 1B **INCOME 2015/16**

* GFA revenue is net of costs incurred in conducting the Appeal. Total funds raised was \$17,445,624.

** From 1 March 2015 to 28 February 2016 RCH Auxiliaries raised \$1,472,198 which was included in the RCH Good Friday Appeal total. The balance represents amounts collected towards the 2017 Appeal.

FIGURE 2A **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS 2015/16**

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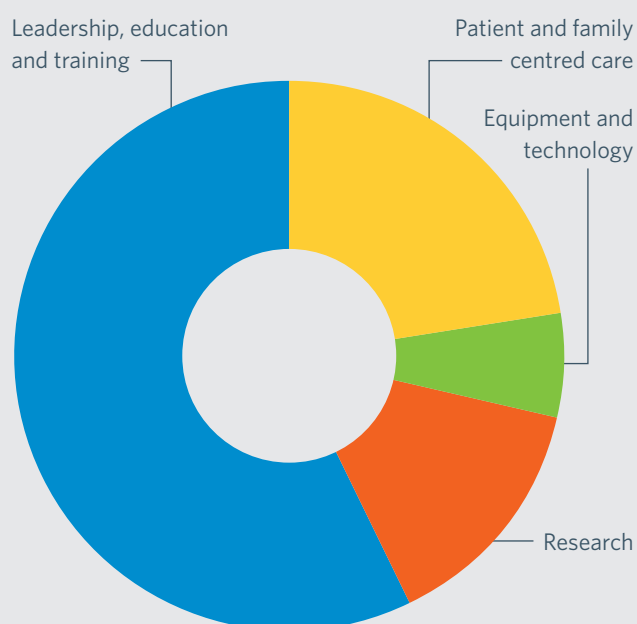
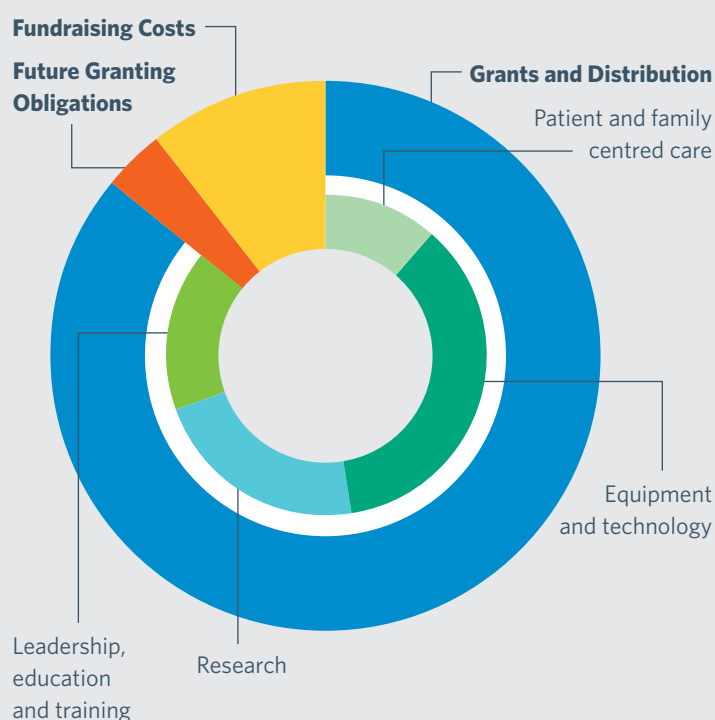
■ Patient and family centred care	7,624,321
■ Equipment and technology	2,085,607
■ Research	4,812,085
■ Leadership, education and training	19,317,036
Totals	33,839,049*

*This figure includes a number of projects being undertaken by the RCH that will be carried out over a 3-5 year period.

FIGURE 3A **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME 2015/16**

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■ Grants and Distribution	47,538,639
■ Patient and family centred care	6,420,463
■ Equipment and technology	19,921,952
■ Research	12,220,879
■ Leadership, education and training	8,975,345
■ Future Granting Obligations	2,013,133
■ Fundraising Costs	5,805,920
	55,357,692

FIGURE 2B **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS**FIGURE 3B **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME**

Good Friday Appeal



Thank you!

In 2016, hundreds of thousands of people gave their expertise, time and talents to raise an extraordinary \$17,445,624.38 for the Good Friday Appeal. On behalf of the thousands of children and their families who rely on The Royal Children's Hospital for their world class care, we want to thank each and every person who donated, attended an event, ran a fundraiser and put their hand in their pocket to give that they may grow.

Official fundraisers galvanise support

Community fundraisers are the backbone of the Good Friday Appeal and in 2016 families, friends, neighbours and work colleagues came together in support of the Appeal. We never cease to be amazed at the creativity of our supporters in their fundraising pursuits. This year new initiatives included the inaugural Premier's Cup golf day which raised a staggering \$220,000, pigeon auctions and a small family bakery in Gippsland which sold hot cross buns in the lead up to and on Good Friday raising an astonishing \$30,000.

We find communities and volunteers support the Appeal in a variety of ways. This year we are thrilled to be celebrating 30 years of generosity from Woolworths staff and customers. We want to thank Henley and their volunteer tradies who have built 37 beautiful homes over 24 years with all proceeds going to the Appeal as well as Villawood Properties for supplying the land for the last seven years.

Schools show their support

Over our long and proud history, schools and child care centres have been wonderful supporters of the Good Friday Appeal. This year, over 200 schools across the State again came up with wonderfully creative ways to raise funds, from dress up and crazy hair days, to competitions to make the longest coin line possible.

Collection groups and their armies of volunteers

Our dedicated collection groups assembled an army of volunteers across Victoria on Good Friday.

The RCH Auxiliaries again worked tirelessly throughout the year in support of the Appeal, while the CFA and MFB assembled teams from the Murray River to the Gippsland Lakes to rattle tins at street corners and intersections.

An additional 239 volunteers activated and energised regional towns across Victoria, Tasmania and southern New South Wales, contributing over \$3.6 million to the 2016 Good Friday Appeal.

We were also once again generously supported by the members, volunteers and supporters of our two official collection groups, Uncle Bobs Club and the Pied Pipers, whose unwavering support makes an enormous difference to the success of the Appeal every year.



Image courtesy of Ian Currie



Image courtesy of David Smith



Image courtesy of Ian Currie



Image courtesy of Hamish Blair



Image courtesy of David Caird



Image courtesy of Jason Edwards

Bringing the community together

Kids Day Out brought together over 60 community groups at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for the ultimate day of family fun. More than 80,000 people attended and raised over \$180,000 for the Appeal. This year Kids Day Out was generously supported by the City of Melbourne.

Good Friday Appeal partners and supporters make an enormous difference

In addition to the significant involvement of communities, we also celebrate the support of our Principal and Major partners who make such an important contribution every year.

Since 1931 when journalists from The Sporting Globe held a sports carnival for charity, the Herald and Weekly Times have been passionate supporters of the Good Friday Appeal, helping us become one of the most publicised and well loved Victorian charities.

In March 2016, The Herald and Weekly Times held the annual Run for the Kids which raised over \$1.7 million for the Appeal. The Herald and Weekly Times also had a photographer and journalist in the hospital for six weeks prior to the Appeal, to document stories of staff, patients and their families and to highlight the superb work of the hospital.

Where would we be without the Channel 7 telecast? In 2016, the broadcast again brought the Good Friday Appeal to life.

Starting the day from the hospital, viewers were able to see first hand what a difference their donation makes to the lives of sick children and their families. Year on year these stories are brought to our living rooms encouraging Victorians to dig deep and make a difference.

We also couldn't do it without our Major Sponsors - the wonderful Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre hosted the Appeal and Kids Day Out on Good Friday, 3AW shared the stories, colour and emotion of the day through a 16 hour live broadcast, Telstra provided all of the data and telephones to run the telethon and the National Australia Bank provided their expertise to run treasury on Good Friday.

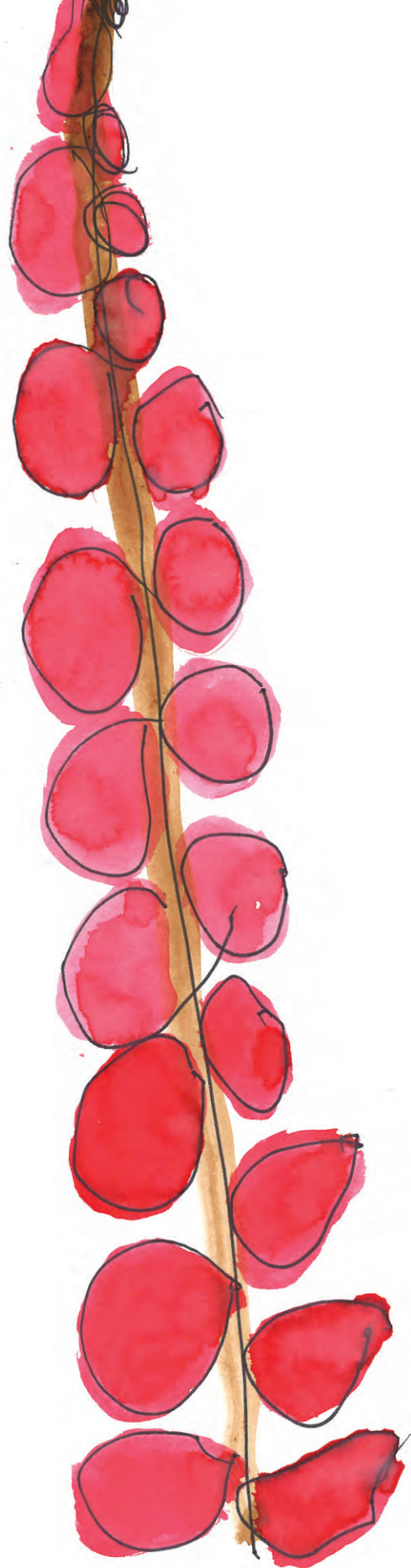
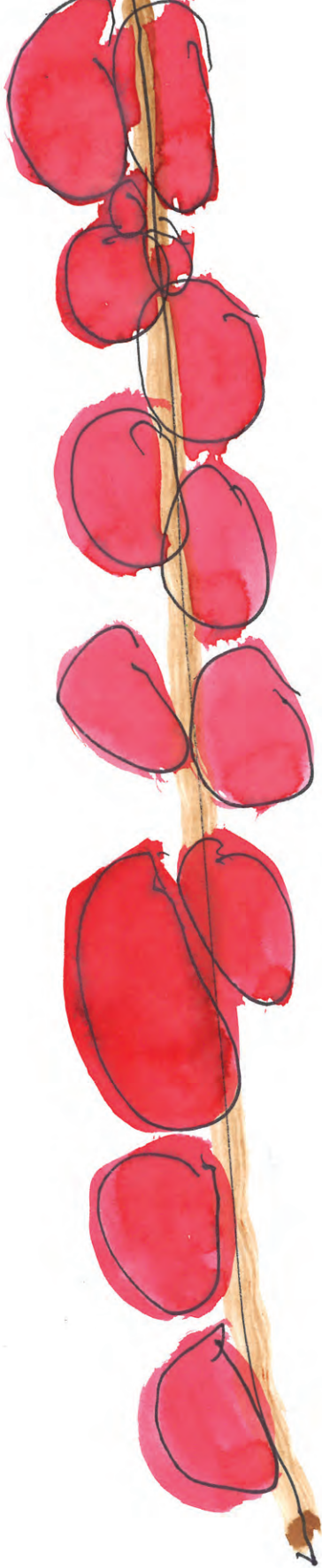
In 2016 we were also delighted to welcome two new partners - ACE Radio Network and Nova Entertainment - who joined our existing media partners, The Geelong Advertiser, The Weekly Times and Leader Newspapers. Both ACE and Nova Entertainment joined in the fun at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Good Friday and provided strong radio profiles for the Appeal across regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.

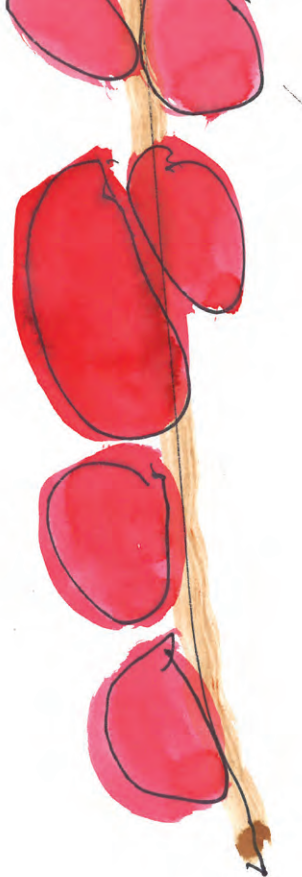
We are so fortunate to see the very best in people who come together to make a difference. Together with our partners we'd like to thank everyone for making the Appeal what it is - the people's charity.

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



Lyra, 5 years old. When I grow up I want to be a princess.





TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES

For 147 years, the RCH has been providing world-leading care to patients across Victoria. This care is delivered by a passionate and dedicated team of clinicians, all working tirelessly to improve the lives of patients and their families.

Over the coming pages you will meet four patients who have an extra special bond with their clinician. We share their stories and show how great care and commitment is improving these patients' lives.

Meet Samuel Gellie

From day one, little Sam has defied the odds.

In utero, doctors detected that Sam's vital organs were outside his body. Sam was affected by a condition called omphalocele, a weakness in his abdomen where the umbilical cord joined it, meaning his liver, spleen and part of his bowels were protruding outside the abdominal cavity within a thin membrane sac. Suspecting that this was caused by a serious genetic disorder, doctors advised mum Amy and dad Mark to terminate the pregnancy.

"That was a scary time because we knew we were dealing with something really serious, but terminating the pregnancy was never an option for us," said Amy.

An amniocentesis at 20 weeks was "the hardest part of the pregnancy", as Amy and Mark waited for confirmation of their baby's condition. Though a genetic disorder was ruled out, this good news was overshadowed by further updates from doctors.

"At every appointment the diagnosis got worse and worse. The first bit of hope we had was when we met with an RCH surgeon. That was the first bit of light we saw."

Brought to the RCH shortly after birth, Sam spent the first four months of his life in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The pressure his omphalocele or 'bump', as the Gellie's affectionately call it, put on his diaphragm hampered his breathing. Sam also had pulmonary hypoplasia, in which his lungs weren't completely developed because his chest wall was narrow. Sam was put on a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure ventilator, which applies continuous mild air pressure to keep his airway open.

His bump was also at high risk of infection, and was monitored closely by doctors and dressed weekly until skin formed over it. Amy and Mark stayed by Sam's cot day and night.

"We were in two headspaces while Sam was in NICU. So many people had said he was unlikely to make it, so we were thrilled that he had gotten that far. But then reality hit us and we saw him in the cot and realised that we couldn't just hold him. When he was two weeks old, one of the nurses went above and beyond to make our first cuddle happen. The entire NICU team really helped us bond and connect with Sam, and made the best of a bad situation for us."

At four months, Sam was discharged from NICU, but continued to visit the hospital on a weekly basis for the first year. Since then, "Sam's had very few admissions and is doing really well."

Eventually, Sam will undergo a series of operations with a team of surgeons including Mr Michael Nightingale.

"Sam is at the extreme end of the spectrum for omphalocele," said Mr Nightingale. "All of his abdominal organs are within an hour-glass shaped sac and will need to be returned to his abdomen through the narrow end of it. This makes his case much more uncommon and complicated."

Though Sam's surgeons are waiting until he's older before they begin operating, his treatment plan comprises three stages. The first will increase the size of his abdominal cavity so his organs can fit. The second will see surgeons return them to their rightful place. The third will reconstruct Sam's abdominal wall.

"Sam has a significant medical condition and there will be challenges as we begin the surgeries, but he's a brave, lovely little fellow. He's lucky to have such an amazing family, who have done a great job of caring for him."

Until he's old enough for surgery, Sam's enjoying making everyone laugh and just being a kid.

"Sam doesn't notice his bump at all or that he's different. It doesn't seem to stop him and he doesn't let it get in his way."



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AMY, SAM'S MUM

Image: Sam and Amy at the RCH.

Meet Sam's care team

Sam's complicated condition requires the care of clinicians across the hospital. His current medical care team includes 12 specialists from paediatric and plastic surgeons, to gastroenterologists and cardiologists.

Some of Sam's clinicians share how they are contributing to his ongoing care.

Professor Chris Coombs **Director of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery**

"Sam's issue is that there's not enough space in his tummy for his organs. To make more space, we'll insert 'balloons' into his abdominal cavity and, as they inflate, they'll expand his abdominal wall so there's room for them. Once we put his organs into his tummy, we can begin reconstructing his abdominal wall. This process is being meticulously planned by a team of practitioners for the best result."

Dr Remi Kowalski, **Paediatric Cardiologist**

"Given Samuel's respiratory issues, he's been at risk of developing pulmonary hypertension or increased lung blood pressure. I have seen him in Cardiology clinic to screen him for this complication and thankfully he shows no signs of it."

Nicki Mountford **Clinical Nurse Consultant, Complex Care**

"As Sam's Clinical Nurse Consultant in Complex Care my role involves facilitating communication and coordination between Sam's clinicians to plan a proactive approach to his care. I act as a central point of contact to streamline care and minimise the overall impact of Sam's treatment on the family. Working in partnership with Sam's family, the service supports them along their journey and empowers Amy and Mark to make informed decisions about his care."

Mr Michael Nightingale **Paediatric Surgeon**

"Sam's omphalocele is quite unique given its size and shape. Several RCH teams are working together to prepare for Sam's surgery and ensure the best result."

Professor Colin Robertson **Senior Respiratory Physician**

"It's been a privilege to be a part of Sam's care team, to support his breathing and watch his lungs grow to achieve the best function possible."

Associate Professor David Tingay **Neonatologist**

"It's been a privilege to be part of Sam's care team and witness his journey. I counselled Amy and Mark during the pregnancy and then managed Sam's time in NICU during the early months when his omphalocele meant he couldn't breathe by himself. The most rewarding part was when we realised he did not need my care anymore, but I still catch up with Sam's family when they're at the RCH to say hi and have a chat."

Sally Wood **Paediatric Audiologist**

"It's been a pleasure to be part of Sam, and his family's, life since he was 18 months old. Like many children his age, he had fluctuating hearing levels associated with middle ear fluid and I've been monitoring his hearing in the context of the rest of his general development. Pleasingly, his last test result revealed normal hearing and his speech is developing brilliantly."

Additional member of Sam's care team

Julian Kelly, General Medicine
Jeremy Rayanayagam, Gastroenterology
Sophie Crotti, Dietitian
Connie Tsorinia, Home Enteral Nutrition Technician
ACE team



Michael Nightingale



Colin Robertson



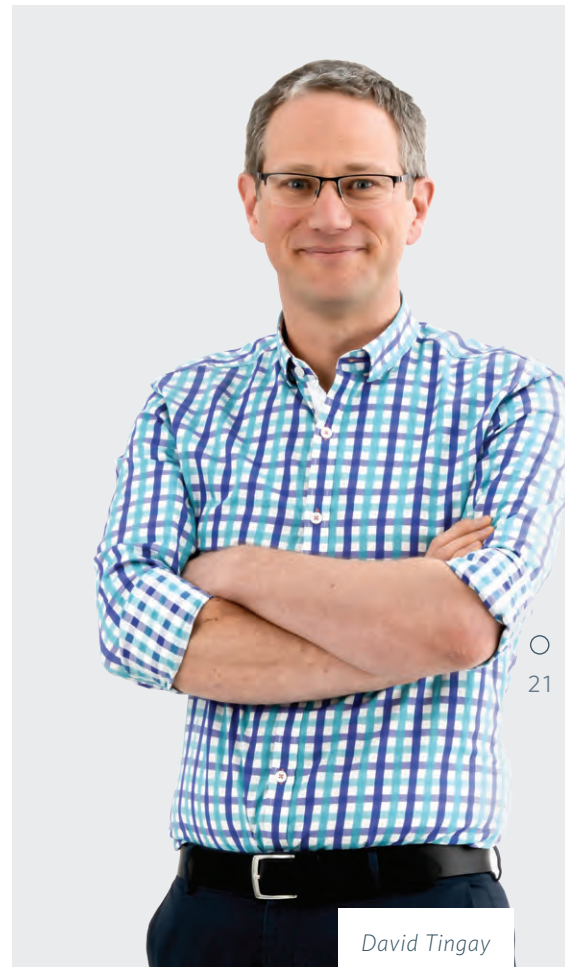
Nicki Mountford



Chris Coombs



Sally Wood



David Tingay

Meet Georgie Stone

Ever since she was two and a half, Georgie knew she was a girl.

Though her gender, or inherent sense of being female, was indisputable, Georgie was born biologically male.

“For a while I thought I was a boy because everyone told me I was a boy, but it felt wrong,” said Georgie. “Eventually I told my mum I was a girl.”

Though her family was supportive and understanding, many weren’t. Georgie struggled at primary school, from being bullied, to being made to use the boy’s bathrooms. Eventually she began to have suicidal thoughts.

“They saw that I was becoming more feminine and they teased me and told me it wasn’t right. I thought this was how my whole life was going to be and I began to think that it would be easier if I was dead.”

Georgie was only seven years old. Seeing that her daughter was in distress, mum Rebekah reached out to the RCH for support.

“They understood how I felt and helped me understand that I wasn’t weird. That I wasn’t the only person who felt like this. It gave me a greater sense of self-belief and that helped me through,” said Georgie.

Georgie was the third transgender young person to be cared for by the RCH Gender Service.

The Gender Service is currently the first and largest multidisciplinary service of its kind in Australia for gender diverse and transgender children and adolescents. Associate Professor Michelle Telfer is Director of the service and leads a multidisciplinary team that includes paediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists, endocrinologists, a Clinical Nurse Consultant, a gynaecologist and a speech pathologist. She has supported Georgie through much of her journey.

“When a child like Georgie presents to the Gender Service, they first meet with the Clinical Nurse Consultant and a

psychologist for an assessment,” said A/Professor Telfer. “This is an important step for identifying anyone who is at high-risk of self-harm, or who requires immediate medical intervention.”

For children in early puberty, medical intervention begins with puberty blockers, which stop the production of testosterone or oestrogen and, therefore, puberty.

When she was 10-years-old, an RCH endocrinologist discovered that Georgie’s testosterone levels were rising and that she was entering puberty. At the time, families were required to obtain Family Court permission to start puberty blockers. Georgie’s court case secured this permission and also won all transgender young people the right to access puberty blockers without Family Court intervention.

At 15-years-old, Georgie’s testosterone levels spiked again. She attended Family Court once more, this time for permission to obtain gender affirming hormones, specifically oestrogen. It was a race against time for Georgie, and her mum, Rebekah credits A/Professor Telfer for helping them through such a difficult period.

“Michelle was really supportive and wrote a medical report on Georgie for the court. She is a tremendous ally and has gone above and beyond for us,” said Rebekah.

An important part of A/Professor Telfer’s role involves advocating for patients like Georgie.

“Through advocacy, we reduce the stigma and marginalisation associated with being transgender, which improves clinical outcomes. Georgie has been a real trailblazer in this regard and her story is changing people’s opinions and beliefs.”

When asked what she would say to a young transgender person seeking help, Georgie doesn’t hesitate.

“I’m a girl and I’ve always been a girl. You have to be true to yourself and not let people think you’re unworthy. Also, reach out to the Gender Service and get the help you need. They have a great team and are a fantastic support system.”



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GEORGIE STONE

Image: A/Professor Michelle Telfer with Georgie

Meet Sebastian Wilkins

Sebastian's birth was a bittersweet occasion. Though overjoyed to welcome their little boy into the world, it also meant saying goodbye to his twin brother Zachary, who had passed away in utero one month before.

Born at 27 weeks by emergency c-section, Sebastian was rushed to the RCH after doctors noticed that "something was very wrong with his left leg," said mum, Melissa. "I was only able to spend a few seconds with him before he had to be whisked away."

Sebastian was admitted to the RCH Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). His femur was protruding through his skin and he developed several serious infections in his leg, including staph. The late Mr Ian Torode, a Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon, recommended immediate amputation.

"This wasn't what we wanted to hear at the time, but he was right," said Melissa. "After Ian did the amputation, Seb had one final infection. From then on we could just focus on him being a preemie and helping him grow stronger."

Sebastian spent 88 days in NICU before he was well enough to go home, coincidentally on his original due date. During this time, surgeons repaired one of his heart valves and two internal hernias. As he grew stronger, Sebastian began to meet and surpass his milestones and at nine months showed signs of wanting to walk.

To help Sebastian get on his feet, Senior Prosthetist and Orthotist Phoebe Thomson coordinated the development of a unique prosthetic for him.

"My job is to provide the most suitable prosthesis that allows Seb to function to the best of his ability. Since he has a very short stump, we had to think outside the square and make something quite different from the normal prosthetic leg," said Phoebe.

Phoebe worked with RCH prosthetic technician Doug Jeffreys to devise the best option for Sebastian. Their solution was a 'socket' that Sebastian steps into, and which extends around his waist and attaches to his leg. Seeing Sebastian with his new leg was another bittersweet moment for Melissa.

"It was so exciting, but at the same time, the reality that Seb needed a prosthetic hadn't really sunk in before that moment. Phoebe brought his new leg out and I just burst into tears. Part of me was so excited and another was just devastated."

Though Sebastian can't quite walk on his own, he loves 'Leggy' and doesn't want to take it off. In fact, Sebastian likes Leggy so much that Phoebe and Doug have had to adjust it over the years to accommodate for Sebastian's growing size and height. However, Leggy isn't the only key to Sebastian's success.

"I like to say that the leg is only the beginning," said Phoebe. "Seb is also cared for by physiotherapists, who are helping him learn to walk with it, and occupational therapists who make sure his family have the equipment and strategies to help him get around at home."

Though it's been a difficult journey, Melissa and Jai are grateful to the many clinicians and technicians like Phoebe and Doug, as well as the entire Limb Deficiency Team, who are working hard to give Sebastian the best care.

"They make such a difference to our life, it's incredible. We have met such amazing people at the RCH and Seb will have incredible opportunities thanks to their help."

For Phoebe, it's helping patients like Sebastian that makes her job so special.

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PHOEBE THOMSON, SEBASTIAN'S PROSTHETIST

Image: Senior Prosthetist Phoebe Thomson with Sebastian

Sunny Jones

The signs of Sunny's liver disease appeared shortly after she was born.

Unlike her identical twin Vivian, Sunny was jaundiced, had a poor appetite and struggled to keep the little she ate down. At her 10 week check-up, Sunny's paediatrician asked her parents, Trent and Minako, to visit the RCH for tests. A biopsy confirmed that Sunny had biliary atresia.

Relatively rare, biliary atresia is a disease in which the ducts that carry bile from the liver to the gallbladder fail. This bile is then trapped inside the liver, causing considerable damage. The preferred method for treating biliary atresia is the Kasai procedure, which surgically bypasses the failing bile ducts and prolongs the life of the liver. Though it is often a widely successful operation, the Kasai Procedure fails in one third of patients. Sunny was one of them.

"After the Kasai procedure was unsuccessful it became clear that a liver transplant was the only thing that would save Sunny's life," said Trent. "We were devastated. It was a total whirlwind of emotions. We felt confused and powerless."

Though her original liver continued to function at a sustainable level, Sunny's doctors decided to complete her liver transplant sooner rather than later.

"The chances of success are higher the healthier a patient is at the time of transplant," said Professor Mark Oliver, Sunny's gastroenterologist.

When Sunny underwent her first liver transplant, what should have been a happy occasion soon took a turn for the worst. Sunny developed a blood clot in her hepatic artery, which the liver depends on for most of its oxygenated blood. The liver transplant failed.

"Though the transplant team prepared us well and informed us of the risks, we were in utter shock when the transplant failed. You are never really prepared for that news and we felt like the floor had just dropped out of the room. It was probably the first time that we realised Sunny might not be with us much longer. It was a dark time for our family, but we had total confidence in Sunny's team and their incredible efforts to get her back on track."

Sunny's doctors put her back on the liver transplant waiting list. Just weeks after her first transplant, Sunny received a second. Though subsequent transplants have a lower rate of success, Sunny and her new liver came through with flying colours.

"Sunny was a very sick little girl and would have died without this liver transplant. A huge team of doctors, nurses and surgeons worked very hard to give her the best chance of a long, healthy life," said Professor Oliver.

Post-transplant, Sunny spent a week in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit to ensure she had the best care. During this crucial time, Sunny required a variety of medications including antibiotics to combat infection and immunosuppressants to prevent her body from rejecting the donor liver.

Six months on, Sunny needs fewer medications, has gained weight and is doing incredibly well. However, the immunosuppressants she must continue to take make her susceptible to infection and Sunny must avoid high-germ areas like day care centres and public pools for now.

"Sunny's a real fighter and her recovery has been remarkable. She's so happy, has amazing energy and a great appetite. Vivian really missed her and was lost without her 'other half'. It's great to see them having fun together," said Trent.

After spending much of her life at the RCH, Sunny will soon graduate to bimonthly check-ups with Professor Oliver. Eventually she'll come to the RCH just once a year to ensure everything is ok.

Though it's been a difficult journey, Trent and Minako are grateful to the RCH team for supporting their family every step of the way.

"Mark has been Sunny's doctor since our first day at the RCH and it feels like he's been on a real journey with us. He's such a big part of Sunny's life and we can't thank him enough. The amazing liver transplant team performed miracles and answered our many questions gently when we didn't receive the news we were hoping for. We are so grateful to them. And to the ward nurses who cared for Sunny, we would like to thank you all."



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TRENT, SUNNY'S DAD





WHAT YOU SUPPORT

Community support enables the RCH to go beyond delivering good healthcare. It is what makes the hospital great.

Over the coming pages, we share five stories of projects and initiatives you funded, showing how philanthropy truly is changing the future of children's health.

2015/16

We are delighted to report that the RCH Foundation approved more than 180 grants in the last financial year, totalling more than \$33 million.

These new projects and programs are outstanding, and as always are innovative and life-changing for patients and their families. We look forward to sharing the successes and triumphs of these grants with you, our generous supporters.

The lists in this section are divided into four key areas of funding, including:

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

It's thanks to you - our generous donors - that all of these projects and initiatives are made possible.

EMR Patient Portal

For the very first time, patients and families at the RCH have access to their medical records, and it's our generous community of supporters who helped make it happen. This follows the launch of Australia's first comprehensive patient and family portal - My RCH Portal.

My RCH Portal is a website and app that allows parents and guardians to access key elements of their child's medical records. Never before have families had such access to information about their child's care when and where they need it, and it is making a significant difference.

Two-year-old Benjamin is one of the RCH's Complex Care patients, meaning he sees a number of doctors and specialists as part of his ongoing care needs. For Benjamin's family, the My RCH Portal is a game-changer.

Benjamin's mum Tracy explained the portal is a one-stop shop, helping to manage appointments and providing her with important, up to date information.

"It has made things a lot easier because I can look at results as soon as they are loaded on the portal, and without having to contact a doctor," said Tracy.

"Benny sees many different specialists, so to be able to find everything all in the one place has made things easier. I also don't have to carry around a heap of paperwork with me anymore!"

Hospital CEO Professor Christine Kilpatrick said the Portal is harnessing the power of digital technology to transform healthcare for Victorian children and their families, and further cementing Melbourne's reputation as a global leader in paediatrics.

"My RCH Portal is a new way for the hospital to put patients at the centre of care and empowers families to take better

care of themselves.

"It's one of the most transformative aspects of the hospital's electronic medical record and we're very excited to share it with the community," said Professor Kilpatrick.

The My RCH Portal is a user friendly and accessible tool, enabling families to:

- Add or update information on their RCH electronic medical record about medication, allergies or other health problems
- Request, confirm or cancel upcoming hospital appointments
- See which medications have been prescribed and instructions for taking them
- See test and imaging results
- Read some of the notes taken by doctors in appointments
- View their child's healthcare plans.

My RCH Portal was developed as part of the hospital's \$48 million Electronic Medical Record (EMR), which went live in April 2016. Once again leading the way, the RCH was one of the first paediatric hospitals in Australia to replace paper-based medical records with a comprehensive electronic record.

One of the biggest benefits of the EMR is that it ensures a child's clinical information is all in one place that's easy to read and readily accessible to all of the clinicians involved in that child's care. Having electronic medical records means clinicians no longer need to chase up, or share, a single paper based record.

The EMR project was jointly funded by the Victorian Government, the hospital, and the RCH Foundation. The RCH Foundation contribution enabled the inclusion of additional functionality within the RCH EMR such as the My RCH Portal.

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TRACY, BENJAMIN'S MUM



PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

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, and included each step of the way.

The hospital's patient and family centred approach means a strong emphasis on a mutually beneficial partnership between healthcare providers, patients and their families.

**Adobe Digital Publishing Suite (DPS)
for producing ward guide apps**

3 years

**Allied Health Developmental
Pathways Program**

6 months

Arts Partnership Program

1 year

**Assyrian Chaldean Parent
Information Session**

Once off

**Caries Risk and Prevention for
Children with Congenital Cardiac
Defects**

1 year

Children's Publishing Program

1 year

Clinical Research Nephrologist

5 years

Comfort Kids Program

Ongoing

Eczema Workshop

1 year

**Establishment of a Paediatric
MS Clinic - Research and
Multidisciplinary Clinic**

3 years

Epidermolysis Bullosa Nurse

1 year

Gatehouse Centre Sandplay Therapy

Once off

**Implementing a new protocol
for Faecal Disimpaction in the
Emergency Department**

18 months

**Improving Discharge Effectiveness
Through OT Telehealth Home Visits**

6 months

**Improving Transition of Patients with
ID and/or ASD with Mental Health
Issues**

18 months

**Introduction of Speech Pathology
Care to RCH@Home patients and
families**

6 months

Mental Health Resource Box

Once off

**Music Therapy and Mental Health -
a pilot project on Banksia Ward**

1 year

**Nutrition Outpatient Services for the
Children's Cancer Centre**

5 years

Pharmacy Satellite Project - Stage 2

1 year

Project Title 115 - Art Therapist

18 months

**Promoting Mental Health and
Wellbeing**

Once off

RCH Telehealth

2 years

**Support for The Galli Chair in
Developmental Medicine**

5 years

**The Royal Children's Hospital Weight
Management Service**

3 years

Transition Support Coordinator

2 years

Wadja Aboriginal Family Place

5 years

PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

RCH app makes learning fun



The RCH Education Institute makes the hospital space a learning place for children with chronic illness. Now, thanks to funding from our generous community of supporters, RCH teachers have a fun, new app in their teaching toolkit: *Ed and the Curious Crew at The Royal Children's Hospital*.

Ed has already proven to be a winner, being shortlisted as one of the world's best apps for kids and earning a prestigious digital industry award.

The app is free to download and uses fun and games to explore themes like education, fundraising and sustainability.

"Missing school doesn't mean missing out on learning," says Bridie Mackay, RCH Education Institute Director.

"Our teachers use the hospital environment in creative ways to keep students engaged in education. Now, thanks to funding from the RCH Foundation, we've been able to create a free learning resource that families can download and use anywhere: on the wards, in clinics, or at home. Learning really can happen anywhere – and it's fun."

www.rch.org.au/education/apps/edapp

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Nuclear Medicine SPECT/CT machine

Thanks to community support, the RCH is now home to a state of the art Nuclear Medicine SPECT/CT Machine, a first for the children of Victoria.

This combined machine includes a SPECT gamma camera, integrated with a CT scanner, meaning for the first time at the RCH, these two different types of images can be taken together during one visit. It's already having a big impact, supporting patients from across the hospital.

SPECT stands for single photon emission computed tomography. With this type of scan, images are taken once a patient has been administered with a radioactive tracer, which is distributed to a specific area in the body. This tracer is then detected by a SPECT camera, which rotates around a patient's body to produce a three dimensional image.

CT or computed tomography scans are obtained when an X-ray machine rotates around a patient to provide a three dimensional image of their anatomy.

Duncan Veysey, Deputy Chief Medical Imaging Technologist and Senior Nuclear Medicine/PET Technologist at the RCH explained how the combined SPECT/CT Machine is able to take both of these scans concurrently, improving patient care at the hospital.

"The combined machine enables us to overlay these two types of scans. We can use the image taken from the CT scan to identify exactly where the radioactivity displayed in the SPECT image is in a patient's anatomy," said Mr Veysey.

For clinicians, these more detailed images mean they can diagnose conditions and recommend a treatment plan with greater certainty and accuracy. Being able to do this is particularly important for patients with complex medical conditions, who require specialised and ongoing care.

"Not only does it enable clinicians to more precisely locate a site of injury, disease or infection, but it also potentially reduces the amount of anaesthetic and radiation procedures patients are exposed to, by being able to perform multiple tests during a single visit," said Mr Veysey.

Traditionally, there has been a correlation between the amount of radiation a patient receives, and the quality of image that is produced.

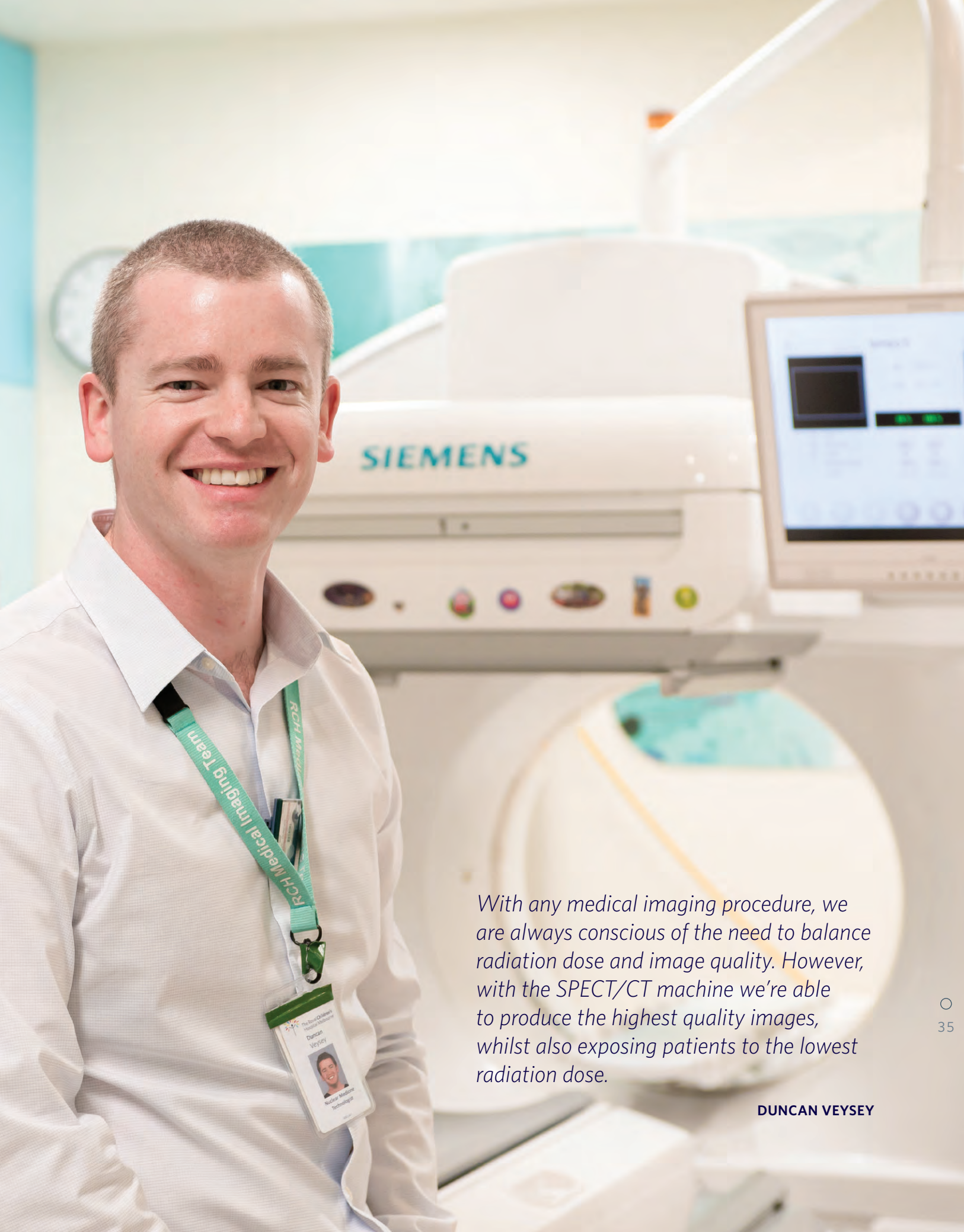
"With any medical imaging procedure, we are always conscious of the need to balance radiation dose and image quality. However, with the SPECT/CT machine we're able to produce the highest quality images, whilst also exposing patients to the lowest radiation dose," said Mr Veysey.

The RCH is also committed to making sure patients are as relaxed and calm as possible during the procedure.

"The SPECT/CT can take scans more quickly and even play movies on a monitor, meaning patients can watch a film while undergoing the scan. The machine can look quite daunting, so by being able to play something patients enjoy, they are definitely more relaxed and calm throughout the whole process," said Mr Veysey.

There is also the ability to just use the CT component of the machine. During critically busy times, or in the event of a large scale disaster, the hospital has access to an additional CT scanner, to complement the existing machine.

"We are fortunate to have this top of the range, flexible model at the RCH, and are very thankful to our community of supporters for funding such a vital piece of equipment."



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EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

The RCH Foundation supports the purchase of life-changing and life-saving equipment at the hospital. By having access to the latest equipment and technology, it ensures the RCH can further improve the quality of care provided to all patients.

Bioptigen Envisu Imaging System

Once off

Brainlab Varioguide Navigation

Once off

CF Physiotherapy Equipment

Once off

Freezer for Cockatoo Ward

Once off

Garden supplies for ‘Bush Kinder’

Once off

**Improving Central Line Care-
Education for Nurses**

Once off

**Improving Lung Function and
Exercise Tolerance Assessment in the
Respiratory Lab**

Once off

Installation of a Home Ramp

Once off

**Investigating Surgical Disorders
with World-Class High Resolution
Manometry**

Once off

**KARL STORZ VITOM and Camera
System - Recording and Photography**

Once off

Non-invasive Ventilation (NIV) for

Physiotherapy

Once off

**Pyxis (Medication Dispensing
Device) Upgrade**

Once off

**Optia Machine and Educational
Training Package**

Once off

**Purchase of Three New Ultrasound
Machines**

Once off

**Purchase of Vocera Communication
Devices - Improving Communication
and Best Outcomes**

Once off

**RT60 Right Kit Six Channel
Stimulator**

Once off

**Uncle Bobs Club (UBC) Supporting
UBC Child Development Centre**

Ongoing

**Upgrade of Non-invasive Ventilators
for Rosella**

Once off



Louis, 5 years old. When I grow up I want to be a doctor.

RESEARCH

30 Years of Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

This year the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI) celebrated 30 years of life-changing discoveries.

Established in 1986 by Professor David Danks, with the generous support of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC DBE, MCRI was born from the meeting of two brilliant minds. Professor Danks envisioned an independent genetic research institute dedicated to changing children's health. Dame Elisabeth, a champion of sick children, had the foresight to support his vision. Together, they established what is now Australia's largest child health research institute, MCRI.

In its 30 years of existence, the institute's work has encompassed a broad range of research, from laboratory science to large population studies. Located onsite at the RCH, MCRI embarks on numerous research projects in conjunction with the hospital. Researchers work alongside doctors and nurses to ensure their work improves the lives of our sickest and most vulnerable children across Australia and the world.

Through our support of the hospital, the RCH Foundation funds important research projects that are changing the future of children's health. Here are two of them.

Finding the genetic cause of kidney disease

Since 2013, the RCH Foundation has supported Dr Cathy Quinlan in her role as an MCRI Honorary Research Fellow. Through her fellowship, Dr Quinlan leads the Kidney Development, Disease and Regeneration Group, which has greatly increased the potential for lab and clinical research within nephrology.

Along with fellow researcher Professor Melissa Little, Dr Quinlan co-leads an exciting new RCH Foundation-funded project, Pilot Renal Genomics and Induced Patient Stem Cell Program (ReGeniPS). This clinical and research program investigates the genetic cause of kidney disease and uses stem cells generated from RCH patients to determine the underlying basis of their disease.

Since the project began, Professor Little made a major discovery when she successfully developed mini-kidneys grown in a dish from stem cells.

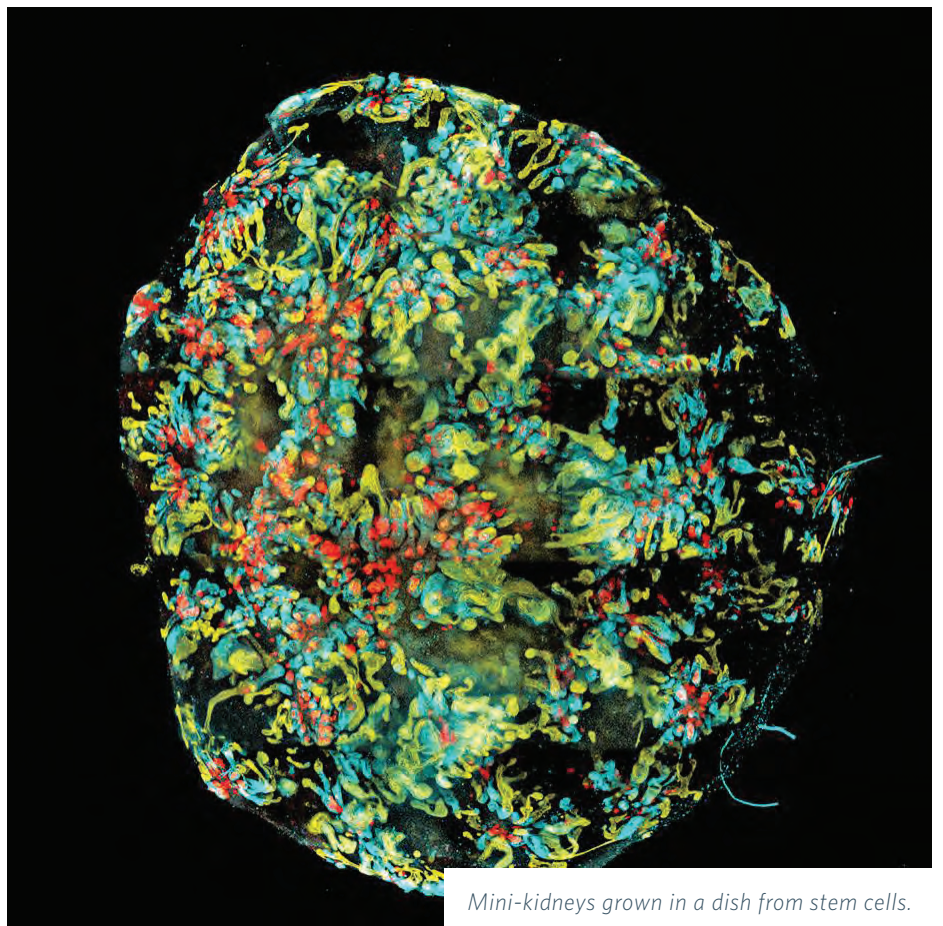
"These mini-kidneys called organoids, take about three weeks to develop and mimic kidney development in the embryonic stage," said Professor Little. "They appear to respond to toxic drugs, so we can use them to model diseases and potentially use them to screen for drug toxicity, saving patients from being exposed to drugs that could damage their kidneys."





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PROFESSOR MELISSA LITTLE



Mini-kidneys grown in a dish from stem cells.



Developmental Imaging

In 2010, the RCH Foundation made a five year funding commitment to support the employment of two research officers for the Developmental Imaging Group. This funding, generously donated by RCH1000, increased MCRI's capacity to develop and implement advanced brain imaging and image analysis methods. These methods are supporting research into paediatric neuroscience for RCH patients affected by conditions like epilepsy, stroke and brain tumours.

Four years later, the RCH Foundation funded a new Developmental Imaging project, Translating Cutting Edge Imaging into Routine Clinical Practice. This project supports innovation in MRI analysis to more accurately detect, diagnose and treat childhood illnesses from heart disease to cancer.

"With the support of the RCH Foundation we have been able to assemble a dedicated team of clinical researchers working with clinicians from across the RCH to improve the diagnostic capacity of MRI and clinical outcomes for RCH patients," said Dr Marc Seal, Leader of the Developmental Imaging group.

Through philanthropy, the RCH Foundation has helped the Developmental Imaging Group grow. The team now scan thousands of children per year and is in the midst of its 175th research project.

During the MCRI's three decades of discoveries, the RCH Foundation has helped it grow. By developing research and clinical links that advance care, we're working together to improve health outcomes for RCH kids and children around the world.

RESEARCH

The RCH Foundation is committed to funding research projects and works closely with the RCH, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and The University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics to ensure that our campus is the premier site for paediatric research in Victoria, and an international leader in addressing some of the world's biggest child health issues.

All aboard: Mapping Cognitive Development Following Leukaemia Treatment
1 year

Asymptomatic Thrombosis Following the use of Central Venous Catheters in Children
1 year

Building a Narrative around Infant, Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health
6 months

CATS - Towards A Successful Transition to Secondary School
1 year

Children's Cancer Centre (CCC) Tissue Bank
3 years

Equipment to Support Genetic Sequencing and Storage of Cancer Tissue Samples
Once off

Improving Outcomes for Young People with Cerebral Palsy
2 years

Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance
4 years

Melbourne Children's Campus Research Translation and Impact Framework
1 year

Melbourne Infant Study: BCG for Allergy and Infection Reduction
2 years

Neurocognitive Functioning in Typical and Atypical Anorexia Nervosa
6 months

Oncogenetic Service
3 years

Pilot Renal Genomics and Induced Patient Stem Cell Program (ReGeniPS)
3 years

Salary Support for Research and Policy Team's Ongoing Research Agenda
2 years

The ADOPT Trial – Dose Optimisation Prior to Transplantation in Kidney Failure
2 years

The Assessment of Oesophageal Motility in Children with Oesophageal Atresia
Once off

The DOTS Study: Developmental Outcomes in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
2 years

The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register
2 years

The Victorian Inherited Cardiac Disorders Family Initiative
2 years

UNIQUE Twins - the Role of Epigenetics in Neurodevelopmental Disorders
2 years



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PROFESSOR TONY PENINGTON

LEADERSHIP

Jigsaw Foundation Chair

"How you look is important, especially for children," said RCH plastic surgeon Professor Tony Penington. "Treatment is often about appearance because, unfortunately, it does matter what you look like."

Professor Penington is the inaugural Jigsaw Foundation Chair of Paediatric Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at the RCH. In this philanthropically supported position, he leads a highly-qualified team at MCRI advancing research, treatments and surgical outcomes for children with conditions like vascular anomalies, cleft lip and palate, craniofacial deformities and congenital hand conditions.

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Professor Penington'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, headed by Dr Zerina Lokmic, to research the genetics of vascular malformations, as well new treatment options.

"The team has just begun genetic sequencing of vascular malformations. Finding the gene mutations which cause vascular malformations is challenging because the conditions are caused by so called 'somatic' genetic mutations which are only found in the affected tissue, not inherited ones which can be identified on a blood test. This sequencing will help us find the error that's causing the problem and aid in the development of new treatments."

They are also researching the use of two drugs to treat vascular malformations: Propranolol and Rapamycin. Propranolol works well for treating haemangiomas, also known as 'strawberry birthmarks', that appear as bright red nodules on the skin. Professor Penington, RCH paediatrician Dr Rod Phillips and their colleagues are establishing guidelines for Propranolol's use, which will be published in late 2016.

Rapamycin is an exciting new treatment for vascular malformations which until now could only be treated by surgery or invasive radiological treatments. Although successful for some patients, the drug still has a significant failure rate. Professor Penington's team is looking into how the drug works in hopes of discovering similar, more effective drug treatments.

The team is also researching face shape and growth amongst Australian children. Collecting 3D photographs of children across the country from three months to 18 years of age, the study compares these images and will set a benchmark across different ages of what 'normal' face shape and growth is. Defining the variation in what a 'normal' face shape looks like and how it changes over time is important for understanding what constitutes natural variation and how much difference in appearance might be considered pathological. The study will assist doctors planning surgeries and treatment for children with abnormal face shapes or growth.

"The project has also led to a collaboration with the Asking Questions about Alcohol in Pregnancy (AQUA) Study. The study aims to find out if the occasional alcoholic beverage before a woman knows she's pregnant, or during pregnancy, causes adverse effects. The 3D images will help to determine if alcohol in pregnancy can cause subtle changes in facial appearance in children."

Another area of interest for Professor Penington is understanding how deformities in children, especially those affecting their appearance, impact on their development. Later this year, his team will work with specialists across the country to launch ground-breaking appearance research into "the impact looking different has on quality of life".

When asked about his success as the Jigsaw Foundation Chair, Professor Penington is quick to credit his team.

"The key to being a good leader is finding good people and giving them the resources to do what they're good at. We have a very talented team who excel at their work and that's why we're so successful."

LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The RCH Foundation provides funding for academic leadership, scholarship and fellowship positions, education programs, and the fostering of academic excellence for staff and the future generation of healthcare professionals. This ensures patients now and into the future have access to the best and brightest medical minds.

**After Hours Clinical Care -
Continuing Coordinated Care 24/7**
1 year

**Allied Health and Nursing Education,
Development and Leadership
Program**
3 years

**Allied Health and Nursing Education
Outreach Program**
18 months

ANZBA Conference Attendance
Once off

**APEX Australia Foundation
Chair in Developmental Medicine**
5 years

BEST Practice Program
1 year

**Campus Research and Education
Week 2015**
Once off

CCCH 21 year celebrations
Once off

Chair in Genomic Medicine
5 years

**Clinician (Medical, Nursing and
Allied Health) Research Leaders of
the Future**
5 years

**Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing
Development Scholarship**
Ongoing

**Developmental Medicine Training
Coordinator**
2 years

Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship
2 years

**Establishing a Joint RCH/VCGS
Laboratory Genetic Counsellor Role**
3 years

**Fellow in Paediatric and Adolescent
Gynaecology**
3 Years

**Health Services Research Capacity
and Consultation**
3 years

Ian Torode Gedenkschrift Meeting
Once off

**Mental Health Clinical Service
Design: Professorial Sessions**
3 years

**Mental Health Executive Leadership
Workshop**
Once off

**Director of Nursing Research
and a Nursing Research Team**
5 years

**Produce a DVD showing how the
Clown Doctors work with Burns
Patients**
Once off

**Support for VEM Technologist to
Study MSc Clinical Physiology**
1 year

The RCH Clinician Compact
1 year

**Uncle Bobs Club Professional
Development**
Ongoing

PHILANTHROPICALLY FUNDED POSITIONS

Leadership positions and chairs

Academic Paediatric Surgeon and
Head of Trauma Services

The Geoff and Helen Handbury
Chair in Adolescent Health

The Apex Australia Foundation
Chair in Developmental Medicine

Chair in Developmental Mental Health
(professional sessions)

Professor/Director of Cardiology

Director of Research in Emergency
Medicine

Director of Medical Education

Head of Molecular Diagnostics

Professor/Director of Nursing
Research

Chair in Paediatric Surgery

The Jigsaw Foundation Chair in
Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery

The Loti and Victor Smorgon Chair
in Paediatrics

Fellowships

The Aitken Fellowship

Burns Fellowship

Clinical, Educational and
Research Fellowship in Paediatric
Rheumatology

Clinical Fellowship in
Neuromuscular Disease

Clinical Research Fellowship in
Respiratory Medicine

Endocrine Clinical Research
Fellowship

Gastroenterology Fellowship

Neurology Clinical Research
Fellowship

The Rats of Tobruk Neuroscience
Fellowship

Nurse Scientist Fellowship

Senior Fellows in Quality and
Medical Workforce

Uncle Bobs Club Clinical Neurology
Fellowship

Scholarships

Allied Health Training and
Development

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing
Development Scholarship

Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship

General Registered Nurse
Scholarship

Hugh Rogers Scholarship

Jeannie H Poolman Scholarship

Jeff Crouch Memorial Scholarship

The Karmien Chan Memorial
Scholarship

The Pied Pipers Scholarship

Post-graduate Health Research
Scholarship and Career
Development Award Schemes

Post-graduate Nursing Scholarship

RCH Paediatric Handbook
Scholarship

Rosemary Derham Scholarship

Uncle Bobs Club Travelling Scholarship

The Volunteers Nursing Scholarship



THANK YOU FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE

Since the hospital opened its doors in 1870, philanthropy has played a substantial role in its development and progress. Today we see the impact of this philanthropic spirit continue, as it enables the hospital to provide outstanding care to patients.

As a valued donor, you are a significant part of this.

In this section, we reflect on an incredible year of fundraising and most importantly, we say thank you on behalf of all the patients and their families whose lives have been improved as a direct result of your generosity.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DONORS

To ensure the RCH Foundation has the respect, trust and confidence of its supporters and friends, we declare that all supporters 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
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- To have the opportunity for their names to be removed from mailing lists
- To be assured we value their privacy and information. To read our privacy policy, please visit www.rchfoundation.org.au/privacy



THANK YOU PHIL AND SUE LEWIS

Phil and Sue Lewis and Family: Olivia's Gift

"My wife and I were inspired to support the RCH because our granddaughter Olivia is alive and well thanks to the great work and dedication of the hospital."

When little Olivia was diagnosed with congenital heart disease in utero, the Lewis' began their association with the RCH. Phil's son and daughter-in-law visited from the Gold Coast every month during the pregnancy for follow-up ultrasounds. Six weeks before the due date, they relocated to Melbourne because Olivia would need to be rushed to the RCH just an hour after birth.

Olivia was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a combination of four heart defects that prevented her blood from getting enough oxygen. At six days old, she had her first open heart surgery. A second followed five weeks later and her major repair was done at six months.

"Everyone from the Cardiology team, the doctors and nurses, were tremendous. We wanted to give back as a way of saying thank you and recognising their great work, so we approached the RCH Foundation to see how we could help."

The Lewis family generously donated a substantial amount to facilitate the purchase of a portable Ventricular Assist Device, a machine that supports or completely replaces the pumping function of a failing heart. The family has also committed to two more donations over the next two years as a Gold Member of the RCH Foundation Leadership Circle.

In April 2016, Phil and his family also participated in Run for the Kids, raising \$31,000 for the Good Friday Appeal.

"We feel blessed every day that Olivia will grow up to have a happy, healthy life and we're thankful to have the ability to give back in this way."

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

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

Ambassador

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Peter Yates AM

RCH1000

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

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

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

A

Dale Alcock
Lindsay and Rosemarie Arthur
Peter Atkinson
Merine Awad

B

Mark Beatson
Tom Bernadou
Giovanni Berto
Ross Brewin
Kym Bridgford

C

David Cain
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John Cassisi
Cathy Conroy

D

Bich Dao Lu
Valentino Diaferia
Ronald Dodge
Doshi Family
Edward Doyle
Hubert and Elaine Duyvestyn
George and Maureen Dyer

E

David and Nancy Ednie
Michael Elliott
Amy Eslick
Tony and Violeta Esposito

F

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Muriel Frazer

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Diana Gibson
Smelia Gigis
Peter Gindy
Robert Glas
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Louise Gourlay OAM

H

Haddad Family
Rachel Hornung
Donald Wallace Houston
Sue Hunt
Quang Huynh

I

Kenedi Isovski

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William Jeyaparakash
Mathew Jones

K

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Harvey Kaplan
Steven Katsifolis
George Kazangi
Ian Kennedy AM
Thomas Kennesey
David Klein
David Kolieb

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Lisa Lam
Larsen Family
Nella Le Hunt
Anthony and Alison
Leray-Meyer
Leekow Lin

M

Jack Ma and My Tang
Matthew McCluskey
Kaitlin McMahon
Simone Meagher
Harold Mitchell AC
Daniel Moloney

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Newton Family
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Richard Norman
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Christine Tarascio
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Venville Family

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Ranbir Walia
Chris Watson
Abe and Ricki Weiszberger
Simon White
Brian White AO
Victoria Woods

Y

The Yuen Family

Z

Chang Zhang



Edith, 5 years old. When I grow up I want to be a gardener.

CORPORATE DONATIONS

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

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We also gratefully acknowledge the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for their generous donation of \$10,000 in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday. This assisted in the purchase of a non-invasive ventilator for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the hospital.

THANK YOU NELSON ALEXANDER

For real estate agency Nelson Alexander, it's important to give back to the community they work in. One of the ways they do this is by supporting the RCH.

"The RCH has a special place in my heart, as my son had cancer and we spent a lot of time at the hospital. They tried all sorts of treatments, but unfortunately at the age of nine he lost his fight. So I'm passionate about giving back to the RCH and helping children and their families live a better life," said Auctioneer Fabian Rosin.

Nelson Alexander supports local charities through monthly grants and Foundation Day, where each office donates the professional fees from a particular auction to their chosen charity. This year the RCH Foundation received \$17,887 from the auction of 32 Rae Street in Fitzroy North. It supported the RCH Gatehouse Centre, a Centre Against Sexual Assault that provides assessment, treatment and advocacy services for children and young people affected by sexual abuse.

"We love to support causes that our colleagues are passionate about, and in some way we've all been touched by the RCH. It's a pleasure to help the many children and families that rely on the hospital's care,"
Kerryn Donchi, Client Relations for Nelson Alexander.

CORPORATE FUNDRAISING

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

Barbayannis Lawyers
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WORKPLACE GIVING

Employees from these companies choose to make regular donations to the RCH Foundation through their pre-tax pay. Many business partners enhance the collective impact of their Workplace Giving program through donation matching, fundraising, volunteering, skill sharing and in-kind support.

A

AA Gaskets
ADP
Australian Industry Group (AIG)
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Charitable Trusts and Foundations are non-profit organisations that donate to support the important work carried out by the hospital.

\$1,000,000+

The Apex Australia Foundation for
Research into Intellectual Disability

\$500,000+

Children's Cancer Foundation supported
by Australian Lions Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation and the Steven
Walter Children's Cancer Foundation

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\$100,000+

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\$50,000+

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Charitable Foundation

Spotlight Foundation

Elise Sneddon Foundation



Audrey, 5 years old. When I grow up I want to be an artist.

BEQUESTS

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.

A

Emmanuel Attard

B

Maarten Barmentloo

Lydia Batchelder

Sheila Box

C

Frances Carey

John Carter

Denise Charlesworth

Grace Cuming OAM

D

Emanuel Debrincat

Peggy Patricia Delaney

Donald Dunst

E

Sylvia Edwards

Herbert Emerson

Stanley Evans

F

Elizabeth Farrell

Donald Franks

Clarence Fraser

G

Joan Veronica Gardner

Raphael Godinger

Janice Claire Grills

Joyce Grimshaw

Jacob Groenewoud

H

Pamela Harper

Mary Harris

Alfred Heller

Graeme Hoskins

J

Jessie Jones

K

Richard Kearton

M

Nora Mansfield

Alison McCook

Barry Mitchell

P

Herbert (Bert) Pearson

Salvatore 'Sammy' Pennuto

Ellis Powell

R

John Robinson

Charles Roussac

Alfred Roy Burton

Jean Brown Sampson

S

Peter Shiels

Beryl Sparks

Lionel Richard Vivian Spencer Fund

Nelida Squizziatto

Mary Starr

T

Peter Tallboy

Douglas Thomson

Albina Tisler

Marjory Beryl Tivendale in loving
memory of Effie and Alwin Seidel

W

Mary Wayth

Betty Webb

Phyllis White

We gratefully acknowledge supporters who have planned a Gift in their will.

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

Robyn and Stewart Anderson
Denise and Peter Ferguson Family Gift
Bill Labbad
Fiona and Ashley Murrie
William Ould
Richard Winchester
Anonymous (19)

THANK YOU ROSEMARY MANIGIAMELE **Legacy of Grace Cumming OAM**

"My mother made the RCH her family. She was always at the hospital or doing something to support it."

As far back as Rosemary Mangiamele can remember, her mother, Grace Cumming OAM supported the hospital. During her many years of involvement, Grace touched many areas of the hospital.

Initially a member of the Camberwell Canterbury Auxiliary, Grace eventually became Vice President of the RCH Auxiliaries, President of the RCH Volunteer Service, Honourary Secretary of the RCH Auxiliaries, and Vice President of the RCH Committee of Management.

Following a lifetime of service to the hospital, Grace left behind an incredible legacy when she passed away in 2014. Her gift to the RCH Foundation in her Will continues to support research at the hospital.

"My mother had a very special, generous spirit. I'm so proud of her contribution to the hospital and the ground-breaking research initiatives her generosity is helping to foster."



ENDOWMENTS AND ESTATES

Endowments are established by donors to provide long term support. Their gift is invested and only the income earned is paid to the RCH Foundation on a regular basis.

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Margery and Keith Aitken Foundation
John Anderson

B

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and direction of endowed funds to
support The Royal Children's Hospital.
We especially thank the following:**

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LIONEL SPENCER (1896-1988)

Lionel Richard Vivian Spencer Fund

In December 2015, we gratefully received a magnificent gift from the Lionel Richard Vivian Spencer Fund. Lionel is a former Life Governor of the hospital. One of the largest bequests received in the RCH Foundation's history, this gift will have a transformational impact on the future of children's health.

Lionel Spencer was born in 1896 and following service in the First World War, entered business in the automotive industry. He founded and successfully developed Regent Motor Holdings Ltd, later a public company. When he died at 91 he left a substantial estate, with a life interest to his widow Yvonne. Both Lionel and Yvonne were widely active in the community and with Yvonne's passing in early 2015, the major part of the Estate has now been distributed to six charities.

We are deeply thankful for Lionel and Yvonne Spencer's inspiring legacy. Their foresight and generosity will change children's lives for the better.



Aaron 5 years old. When I grow up I want to be a nurse and look after people when they get sick.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

Community fundraisers are supported by generous people from across Victoria. Thank you to the thousands of people who support these fundraising initiatives, and to the inspiring people who run them.

A

Britney Allen
Britney's Run for Zoe's Journey
Marwan Alnowara
Al-Taqwa College
Kathy Anastasopoulos
Miracle Baby Connor
Angling for a Cure Fun Run/Walk participants
Australian National Classic Scooter Rally
Australian Police Rugby League
Tri-Series

B

B1 Tram Farewell Tour
Jackson Baddeley
Grand Final Day BBQ
Bahtagic Family
Emma Barker - Easter Family Fun Day
Bath Family
Aimee Bertram
Stephanie Bilson
Lynden Blackley - Ride for Gus
Bob's Christmas Shave
Carine Boustany - Dylan's Angels
Bowness Family - The Big Roast
Stephen and Lois Boyd -
Nick's Wish Trivia Night
BNF Personal Training
Joe Bramley
Breaths for Alexander
Fun Run/Walk and BBQ
Bright Mums for Mums Charity Sale

Buninyong CrossFit
Making a Difference with Burpees
Shari Butcher
Breathe Easy Cocktail Party

C

Maddi Campbell - Big Shave
Donna Campisi - Run Donna Run
Scarlett and Michael Cardamone
Carli Quits Sugar
Katherine Carter
Casati Fiesta
Stefan Cassomenos
Certified III by 100mm
Planet Shine Festival
Cherelle and Nimary Courts
Christmas Lights Display
Blake Chesterton
Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
City2Sea participants
Mary Clarke
Mason Clarke Preserving Company
CNDP Fundraising Dinner
Collaborate for a Cause participants
Combined Victorian Chrysler Clubs
Show and Drive In Night
Community Kids Melton Car Boot Sale
Community Tango in Geelong
Contribute to Society
Cornish College
George Cotsanis - The Peter Blasby Cup
Amber Curtis - 40 Hour Challenge

D

Barry D'Altera - The Mo Is Gonna Go
Danford College
Ken and Barbara Davies
Blue Singlet Night
Mena Devoil - The Big Chop
Devon Meadows Women's Association
Football Match for Charity
Krystal Dickinson
The Kilmore Halloween Maze
Peter Dignum
Market Garden Fundraiser
Colleen Downie - Ajay's Family Day
Drouin Secondary College
Paul Dunlop - GG Comes Home

E

Elephant and Wheelbarrow
Jennifer Endresz

F

Fakhoury Family
Falling for a Cause participants
FIN Media Survey
Finnan's Gift
Embracia
Op Shop Ball
Ray White staff fundraising
Team Finnan's Gift participants
Fit For Kids
For LOVE of Rafael
Forest Hill College

G

Gabriel Family
Greensborough Secondary College
Tarun Gupta

H

Colleen Harkin
Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon
Alexandra Hawkins - Loom Band Party
Holi at Hume Indian Colour Festival
Husband Family
Christmas Lights Display

I

Independent Schools Victoria

J

Hamish Johns

K

Sally Kaiser -Christmas Fun for the Kids
Clare Kearns

L

Mitu Bhowmick Lange
Indian Film Festival Melbourne
Ben Le Mesurier
Fixed Gear Fixed Heart
Leah's Legacy Find a Cure
Lions Club of Mersey Devonport
Allergy Awareness
Lions Club of Speed
Live Life Foundation
WDRH Racing Charity Golf Day

M

Mackintosh Family
Christmas Lights Display
Alicia MacLean
Making a Difference Gala Ball
Anna McKenry
Maddy's Zipper Chicky's and Friends
Anthony Mariniello
Friday Fitness for Muscular Dystrophy
Paul Marrett - Tommy Lee's Recovery
Mary Martin Bookshop
Gift Wrap Fundraiser
McKinnon Secondary College
Meadow Heights Primary School
Melbourne Iron Man participants
Melbourne Marathon participants
Melbourne Swim Classic participants
Monique Milenkovic
The Cupcake Queens
Nicholas Milenkovic Memorial Fund
Mimi Art Studio
Chris Montalti - Harley Hire
Monty South Primary School
Moomba Festival participants

N

New Image Salon
Fringes for Fundraising!
NZ/Australian Punjabi Cultural
Association - Cultural Activity and
Family Fun Night
Peter Nigido
Music Performance at Tago Mago
Manassa Nimish

P

Jim Panovski
Australian Macedonian Open Golf
Championship
Sean Parkinson - 1000km Run
Lorraine Paton
Rene Hartnett Stall for Cancer
Research
Patterson River Secondary College
Pearcedale Women's Football Club
Football Match for Charity
Vicki Penrice
Cake Stall and Colouring In
Competition
Princes Laundry

R

Ringwood Secondary College
Kon Romios - Give Everything But Up
Rotary Club of Docklands
Festival of Giving
Rotary Club of Werribee
200km Walk participants
Run Melbourne participants

S

Kunal Sachdeva
Sacred Heart Primary School
Anthony Schibeci
Grand Trek
SEDA Group Footy Finals
See Yup Society
Chloe Semple
Milla Sheezel

THANK YOU TO THE BOWNESS FAMILY

Bowness Family - The Big Roast

Dedicated to supporting cystic fibrosis (CF) research at the RCH since their children, Liam and Grace, were diagnosed with the condition, Kirsty and Stephen Bowness have raised over \$82,000 for the cause.

The family began their fundraising efforts by participating in the Melbourne Marathon. Receiving overwhelming support during their four years in the marathon, Kirsty and Stephen wanted to try something new.

After months searching for the right fundraising idea, Grace came up with it effortlessly. Mistakenly calling their condition '65 roasters', Grace's comment stuck and the couple decided to give Grace her 65 roasters in the form of The Big Roast for Cystic Fibrosis. In its third year, The Big Roast is accomplishing big things, raising over \$22,000 in a month.

"We have been completely overwhelmed by the astounding support of our local community, as well as supporters across Australia," said Kirsty. "This year has really shown us what's possible when good people come together for a common cause. What an extraordinary experience it has been!"



Ava Sherriff
Only Lemon Flava
Shield Sisters Cabaret Night
Lachie Sinclair - Headshave
Natasha Sinclair
St Francis of Assisi Primary School
Stadium Stomp participants
Cody Stedman and Joel Wegener
Step into Life - Newport
Street Kred Car Club
SuperMum Health and Wellness Ladies
Night

T

Jarrad Tabone - Beardshave
Lily Tan
Harry Taylor
Team Beard
Teo Chew Chinese Association of
Victoria
The Collins Lakelands Banana-A-Peel
The Colour Run participants
Abbie Thomas - Cuppa for Kids
Thrill The World Australia Melbourne
Tony's Pie Shop - 30th Birthday
Touché Hombre
Mitchell Tripney

Sam Tropeano
Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights of Malta Dinner
Turkish Pazar Festival

U

Uplift Events
Great Amazing Race participants

V

Tamil Selvan Veerapandian
Victoria Maccabi Snooker Club

W

Finley Warren
MI and JC Warwick
Brett "Watto" Watson
Wesley College Junior School
Westbourne Grammar School
Westside Car Meets
Grace White - Cuppa for Kids
Misha White
Whitehorse Club - Charity Poker Night
Wildgoing Books
William Hill Cox Plate
Pin and Win Promotion
Sophie Wood
Wyndham Family Holi Festival

Y

Yarraville Glory Football Club
Yogolishus

Z

Michelle Zeestraten
Zeke's Fund - Christmas Lights





THANK YOU TO MCKINNON SECONDARY COLLEGE

In one day, McKinnon Secondary College raised \$22,141 for the RCH. The school's 24-7 Relay is a fundraiser where more than 1,320 students run and walk around the school oval in a 24 hour relay.

"The relay brings the whole community together," said Lauren Mauger, a McKinnon Secondary teacher who co-runs the event. "Students ask friends and family to support them with a donation, parents volunteer, McKinnon Secondary staff supervise and participate, and local businesses donate prizes, money and their time."

"It's such a great event and the kids get so much out of it. Also, the charities we support are amazing, so that's kept me motivated for all these years," said Callum, a former McKinnon student who's been helping to organise it for five years.

The decision to make the RCH one of their chosen charities was an easy one. "One of our teachers worked with cystic fibrosis patients at the RCH, and many of our students and their siblings have been cared for by the hospital. We are so proud to raise such a large amount of money to support cystic fibrosis research and hopefully a cure," said Lauren.

Isabella and Tayga are two of the top fundraisers from the 2016 relay and are passionate about supporting charities like the RCH Foundation.

"I was fortunate to have the support of friends and family, and even a major sponsor, who was extremely generous when contributing to my fundraising,"
said Isabella.

"My family has a personal connection to the RCH, so I'm always happy to support the hospital because it's a really good place to raise money for," said Tayga.

IN CELEBRATION

Giving In Celebration is a simple and personal way to celebrate 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

Brayden Beasley's Birthday
Shane Binstock's 40th Birthday
Zacharias Borobokas' Baptism
Dylan Boustany's 1st Christmas
Joa Bracken's 1st Birthday

C

Sebastian and Alessandro Calabro's 3rd Birthday
Lina and Peter Cardamone's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Iggy Cartwright's 5th Birthday
Marko Cavar's Anniversary
Aston and Ariston Chen's 1st Birthday
Ava Ciavarella's 1st Birthday
Makayla Cotsomitis' 16th Birthday

D

Lloyd Davies' 60th Birthday
Doncaster Mothers Group Kids Turning 2!
John and Veronica Dovey's 60th Anniversary
Inara Drover's 1st Birthday
Sahan Drover's 3rd Birthday
Allen Duan's Birthday
Michelle Dubrowin's 50th Birthday

F

Frank Fotia's 50th Birthday

G

Sam Gandler's Bar Mitzvah
Devante Garcia's 1st Birthday
Tali Golvan's 2nd Birthday
Emma Green's Christening
Ryka Gulati's 5th Birthday
Andrew Gutwirth's Birthday

H

Isabella Haddad's Christening
Alexander Haralambous' 7th Birthday
Shiloh Harrington's Baptism
Maya Herszfeld's Bat Mitzvah

I

Deacon Iles' Birthday
Zara Iles' Birthday

J

Jacqui and David's Wedding
John and Melinda's Wedding

K

Anirudh Kathirvel's Birthday
"Join hands with Anirudh"
Spencer Kennedy's 1st Birthday
Ketting's Wedding
Kendrick Khoo's Celebration

Hunter Kollosche's 1st Birthday
Kudrat's Baby Shower
Libby Kurc's Bat Mitzvah

L

Baby Latorre's Birth
Christine Lawrey's Baby Shower
Leo Lawson's 1st Birthday
Zac Leder's Bar Mitzvah
Ashton Lee's 1st Birthday
Birth of Charlotte Lewis
Ellery Liew's 100 Days Party

M

Ashleigh Magnezi's Bat Mitzvah
Lucy Makhoul's 1st Birthday
Sam Marton's Bar Mitzvah
Rochelle Mendel's 50th Birthday
Hayden Messerle's 1st Birthday
Jordan Michaels' 1st Birthday
The Mills Family Christmas
Mitchy and Nat's Engagement
Axel Murphy's 1st Birthday

O

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

P

Lottie Pope's Birthday

THANK YOU RYKA

Ryka Gulati's 5th Birthday

Now cancer-free, Ryka Gulati had a reason to celebrate. Following two and a half years of chemotherapy at the RCH, her fifth birthday was a chance for some understandable self-indulgence. Instead Ryka chose to help kids like her. Holding a Giving in Celebration birthday party for the hospital, Ryka asked guests to donate money to the RCH Foundation in lieu of birthday gifts. Ryka's selflessness raised more than \$6,200 for sick kids at the RCH.

Ryka's mum Vanu has nothing but praise for the medical staff that helped her family.

R

Emily and Amy Revis' 1st Birthday

Rita and Darren's Wedding

Birth of Nina Rozencwajg

S

Jeevan Sethi's 1st Birthday

Jackson Silver's 1st Birthday

Parul Singh's Birthday

Paola Sita's 8th Birthday

Penny Small's 40th Birthday

Faye Smith's 1st Birthday

Sam and Minnie Smorgon's
Wedding Anniversary

Akeira Somphanpanya's 8th Birthday

Stef's 60th Birthday

V

Lily Vu's 23rd Birthday

W

Christian Wendler's 1st Birthday

Sean Woods' 50th Birthday

X

Emma Xue's Birthday

Y

Abi Yeung's 4th Birthday

Z

Romi Zaslavsky's 40th Birthday

Matthew Zheung's 1st Birthday

"The RCH was like our first home for the last three years. Ryka loves her hospital, doctors, nurses, play therapists, music therapists and educators, and wanted to do something for her hospital when her treatment finished. If a five year old can do it anyone can do it."



IN MEMORY

Saying goodbye is never easy, but 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.

These donations are making a world of difference to children, adolescents and their families cared for by the hospital.

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Adriana Acosta
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Bunty Young

RCH AUXILIARIES

For 94 years 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 2016 Good Friday Appeal.

A

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

B

BEADS Auxiliary
Beyond Sight Auxiliary
Brimbank Torch Auxiliary
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C

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Cancer In Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)
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Caulfield Auxiliary
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Charli's Angels Auxiliary
Children's Flyers Fund Auxiliary
Chip In Auxiliary
Comfort for Kids Auxiliary
Courage for Kids Auxiliary
Cardiac Paediatric Research Auxiliary
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)
Have a Heart Auxiliary
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

Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary
Mish Mish Auxiliary
Mum's Kids Auxiliary

N

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

O

Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary

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

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Templestowe Auxiliary
The Children's Brain Tumour Association
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

THANK YOU JANICE MEMERY

Broadmeadow Auxiliary member

For Janice Memery, being a part of the RCH Auxiliaries is a family tradition.

"My mum joined Broadmeadows Auxiliary in 1975 because she wanted to be involved in something. It was a neighbourhood affair, with lots of mums on our street joining up."

Janice's mum Jean Sutton volunteered many hours in the Auxiliaries Gift Shop, running stalls in the hospital foyer and coordinating raffles. Her charitable efforts were so significant that she was appointed a Life Governor of the hospital in 1982.

"She instilled the volunteering spirit in us. On my school breaks I joined her at the RCH and helped out in the hospital canteen."

In 1982, Janice joined Broadmeadows Auxiliary and has served as president for the past 20 years. During this time, she's propelled their biannual high teas to great success. Featuring homemade treats and gorgeous bone china, it's no surprise their latest high tea raised over \$3,500.

"It's an honour and privilege to give back to the RCH. We're so lucky to have this world-class facility on our doorstep and I'm passionate about helping the hospital be great."



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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. Peter 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. He is a Director of the RCH and the Australian Chamber Orchestra, and serves on the advisory boards of the Australian Research Council, the Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology at UNSW and the NHMRC Centre for Personalised Immunology at ANU.

Director since January 2001.

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Mr Leder is a partner of Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Corrs), as Corrs' Melbourne litigation practice group leader and the Melbourne office pro-bono partner. He represents a range of media institutions including Channel Seven Melbourne. He holds the position of Deputy Chair of the RCH Foundation and serves on the Executive and Finance, Audit, Investment, Remuneration and Grants Committees of the Board. He also sits on the RCH1000 committee.

Director since September 1998.

Robyn Anderson

President of the Auxiliaries at the RCH. She is a 44-year active member and long term Secretary of the CasKids Auxiliary of the RCH. She is a Life Governor of the RCH and an Auxiliaries' Living Treasure.

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Professor Julie Bines

Professor Bines is the inaugural Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair in 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 Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.

Director since June 2013.

Peter Blunden

Mr Blunden is Victorian Managing Director - Editorial for News Corp Australia. He was inducted into the Victorian Media Hall of Fame in 2014, and awarded a Centenary Medal for services to the media industry in 2001. With a 40-year career with News Corp Australia he is also a Director of the Herald and Weekly Times, the Good Friday Appeal, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a committee member of the Moonee Valley Racing Club, and an advisory board member of The Salvation Army.

Director since July 2012.

Alisa P 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 also a Director of the Australian Sports Commission, the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and the Collingwood Football Club. She is the Deputy Chef de Mission for the 2018 Australian Winter Olympic Games Team, a business consultant and keynote speaker. Mrs Camplin-Warner received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, the Australian Centenary Medal in 2001.

Director since June 2013.

Tracey Fellows

Ms Fellows is the CEO of REA Group Limited where she leads the Group's strategy, operations and investments in Australia, Europe, Asia and North America. Previously she worked for Australia Post where she was responsible for the physical and digital mail. Vice-President for the Asia-Pacific region at Microsoft after being Managing Director of Microsoft Australia for four years. She also sits on the APEC Business Advisory Council.

Director since October 2015.

Leon Kempler OAM

Mr Kempler is Chairman of the Ducere Foundation Africa. He is Chairman of the Advisory Council of the National Science and Technology Centre -Questacon (since 2003), National Chairman of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (since 1987); Director of Wonderment Walk Victoria, Patron of Australia Africa Business Council (Vic), Director of the General Sir John Monash Foundation and International Adviser for the Israel Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Institute.

Director from March 2000.

Professor Christine Kilpatrick

Professor Kilpatrick is Chief Executive Officer of the RCH (since July 2008). Previously she was Executive Director Medical Services, Melbourne Health and Executive Director The Royal Melbourne Hospital. She was a neurologist, specialising in epilepsy, appointed a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science in 2015. She was awarded a Centenary medal in 2003 and in 2014 was included in the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Director since August 2008.

Hon Rob Knowles AO

Hon Rob Knowles 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 and Hospital Reform Commission and as a former Aged Care Complaints Commissioner. He is currently a Director with the Silver Chain group of Companies, St John of God Healthcare Ltd, Drinkwise Australia Ltd and IPG Ltd. He is also a Commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission. Chair of the RCH Board.

Director since December 2012.

Sammy Kumar

Mr Kumar is the Managing Partner for Firm Strategy, Marketing, Innovation and Ventures at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. He has over 26 years' experience across strategy, digital, financial effectiveness and operations. He is a Fellowship Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia (FCA). Additionally, Sammy served on the Board of the RCH from July 2012 to July 2015.

Director since October 2015.

Lewis Martin

Mr Martin joined Seven as a Sales Executive 20 years ago, and in 2008 was appointed Managing Director. In addition to the day to day running of Seven Melbourne, Mr Martin plays a leadership role in sports rights negotiations and broadcast management for the AFL, horse racing and tennis. Mr Martin is a board member of the RCH Good Friday Appeal and an advisor to a number of Melbourne based not-for-profit organisations.

Director since June 2013.

Andrew Shelton

Mr Shelton is a company director, and an independent corporate finance advisor and consultant. He is the Principal and Director of Andrew Shelton and Co Pty Limited, and the founder, and Director of Ice Sports Australia Pty Limited, a company that together with ING Real Estate and the support of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia developed the National Ice Sports Centre, in Melbourne Docklands as a commercial venture. He Chairs the Pembroke College, Cambridge Australian Scholarship Fund. Other activities include Treasurer of the Australian Real Tennis Association, the governing body of real tennis in Australia. Formerly, Andrew was President and CEO of JP Morgan Canada, following a period with JP Morgan in New York.

Director since June 2013.

Dr Gillian Sparkes

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. Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability since July 2014, Dr Sparkes has held senior roles in the Victorian government environment portfolio including as Chair of the Board of Sustainability Victoria and Deputy Secretary Corporate and Business Services for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. She also served two terms as a Director of South Gippsland Water and Chair of the Board Environment Committee and was the CEO of the Australian Sustainable Industry Research Centre at Monash University. She is a Board member of the Country Fire Authority.

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Sascha, 4 years old. When I grow up I want to be a pilot and my brother the co-pilot.



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