

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

AUXILIARIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018



Vision

We are one team, working towards one goal – making sick kids better.

Mission

To raise funds to assist the hospital in advancing the care of sick children, thus improving quality of life.

Values

We show integrity in all our interactions, being moral, ethical, honest, transparent and trustworthy.

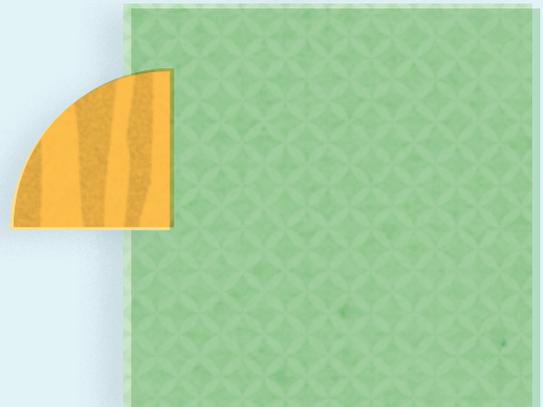
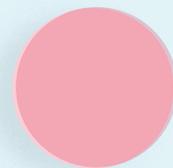
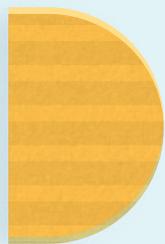
We display humility, being modest, not self-important; confidence in dealing with others.

We show gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of our donors and our colleagues.

We are compassionate, showing empathy in our dealings with each individual.

We are inclusive and respectful. We show loyalty and understanding.

The results of these values translates into action. We are known for delivery on our commitments.



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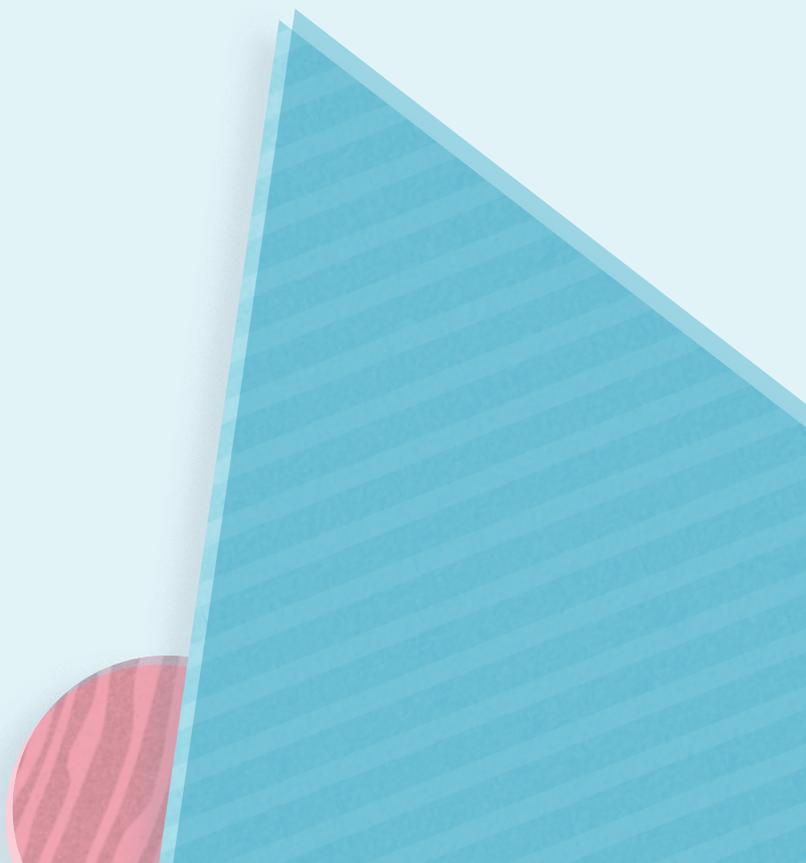
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THANKS



Message from the President



This year's success has largely been thanks to our focus on consolidation, collaboration and innovation.

Thank you for a wonderful year of hard work, dedication and passion for improving outcomes for sick children at The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH). By funding research, equipment, leadership and programs in family-centred care, you're changing the future of children's health.

The contribution that all Auxiliary members have made to the hospital is astounding and you should be proud of the \$1,401,419 cheque presented at the 2018 Good Friday Appeal (GFA), which contributed to a new record of \$18,043,251. Each of these totals reflects the innumerable functions that you organise, the market days and pods you attend and goods you make.

The GFA Kids Day Out at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) was once again a fantastic showcase for Auxiliaries, with Cancer Crusaders providing games, face paint, balloons, raffles and much more inside MCEC, while Smileys ran a brilliant stall outside. Congratulations to all Auxiliaries; Penny Fowler, GFA Chairman, GFA Board members and Anne Randall, Director of the GFA; and to everyone else who helped make the GFA such a success.

The Auxiliaries have also enjoyed great success at three other signature events. Barbara Nicoll, Auxiliaries Vice-President and her wonderful committee, organised a successful stand at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. Raising over \$9,000, the event was a fantastic example of Auxiliaries' collaboration and an opportunity to share what our group is all about.

The President's Fundraising Network was launched in early 2018 to engage younger women with the Auxiliaries. The aim of this network is to provide an overarching structure supporting the establishment of several giving circles, each funding its own hospital project. The President's Fundraising Network held its first function in February and I am currently engaged in discussions with several women interested in establishing their own giving circles. I am also following up with a professional women's network about ongoing engagement, and working with RCH Foundation Communications on using social media to engage the next generation of Auxiliary members.

The Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon continues to be a highlight of our fundraising calendar. The event pays tribute to the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC DBE, the legacy of support from the Murdoch Family, and in particular, Patron Janet Calvert-Jones AM and Penny Fowler. Our keynote speaker Professor Fiona Newall, The Donald Ratcliffe and Phyllis McLeod, Director of RCH Nursing Research focussed on the difference that nursing care makes to the health outcomes of sick children and shared how the Scholarship offers nurses a unique opportunity to advance the way the hospital cares for patients. Tania Ramos, 2018 Scholarship recipient, spoke about her own nursing journey with the RCH, culminating in her life changing work in the RCH Recovery Unit.

This year's success has largely been thanks to our focus on consolidation, collaboration and innovation. Larger Auxiliaries are lending a helping hand to smaller ones and our tradition of collaboration is growing stronger. The Auxiliaries Executive Committee (AEC) has expanded to include a number of consultant members and Presidents of our largest Auxiliaries. This expanded AEC has embarked on a mentoring program, which is supported by a professional development program. A lot of work is being done to support smaller Auxiliaries and some Auxiliaries have ventured into innovative fundraising ventures such as selling pre-loved handbags on eBay. We also have several new Auxiliaries, including the President's Fundraising Network, ChIPStiliary, RCH Volunteers Auxiliary and Transcend. Furthermore, we are working to revitalise a number of Auxiliaries that have been dormant for several years in the hopes of continuing their legacy of support for the hospital.

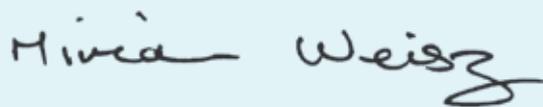
Auxiliaries are also preparing to support the celebration of the hospital's 150th anniversary. A number of members have joined the RCH150 Auxiliaries Working Party and there will be many opportunities for Auxiliary members to share stories and become involved in celebration events.

The success of Auxiliaries would not be possible without the support of the RCH Foundation. There has been a restructure in the Auxiliaries Office to promote pathways for fundraisers to become Auxiliaries, which we hope will usher in a new generation of members. Rachel Sullivan has been doing an incredible job in the RCH Auxiliaries Shop and sales have risen in a competitive retail environment. We have also been fortunate with the establishment of a space for fundraising in the shop and early indications show that this will be a successful avenue for receiving donations.

With growth comes change and it is with sadness that we say farewell to Greg Hordacre who has acted as the Auxiliaries Manager for the past 15 months. Greg has done a spectacular job supporting Auxiliaries and we thank him for his hard work, and wish him well in his next adventure. At the same time we welcome Laura Buck, Manager, Auxiliaries and Fundraising. Laura has only been in the role for a short time, but has already demonstrated her passion for Auxiliaries and her commitment to supporting the work that we do. Thanks also go to Jo McKeown, Lucia Di Maio and Amanda Caldwell for their hard work and dedication. As always, we thank the RCH Foundation staff for their help and support throughout the year.

I would also like to recognise the support of Peter Yates AM, RCH Foundation Chairman; Sue Hunt, RCH Foundation CEO; and the RCH Foundation Board members. Their passion for promoting and growing Auxiliaries is deeply appreciated. I would also like to offer a special thank you to Sue for her vision, as we work together to shape the Auxiliaries' future to ensure it remains strong and sustainable.

"You are linked to a near century-long legacy of support for this great hospital. Every contribution you make ensures that Auxiliaries can continue supporting a brighter future for sick children and their families. Thank you for the difference you make to this great hospital and those that rely on it."



Dr Miriam Weisz
President
RCH Auxiliaries

Message of thanks



You are the hospital's longest philanthropic partner, with deep roots embedded in the community, something you should all feel incredibly proud of.

As I reflect on the past 12 months, I continue to be inspired by the dedication and commitment of the RCH Auxiliaries. I would like to congratulate and thank each and every one of you, and your supporters, for your ongoing support of our great hospital. Your fundraising endeavours have changed the lives of many patients and their families, and for that we are extremely grateful.

I often hear about the ways you give back to patients and their families, whether by a cheerful smile or a friendly chat, which is sometimes all they need to make their day better. Deep connection to community is the essence and foundation of the RCH and you embody this value.

As the hospital's longest philanthropic partner of over 95 years, the RCH Auxiliaries are the heart and soul of the hospital and one remarkable team working towards one goal – making sick kids better.

This year, your incredible teamwork resulted in a remarkable \$1,401,419 raised for the Good Friday Appeal. With these funds, you've supported life changing projects at the hospital. These projects and initiatives simply would not exist without your support. I want to thank you for remaining so committed and congratulate you on such a significant accomplishment.

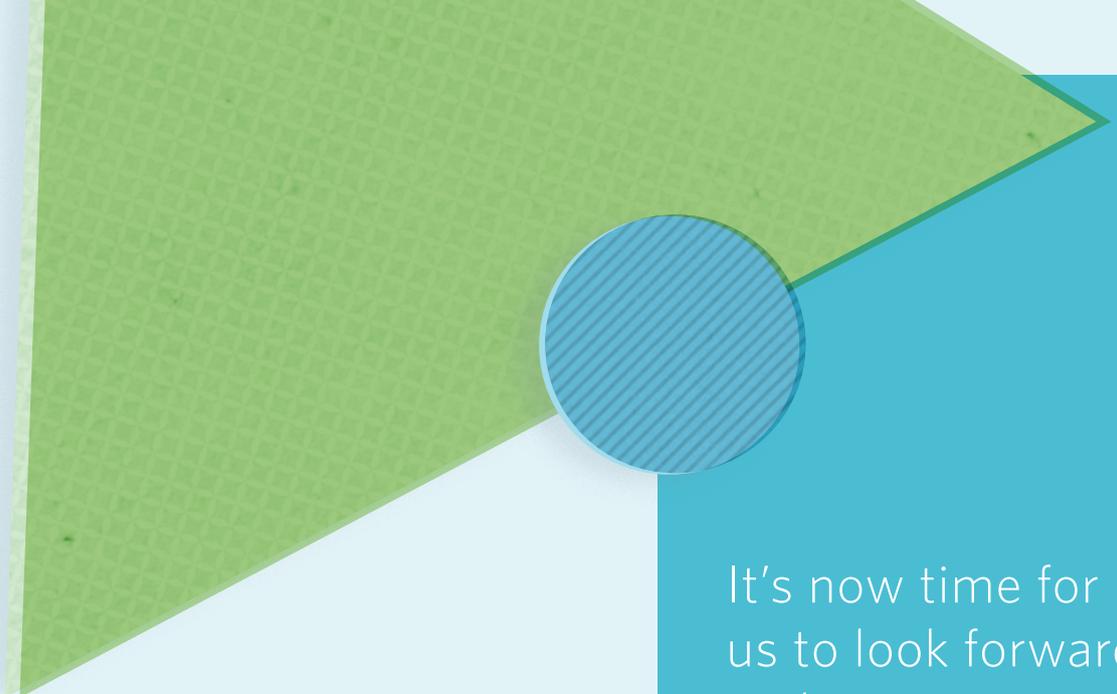
As Auxiliaries approach their 100 year milestone in 2022, in 2020 the hospital will celebrate its 150th

birthday. In that 150 years, phenomenal advances and ground breaking developments in paediatric healthcare have transpired at the RCH. Philanthropy takes the RCH from a good hospital to a great hospital and your generous support is the cornerstone of that.

Over the past several decades, healthcare has experienced an explosion of innovations designed to improve care. As healthcare organisations face unprecedented challenges to improve quality, reduce harm, improve access and increase efficiency, innovation is becoming a major focus.

It's now time for us to look forward and support the innovations today that will change children's healthcare tomorrow. By supporting innovative medical equipment, ground breaking research, the best medical minds and life changing patient and family centred care, Auxiliaries are helping to build a brighter and healthier future for generations to come.

I am excited by the plans underway to refit the shop and pod spaces to make fundraising more visible around campus. These spaces are important in developing the way forward for the Auxiliaries and will function as a fundraising hub, an information centre and a place to drop in and learn about how to join the giving community that supports the RCH.



I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee, steered by President, Dr Miriam Weisz. Your leadership and guidance is greatly appreciated.

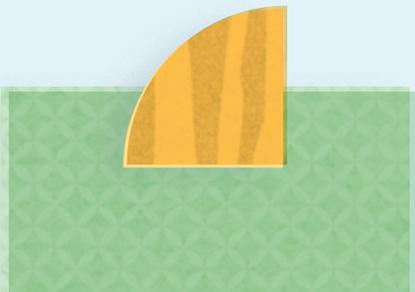
In conclusion, I sincerely thank you all for your time, dedication and commitment to providing support to the RCH. I wish you every success in your future fundraising efforts. You are wonderful ambassadors, increasing community awareness and knowledge of our great hospital and the services and care provided by it. It is a privilege to work with you all to make sick kids better.



Sue Hunt
Chief Executive Officer
The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation



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JOHN STANWAY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

At the RCH, we care for some of Victoria's most seriously ill and injured children, and with the exceptional support of our community, we're able to deliver the best care there is.

Support from people, communities and groups like the RCH Auxiliaries is what takes the RCH from being a good children's hospital, to a great children's hospital.

Your contribution goes towards funding life-saving equipment and technology, ground breaking research, leadership, education and training and of course, the delivery of patient and family centred care.

As the number of children needing our care continues to increase, the generous support of the RCH Foundation means we're able to implement innovative strategies to ensure we are best placed to manage this demand and deliver the highest quality of care.

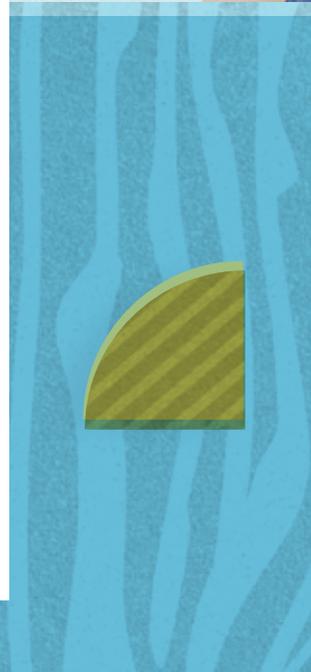
Recent examples of this include the extension of our Hospital After Hours Program, to support the delivery of great care throughout nights, weekends and public holidays, our Fast Track Facility which has been established in our Emergency Department to treat children with low complexity injuries and illnesses, and the establishment of a Digital Command Centre, which draws data from our Electronic Medical Record to provide real time information to increase our clinical efficiency and care.

And these are only a few examples of the enormous impact philanthropy has had throughout our hospital.

"On behalf of all staff, patients and families at the RCH, I extend my sincerest thanks to every member of our Auxiliaries, for another year of outstanding fundraising."

I'm exceptionally proud of this special 96 year partnership, and grateful that you choose to dedicate your fundraising efforts to our hospital.

John Stanway
Chief Executive Officer
The Royal Children's Hospital





TANIA RAMOS RECIPIENT OF THE DAME ELISABETH MURDOCH NURSING DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Let me begin by sincerely thanking you for the wonderful work that you undertake. Being awarded the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship is an honour and an incredible privilege both professionally and personally. This scholarship is enabling me to undertake opportunities to further develop myself as a nurse and to spend dedicated time on improving health outcomes for children undergoing surgery and anaesthesia.

So far this year has been an incredibly busy one. I have been working closely with members of the perioperative teams and have delivered education on the importance of temperature control and ways we can improve temperature management. I have developed clinical guidelines on the management of hypothermia in the Recovery room, and am working closely with the anaesthesia department and operating suite staff to further develop intraoperative management. As a result of the work that I am currently undertaking, I was invited by the Australian College of Operating Room Nurses to present my scholarship aims at their international conference in Adelaide in May 2018. This was an exciting opportunity to showcase the wonderful work that nurses at the RCH are undertaking. My talk was greatly received and various hospitals around Australia are anticipating our guidelines in order to adapt them into their own models of care.

I am currently working on a clinical guideline to better improve the care provided to patients who experience emergence delirium, acute confusion upon awakening from anaesthetic, in our unit. No other paediatric recovery room in Australia has one and there has been much interest by other national centres to adopt this guideline.

In August I will be travelling to both the UK and USA. These visits will enable me to benchmark our current practices against other centres of excellence in order to improve the care we deliver in the RCH operating suites and Recovery room.

Thanks for making these life changing opportunities possible. I can't wait to share the outcomes of my work with you.

Tania Ramos
Clinical Nurse Specialist

2017/2018 Results

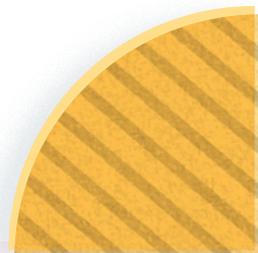
ABC Auxiliary	\$1,118	Dirty Hands , Happy Hearts Auxiliary	\$65
Absent Friends Auxiliary	\$8,902	Do-Bees Auxiliary	\$1,183
American Women's Association	\$7,952	Ezy Breathing Auxiliary	\$847
aRCHers Auxiliary	\$1,012	Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary	\$10,703
Auxiliaries Legacy Fund	\$180,288	Geelong Auxiliary	\$83,642
BEADS Auxiliary	\$669	HAUX	\$2,218
Beyond Sight Auxiliary	\$911	Have a Heart Auxiliary	\$93
Brimbank Torch Auxiliary	\$8,787	Hawthorn Auxiliary	\$1,715
Broadmeadows Auxiliary	\$17,495	Heart Throb Auxiliary	\$18,235
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary	\$121,562	Heart To Heart Auxiliary	\$17,856
CIKA	\$198,700	Hidden Treasures Auxiliary	\$1,295
Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary	\$12,442	Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary	\$9,410
Caroline Auxiliary	\$13,894	Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary	\$13,697
CasKids Auxiliary	\$29,760	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary	\$36,907
Caulfield Auxiliary	\$575	LARCH	\$15,092
Charity Works For Kids Auxiliary	\$2,283	Let the Children Play Auxiliary	\$5,171
Charli's Angels Auxiliary	\$8,473	Lifetime 4 CF Kids Auxiliary	\$623
Children's Flyers Fun Auxiliary	\$347	Mish Mish Auxiliary	\$11,277
ChIPStXiliary	\$142	Mum's Kids Auxiliary	\$513
Comfort for Kids Auxiliary	\$604	Neonate Mates Auxiliary	\$15,681
Courage for Kids Auxiliary	\$3,312	OARA	\$1,342
CPR Auxiliary	\$3,831	Pankina Auxiliary	\$1,295
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary	\$79,875	Parkville Auxiliary	\$67,211
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Luncheon	\$50,983	Pelican Auxiliary	\$556

Prembubs Auxiliary	\$6,922
President's Fundraising Network	\$ 6,979
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	\$42,054
Smiley Auxiliary	\$19,313
South Western Auxiliary	\$48,236
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	\$4,689
Special Kids EBC Auxiliary	\$2,582
St Kilda Auxiliary	\$10,525
StroKidz Auxiliary	\$1,324
Templestowe Auxiliary	\$49,530
The Children's Brain Tumour Association	\$4,593
The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary	\$1,691
Trailblazers Auxiliary	\$5,508
Transcend Auxiliary	\$3,490
VivaRCH Auxiliary	\$5,885
Wangaratta Auxiliary	\$14,347
Waverley Auxiliary	\$55,639
Werribee Ladies For Kids Auxiliary	\$41,471
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary	\$1,342
Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary	\$3,600
Young Set Auxiliary	\$1,152

TOTAL **\$1,401,419**

This year
the RCH
Auxiliaries
raised
\$1,401,419 for
the hospital,
as announced
at the 2018
RCH Good
Friday Appeal.

Your Impact





Elena De Fazio, RCH Auxiliaries Shop volunteer

Elena de Fazio began supporting Auxiliaries thanks to her good friend and RCH Foundation staff member, Lucia Di Maio. For more than two years, Elena has volunteered in the Auxiliaries Shop every week. She sees it as an incredible opportunity to help the hospital and the many families that rely on it.

"If you're contemplating volunteering in the Shop, just do it. A few people have asked if I'd rather be paid to help out, but I'd rather not. I do this for the sick children and families that depend on this hospital. It's my way of donating to this wonderful organisation."

Equipment: Upgrading radiant infant warmers to improve the care of critically ill babies

Keeping the littlest babies warm

For premature babies or critically ill infants, doctors need to deliver care at a moment's notice. These babies must be cared for in an open environment, as they are often connected to several machines and need to be easily accessible for emergency care to be delivered swiftly.

However, this also makes it difficult to keep them warm. Babies, especially premature infants, are unable to regulate their body temperature effectively, as they lack the insulating body fat needed to do so. For these babies, infant warmers are needed.

"Sensing a child's body temperature, infant warmers calibrate to ensure each baby remains at the ideal temperature. The hospital's current fleet of infant warmers are nearly 20 years old and approaching the end of their operating life. Technology has also advanced significantly since they were acquired and a new fleet will ensure the RCH can continue delivering the best care to Victoria's sickest babies," said Ed Harcourt, RCH Technologist.

As a Lead Technologist at the RCH, Ed assists doctors, nurses and allied health staff to facilitate the safe, accurate and appropriate use of equipment. He also supports the procurement of new equipment like infant warmers to ensure it fits the hospital's specific needs.

Thanks to the support of 12 Auxiliaries, 17 of the 43 infant warmers required have been approved for funding and will soon be purchased. When they arrive these new infant warmers will place

staff and families in closer contact with critically ill infants, and allow for all needed resuscitation and care equipment to be immediately at hand. This will allow for ideal temperature control for babies, improved ventilation and resuscitation, and reduce the number of days of ventilation. It will also improve the experience for parents by giving them closer contact with their sick baby.

"Thanks to the generosity of supporters like the RCH Auxiliaries, we will be able to purchase the entire fleet of infant warmers at once. This means we can determine the best piece of equipment for our needs and how it can be customised so it's the best fit for RCH care. This generosity will also support the ongoing maintenance of these machines, so we can continue providing the best care to our sickest babies."

In addition to the 43 infant warmers required, three hybrid warmers have also been funded. Relatively new technology, the hybrid warmers combine an infant warmer with an incubator hood to provide better care to premature babies. These hybrid warmers can open up to allow for emergency medical and surgical intervention and then convert back to incubators.

"Equipment plays a vital role in getting sick children home healthy. These infant warmers are fundamental to neonatal care and to be able to purchase an entirely new fleet will help us give sick babies the best start in life. Thanks to your support, the RCH will have the best available technology for neonates," said Ed.



Supported by

- CasKids Auxiliary,
- Caulfield Auxiliary
- Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary
- Geelong Auxiliary
- Hidden Treasures Auxiliary
- Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary
- Prembubs Auxiliary
- Roxburgh Park Auxiliary
- Smiley Auxiliary
- South Western Auxiliary
- Templestowe Auxiliary
- Waverley Auxiliary.

The infant warmers will help NICU babies like Eliza get the best care.

Patient and family centred care: Transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients

Small changes for a better future

Hospital stays can be scary times for both children and their parents, regardless of age and experience. New people, strange equipment and an unfamiliar environment is a lot to take in. However, while world class specialists work to heal every patient at the RCH, the impact of these procedures on a child's mental health is only now being understood.

"For babies, normal development is hard in a hospital environment. Wires and tubes attached to the body means cradling and nursing a baby isn't always possible," said Associate Professor Brigid Jordan, Paediatric Social Worker at the RCH. "Understanding how hospital stays impact a patient's mental health is really important to ensuring the best possible outcomes for the future".

Brigid has been working in infant mental health for over 30 years and now thanks to support from the RCH Auxiliaries, she is able to transfer her knowledge to clinicians throughout the hospital ensuring the best possible outcomes for some of Victoria's sickest children. Starting with nurses on Koala and Cockatoo wards, Brigid is working to educate over 100 team members to identify early warning signs and minimise patient risk by thinking about mental health in every aspect of their work.

Using the latest evidence on infant memory, emotional development and behavioural responses to stress, Brigid's work focuses on upskilling clinicians to consider the mental health impact of every procedure and interaction they

have with a child. Implementing small changes in processes and communications with their patients can have lasting positive impacts for all. Nurse support also extends to families, as parents play a key role in the child's development and comfort in hospital. Having a child in the hospital can be emotionally overwhelming for parents, especially when that child is very sick. Brigid is working with RCH Nurses to identify potential impaired parent-child attachment relationships and use opportunities in their nursing care to support those families to overcome these challenges and develop strong relationships.

"Warning signs can be different for each child, and range from one child's strong protests to treatment, to another's submissive acceptance of procedures," said Brigid. "My goal is that mental health for every child is on the radar of every consultant and every clinician at the RCH."

The 18 month pilot program which launched in early 2017 has been funded by Roxburgh Park, Southern Rainbows, South Western and Templestowe Auxiliaries, and the President's Fundraising Network, and is already producing some great results.

"It's been brilliant how receptive and engaged the nurses have been to learning about mental health. I would like to thank the RCH Auxiliaries for their support, without which this project would not have been possible," said Brigid.



Associate Professor Brigid Jordan (left) is working with nursing staff across the hospital to support the mental health of patients like Saphira.

Leadership and training: Guidelines for the management of gastro-intestinal manifestations of cystic fibrosis

Roadmap to care

When patients with cystic fibrosis (CF) visit the hospital, it is rarely a quick process. Appointments and admissions feature a complicated network of specialists from across the hospital. Tests and procedures of varying complexity are undertaken and due to heightened infection risks, are often conducted in isolation. Affecting one in every 2,500 babies born in Australia, the RCH cares for 300 patients with CF every year.

Along with respiratory, physiotherapy and social work teams, the Department of Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition is one of the frequent stops for patients with CF. The department regularly cares for patients who present with abdominal pain, nutrition needs, and concerns with liver function. The issues can often require specialist care including the insertion of feeding tubes and, in crucial circumstances, liver and pancreas transplantation.

Through support from the Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary, the team have developed a set of guidelines to help simplify the diagnostic and management processes for patients. Led by Professor Mark Oliver and supported by gastroenterologist in training Dr Rishi Bolia, the guidelines are designed to deliver more streamlined nutrition and gastrointestinal care.

“The multi-system nature of CF means that it is not only the respiratory aspects of care that need to be addressed. It is imperative that we as a team have a roadmap based on best available evidence to manage complex issues such as poor nutrition that adversely effects outcomes and options to manage liver disease including organ transplant to reverse the effects of CF on

the liver and pancreas,” said Mark.

To develop these guidelines, Mark and Rishi worked together with the medical and Allied Health departments to develop a database of common clinical problems and created easy to follow clinical algorithms for the diagnosis and treatment of the conditions. Featuring a range of scenarios, check points and tick marks, the algorithm is based on strong evidence and experience. This was further peer reviewed by national experts.

“Our aim was to deliver an evidence based algorithm to give our CF team a roadmap for the treatment and care of common clinical gastrointestinal problems,” said Mark, “all of which is designed to deliver the best care for our patients.”

With over 48 per cent of RCH CF patients located in regional Victoria, streamlining patient care is vital to enhancing comfort and reducing hospital stays. The successful integration of these guidelines is designed to improve care by reducing the number of unnecessary tests, cutting down on the delay in diagnosis and by ultimately reducing the pain and discomfort of patients so that these kids can get on with their lives.

“Funding from the RCH Auxiliaries has allowed us to build a framework in which to work, that not only educates the next generation of CF specialists, but also empowers our patients,” said Mark.



Professor Mark Oliver has worked to develop new guidelines to streamline the care of patients like Beau.

Research: The Centre for Cardiovascular Genomics and Regenerative Medicine

In need of your support

With your support, the RCH can investigate the genetic causes of childhood heart disease and develop new regenerative therapies for heart failure in children.

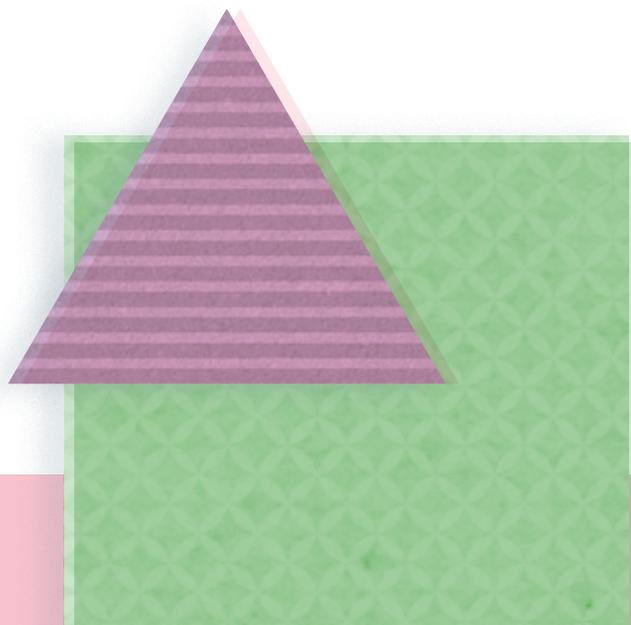
Heart disease is one of the leading causes of death and disability in children. The more complicated the condition, the more surgeries required to save a child's life.

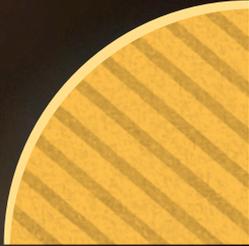
Thanks to surgical advances over the past 20 years, more children are surviving heart disease than ever before. However, there is also an increasing number of children being admitted to hospital with heart failure. A chronic condition, heart failure inevitably leads to a transplant and there are far fewer organ donors than children waiting for a new heart.

To transform the care given to children with heart disease, the RCH is founding The Centre for Cardiovascular Genomics and Regenerative Medicine or CardioRegen. CardioRegen will focus on the underlying causes of heart disease and new treatments to provide better care and quality of life for sick children.

CardioRegen will change the way children with heart disease are cared for by:

- **Establishing a multidisciplinary cross-campus centre** translating research breakthroughs in genomic medicine - which examines the human genome or the genetic information that determines who a person is and how their body functions - into clinical practice
- **Launching the Melbourne Children's Heart Tissue Bank**, which will collect heart tissue samples from RCH patients for use in studies aimed at better understanding how childhood heart disease develops
- **Conducting genomic profiling** to determine whether genetic testing can predict which babies will develop conditions like hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS) early in pregnancy
- **Developing regenerative treatments and technologies** that can prevent heart failure and avoid the need for transplantation
- **Improving early diagnostic testing** for heart transplant rejection, by moving from a cardiac tissue biopsy method to a simple blood test.





CardioRegen needs your support

The RCH needs your support to ensure CardioRegen is a success. This is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with your fellow Auxiliaries and support one of the hospital's cutting edge cardiac projects.

If your Auxiliary is interested in changing the future of RCH Cardiology care, please contact Laura Buck, Manager, Auxiliaries and Fundraising:

- laura.buck@rch.org.au
- 03 9345 6491



RCH patient Harry received life-saving cardiac surgery at the hospital, image thanks to Jason Edwards / Herald Sun

In the past year, your funds have been distributed to the following projects.

Your support in 2017/18

PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

**Chronic Illness Support
Program (ChIPS)**

ChIPS Auxiliary

**Complex Movement
Disorder Program**

Templestowe Auxiliary

Day Patient Chairs

Pankina, Roxburgh
Park, Templestowe,
Wangaratta,
Broadmeadows,
Geelong and Kooyong
Lawn Tennis Club
Auxiliaries

***Diabetes Screening
Nurse**

Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary

**Educating
Adolescents with
Oesophageal
Atresia and Trachea
Oesophageal Fistula
to Improve Outcomes**

OARA

**Improving Outcomes
for Children
with Upper Limb
Deficiencies**

Parkville Auxiliary

***Music Therapy for
Neurosciences and
Rehab**

Knox-Sherbrooke and
Parkville Auxiliaries

***Music Therapy
program for Kelpie**

Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary

**Oesophageal Atresia
Research Nurse
Position**

OARA

***Parent-Child Mother
Goose Program**

Waverley Auxiliary

***Social Work Liver
Transplant Fund**

Yellow Ribbon
Auxiliary

***Social Work
Samaritan Fund**

LARCH Auxiliary

**Transforming Clinical
Care to Improve
Mental Health for
RCH Patients**

President's
Fundraising Network,
Roxburgh Park,
Southern Rainbows,
South Western
and Templestowe
Auxiliaries

LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

***Dame Elisabeth
Murdoch Nursing
Development
Scholarship**

Dame Elisabeth
Murdoch Nursing
Development
Luncheon

**Developmental
Training Coordinator**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Fearon
Scholarship**

League of Former
Trainees Auxiliary

**Emergency Nurse
Practitioner App**

CasKids Auxiliary

**Guidelines for the
Management of
Gastro-Intestinal
Manifestation of
Cystic Fibrosis**

Caring Friends
of Cystic Fibrosis
Auxiliary

**Training Coordinator
with a Focus on
Disruptive Disabled
Children**

Waverley Auxiliary

*Grants funded in perpetuity



EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Cystic Fibrosis Physiotherapy Equipment

Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

Cryoablation Equipment

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Equipment to support the Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank

CIKA

New Ethrocyte Sedimentation Rate Instrument

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

New Traction Equipment

Templestowe Auxiliary

Non-Invasive Ventilation for Physiotherapy

Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

Non-Invasive Ventilators for Rosella

American Women's Association, Viva RCH and Geelong Auxiliaries

Preparing Vulnerable Young People for a Happier and Safer Future

Smiley Auxiliary

Specialist Commode for Patients with Neurological Conditions

Wangaratta Auxiliary

RESEARCH

Brain Tumour Study Coordinator

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank

CIKA and Templestowe Auxiliary

Improving Outcomes for Young People with Cerebral Palsy

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary

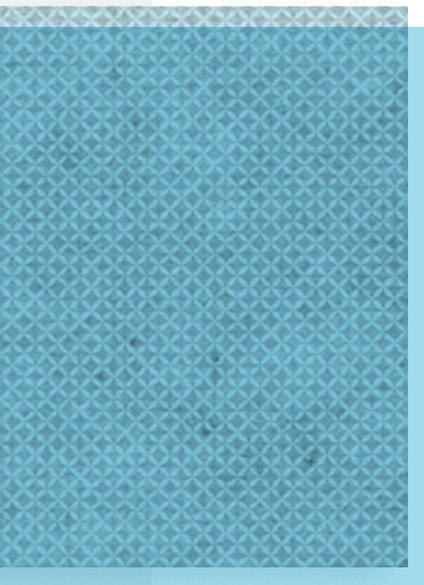
Solid Tumour Study Coordinator

CIKA

***The Victorian Prader-Willi Register and Associated Research**

Do-Bees and Trailblazers Auxiliaries

Your stories





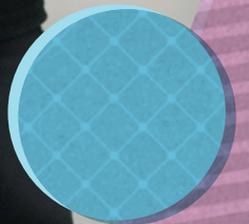
Doris Read, Templestowe Auxiliary

Auxiliaries are a family affair for Doris Read. Introduced to Templestowe Auxiliary by her mother-in-law in 1939, Doris has shared this tradition of giving back with her husband, daughter and granddaughter, who are all members of RCH Auxiliaries.

The second winner of the Madge Tate Award and a Living Treasure, Doris is currently the longest serving member of Auxiliaries. She's seen the hospital change buildings twice, worked side-by-side with the legendary Madge Tate and been President of Templestowe Auxiliary.

"The hospital draws great people to its cause. I've loved meeting the staff, patients and fellow Auxiliary members over the years."

RCH Gender Service patient Georgie with her mum Rebekah, representing their Auxiliary, Transcend



Introducing one of our newest Auxiliaries, Transcend.

Transcending all odds

Meet Georgie, an accomplished activist, fundraiser and public speaker. Georgie is also a transgender girl.

This 18-year-old powerhouse has known she was a girl since she was a toddler. 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 and eventually began feeling removed and isolated.

“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 one of the earliest patients cared for by the RCH Gender Service, the first and largest service of its kind in Australia. It aims to improve the physical and mental health outcomes of children and adolescents who are trans or gender diverse.

“When we first came to the RCH 11 years ago, I couldn't imagine what life would be like next year, much less a decade on. The Gender Service has been our saving grace and the staff have become like family to us. Their support has meant the world,” said Rebekah.

With the support of the Gender Service, Georgie and Rebekah have accomplished great things. In 2013, Georgie's legal case was the basis for the Family Court's decision to remove the requirement for court orders to access puberty blockers. In 2017, her work played a pivotal role in ensuring trans and gender diverse teenagers would no longer need to seek Family Court approval to access gender affirming hormones. Through their tireless campaigning, Georgie and Rebekah refocused the discussion on the rights of transgender children in this country and the challenges they face.

Georgie's work has also earned her numerous accolades, including the 2016 GLOBE LGBTI Person of the Year; 2017 Young People's Human Rights Medal and 2018 Victorian Young Australian of the Year, which qualified her as a finalist for the 2018 Young Australian of the Year award.

“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,” said Associate Professor Michelle Telfer, Director of the RCH Gender Service.

Advocating through Auxiliaries

Seeing that there were no peer support networks for the families of trans and gender diverse children, Rebekah founded Transcend in 2012.

Transcend offers families cared for by the Gender Service opportunities to meet others experiencing the same challenges, to advocate for trans and gender diverse children, to support and fundraise for the Gender Service and to provide information nationally through the website and community connections.

“For families with a trans or gender diverse child, there are three questions early in the journey: if supporting your child through this process is the right thing; if it is, where do you get the right support; are there other families like yours out there? Transcend helps families navigate the journey because supportive and informed families are the best hope for trans and gender diverse young people,” said Rebekah.

With Georgie graduating from RCH care to adult healthcare next year, she and Rebekah were keen to formalise their support for the Gender Service. They decided to evolve Transcend’s fundraising and become an RCH Auxiliary.

“We know how important the Gender Service is and we wanted to find a way to give back to the RCH for everything they’ve given to us. We’re also keen to ensure the service will be here for many years to come,” said Rebekah.

Georgie and Rebekah are drawing on their community of donors, fundraisers and ambassadors to make Transcend Auxiliary a success. In addition to collecting donations through their online donation page, Transcend will host community events, raffles and stalls. They’re also working on securing corporate support and sponsors, as well as developing an online shop for the Transcend website.

“Transcend is special because it’s something my mum and I built and work on together. I don’t think we ever could have imagined how it would grow and change lives, especially ours. It’s exciting to see it grow again, this time into an RCH Auxiliary. The Auxiliaries have such a legacy of support for the hospital and we’re thrilled to be a part of it,” said Georgie.





TRANSCEND
— THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL —
AUXILIARIES
— SINCE 1922 —

The Transcend Auxiliary is dedicated to supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service and its research programs through our fundraising activities. To find out more go to our website. www.transcendsupport.com.au



1. Transcend Ambassador Charlotte, 2. Transcend Ambassador Isabelle, 3. Associate Professor Michelle Telfer, Director of the RCH Gender Service, 4. Transcend Auxiliary members Rebekah Robertson, Celeste Di Vis and Naomi McNamara, 6. Rebekah, Michelle and Georgie at The Celebration of Giving Dinner 2016, 7. Transcend Ambassador Oliver

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MESSAGE FROM ANNE RANDALL, DIRECTOR GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Good Friday Appeal is very fortunate to have the support of the Auxiliaries and its many members who are dedicated to giving our children the best possible care at The Royal Children's Hospital. Once again, the amazing support from the Victorian community was evident following a great fundraising year for the Good Friday Appeal with the Auxiliaries being a big contributor to this achievement.

In 2018, we are again grateful for the continued support from Auxiliary members who donated their time throughout the year in fundraising initiatives, as well as on Good Friday by selling balloons and providing various fun activities at Kids Day Out and The Royal Children's Hospital.

The Auxiliaries' direct link to the hospital enables you to see the results of all of your members hard work and we are proud to have your amazing annual contribution as a part of our Good Friday Appeal.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful commitment from Miriam and all the Auxiliaries in their continued support of The Royal Children's Hospital and the Good Friday Appeal.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Auxiliaries into the future.

Anne Randall
Director, Good Friday Appeal





It was another incredible effort by the RCH Auxiliaries this year, raising **\$1,401,419** for the Good Friday Appeal.

Here's how the day went, from the RCH festivities and Kids Day Out, to the final tally reveal at midnight.

Good Friday Appeal

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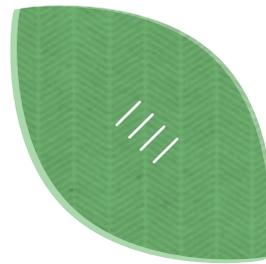
over 18 million dollars were raised in 2018

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regional and rural towns fundraising for the Appeal this year



14,852 donation calls taken on Good Friday



33,000 people at Etihad Stadium for Kick for the Kids

Clockwise from top: President Dr Miriam Weisz and 2017 Madge Tate winner Bev Noonan present the Auxiliaries cheque. RCH patients celebrate Good Friday Appeal at the RCH - by Lawrence Pinder, Herald Sun. RCH plastic surgery fellow Dr Nicholas Dhooghe shares a hug with Peppa Pig. Face of the 2018 GFA Arielle with her parents enjoying the festivities at the hospital - by Lawrence Pinder, Herald Sun.

Over the past year the RCH Auxiliaries have had some incredible wins. Outlined below are just a few of the achievements you and your fellow members have made.

Auxiliaries' successes

Cancer Crusaders get the grant

Congratulations to Cancer Crusaders on winning a CommBank Centenary Grant! Thanks to a nomination by the Point Cook branch, Cancer Crusaders have received \$10,000 to support their fundraising for the RCH. This grant is thanks to the generosity of CommBank employees and is awarded in celebration of the CommBank Foundation's Centenary of Giving celebration. This wonderful news came just before Cancer Crusaders raised over \$21,000 at their annual Dinner Dancer, so it's been a good year for this Auxiliary!

South Western Auxiliary shakes, rattles and rolls

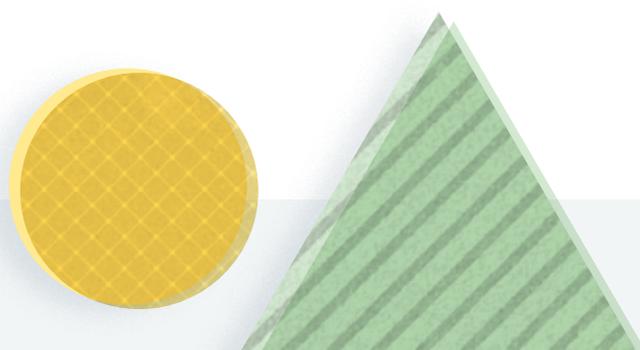
It's not every day that fundraisers need to call on Armaguard to help manage their donations, for the South Western Auxiliary, this has become an annual dependency. Every Good Friday for the past 10 years, South Western Auxiliary members and supporters have manned the major intersections in Warrnambool in costume and equipped with fundraising tins to collect donations for the RCH and this year was no different. Across the day over 40 volunteers chipped in to rattle tins, raising a phenomenal \$32,672.

Making a mark on Main Street

Auxiliaries are cutting a fine figure on Main Street with the new cart. Replacing the trestle table, the cart was specially designed just for Auxiliaries. It features a tiered display stand, ample shelving and storage, a pull-out table and eye-catching Auxiliaries branding. It's a brand new look that's been embraced by the hospital and Auxiliaries alike. A big thank you to Parkville and Roxburgh Park Auxiliaries for their ongoing fundraising on the cart.

RCH Volunteers Auxiliary

The RCH Volunteers Auxiliary is one of the newest Auxiliaries to be established at the RCH. Comprised of over 600 dedicated and long serving members, the RCH Volunteers Auxiliary has started raising funds with stalls at both the Paddy's and Winter Markets and have already developed a wonderful reputation for their delicious baked goods.



Top to bottom: South Western Auxiliary making a difference on Good Friday. CIKA's Wood Days in full swing.

CIKA's Wood Days

Heavy horse led log snigging, shingle splitting and damper eating might all sound like scenes from a vintage movie, but thanks to CIKA, these traditional skills are brought to life with the annual Old Time Wood Days. Established in 1996 by CIKA members Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn, Wood Days takes place on the family's bush block in Milltown, Western Victoria. Every year a dedicated team of over 50 volunteers from across the state, together with local families and businesses, donate their time for demonstrations of traditional woodworking, horse snigging and log slabbing, complemented with local produce and a feast from the camp ovens. Wood Days also produces an annual calendar featuring highlights from the event, which is generously donated by Daniel Burke and raises \$10,000 for CIKA. The weekend welcomes hundreds of visitors each year, and has raised close to \$280,000 to support cancer research at the RCH.



Top: The cart on Main Street is manned by volunteers from Auxiliaries. Bottom: The RCH Volunteers started their own Auxiliaries in 2017/18.



Auxiliaries Legacy Fund – Kids Health Info Sheets

Every year, millions of parents and caregivers from across Australia and around the world visit the RCH website in search of support and guidance in caring for their children. Now, thanks to funding from the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund, this trusted online health resource is expanding.

Established in 2017, the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund is an endowment to recognise and commemorate RCH Auxiliaries in perpetuity, in honour of the great legacy that its many members have created since 1922. Each year, the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund will support a specific RCH project as it continues to help a wide range of areas and departments within the hospital.

The RCH Kid's Health Information (KHI) is the first supported project. KHI is a digital resource that hosts more than 370 fact sheets, covering a comprehensive range of medical conditions. These fact sheets provide engaging and reassuring information for those seeking online health advice for their children. Available via the RCH website and a specially designed app, visits to the KHI fact sheets exceeded five million in 2017 and accounted for more than a third of all visits to the RCH website.

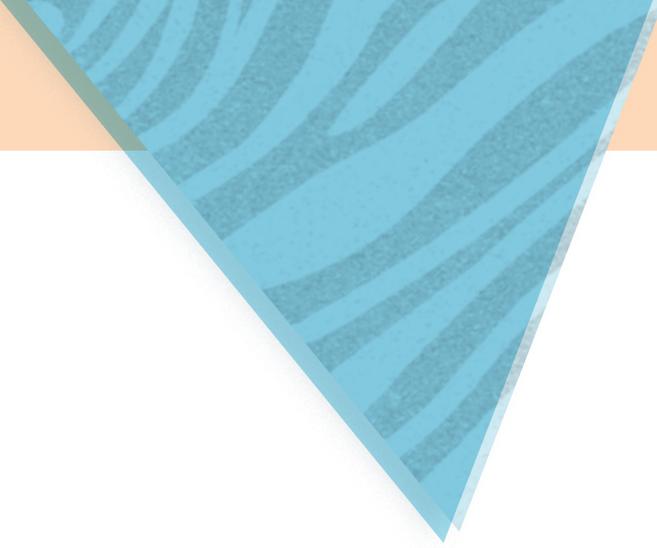
Already, more than 50 new and improved fact sheets have been launched. Features of updated fact sheets include:

- A gender-neutral approach to language where possible, to empower all members of the community
- A new section called 'Common questions our doctors are asked', which adds the unique ability for RCH experts to address common misconceptions in an informal, engaging way

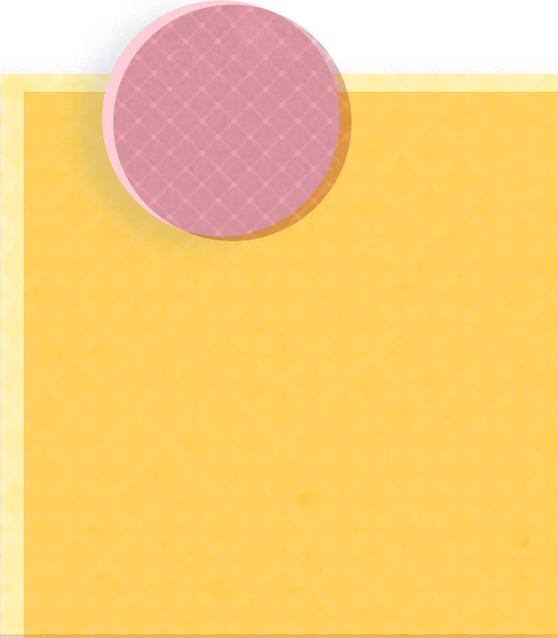
- An improved design when printed, resulting in an easier-to-read resource
- A responsive gap analysis to identify fact sheets that need to be added. Measles, tonsillitis, verbal dyspraxia, and sedation for procedures are some of the latest additions
- In future, the project plans to explore the addition of photos, illustrations and other media including video and sound to further increase the helpfulness of the fact sheets.

Support from the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund is helping to ensure that this commanding digital resource can continue to provide responsive, quality health content to a wider audience across multiple digital platforms.





Who you are



Peter and Ruth Murray at the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch
Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon 2017



Peter Murray, Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

A member of Auxiliaries for over 13 years, Peter Murray is proud to support cancer care at the hospital through his Auxiliary, Cancer Crusaders. Juggling full time jobs with their fundraising, Cancer Crusaders is a dynamic group of volunteers doing their part to help sick children.

Initially drawn to Auxiliaries in support of a great cause, Peter remains engaged because of the people he works with and meets at the hospital.

"Every Auxiliary member I've met has such passion for supporting the hospital. They just want to make a difference and help out, expecting nothing in return. It's also wonderful to meet the doctors and nurses we support. They do such amazing work and learning about how our fundraising supports them is really rewarding."

Auxiliaries Executive Committee



PATRON OF AUXILIARIES **Louise Gourlay OAM**

Louise joined the RCH in 1982 as a member of the Board of Management of the RCH. Louise was President of Auxiliaries from 1985 until 1994, becoming Patron of Auxiliaries in 1998. Louise received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1999.



PRESIDENT **Dr Miriam Weisz**

Miriam has a longstanding connection to the hospital, supporting the RCH Centre for Adolescent Health as Chair of its Development Board for 10 years. She continues her dedication and commitment to the RCH through Auxiliaries.



VICE PRESIDENT **Barbara Nicoll** - Templestowe Auxiliary

Barbara has been dedicated to achieving the best outcomes for children throughout her life, from her more than 30 years in education, to her association with the RCH. Joining Templestowe Auxiliary upon retirement, Barbara has enjoyed the friendship and purpose of being part of an Auxiliary.



SECRETARY **Paula Appelhans** - American Women's Association

Paula is President of the American Woman's Association and has led the AWA Auxiliary since late 2015. Paula's career has focussed on healthcare law and she is also a published researcher on disability issues in Southeast Asia.

Susan Haywood - Caulfield Auxiliary

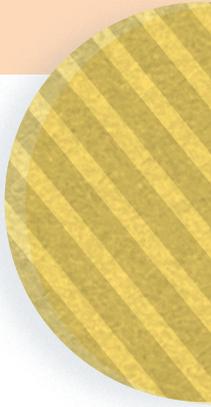
Susan has been active in her community for years, successfully running a salon before moving into theatre productions as a wig mistress. A former RCH patient, Susan found the Auxiliaries eight years ago and has been a member of Caulfield Auxiliary, which she is working to revitalise.

Alison Orum - Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Alison has a long volunteer history dating back to her days as a Brownie 50 years ago. She began her 18 year association with the RCH first as a volunteer in 2001 before joining Charli's Angel's Auxiliary five years later. Alison resigned from the AEC in late 2017.

Helen Mann - Parkville Auxiliary

Helen is President of Parkville Auxiliary and has had a career in fundraising and supporting meaningful causes since 1971. Her involvement with the RCH began in 2001 when, as a member of the American Women's Association, she volunteered in the RCH Auxiliaries Shop.



Janice Memery - Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Janice is the President of Broadmeadows Auxiliary, of which she has been a member for 34 years. Janice's long history of supporting the RCH was honoured with a Living Treasure Award. Janice also fundraises to support children and families affected by poverty in Cambodia.

Julie Vlassis Cooke - American Women's Association

Julie joined the American Women's Association in 2013 and served on the board until 2016. She has a wealth of volunteer experience with major non-profit organisations in the U.S. and enjoys being part of the RCH Auxiliaries. Julie is a transition coach and counsellor for expats, providing guidance and support during their relocation.

EX-OFFICIO

Sue Hunt - Chief Executive Officer

Sue has worked across Australia in senior executive positions in the arts and non-profit industry for over 20 years. In July 2010, Sue returned to her home state of Victoria for the first time in over a decade to take up the position of CEO of the RCH Foundation.

TREASURER EX-OFFICIO

Andrew Long - Chief Financial Officer

Andrew has over 25 years' experience, primarily in the accounting, banking and finance sectors. His extensive senior management experience includes roles at Bendigo Bank Group and Multiple Sclerosis Australia where he was involved in the development and management of philanthropic trusts and foundations.

The AEC would like to extend a special thank you to the following Auxiliary members for their work as consultants to the Committee:

Robyn Anderson

Past President of the RCH Auxiliaries
President, CasKids Auxiliary
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2012
Living Treasure

Gwen Bromley

President, Geelong Auxiliary
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2015
Living Treasure

Judy Conn

Secretary, South Western Auxiliary
Living Treasure

Glenda Fraser

President, Templestowe Auxiliary
Living Treasure

Louise Hastie

President, Waverley Auxiliary

Bev Noonan

Member, Parkville Auxiliary
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2017
Living Treasure

Auxiliary Reports

ABSENT FRIENDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2010**
President: **Lyn Lewis**
Secretary: **Stewart Mackie**

Our tiny family-based group is once again thrilled with our total for the year. This year has seen many of our family members move to regional areas across Victoria which has impacted our efforts. Hopefully we can continue in some capacity into the future.

Thanks to Lesley Mackie and Val Perry who continued to travel into the hospital to man the pods once a month for most of this year. Thanks also to Bunnings Cranbourne, Bendigo Bank Marriot Waters and the Best Western Hamilton Lakeside Motel for their support. Special thanks to Belinda and Marg Luke for taking over the shopping tour.

ARCHERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**
President: **Dianne Humphreys**

aRCHers Auxiliary continues to attend the Auxiliaries markets at the hospital and remains committed to supporting the hospital. The aRCHers Auxiliary has funded research projects for the Stroke Unit in the past and continues to support research.

BEADS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2012**
President: **Jasmine Lai**
Secretary: **Jo Buckle**

BEADS Auxiliary, which stands for Beat Every Autoimmune Disease Successfully, was established over five years ago to help raise awareness of autoimmune related diseases like arthritis and thyroiditis.

We're committed to supporting the Rheumatology Department at the RCH and work to raise much needed funds for further research into these diseases.

Thank you to all who have contributed generously throughout the year in support of our Auxiliary. We look forward to continuing our fundraising efforts to help sick children live better lives.

BROADMEADOWS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**
President: **Janice Memery**
Secretary: **Faye Eccles**
Treasurer: **Christine Boden**

The Broadmeadows Auxiliary continues to support the RCH because we are proud that it is one of the best children's hospitals in the world. This year most of our members travelled into the hospital to attend the AGM.

We thank extended family members and friends who assist us in our fundraising events. Thank you to Auxiliary members who commit to meet throughout the year to plan and organise events.

CANCER CRUSADERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2013**
President: **Janine Langdon**
Secretary: **Sharron Markovic**
Treasurer: **Ruth Murray**

Cancer Crusaders has had an extremely busy year again raising over \$120,000 for the Brain Tumour Clinical Trials Project. Along the way we have held two High Teas, a Dinner Dance, an Oaks Day Luncheon and a Christmas Market Night, as well as our monthly stalls and Market Days at the hospital.

We have built up the support in our local community, so we are no longer struggling to find numbers for our events, with our High Teas selling out within a week.

A highlight of our year would have to be running the Auxiliaries' portion of Kids Day Out. After being approached by the Auxiliary Office to overhaul the event, we were extremely happy with the outcome. We ran kid's activities such as fishing, golf, basketball, face painting and nail art, as well as selling balloons.

Thank you to Ezy Breathing Auxiliary for their help and expertise on the face painting stand. The day was extremely busy and we left feeling exhausted but happy with our \$15,000 result at the end of the day. That is a lot of gold coin donations!

Another highlight was our December stall at the hospital where we took a massive \$9,800. It was described by one staff member as “probably a world record for sales on the pods.”

Cancer Crusaders is a small group of twelve hard-working people. We would like to thank our family, friends and supporters who have donated goods for us to sell and have helped us when we have required extra manpower.

CANCER IN KIDS AUXILIARY (CIKA)

Founded: **1980**
President: **Sandra Lehrer**
Vice President: **Ellen Webb**
Secretary: **Wendy Halligan**
Treasurer: **Stephen Halligan**

The CIKA team continues to have a full calendar of events and our fundraising activities span stalls, dinner dances, luncheons, raffles and Wood Days. We would like to thank the many friends of CIKA throughout Victoria who knit, sew and sell for us, you are all valued.

Our funding continues to be directed towards the Children’s Cancer Centre Tissue Bank, the collection of after-hours tumours and the funding of a Clinical Trials Co-ordinator. In the last year we purchased a mobile freezer in memory of Fiona, one of the CIKA family’s children who died, and we also contributed financially to a Paediatric Brain Tumour study.

We would like to recognise Lesley McKibbin, a long term fundraiser for CIKA who passed early this year. She was a very special woman.

CARING FRIENDS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**
President: **Pat Borcich**
Vice President: **Yvonne Felton**
Secretary/Treasurer: **Daryl Gunn**

During the past year we have designated \$52,600 of our funds for the supply of a non-invasive ventilator for RCH Physiotherapy and a Research Assistant to assist with managing a project into the gastrointestinal manifestation of CF.

We are very grateful to the small group of volunteers who work hard to stock our stalls, enabling us to raise funds to help CF patients. Their assistance is most appreciated.

CAROLINE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1951**
Convenor: **Ecila Engler**

During the past year, our fundraising has consisted of stalls at the hospital and local shopping centres. Also prior to Christmas and Easter we conducted raffles by selling tickets at two IGA Supermarkets. Due to the untiring efforts of our members we have been able to finance The Renalicious Cookbook and Incontinence Clinic projects.

As Convenor of our Auxiliary, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all our members for their continued support in raising funds for the benefit of the patients at the RCH.

CASKIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Robyn Anderson**

Vice President: **Gail Simpson**

Secretary: **Robyn Anderson**

Treasurers: **Helen Smale and Nola Fairbairn**

CasKids raised funds by monthly stalls at the RCH (including Market Days), external stalls at Donvale Rotarians Market at Tunstall Square, a Blue Illusion Fashion Parade and a Cuppa for Kids High Tea at the East Doncaster Baptist Church. We raised \$29,760 for the year, which is very pleasing.

We are currently raising funds for an infant radiant warmer used in the critical care setting to facilitate surgical, medical and nursing care of the most acutely unwell infants. These devices operate by generating radiant heat to modulate an infant's temperature.

COURAGE FOR KIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1998**

President: **Michelle Olinder**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Trish Thomas**

Courage for Kids Auxiliary is a group of three with a couple of supporters who conduct most of our fundraising through sales on the RCH pods. We sell a variety of organically grown fruit and vegetables from our garden, as well as jams and pickles made from the same produce. A variety of home baked scones and cakes complement the above.

We also sell potted colour, herbs and fruit trees, and give advice on gardening to our customers. Our stalls also carry a variety of household items and old cameras.

Money raised is used to purchase new equipment for different departments within the RCH. We do not have a formal structure to our Auxiliary due to our limited numbers.

EZY BREATHING AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **Emma Mercer**

Secretary: **Heather Luedi**

Treasurer: **Beat Luedi**

Emma participated in this year's Paddy's Market at the hospital, doing face painting for the whole day. She also spent Good Friday at Kids Day Out running the face painting, along with her helpers, all day. She has been doing the face painting for Kids Day Out for several years.

We also co-hosted the annual Trachy Kids Christmas party at the hospital in December and ran a stall at the hospital in January.

Emma has worked tirelessly for this Auxiliary since creating it in 2004. As her son Tyler is now nearly 19 and no longer a patient at RCH, Emma wishes to give up her commitment and pass the Auxiliary onto someone with more time to support the kids and RCH Respiratory Medicine.

If there is any group willing and ready to take over, please contact Emma on mercera.emma@gmail.com.

FOOTSCRAY/YARRAVILLE JUNIORS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1960**

President: **Shirley Jenkins**

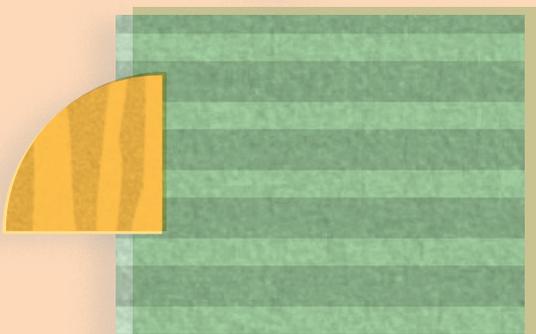
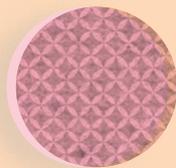
Secretary: **Margaret Plowright**

Treasurer: **Margaret Day**

This year we are celebrating 58 years of fundraising, friendship and fun.

We enjoy having a stall at the hospital Market Days and are always on the lookout for a happy movie for our cinema luncheons. We've recently initiated a trading table at our monthly meetings which is surprisingly profitable. We're working on the principle that "many a mickle makes a muckle".

We're excited to see new Auxiliaries forming and hope they prosper and have as much fun as we have had for so many years.



GEELONG AUXILIARY

Founded: **1976**
President: **Gwen Bromley**
Secretary: **Jan Crockart**
Treasurer: **Thais McCallum**

The past 12 months have been very rewarding. Some highlights were a mid-year Antiques Luncheon held at Oak Hill, where some of our members family treasures were appraised. We also operated a retail pop-up shop in Belmont, full time for two weeks during August.

Our regular fundraising includes the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, RCH stalls and Auxiliaries Shop shifts, stalls at Highton Village and local shopping centres, Rotary StarSearch, Movies, Entertainment Books, Little Tatts, the Annual Rotary District Car Raffle plus additional raffles. Our Annual High Tea event continues to grow, as does our annual Christmas Market. The support of our local community and businesses is most appreciated and keeps our funds growing, enabling us to purchase vital equipment for the hospital.

Mid-year we funded two specialised treatment chairs for Day Oncology. Then at our December meeting we voted to fund a radiolucent chair for EOS Imaging. At our March AGM, we also voted to fund two radiant infant warmers for Butterfly Ward.

My special thanks to all of our members, their families, plus our network of talented craft persons for their enthusiasm, support and contributions to our very successful stalls and events over many years. Additional thanks must go to Jan our Secretary for the past five years, and to Thais our Treasurer, for their ongoing help and support. After 10 years, I am resigning as President of Geelong Auxiliary and wish Jan, who is taking over from me, a rewarding year ahead. Finally my thanks to the Auxiliary Office for all their help and support throughout the past 10 years.

HEART THROB AUXILIARY

Founded: **1994**
President: **Amanda Carabott**
Secretary: **Jenny Gordon**
Treasurer: **Bernadette Barnes**

Heart Throb is a special purpose Auxiliary committed to supporting critically ill cardiac patients at the RCH.

While disappointed with the discontinuation of our annual camps, we are now looking to new ways that we can best go forward in our mission. Thanks to

everyone who made decades of successful camps possible, especially Rus and Lin Homewood whose personal contributions were invaluable.

A highlight of our fundraising was our first High Tea at Zumbo's. The event was a huge success on all levels. A big thank you to everyone involved in this bold move. We also received generous donations from loyal camp supporters.

We also helped with the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, ran a raffle and held regular monthly stalls and participated in the fun of special Market Days in the RCH.

Thanks to our regular fundraising volunteers and our loyal core customers within the hospital.

HEART TO HEART AUXILIARY

Founded: **1989**
President: **Phyl Brown**
Secretary: **Val Wright**
Treasurer: **Jo Scully**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary has raised funds by having stalls at Gladstone Park Shopping Centre. Thanks to all members and friends for their support with donations of knitwear and goods to sell at our stalls. It is greatly appreciated, as are the cash donations received.

Our fundraising allows us to buy equipment for the cardiac unit and so far we have designated \$50,000 towards infant warmers and \$50,000 towards equipment. Many thanks to all members for their help and support when needed.

KNOX-SHERBROOKE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**
President: **Kathy Nowak**
Secretary: **Maxine Lane**
Treasurer: **Lyn Elshaw**

We had a very successful year once again with our fundraising and we continue to fund Music Therapy. Some of our fundraising events include Cuppa for Kids and Horizons of Hope, and we hope for better attendance next year. Our weekend stalls continue to go well, but have been down a little as Wilma Neville hasn't been well. I'm glad to report that she is improving.

We haven't yet decided where our annual bus trip will take us, but it will be on 2 October. We are looking forward to our 41st birthday in September 2018.

NEONATE MATES AUXILIARY

Founded: **2005**
President: **Judy Aussems**
Secretary: **Lyn Flack**
Treasurer: **Jane Stumpf**

We are a small Auxiliary consisting of seven members. All proceeds raised go to the RCH Newborn Intensive Care Unit.

We have stalls at the RCH twice a month as well as extra stalls throughout the year. Family, friends and the general community donate goods which are sold at our stalls. We hope to see our Auxiliary participate in additional new fundraising initiatives over the next year.

A big thank you to all the kind and generous people who continue to support our Auxiliary.

PARKVILLE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1946**
President: **Helen Mann**
Secretary: **Kaye Danielson**
Treasurer: **Marilyn McInnes**

The Parkville Auxiliary raises funds to support RCH Occupational Therapy and Psychology, and more recently, Music Therapy. A total of nearly \$105,000 was allocated to these three departments between October 2016 and January 2018.

Parkville Auxiliary raises funds primarily through its work in and around the hospital. Members contribute regular hours in the Auxiliaries Shop, RCH Foundation office and make good use of the Auxiliary pods to run stalls selling home-baked goods, high quality merchandise and raffles. Members also support the Market Days at the hospital.

Recent fundraising activities outside the hospital include an art raffle and luncheon using the RCH Foundation Boardroom and Fundraising Resource Centre.

ROXBURGH PARK AUXILIARY

Founded: **2003**
President: **Lyne Scown**
Secretary: **Glenice Gardner**
Treasurer: **Wendy Hancock**

We have nine members in our Auxiliary and predominantly raise money for the RCH Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. We have also donated to other hospital needs and are very proud of what we do.

We frequently hold stalls at our local shopping centre and in October 2017 held our first Cuppa for Kids, which raised \$1,400, making us very proud that our hard work paid off. At Easter we fundraised with the help of Ferguson Plarre, making \$1,100 for the hospital. Our Mother's Day Raffle raised \$1,100. We also help out in the Auxiliaries Shop and host our own stalls on the pods.

The projects we funded over the year include five treatment chairs in day medicine, the 'transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients program' and infant radiant warmers. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our members for all your help in the success we had.

SOUTH WESTERN AUXILIARY

Founded: **1953**
President: **Janine Sheen**
Secretary: **Judy Conn**
Treasurer: **Leanne Bartlett**

We had the most beautiful member of 45 years pass away seven months ago, Barbara Bourke. Barbara started about six years after the Auxiliary was formed and worked tirelessly all that time except during the last 18 months before she passed away. Barbara always tried to get to as many functions in Melbourne as possible and was always ready to have some fun while working hard for the Auxiliary. Barb was the mother of 14 children of which two were cared for by the RCH in their early years. She was an amazing lady and is so very missed by all who knew her.

We raise most of our money by doing catering for the Freemasons, which include dinners and suppers. We also do Bunnings BBQs, ladies afternoon teas and the odd trivia night. On Good Friday we have many helpers at the traffic lights and we collect donations all day.

ST KILDA AUXILIARY

Founded: **1922**

President: **Dot Cridge**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Joh Kane**

When the St Kilda Auxiliary was established in 1922, sewing groups were formed and tasked with making the patient bedding as well as doctors' and nurses' gowns. Auxiliary members also donated their time manning kiosks and undertaking op shop duties.

Years have flown by from the Auxiliary's formation date but the goal has always remained the same - raising and donating funds to buy new equipment for sick children. We look forward to continuing and inviting new members to share in next year's fundraising efforts.

STROKIDZ AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**

President: **Darren Kohne**

Secretary: **Suzi Di Palma**

Treasurer: **Jackie Nielsen**

The highlight of the past year was our Annual StroKidz Parent Information Forum in September 2017. The topics covered included current research, rehab and outcomes following stroke, neonatal stroke, post-stroke behaviours and returning to school following a stroke, as well as the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

We are also in the midst of writing a book for school kids to understand what has happened to a friend when they've had a stroke. We also continue to supply the Stroke Unit with information books about childhood stroke, a tote bag with a note pad and pen, a stress ball in the shape of a brain and a beautiful teddy bear called Ollie for the child.

Coming up we'll be hosting movie activity at the RCH for kids and a morning tea for parents to offer support.

TEMPLESTOWE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1939**

President: **Glenda Fraser**

Secretary: **Barb Nicoll**

Treasurer: **Raelene Trotter**

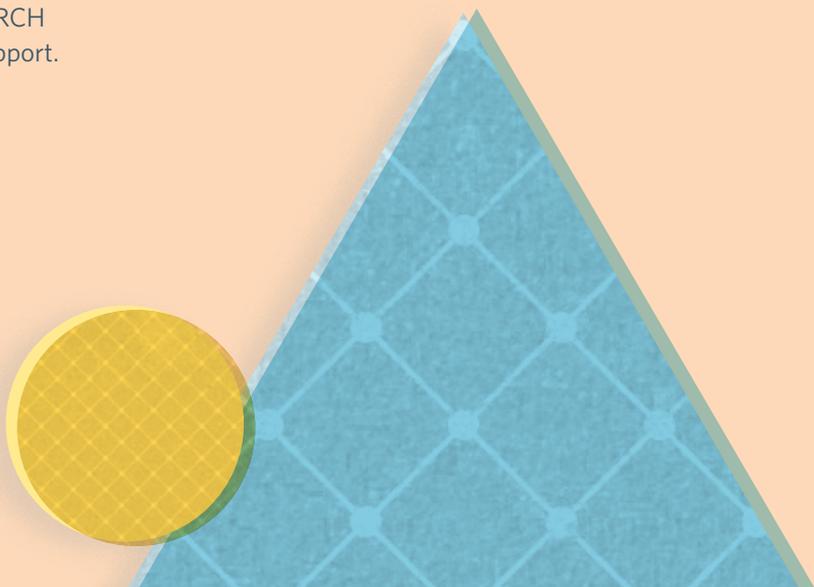
We have had another very successful year of fundraising due to our dedicated, generous members.

Our Auxiliary supports Platypus ward and the orthopaedic traction equipment we funded at a cost of \$47,370 recently arrived on the ward. We also give financial assistance to grants in other areas of the hospital, and in the past year have funded projects worth approximately \$100,000. In March, we agreed to purchase a \$35,000 infant radiant warmer.

Our monthly stalls at the RCH are a great source of income with a large range of products including cakes, jams, pickles, terrariums, books, toys, blankets, knitwear, jewellery and handmade crafts supplied by members and friends.

We support the Auxiliaries Shop selling goods on the cart and participated in the Paddy's, Andy's, Winter and Christmas Markets. We attended the AGM, Living Treasures Afternoon Tea, Auxiliary Christmas Party, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon and the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. Our biggest fundraiser was Cuppa for Kids held at Tudor Village, Lilydale in October. We had 106 guests enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and great entertainment, raising \$5,145.

Many thanks to our wonderful members and supporters. We look forward to continuing our fundraising in the future.



THE MELBOURNE SINFONIA AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**
President: **David Halstead**
Secretary: **Bronwyn Hewitt**
Treasurer: **Ros Calver**

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary was established by musicians interested in raising funds for the RCH. Our purpose is to enjoy working together to play orchestral music to a high standard and perform concerts, the profits from which benefit the hospital.

The orchestra comprises over 50 musicians from a variety of professional and musical backgrounds. The players commit much time to the Auxiliary, as significant rehearsal time is needed in addition to that required for the concerts themselves. We are supported by a number of non-musician volunteers who provide and manage the supper at our concerts and the box office. The orchestra performs four major concerts per year at the Methodist Ladies College in Kew.

We currently support RCH Gatehouse, which provides crisis services and ongoing support to children and adolescents who have been sexually abused.

Thank you to our Musical Director, Joannes Roose, our dedicated committee, the players and volunteers for their commitment and hard work. Last but not least, a big thank you to our loyal followers who regularly attend our concerts.

TRAILBLAZERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2005**
President: **Anne McGeary**
Treasurer: **Diane Powlesland**

We are a small team supporting RCH Neurodevelopment and Disability, which cares for children with a range of physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

We currently fund the Victorian Prader-Willi Register and its associated research. We fundraise on the Auxiliary pods and at Market Days and other sales in the community. The selling of Entertainment Books has always proved popular and profitable.

We will continue to support the above department, as we believe in the important research they are conducting.

VIVARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **2002**
President: **Henry Edgar**
Secretary: **Alexandra Lowen**
Treasurer: **Kate Vines**

VivaRCH is delighted to have held a second successful event as charity partner of the Twilight Beach Polo on St Kilda Beach by Idiom Events in February. We raised 50 per cent more this year and secured partnership for next year.

We have increased our fundraising initiatives at the event and throughout the polo season, and now have a dedicated polo team. The team is run by Bakers Bridge Polo Club who play from October to March, providing country polo events weekly, for fundraising and friend-raising.

Since our first year of fundraising, Polo has been our most successful vehicle, so we have decided to focus on fundraising throughout the season.

WANGARATTA LADIES AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**
President: **Kerrie Steele**
Secretary: **Colleen O'Brien**
Treasurer: **Pat Griffin**

The Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary holds a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, which include monthly Hoy afternoons, bus trips to the pokies, street stalls, raffles and sausage sizzles. However, our biggest and most successful fundraiser of the year is the annual Oxley Bush Market which is held on the Saturday before the Melbourne Cup and coincides with the Wangaratta Festival of Jazz.

In 2017 we celebrated our 40th Birthday and two of our original members were still active. Sadly Dawn Anderson has retired due to ill health, but our longstanding treasurer Pat Griffin is still working tirelessly for the Auxiliary.

This year we have been able to contribute over \$12,000 to the Good Friday Appeal, which isn't too bad considering the average age of our members is 80. We have only funded a Specialised Commode this year and currently have over \$55,000 still to be allocated to approved grants such as Music Therapy. The Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary support cancer kids.

WAVERLEY AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Louise Hastie**

Secretaries: **Verita Crook / Margery Schreppel**

Treasurer: **Kath Walker**

Our 50th year was celebrated with a lunch organised by Louise Hastie and Margery Schreppel, held at Zest Restaurant in Waverley. Fifteen former members of Waverley Auxiliary joined us, as well as Professor Dinah Reddihough, Elizabeth Wilson our member of 50 years and our first President Mary Gome, who cut the cake. It was a great day for reminiscing and photos.

This past year saw two new members taking our membership tally to 37, with an average of 22 members attending our monthly meetings. At our meetings we are warmly welcomed by Pat Osborne and the ladies serving morning tea as we sign in and buy raffle tickets. We have interesting speakers arranged by Kirrie Perree. Beryl Hale received her Living Treasures Award.

We thank Margery Schreppel as she steps down from Solve, after many years keeping Waverley members informed of the excellent research work being done in RCH Neurodevelopment and Disability. We have continued to raise funds through monthly stalls at the RCH, shifts in the Auxiliary Shop, Cinema Days, Morning Melodies, Games Days and Cuppa for Kids. We conducted our last signed AFL Football Raffle at the RCH. We also held a very successful Music Concert Afternoon with The Melbourne Singers and a wonderful Spring Fashion Parade and Luncheon which was supported by our many loyal friends, held at the Mulgrave Country Club. We thank them all for their support. The Monash Council continues to support us with rent free use of Alvie Hall, and we thank them.

Waverley members continue to raise funds with enthusiasm, passion and care while enjoying warm friendship. We were able to allocate \$36,000 towards the study of behavioural problems of autistic children and continue to give towards the Mother Goose Program. We also allocated \$35,000 towards the purchase of an infant radiant warmer.

WERRIBEE LADIES FOR KIDS

Founded: **2013**

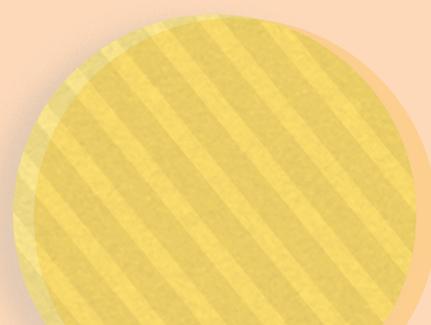
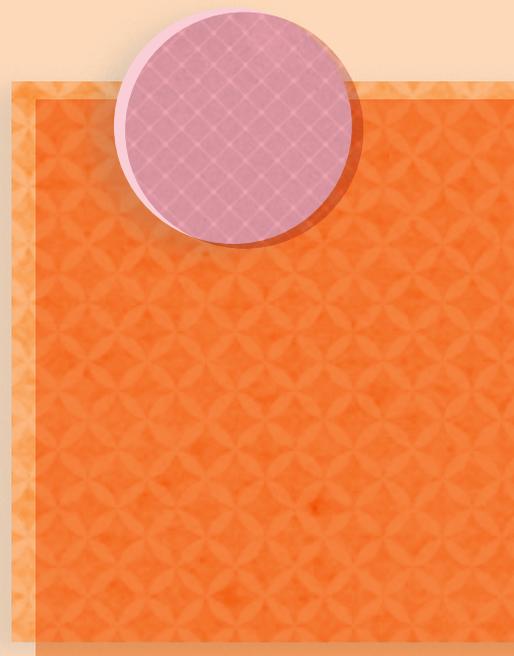
President: **Val Wills**

Secretary: **Alma Verity**

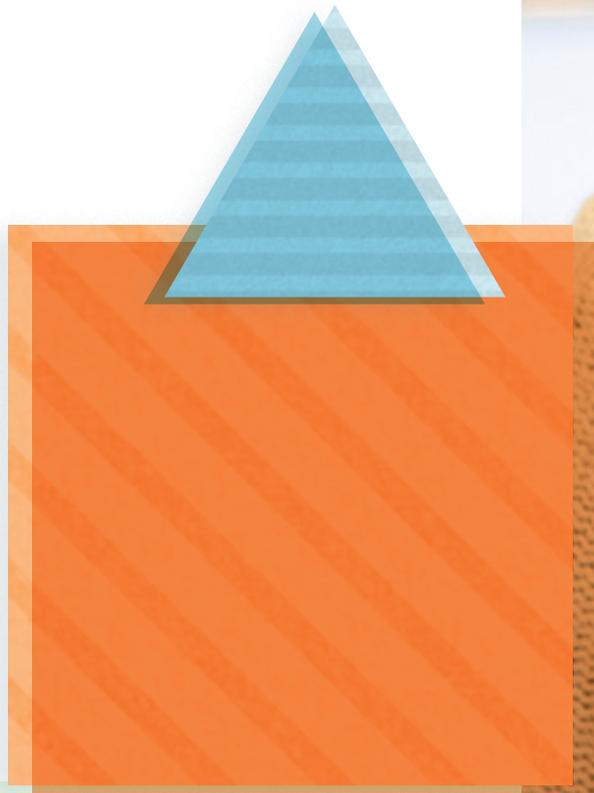
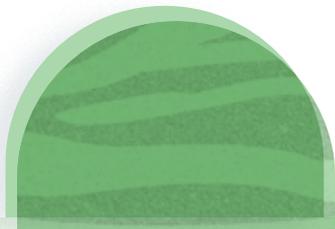
Treasurer: **Heather Brett**

We have had another successful year, having stalls at shopping centres, two in Lara and one in Altona Meadows, as well as our monthly stalls at the hospital.

We have donated \$50,000 to the Music Therapy program. A big thank you to all our wonderful helpers.



Awards





Glenice Gardner, Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Glenice Gardner loves the teamwork that comes with Auxiliaries. A member of Roxburgh Park for over 12 years, Glenice enjoys being in the hospital and meeting the many patients, families and clinicians that make the RCH such a special place.

Every month, Glenice comes into the hospital at least five times to man the pods or volunteer in the Auxiliaries Shop. When she's not in the hospital, she's helping fundraise at the local shopping centre.

"I love raising money for the RCH, meeting new people and making friends through our fundraising. Roxburgh Park Auxiliary gets great pleasure from raising money to help the hospital. Plus it keeps us out of trouble!"

Madge Tate Service Award

Established in 1994, the Madge Tate Service Award is named after the late Madge Tate who was a member of Croydon Auxiliary from 1932 until her passing in 1992. This prestigious award is a means of recognising an eminent Auxiliary member's dedication and extraordinary service to the Auxiliaries.

1996

Robyn Riseley
CasKids Auxiliary

1999

Mavis Pope
St Kilda Auxiliary

2002

Bill Gordon
Heart Throb Auxiliary

2003

Pat Griffin
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Doris Read

Templestowe
Auxiliary

2004

Beth Trebilcock
Waverley Auxiliary

2005

Olive Cooper
Mordialloc/Heart to
Heart Auxiliary

2006

Pat Osbourne
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Anne Peter-Budge

Templestowe
Auxiliary

2007

Sandra Lehrer
CIKA

2008

Irene Hubbard
Prem Bubs Auxiliary

Kerrie Beauglehall

Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary

2009

Peggy Mathison
Parkville Auxiliary

2010

Shirley Jenkins
Footscray/Yarraville
Juniors Auxiliary

2011

**Margaret
Greenwood**
Heart to Heart
Auxiliary/CIKA

2012

Robyn Anderson
CasKids Auxiliary

2013

Phyllis Brown
Heart to Heart
Auxiliary

2014

**Andrew
Duyvestyn**
CIKA

**Christine
Duyvestyn**
CIKA

2015

Gwen Bromley
Geelong Auxiliary

2016

Denise Mudie
CasKids Auxiliary

2017

Bev Noonan
Parkville Auxiliary

With fond memories, we acknowledge the following Auxiliary members who were recognised as Madge Tate Award recipients, and have now passed away.

1994

Maude Ham
Broadmeadows
Auxiliary

1995

Bette Chambers
Parkville Auxiliary

1997

Dorothy Knight
Pankina Auxiliary

Joan Mackechnie
Pankina Auxiliary

1998

Phyll Unsworth
Frankston Auxiliary

2000

Dol Blunt
Caroline Auxiliary

2001

Loris King
Ivanhoe Auxiliary

2004

Joyce Keast
Pankina Auxiliary

2010

Rhonda Robins
Heart Throb Auxiliary

2016

Margo Ferguson
Pelican Auxiliary



BEV NOONAN

Recognising dedication, leadership and extraordinary service, the 2017 recipient of the Madge Tate Service Award was Parkville Auxiliary member Bev Noonan.

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

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

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

Long Service Awards

65 YEARS

Doris Read
Templestowe Auxiliary

55 YEARS

June Atkinson
Caroline Auxiliary

50 YEARS

Doris Fraser
American Women's Association

40 YEARS

Edna Wallis
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Joan Noonan
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Lyn Elshaw
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Mary Ann Payne
American Women's Association

Maxine Baker
Caroline Auxiliary

Norma Wangman
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

35 YEARS

Dot Miller
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Elizabeth (Betty) Kropack
American Women's Association

Glenda Fraser
Templestowe Auxiliary

Julie Windsor
Templestowe Auxiliary

Johanna Kane
St Kilda Auxiliary

Mary Ellen Deveson
American Women's Association

Peter Elshaw
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Stewart Anderson
CasKids Auxiliary

30 YEARS

Anne Casey
American Women's Association

Dani Tabone
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Teresa Warren
St Kilda Auxiliary

25 YEARS

Barbara Nixon
American Women's Association

Denise Daday
American Women's Association

Gaye Forster
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Lesley Bridger
Caroline Auxiliary

20 YEARS

Amelia M Dozzi
American Women's Association

Annette Ralph
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Bernadette Barnes
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Betty Moloney
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Brenda Aisbett
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Carolyn Riley
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Chris Jeffrey
Pankina Auxiliary

Doris Tatman
Do-Bees Auxiliary

Ellen Webb
CIKA

Elise Gordon
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Fred Bergman
CIKA

Glennys Millington
Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Jeanette Bertino
American Women's Association

Jillian Drysdale
Caulfield Auxiliary

Joyce Harnick
American Women's Association

Laura Memery
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Leah Bergman
CIKA

Linda Lovell
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Margaret Fisher
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Margaret Lloyd
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Margaret Hamilton
Geelong Auxiliary

Michelle Oliner
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary



Nola Fairbairn
CasKids Auxiliary

Patricia Glazner
Cystic Fibrosis Research
Trust Auxiliary

Raelene Trotter
Templestowe Auxiliary

Trevor Thomas
Courage 4 Kids
Auxiliary

Trish Thomas
Courage 4 Kids
Auxiliary

Sandra Lehrer
CIKA

Stanley Boyle
Geelong Auxiliary

Steve Lehrer
CIKA

Wendy Hancock
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

15 YEARS

Ann Clark
South Western Auxiliary

Audrey Morrow
Geelong Auxiliary

Barbara Duff
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Cheryl Barrow
American Women's
Association

Janice Regester
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Jenna Cowlshaw
Caroline Auxiliary

Jennifer Wade
Geelong Auxiliary

Joy Watson
South Western Auxiliary

Kaitlin Howley
Caroline Auxiliary

Kathryn Ferguson
American Women's
Association

Miyuki Yoshida
American Women's
Association

Monique Riley
Broadmeadows
Auxiliary

Paul Hannan
Viva RCH Auxiliary

Thais McCallum
Geelong Auxiliary

10 YEARS

Andrea Wandishin
American Women's
Association

Anne Jackson
Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Barb Sadowy
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Beverley Joan Gamble
LARCH

Cynthia Gubby
American Women's
Association

Dorothy Cosgriff
Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary

George Sheen
South Western Auxiliary

Graham Sheen
South Western Auxiliary

Jan Fisher
American Women's
Association

Janet Wapling
Geelong Auxiliary

Janine Sheen
South Western Auxiliary

Joy Evelyn-Liardet
Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Judith Aussems
Neonate Mates
Auxiliary

Leslie Coote
American Women's
Association

Linda Smith
Geelong Auxiliary

Lyn Flack
Neonate Mates
Auxiliary

Mabel Cornwill
Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary

Marianne Hogan
Caroline Auxiliary

Marj Gissing
Pankina Auxiliary

Michele Porter
Neonate Mates
Auxiliary

Mischelle Hodge
American Women's
Association

Molly Kearon
Pankina Auxiliary

Nicole Nugent
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Rod Jones
Smiley Auxiliary

Rosemary Oppedisano
Children's Brain Tumour
Association Auxiliary

Sandra Aussems
Neonate Mates
Auxiliary

Sandra Jones
Smiley Auxiliary

Suzanne Woodward
Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

5 YEARS

Adrian Langdon

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Anne Stone

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Becky Beckingham

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Beth Richmond

Werribee Ladies for Kids
Auxiliary

Charles Bonnici

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Carolyn A'hern

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Cathy Hockley

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Franca Zannoni

StroKidz Auxiliary

Gaie Jones

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Geoff Watson

South Western Auxiliary

Heather Brett

Werribee Ladies for Kids
Auxiliary

Heather Shepherd

Wrapped in Love
Auxiliary

Irena Karoblyie Bauer

American Women's
Association

James Hickman

South Western Auxiliary

Janet Hooker

Hawthorn Auxiliary

Janine Langdon

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Jayne Todd

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Jean Burgess

Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary

Jennifer Porter

Templestowe Auxiliary

John Markovic

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Judith Gaylor

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Judy Corfield

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Julie Vlassis Cooke

American Women's
Association

Julianne Jamieson

Caroline Auxiliary

Kathy Nowak

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Lisa Dunn

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Lorraine Wagner

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Lynette Boyd

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Lynette Boyd

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Maria Satori

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Marie Brennan

Geelong Auxiliary

Margaret Edmonds

Trailblazers Auxiliary

Margaret Te Wierik

Geelong Auxiliary

Marjorie Lally

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Maxine Lane

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Noeline Chalmers

Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary

Nutan Gallina

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Parthena Semertzidis

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Pamela Sloss

American Women's
Association

Paula Brophy

Parkville Auxiliary

Rhiannon Broomfield

Hawthorn Auxiliary

Robin Morris

Geelong Auxiliary

Robyn Coleman

Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

Ruth Edelsten

CIKA

Susan Riley

Cancer Crusaders
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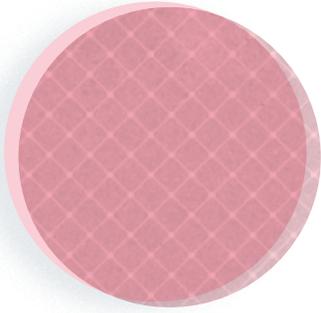
Suzanne Hughes

Cancer Crusaders
Auxiliary

Wendy Smith

Geelong Auxiliary





Vale

This year we sadly lost some of our dearest friends and, though they are no longer with us, we treasure their memory, their legacy and their contribution to the RCH.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Barbara Bourke
South Western Auxiliary

Dawn Anderson
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Dorothy Sizeland
Waverley Auxiliary

Edith Sporle
Caulfield Auxiliary

John Tasker
CIKA

Joy Clarke
CasKids Auxiliary

Lesley McKibbin
CIKA

Linda Lovell
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

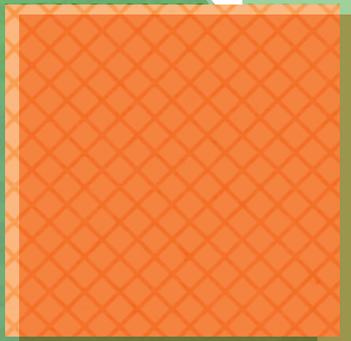
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Living Treasures

We are extremely proud to honour our 'Living Treasures'. These are Auxiliary members who have devoted themselves to our common goal and made an exceptional contribution. The 'Living Treasures' are the embodiment of the highly respected and valued institution that is the RCH Auxiliaries and their presence ensures that our future is bright.

We are proud to announce the following Auxiliary members, **highlighted in green**, who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2017.

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Aggie Coyle

Southern Rainbows
Auxiliary

Alison Orum

Heart Throb Auxiliary

Alma Verity

Werribee Ladies for Kids
Auxiliary

Andrew Duyvestyn

CIKA

Ann Rathbone

LARCH

Anne Peter-Budge

Templestowe Auxiliary

Anne McGeary

Trailblazers Auxiliary

Annette Antolino

CPR Auxiliary

Audrey Stewart

Waverley Auxiliary

B

Barbara Dickinson

American Women's
Association

Barbara Love

LARCH

Bernadette Dawson

CIKA

Beryl Reeves

Do-Bees Auxiliary

Beryl Logie

Pankina Auxiliary

Beryl Hale

Waverley Auxiliary

Beth Trebilcock

Waverley Auxiliary

Betsy Van Eyk

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Auxiliary

Betty Lane

American Women's
Association

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Betty West

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LARCH

Bev Noonan

Parkville Auxiliary

Beverley Baltissen

CasKids Auxiliary

Bill Gordon

Heart Throb Auxiliary

Bohdan Panasewycz

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Auxiliary

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Director RCH
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Club Auxiliary

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Association

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Christine Duyvestyn

CIKA

Christine McRae
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Christine Boulter
LARCH

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Auxiliary

Davina Johnson OAM
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Auxiliaries

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Debbie Kimberley
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Association

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CasKids Auxiliary

Diana Fletcher
Black Rock Auxiliary

Dianne Humphreys
Archers Auxiliary

Doreen Bellenger
ABC Auxiliary

Doris Fraser
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Association

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Doris Read
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Dorothy Boyle
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Dorothy Timmerman
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Elizabeth Wilson
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Ellen Bryant
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Faye Love
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Fred Bergman
CIKA

G

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Gail Simpson
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Gail Nunan
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Geoff Wilson
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

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Glenice Gardner
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Graeme Clark
OARA

Graham Blight
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Geelong Auxiliary

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Auxiliary

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Pelican Auxiliary

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for Kids Auxiliary

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Helen Schreppel
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Joan Carroll
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Auxiliary

Joan Courtney
Smiley Auxiliary

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Auxiliary

Joan Lord
Black Rock Auxiliary

Joan Layet
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Club Auxiliary

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Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary

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Keith Thomas
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Auxiliary

Kirrie Perree
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L

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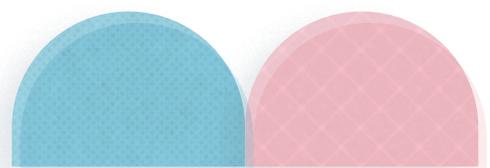
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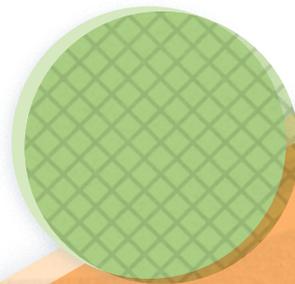
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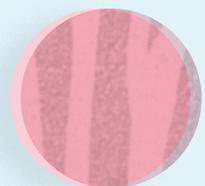
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