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*The year in numbers*

344,867

AMBULATORY APPOINTMENTS

89,460

CHILDREN RECEIVED URGENT CARE IN THE  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

2000

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES FUNDED THROUGH  
PHILANTHROPY

16,761

SURGERIES WERE PERFORMED  
AT THE HOSPITAL

600m

DOLLARS RAISED IN 2018/19

52,239

INPATIENT ADMISSIONS

# THANK YOU

**Thank you so much for your incredible support of The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) throughout this past year. We are eternally grateful for and humbled by your generosity and commitment to the hospital and its patients.**

It is this support that enables the RCH to provide the world leading care that its founders, Doctors Smith and Singleton could only have dreamed of. In 1870 these doctors had a vision "to help sick and indigent children." A Ladies Committee worked tirelessly to raise the funds needed to bring this vision to life and to establish the Melbourne Free Hospital for Children. Its aim - to give the best care to sick and injured children free of all charge.

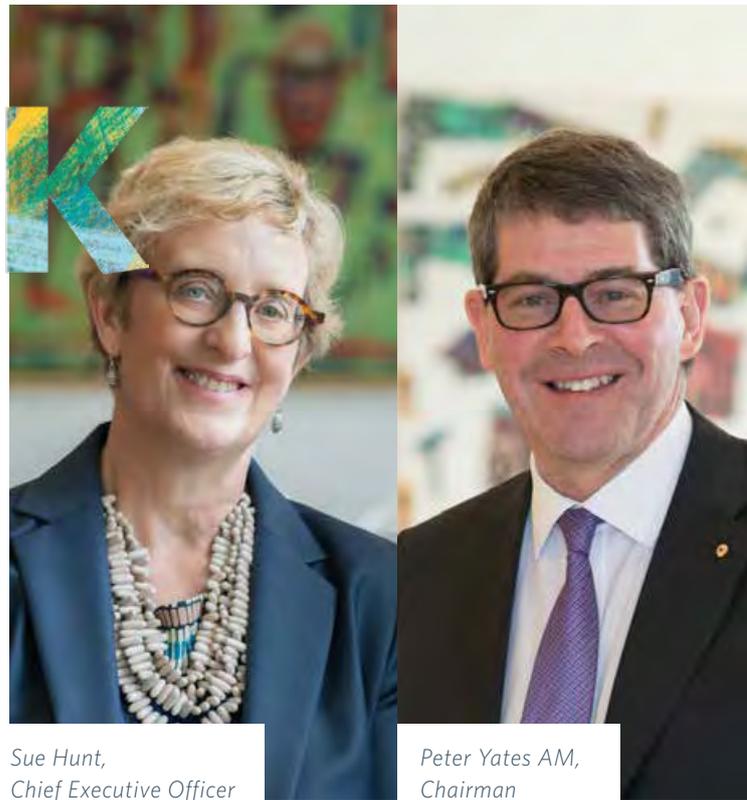
We continue to have that vision of providing children with the very best healthcare and philanthropy is essential to making this possible. This spirit of generosity lives on today through the incredible support the hospital receives from across the community. A long and abiding symbol of this is our beloved RCH Auxiliaries and the continued extraordinary success of the Good Friday Appeal, this year raising \$18.17 million.

Philanthropy ensures the RCH and its campus partners, the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and the University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics can provide our children with the very best healthcare. Specifically, this means:

- discovering new treatments and cures for childhood illnesses and diseases
- pioneering new initiatives in patient care
- ensuring our children benefit from the newest equipment and technological advancements
- attracting the world's brightest medical minds and providing ongoing education and training.

We are delighted to report that in 2018/19 more than \$60.3 million was raised in support of the hospital. These donations change lives and enabled the RCH Foundation to distribute more than \$38.2 million to the hospital and our campus partners, providing funding to more than 200 programs.

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



*Sue Hunt,  
Chief Executive Officer*

*Peter Yates AM,  
Chairman*

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

As we move towards the 150th anniversary of our great hospital in 2020, your support becomes more important than ever. In a century and a half, paediatric healthcare has advanced more than our forebears could have ever imagined. But we are not finished yet. There is still more work to do to change the future of children's health and to ensure we can:

- care for every child who needs us - in the hospital, in the home and in the community
- innovate to take a giant leap forward to deliver next generation healthcare utilising data and technology
- develop breakthroughs and cures by focusing on genomics, stem cell medicine, population studies and global health
- invest in our talented and dedicated people and give them every opportunity to succeed.

We can do this by working together to ensure philanthropic support is with us now and always to help the hospital solve today's medical challenges and be better prepared for tomorrow's.

We sincerely thank you for generously supporting the RCH Foundation and are looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish together next.

**Peter Yates AM, Chairman**  
**Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer**

# A year of

# GREAT CARE

**It is thanks to the outstanding work of the RCH Foundation, the annual Good Friday Appeal, our Auxiliaries and generous giving from individuals and organisations, we are able to go above and beyond to achieve our vision of being a GREAT children's hospital, leading the way.**

Delivering great care everywhere remained our unwavering priority at The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) during 2018 - 19.

Improving hospital access, for patients and families, recruiting and supporting the best staff, and collaborating with other hospitals and partners in the community and enhancing our use of digital technology have all been pivotal in our strategy over the past year and we're incredibly grateful for your support in making this possible.

One of the ways we're doing this is through the establishment of the Paediatric Centre for Health Informatics. Health Informatics is broadly known as the digital integration of medicine, information technology and science to improve patient care. Creating this type of centre at the RCH promises to transform the spectrum of health-related data on campus into impactful changes in child health.

This new Centre brings together all our campus partners, clinical care by the RCH, research by MCRI and education by Melbourne University, all supported by the RCH Foundation through your generous giving. The Centre for Health Informatics will support the shared vision of the campus partners to become an internationally leading paediatric campus in the use of data to improve all aspects of patient care.

Another way that your support is helping shape the future of children's healthcare is through the establishment of a dedicated apheresis service. An

innovative therapeutic process, apheresis involves the filtering and removal of blood components to have potentially life-saving impacts.

This new service will position the RCH as an early adopter of innovative therapies, caring for some of the hospital's most vulnerable patients. Apheresis can be used to assist with the care of patients across the hospital, including those undergoing stem cell transplants, sickle cell disease and leukaemia. This service also assists with the management of organ rejection or dysfunction following transplantation.

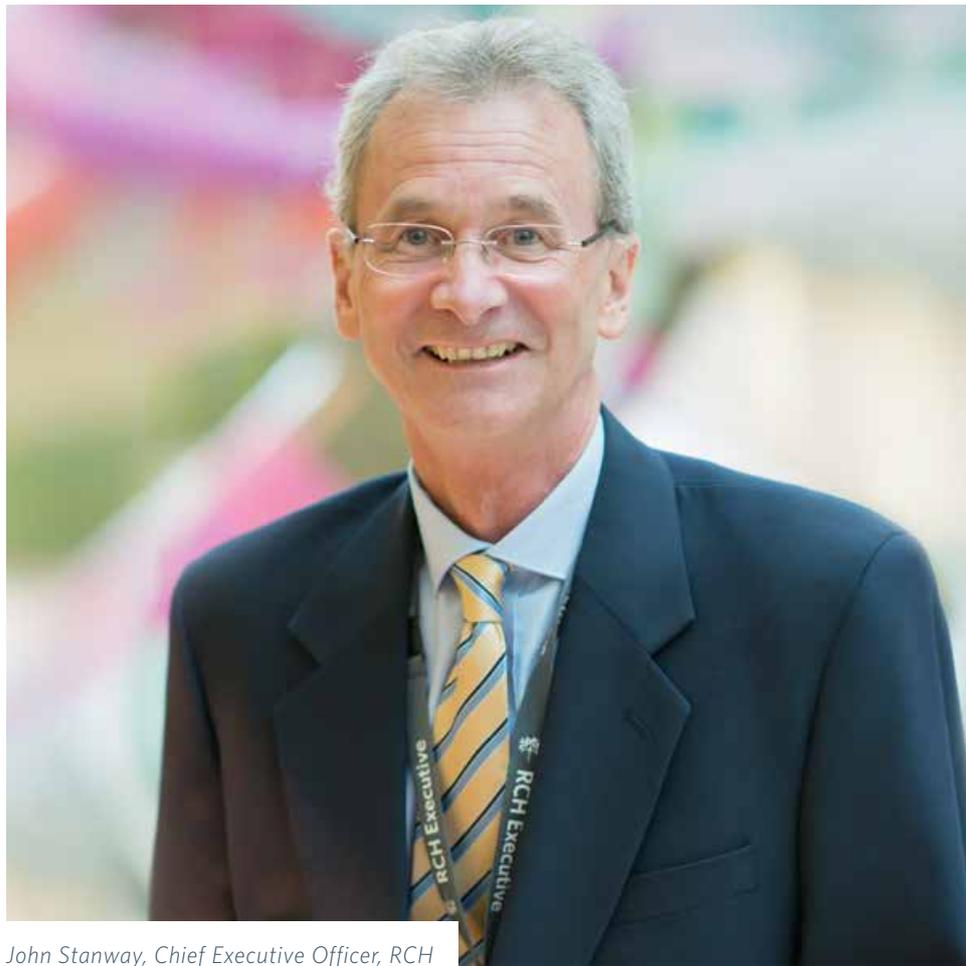
Apheresis provides critically-ill children access to innovative and cutting-edge treatments, offering those with previously incurable cancers an established therapy to battle the disease. With the help of supporters, the ability to access on-demand apheresis therapies will also mean that acutely-ill children, for example those at risk of stroke and multi-organ failure, can receive this life-saving treatment.

The support from the RCH Foundation is also enabling us to tackle some of the world's largest health concerns, including that of antibiotic overuse and misuse. Through philanthropic funding, a strategic program in children to optimise use and reduce harm caused by antibiotics will commence.

Our vision is for every child at the RCH to receive the best care possible through precision antibiotic therapy, delivering the right drug, at the right dose, at the right time, in the right place for every patient.

Of course, these are only a few examples of initiatives at the RCH that are made possible thanks to philanthropy. But what's special about these examples is that they demonstrate how children and families from your local areas can benefit from your donations.

*As we look forward to our 150th birthday celebrations in 2020, we're excited to not only reflect on the advancements in paediatric care we've made possible, but also to look forward, and to think what might be possible in the next 150 years. You will play a big role in that future, and we're incredibly grateful for your support.*



John Stanway, Chief Executive Officer, RCH

*To every single person who has made a donation, left a gift and got involved in one of the many fundraisers across the state, thank you all staff, patients and families at the RCH. You can genuinely take pride in the fact they've helped build one of the greatest children's hospitals in the world.*

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the life-changing programs outlined in this report and I look forward to sharing many more incredible stories with you over the coming year.

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

*A message from the*

# GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



## Thank you!

In 2019 all around Victoria, hundreds of thousands of people gave their expertise, hard earned money, time and talents to raise a remarkable \$18,175,467 for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, another record fundraising result. It was great to be able to celebrate what is an extraordinary community activity and a fantastic example of generosity and goodwill.

The community are the backbone of the Appeal and we would like to recognise the people who have in some way been involved, whether it be as a volunteer, donor, supporter or fundraiser.

## A community of fundraisers

With our community fundraisers this year we saw some real inventiveness – who could forget young Matilda who collected and sold bags of sheep poo for the Appeal, or Jets Gymnastics who raised \$12,338 by holding a Jumpathon Week where all gymnasts had to jump their way through their classes. Or the thousands of participants in the Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids who raised donations as part of their entry. This is just a small example of the thousands of people who registered to fundraise for us this year.

## A community of volunteers and collection groups

We could not function without the thousands of people who volunteer their time to support the Appeal. Whether they are collecting at intersections with the CFA, Uncle Bobs Club,

the Pied Pipers or one of our many other collection groups, answering phones during the Telethon, or assisting in the many roles on Good Friday, their enthusiasm and commitment is invaluable.

## Our corporate community

We are incredibly grateful for the contribution of many small and large businesses across Victoria. The support from our media partners, the Herald and Weekly Times and Channel 7, help to share the stories that resonate with our community and inspire involvement and generosity every year. They are well supported by 3AW, Nova Entertainment and the Ace Radio Network who have all added so much to our cause.

For the 26th year, a Charity House was auctioned off on Good Friday, raising \$761,000. Thanks to Henley, Villawood Properties and all the supporting trades and suppliers for their generous contribution to help sick kids at the RCH.

To Telstra, who have been with us for over 70 years. Telstra brings ingenuity, tech support and generosity to the Appeal



Photos from the 2019 Good Friday Appeal by RCH Melbourne, Creative Studio Photography and Jay Town, Herald Sun

every year and we are so lucky to have them as our great friend.

Woolworths, who celebrated 32 years of big-heartedness towards the Appeal this year. Their stores have been such important supporters at a local level. This year's spectacular result of \$1,496,622 is again the result of the hard work of all the Woolworths team, and the contribution from their customers.

We are able to provide great prizes in our popular online raffle due to the support of Mazda, Majestic Caravans, Qantas and Scenic.

For the third year, the AFL Kick for the Kids match was played on Good Friday at Marvel Stadium. Thanks to the support from North Melbourne and Essendon Football Clubs and the AFL for their fundraising efforts, and for the fans on the day for the generous donations.

And finally, we would like to thank Ollie and his family for allowing us to share their story this year and for their wonderful support of the Appeal.

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



# CHANGING LIVES

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## Research

# PERSONALISED DIAGNOSTICS BRAIN TUMOUR

**Advances in DNA sequencing and genetic testing are making waves around the world – from identifying the makeup and causes of medical conditions, to bringing back the woolly mammoth, and even finding long lost cousins, the potential seems limitless, and across the RCH, dedicated specialists working around the clock to identify and apply this research into treating some of our most vulnerable patients.**

In Australia, over 800 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and it is a devastating reality that 25 per cent lose their life to the condition. Dr Jordan Hansford and his team of neuro-oncologists and specialised researchers are working desperately to change that statistic, and through the power of these advanced tests and clinical trials, are helping patients across Australia.

*“We’ve seen some massive advancements in personalised diagnostics for brain tumours, and immense benefits of tailoring treatment plans to the individual, however for many patients at the RCH, they were unable to access these studies,” said Jordan.*

It’s through Jordan’s dedicated network of patient families, their community and support from Government bodies and pharmaceutical companies, that patients at the RCH have improved access to dedicated trials specifically designed to support patients with brain tumours. The Access to Innovative Molecular profiling for BRAIN cancers (AIM Brain) focuses on utilising the best known technology to make the most accurate

diagnosis, and the PREclSion Medicine for Children With Cancer (PRISM) trial supports high risk and relapsed patients to access the latest breakthroughs in personalised treatments.

“We treat around 60 brain tumour patients a year, some with conditions so rare they might be the only case in Australia. We knew that the best way to treat these patients was to enrol them in clinical trials. Thanks to this funding, we’ve been able to appoint dedicated clinical trial coordinators and together we’re working towards the goal of 100 per cent of eligible patients enrolled in a trial,” said Jordan.

The aim of both trials is to create a new standard of care at the RCH, and integrate these new learnings in diagnostic and treatment eventually into approved diagnostic tests via the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

“Traditionally a patient diagnosed with a brain tumour will undergo surgery, chemotherapy, radiation treatment with often lengthy hospital stays as part of their treatment. We hope to be able to utilise these trials to identify the best possible course of treatment for that specific tumour, to hopefully reduce the level of unnecessary treatment and get our patients better, faster,” said Jordan.

*“We’ve already seen some big leaps in how we can identify, understand, and treat brain tumours, and it’s really exciting to be able to give these children the best possible chance at survival. Thank you for helping make this possible!”*

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## Research

# MEET KRISTIAN

**Superman, Spiderman or Ironman, kids often become all types of heroes, but Mystery Man isn't usually one of them. For three-year-old Kristian, his moniker, given to him by Dr Jordan Hansford, preceded him at the RCH, as teams from around the hospital worked desperately to determine the cause of his rapidly deteriorating little body.**

At just 16 months of age, parents Steve and Maria rushed Kristian to their local hospital when he was suffering a series of tremors. From there his condition rapidly worsened.

"The tremors quickly turned into what looked like seizures, he was losing control of his eyes and the right side of his body. The doctors were throwing around a whole range of medical terms which were devastating to us, but looking back, no one had anticipated how bad it really was," said dad Steve.

The family were urgently sent across to the RCH where the neurology team immediately got to work. Yet despite a series of brain scans, tests and treatments to eliminate all possible neurological conditions, nothing was helping Kristian. It was at that moment Dr Jordan Hansford stepped in.

"I'll never forget the first time we met Jordan, we walked into the room and announced 'I finally get to meet the Mystery Man!'" said mum Maria, with a smile on her face. "He immediately made us feel comfortable, and throughout our whole journey, Jordan has been incredibly kind and compassionate. His knowledge and professionalism is second to none".

An accomplished neuro-oncologist, it didn't take long for Jordan to identify the tumour on Kristian's brain stem, yet the location of the tumour made it inoperable, and at 18 months of age, Kristian was too young to receive radiation treatment.

"It was the worst tumour, in the worst location, at the worst age" said Steve. "To properly treat the tumour, Jordan needed to know more about it, and only option was to take a biopsy, a potentially life threatening surgery which we knew could have a devastating outcome. We had to put all of our faith in Jordan and the teams at the RCH," said Steve.

Luckily for Kristian, the hospital is home to some of the most highly skilled neurosurgeons in the country, and before long Jordan had a viable sample of the tumour to analyse, without any further implications for Kristian. The biopsy revealed that Kristian had a high grade glioma, a rare form of malignant brain tumour with a very low survival rate.

*"Given Kristian's age, we were hopeful through advanced testing that we might find a targeted therapy that might help him. But these tests take time and in the interim we needed to start standard chemotherapy as he was worsening day by day."*

Yet nothing was working as it should, and Kristian was almost out of time. At the 11th hour, a saving grace came in the form of the PRISM trial. Standing for PReclSion Medicine for Children With Cancer, the trial uses DNA sequencing to analyse the makeup of tumours with the hopes of identifying unique markers and novel gene fusions for targeting.

45 days later, the results were in, and Jordan received a call from one of his colleagues about Kristian's test results. Kristian had a completely new alteration of the NTRK gene. Excitingly, an incredibly specific trial of an inhibitor of the NTRK gene was opening soon in Australia. This trial provided a glimmer of hope for the family. It provides families access to a new type of targeted medication which could have potentially life-saving implications for sick children around Australia. The family immediately packed their bags and enrolled on the study.

"By the time we left for Sydney, Kristian was incredibly ill, he had completely lost control of his eyes and the right side of his body and we knew this was our last chance," said mum Marie.

Shortly after Kristian's second birthday, the family were in Sydney, signing the paperwork and undergoing all the necessary tests.

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# KRISTIAN'S JOURNEY

**16-month-old Kristian is taken to the ED with a series of tremors.** Doctors immediately identify them as seizures, and urgently send the family to the RCH where the Neurology team quickly work to try to get them under control, but nothing is working, and Kristian is getting worse.

Tumour is identified as a high grade anaplastic cytoma, essentially the **worst tumour**, in the **worst location**, at the **worst age**, ruling out radiation therapy and surgery as means of treating it.

The PRISM clinical trial opens in Australia. Jordan enrolls Kristian in the trial, where he **sends a sample of Kristian's biopsy away for DNA sequencing.**

The family travel to Sydney to receive their first batch of medication. **The benefits are immediate.** Kristian starts to gradually improve, regaining control of his eyes, and the side effects are minimal.

It's been two years since Kristian got access to the medication, and he's full of smiles. The tumour hasn't grown in this time, and **Kristian is getting stronger each day.** He is learning to talk, play and is being cheeky with his brother and sister.

2015

Parents Marie and Steve **welcome baby Kristian into the world**, a new brother for two-year-old Tommi.

2017  
MARCH

The RCH Oncology team **discover a tumour on Kristian's brain stem**, and need to undertake a high-risk surgery to obtain a sample of the tumour to better understand how to treat it.

MAY

JUNE  
**BAD NEWS**

Kristian begins intensive chemotherapy and treatment in hospital, yet despite all attempts, nothing is slowing the tumour's growth. He begins to lose control of the right side of his body as well as his eyes. **They were running out of time.**

JULY

**GOOD NEWS**

After 45 days, the results come back, identifying that Kristian had an **incredibly rare and very specific gene fusion, and that it could potentially be targeted with a specific trial medication.** They got lucky: a medical trial was currently underway overseas targeting that specific gene and it was about to open in Sydney.

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

2018

The **RCH opens the trial in Melbourne** so the family can access the medication close to home. Baby Rose arrives and is set to play a big role in Kristian's rehabilitation.

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When the moment came to access the medication, Marie and Steve could barely believe it, a simple bottle of medication with directions that they could administer themselves.

“After previously spending months in and out of hospital for Kristian’s treatment, and readmissions for managing the awful side effects, we could barely believe how easy this new drug was, not to mention how beneficial it was for Kristian,” said Marie.

And the benefits were practically instant. Within weeks Kristian began to regain control of his eyes, his limbs, and MRI scans showed the tumour had stopped growing.

*“This drug and trial have had among the best responses we have ever seen in a phase 1/2 study. More than 80 per cent of all children are responding profoundly! Thankfully the company was very keen to open at several sites in Australia and we opened shortly after Sydney to allow Kristian and his family to return home and stay on the study,” said Jordan.*

It’s been almost two years since that first trip to Sydney, and looking back at photos of Kristian during that period, you can’t help but be blown away by the difference that access to the drug has had on his life. Throughout that time, the family have welcomed one year old Rose, and together are now focusing on Kristian’s rehab and navigating life with three cheeky children.

“When Kristian was first diagnosed, he hadn’t yet learnt to walk or talk, and he’s always struggled to put on weight and muscle. Yet every day as Kristian gets stronger and more alert, Tommy and Rose are his best motivation to learn new things. He’s vocabulary is gradually growing, and just the other day he had a hydrotherapy session where he took his first step!” beamed Marie.

Kristian and his family still have a long journey ahead of them, but for the time being, access to the new drug is keeping his tumour at bay. Together they’re looking forward with an open mind, prepared to take on whatever comes next

*“We’re so incredibly grateful to have had access to the trial, and to have Jordan by our side for this whole journey, honestly we couldn’t have asked for a better doctor. There’s still a long road ahead of us, however thanks to Jordan, we know that there is one!”*

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# MEET HERAH

**Herah Hansji is helping to advance the diagnosis of brain tumours as the Marcus Rosin Molecular-Neuro-Oncology Research Coordinator.**

Through her work, Herah is helping to enrol patients in the AIM Brain and MNP molecular studies, which are focused on characterising all brain tumours using advanced genomics and epigenomics. Since opening in 2018, more than 50 patients have enrolled in these studies.

“We know that with traditional pathology, even with the best teams, we still have a misdiagnosis error rate of around 20-30 per cent due to huge intervariability between clinicians. In the short time we’ve had access to new diagnostic techniques through the AIM Brain study, we’ve seen a change in diagnosis in around 15 per cent of cases, which makes a big difference in how we can care for the children,” said Jordan.

Thanks to support from the Children’s Cancer Foundation and the Marcus Rosin Memorial Fund, more patients can access the new trials and advanced diagnostics thanks to the appointment of a dedicated AIM Brain and MNP Clinical Trials Coordinator.

*“After working in academic research labs studying cancer from a molecular perspective, I wanted to transfer that theoretical knowledge into research that had a direct impact on patients. Working at The Royal Children’s Hospital has been a great experience. I’m currently working as a study coordinator on trials that focus on the development of personalised therapies for children with cancer in Australia. It’s really exciting to be a part of research that takes cutting edge research from the lab and seeing it translated into clinical practise,” said Herah.*



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# MEET REBECCA

**Rebecca Sgambellone is helping patients access life changing treatment as the Zoe Stanley Phase 1/2 Solid and Brain Tumour Clinical Trials Coordinator.**

Supported by Zoe's Fight and the Robert Connor Dawes Foundation, the Zoe Stanley Clinical Trials Coordinator is helping to enrol patients in phase 1 and 2 clinical trials to access novel drugs and treatments specifically designed to fight their tumours.

"The AIM and PRISM trial allows us to take the results from cutting-edge international studies. Through the support of Zoe's fight and the RCD foundation we can take these results and apply them to the treatment of children through the new trials we have been able to open since Rebecca joining our team. Being able to trial new drugs, in new combinations can go a long way in extending the quality of life for our patients," said Jordan.

*"Thanks to the RCH Foundation, I have been given the opportunity to be involved in the work done at the Children's Cancer Centre, a renowned*

*leader in the research and treatment of childhood cancer. My role as a Study Coordinator has enabled me to learn about early phase oncology clinical trials, diagnoses and treatments and work within a multidisciplinary team, passionate about providing excellent patient care and enhance quality of life and improve outcomes. What I like most about my role is seeing the direct impact of research being translated in the clinical setting, knowing that we are working toward better treatment options that will potentially reduce adverse consequences of treatment and improve quality of life,"* said Rebecca.

## Research

# OUR SUPPORT

**Nothing can prepare you for the devastation of losing of a child. In Australia, it's a harsh reality that cancer claims the lives of 25 per cent of all young people diagnosed annually. Robert "Connor" Dawes and Zoe Stanley are two very special individuals who fell victim to aggressive brain cancer and now their families and support networks are bonding together to help change the future for other children.**

Penny's passion to start Zoe's Fight to raise funds for the RCDF was inspired after the family took part in Connor's Run, RCDF's keystone event. The RCDF was first established in 2013 by Liz Dawes, Connor's mum, after the energetic, positive and athletic 17-year-old lost his battle with an aggressive brain tumour. Committed to continuing Connor's passion and legacy of Aeternum Fortis meaning Eternal Strength, in just five years the RCDF has made a significant impact in funding brain cancer research and support, helping improve the lives of kids just like Connor. This passionate group of people are a fundraising force to be reckoned with, with year round fundraising events held across Australia and America, all spearheaded by founder Liz Dawes.

"Taking part in Connor's Run while Zoe was fighting the cancer really helped give us purpose and drive during this awful time," said Penny. "We're incredibly grateful to Liz who has been a wonderful support for us, and has helped us create an impactful, long-lasting legacy for our beautiful little girl".

It was through Liz's guidance and close working relationship with Dr Jordan Hansford, one of Zoe's treating clinicians, that the idea of the Zoe Stanley Clinical Trials Coordinator position

was developed. Funded through the RCDF with support from Zoe's Fight's fundraising initiatives, the position will hopefully be an important piece of the puzzle in helping to find a cure for brain cancer.

"We feel privileged to help create a meaningful legacy in Zoe's name through the establishment of this important role in helping bring clinical trials to paediatric brain cancer patients at the RCH," said Liz. "Zoe's family and community have been passionate about raising money and awareness and this position is a wonderful result of their efforts. I know it will make a difference to other children facing this cruel disease."

Clinical trials are vital for the treatment and care of patients across the RCH, and are even more urgent for those diagnosed with brain cancer. The ability to take part in national and international clinical trials allows patients access to groundbreaking treatment initiatives and to contribute to the overall research that can have potentially life-saving effects for generations to come. The appointment of a dedicated Phase 1/2 Solid and Brain Tumour Clinical Trials Coordinator will help allow clinicians to open studies offering new and exciting therapies to the children of Victoria.

*"Clinical trials form the backbone of our clinical care for all children," said Jordan. "In children with relapsed or refractory disease, open clinical trials are critical to offering any hope to families. Collaboration between philanthropy, pharmaceutical*



*companies and hospitals is essential to being able to offer new and novel cutting edge therapy to these kids. The donation we have received from Zoe's Fight and RCDF will be crucial to allow us to open several new trials immediately and into the future. We cannot thank Penny, Liz and all at Zoe's Fight and the RCDF enough," said Jordan.*

## Research

# OUR SUPPORTERS

**“Don’t worry, Mum and Dad, everything is going to be OK. This is a piece of cake,” Marcus used to beam, reassuring his parents as their stress, nerves and anxiety for their young son increased as the stages of his cancer treatment continued on and on.**

Always bright and positive, Marcus was the family’s resident superhero, and despite the diagnosis of brain cancer at the age of four, his optimism and fight never wavered. Devastatingly, after five tough years of treatments, surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, the superhero finally expanded his cape, and flew from this world in 2014.

In memory of their little hero, parents Marisa and Fabian established The Marcus Rosin Fund to help support the areas of the hospital that cared for Marcus and essential research that might help make a difference for children like him.

“The clinical trials that Marcus were on at the RCH were supported by the Children’s Cancer Foundation, together with the art therapists and music therapists who provide much needed support for all the families going through this horrific cancer journey. So, it is for this reason we have joined forces with the Children’s Cancer Foundation and started a special named fund in honour of our angel,” said parents Marisa and Fabian.

Founded by parents of children with cancer, the Children’s Cancer Foundation is committed to funding clinical research, clinical care and, crucially, family support programs, with the simple goal to add light to young lives; to let children shine, now and in the future.

Since their establishment in 1992, the Children’s Cancer Foundation have distributed more than \$52 million in funding to support oncology patients and their families across Australia. They have provided funding for essential research positions at the RCH, as well as programs to improve patient experience and rehabilitation, including the support of Music and Art Therapists. Through their work, the Children’s Cancer Foundation also builds incredible relationships with the families they care for, including helping them to continue the legacy of the young lives lost.

“The Children’s Cancer Foundation has been happy to assist and partner with the Rosin family in honouring the life of their son Marcus. They were resolute in their desire to do something substantial in the area of children with brain cancer and they have achieved this,” said Jeff Darmanin, Director of the Children’s Cancer Foundation.

With the support and guidance of the Children’s Cancer Foundation, Marisa and Fabian rallied their community together to fundraise to support cancer care at the RCH. Through support from local businesses, family friends and the establishment of their annual “A Splash of Yellow for Marcus” ball, the family have raised nearly \$300,000.

“After the Rosin family’s significant fundraising efforts through a Special Named Fund set up in 2015 with the Children’s Cancer Foundation, we worked with Marisa and Fabian to channel these funds into a new role at the RCH to coordinate clinical trials for all solid and brain tumour patients undergoing treatment at the Children’s Cancer Centre. This role aims to increase clinical trial enrolment of children with brain and other cancers, while ensuring timely and accurate treatments together with improved access to kinder drugs and therapies,” said Jeff.

This significant funding milestone will go a long way in helping patients like Marcus access new and novel clinical trials that can help identify new tumours, and support patients with personalised treatment plans.

*“Funding for this position is critical to our ongoing work in personalised medicine and diagnostics. Through this position, we can ensure all eligible children have access to cutting edge diagnostics to understand their cancer and make the best treatment decisions we can for them,” said Dr. Hansford.*

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## Equipment and technology

# TRANSPORT LIFE SUPPORT

**Heart and lung function is essential to life, but what happens if one of these organs becomes compromised? And how do you access life-saving care when you're in an isolated part of the country? Luckily for young people across Australia, the RCH is home to a dedicated ECMO retrieval service, featuring a life support system essential to keeping the most acute patients alive.**

ECMO stands for extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and this vital piece of technology acts like a heart-lung support, pumping blood around the bodies of even the tiniest babies until their own heart and lungs are strong enough.

"ECMO plays a major role in how we care for some of the most acute patients in the intensive care unit (ICU). From children with heart failure who are needing a heart transplant, to severe cases of pneumonia and the flu, ECMO can provide essential support to the heart and lungs to help aid repair," said Martin Bennett, Paediatric Perfusionist at the RCH.

A dedicated system designed to support both the heart and lungs, either independently or together, ECMO is part of the cutting-edge care that the RCH provides for some of the sickest respiratory and cardiac patients from around Australia. And how to get patients safely here is an essential part of the service.

"Previously when a request for retrieval came, we would need to piece together a portable ECMO system from parts around ICU and theatres, potentially compromising emergency patient care, and with multiple screens, tubes and machinery, it added a lot of bulk to the transport," said Martin.

Thanks to support from the Finnan's Gift community, the RCH now has access to a purpose built portable ECMO device called Cardiohelp. Combining multiple monitoring technology into the one unit, the device is specially designed for travel, and features a lock-in system to safely attach to the aircraft. Most importantly, the device, and all of its necessary supportive equipment is pre-packaged and ready to go at a moment's notice.

*"The ECMO retrieval team are on call 24/7, and an integral part of the service is ensuring easy access to the equipment, so at 3am when the emergency call comes, you're not running around the hospital trying to piece together parts," said Paediatric Perfusionist Brad Schultz, who was on call the night the first time Cardiohelp was used.*

Although retrieval requests are somewhat rare, with only five to eight performed each year, the team must be ready to go at a moment's notice. Featuring specialised surgical staff including a perfusionist, cardiac surgeon, intensive care doctor and a scrub nurse, the ECMO retrieval team are specially trained to be able to connect the patient to life support at the bedside, and provide an expert level of care throughout the transport process, which can include multiple bed changes, ambulance transport and flights.

For the first retrieval with the Cardiohelp device, the call came from Adelaide. A young patient's lungs were failing, and she urgently needed to be placed on ECMO and to be transported to the RCH to for her best chance of survival.

"By the time the call came through to us with the decision to go onto ECMO, there had already been hours of planning and preparation between the RCH team and the patient's care team. Retrievals are incredibly complex; surgical and care situations need to be navigated at both the RCH and the treating hospital, as well as the exact specifics of the steps for transportation. Within a matter of hours, we were on a medical retrieval jet with a thorough understanding of the patient's condition so that when we landed, the surgical team were able to immediately get to work," explained Brad.

And for 14 month old Charlotte, they were just in time.





“Charlotte’s lungs were shutting down, and her care team in Adelaide had reached their limits in terms of the support they could provide her.

*The Cardiohelp device was the perfect equipment for her support, we were able to connect her with the confidence that we had all the right parts, and that the upcoming road and air transport would be carried out in the safest possible manner. The Cardiohelp was then also*

*able to support her through the first stages of care at the RCH,” said Brad.*

When Charlotte first arrived at the RCH, she was taken immediately to ICU where ECMO support is currently playing an integral part of her care plan acting as her lungs, while the specialised team is working towards making them strong enough to function on their own.

“Charlotte still has a long journey ahead of her, and we’re not sure what that looks like yet, but what we do know is that, thanks to the expert teams at the RCH and support of the Cardiohelp device, she’s receiving the best level of care. Thank you to everyone for making this device possible for the teams and patients at the RCH,” said Martin.

## Equipment and technology

# MEET CHARLOTTE

**Eyeing off new visitors with a sneaky gaze while dwarfed by medical equipment, 14-month-old Charlotte is a long way from home in Adelaide, yet parents Daniel and Simone are confident that they're in exactly the right place.**

"At first Charlotte just had a cold, but her breathing became strange and laboured, so we took her into our local hospital. Within a matter of hours, she had started turning blue, and was transferred into intensive care, where things very quickly got worse," said mum Simone.

Charlotte's body began shutting down, and the specialised team at their hospital in Adelaide quickly ran out of options to care for her. Luckily there was a lifeline to turn to in the form of the RCH retrieval team, who could place Charlotte on a portable extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) device which could act as her heart and lungs, stabilising her long enough to bring her to the RCH for ongoing care.

"From the start, the doctors in Adelaide had been very open about the different steps of care available, with Melbourne being the final option. As we worked through high flow, then to intubation, and finally oscillation, both Simone and I knew that we'd run out of options. By that stage, her oxygen levels were dropping every 15-30 minutes, and it was a constant battle for the team. We knew Melbourne was where we needed to go," said dad Daniel.

Once the decision was made, teams in both States quickly got to work. Phone calls were made, Charlotte's condition was relayed, a plane was booked, and as the RCH intensive care unit prepared for her arrival, the specialised ECMO retrieval team prepared to board a flight to Adelaide.

Featuring a specially trained team of surgical staff including a perfusionist, cardiac surgeon, intensive care nurse and a scrub nurse, the ECMO retrieval team are on call 24/7 to retrieve critically ill patients from neighbouring hospitals to place them on essential heart-lung support. And through the support of a newly acquired, philanthropically funded portable ECMO device called Cardiohelp, the retrieval team were more than qualified for the journey.

"It was a situation that the whole team had been preparing for for months. Retrievals are an incredibly stressful process, not only medically, but also from both a practical perspective - ensuring that we have all the correct equipment and that we're prepared to navigate through all the different transport variations, including multiple beds, ambulances and different kinds of aircraft. The new Cardiohelp device is compact, designed for travel, and meant that all of the equipment was ready to go. It's also specially designed to fit securely into air ambulances and medical retrieval jets which makes the whole journey much more safe," said RCH Paediatric Perfusionist Brad Schultz, who was part of the team for Charlotte's retrieval.

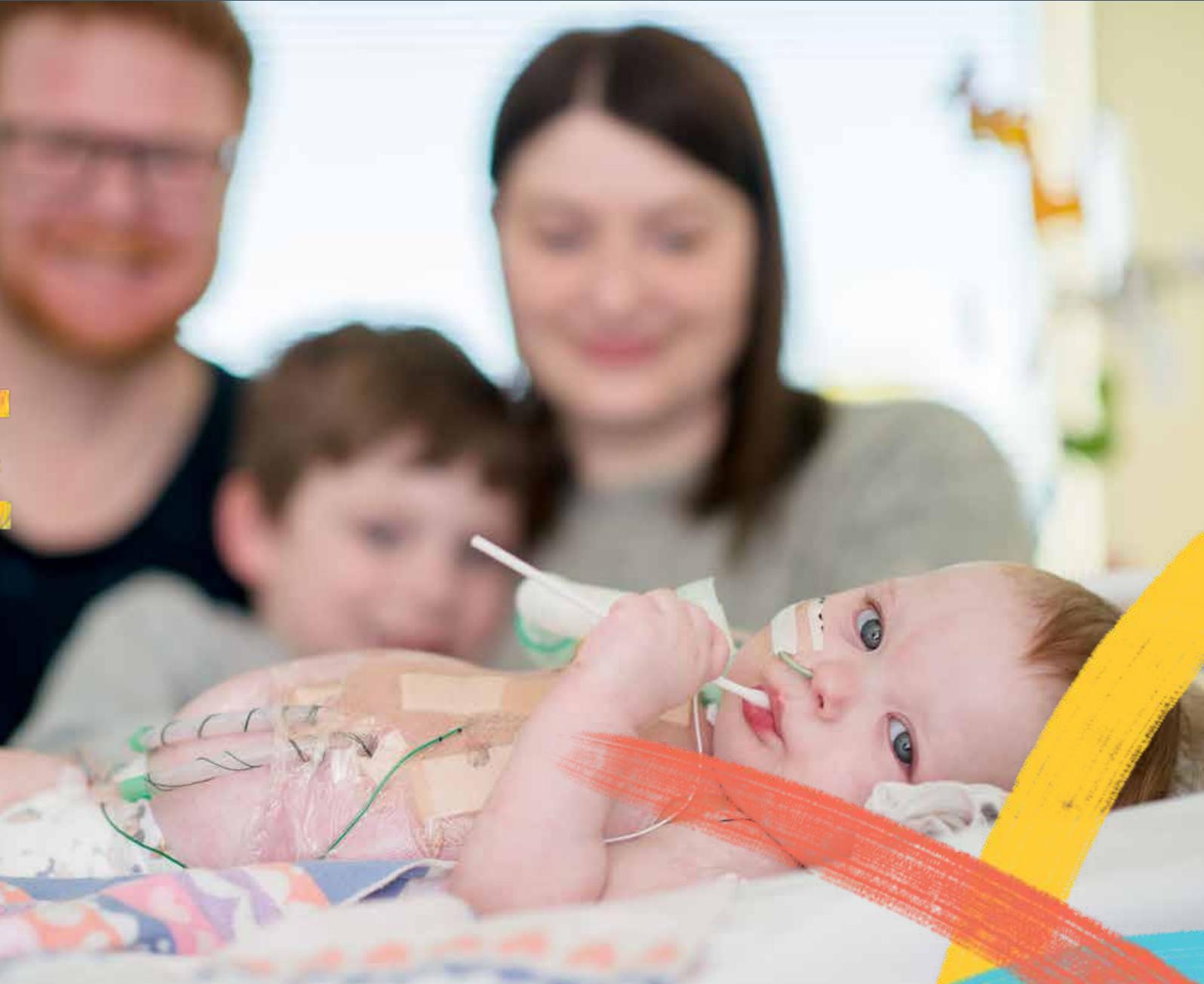
And by the end of that day, the RCH team had arrived to bring Charlotte to Melbourne.

*"It was incredible watching the Melbourne team arrive, it was like that scene from Monsters Inc. The rock stars had arrived to save our little girl, and we knew in that instant we were in safe hands," described Daniel.*

As the ECMO team got to work, Simone and Daniel went home to break the news to Charlotte's seven year old brother Sam and start putting plans in place for an indefinite stay in Melbourne. Yet even then, they were aware of the significance of the new technology.

"When we met Brad he explained the care that Charlotte would receive, and that they were able to use a new device to help her. We were just grateful that they were here, yet we knew it was impressive when all the nurses were coming to have a look at it!" said Daniel.

Arriving in Melbourne, Charlotte was taken straight into the Intensive Care Unit at the RCH, where she stayed on the Cardiohelp device for the first week of her care. With a diagnosis of a superbug pneumococcus, an incredibly severe form of pneumonia, Charlotte's lungs were unable to support



her, and the RCH team had to turn to a new form of life support connection to support her lungs.

“Charlotte was only the third child at the RCH to be connected to ECMO via a berlin-heart style connection, which meant that we were able to connect the device straight into her heart, allowing us to support her lungs for a long period of time, if necessary. What makes our hospital unique is that all ECMO cannulations are completed by a cardiac surgeon, which has allowed for some great advances in care and collaboration between PICU, Cardiac Surgery and Respiratory Medicine, and meant that Charlotte could receive the best level of support,” explained Amy Johansen, Clinical Nurse Consultant and part of the ECMO Team.

In the four weeks following Charlotte’s arrival, she went through a series of surgeries, treatments, setbacks and small wins, and in that time it was a steep learning curve for the whole family. After weeks in intensive care, and living with other families across the road at Ronald McDonald House, they developed an incredible resilience, positivity, and acceptance of their situation, and were supported by some wonderful friends along the way.

For the tight-knit family of four, this was the longest time they’d been away from home, and the memories of happy little Charlotte following her brother Sam around the house, and trying to kiss their miniature schnauzer Monty all seemed like a long time ago, yet every day they were inspired by their little girl.

*“It’s funny to be inspired by our little girl, but we really are. We know that we’re in for the long haul here, yet everything that isn’t a step backwards is a win for us. She’s a tough little fighter and we’re starting to get a couple of glimpses of her personality coming through, our little girl is slowing coming back,” said Daniel.*

“We just want to say a big thank you to everyone. To the amazing teams at the RCH, and to the wonderful donors who helped fund the Cardiohelp device. It means the world to us. Thanks,” said Simone and Daniel together.

## *Equipment and technology*

# OUR SUPPORT

**In memory of their son Finnan Maximus Camplin-Warner, Alisa and Oliver Camplin-Warner, together with their incredible community of supporters have raised more than \$2 million to support critically ill cardiac patients at the RCH.**

The Camplin-Warners founded Finnan's Gift in 2011 in honour of their son, Finnan, who passed away from congenital heart disease at just 10 days old.

Oliver said the couple established Finnan's Gift as a way of channelling their grief into something positive, by supporting the great work of the doctors and nurses at the RCH, and to save other families from the same grief.

"When we think about what's been achieved in Finnan's honour over the last eight years, we feel overwhelmingly proud and grateful. To be able to raise more than \$2 million for cardiac care in Finnan's name is incredibly humbling," said Oliver.

Each year, Alisa and Oliver chose a specific piece of cardiac equipment to fundraise for, and over the past eight years have helped fund significant pieces of life-saving equipment including oxygenation monitors, specialised cameras for operating theatres and infant warmers to help keep the sickest babies close. It's through Alisa and Oliver's incredible commitment to cardiac care at the RCH, and their desire to provide world class cutting edge equipment, that the RCH now has access to a Cardiohelp device.

*"There are so many other families across Australia who need help, so we're incredibly proud to be able to raise \$150,000 this year to purchase the first ever Cardiohelp device for the RCH. This*

*is a purpose built, mobile heart lung ECMO machine that will be used to transport critically ill cardiac patients safely from other hospitals throughout Australia back to the RCH so they can receive expert care," said Alisa.*

Fundraising for Finnan's Gift is a year round process, including fun runs, community events and fancy dress balls, as well as generous donations from both individuals and corporates.

"Our community is at the heart of everything we do. A huge thanks goes to our family and friends, wonderful long term supporters, and particularly to the other RCH families who've had experiences like ours or those families who simply want to say thanks. We know that together we're helping to save and improve the lives of children around Australia, and nothing feels better than making a real difference!" said Alisa.



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## *Leadership, education and training*

# MAPPING THE BRAIN

### **It's not an overstatement to say that Dr Joseph Yang and his teams' work has revolutionised epilepsy and brain tumour surgery at the RCH.**

For the past eight years he has been working on developing cutting edge magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques to map the brain nerve fibre tracts, a method known as "tractography", to help assist surgeons during lifesaving brain surgery.

Planning for and performing brain surgery makes extensive use of MRI techniques to map the region for removal and to locate nearby arteries, veins and important brain nerve fibre tracts. The nerve fibres transmit information that is important for carrying out daily functioning – such as movement, language, vision and memory. Damage to the nerve fibres during surgery can be irreparable, so having the most precise and accurate picture is paramount.

What Joseph and his team do, in very simplified terms is, after a child's brain is scanned in an MRI machine, they use sophisticated imaging modelling techniques to create what appears are colourful rainbows of images that map the different nerve fibre tracts, through the child's brain.

By developing these highly advanced tractography images, it has enabled surgeons to meticulously plan and perform brain operations with a greater level of accuracy than ever possible.

It has allowed tumours to be removed from children's brains that previously would have been too risky to operate on, and without the child losing any important functions such as language, movement, memory or vision.

Joseph conservatively estimates that over 100 children have been operated on at the RCH with the assistance of this technology.

Three years ago, Joseph was awarded the Di and Neville Bertalli Clinical Research Fellowship in Paediatric Neurosurgery, which he said was invaluable in allowing him to

further his research and advance the technology even further.

"The fellowship enabled me to have protected research time and to update my knowledge through continued education and to further refine and develop the surgical processing pipeline and tackle the challenges of clinical translation," Joseph said.

"The fellowship offers a unique opportunity to maximise my clinical and research skillsets - to bridge the gap between advanced imaging research and clinical practice- to enable my research work to directly impact on surgical outcomes for children suffering from epilepsy and brain tumours."

Joseph says there have been two major developments in the past few years which have had an impact on his work.

"One major development is from a technical point of view, the modelling imaging techniques across the entire field have become more accurate, so more sophisticated imaging and processing techniques are at our disposal for implementation in clinical practice and address practical challenges and limitations that were not possible by methods and techniques previously available to us," Joseph said.

"The other main area is that we have accumulated a lot more experience with this imaging technique; we have applied this technique assisting with clinical care of a lot more children."

What Joseph is primarily focused on now is incorporating his research findings into clinical care through the development of an imaging processing pipeline which will enable nerve fibre tract images to be routinely imported into surgical navigational software.

*"The surgical navigation platform is routinely used during brain surgery; you take an MRI picture of the child's brain the day before surgery. During surgery, these MRI images are co-registered and*



*overlaid on a live view of the patient's brain, to help guiding the surgeons during removal of the brain tumour. How we make a difference here is we import and display the tractography images directly in this platform," Joseph said.*

*"Currently the commercially available navigation software system doesn't allow you to do this using advanced tractography images created from sophisticated imaging methodologies. By generating these pictures and integrating the tractography images into this platform, you can not only see the minute details of the brain you can also cut out the tumour and see where the nerve fibre tracts are."*

Joseph is also developing training modules that will enable this technology to be accessible to all neurosurgeons and their patients. And he's not stopping there - Joseph has big plans for the future.

"Something I am actively working on is the idea of 'real time' tractography. The brain can 'shift' during surgery due to loss of brain fluid, the brain being swollen or during the course of

removing the tumour - and this can affect how accurate these tractography images are at that particular time point during the operation. I'm exploring a feasible solution to recreate and update the tractography images during surgery with live MRI data acquired using the intra-operative MRI machine, during the surgery. This means we will have to improve the efficiency of data processing from hours down to 15 to 20 minutes and update these images during surgery as you go" Joseph said.

"All my work and my vision of bringing advanced tractography to routine neurosurgical practice could not be possible without the generosity of the fellowship funding. The fellowship has definitely created the opportunity for my work to directly impact on our clinical epilepsy and tumour surgical workflows, help improve surgical outcomes and quality of life in these children."

## *Leadership, education and training*

# MEET GRACE

**All eyes were on Grace as she lined up to take the free throw on the basketball court. Pressures were high, team members were holding their breath, and she knew the shot mattered. Just as she went to take the shot, the ball dropped, and Grace went blank. Oh not again.**

This was the first time Grace had such a strong feeling of what she explains as *deja-vu*, a strange sensation she'd been experiencing on and off for years. This time was different though, much stronger and more disruptive, and it wasn't long before it happened again. Grace was soon in the consulting suite of a neurology specialist.

"We learnt that Grace was having a type of epileptic seizure caused by vascular malformation on her brain. The difference was they weren't a "movie style" type of seizure that is noticeable, but an invisible kind, where, if you didn't know what to look for, you'd have no idea it was happening," explained mum Mary.

And for this sporty and hard working 14-year-old, the condition was life altering. From her initial black out on the basketball court in November 2016, the seizures became much more frequent, lasting longer and effecting her everyday life.

"It was quite scary because it was an invisible illness, so if I was in public, it didn't look like I was in danger, so no one was going to call for help. I could have up to nine seizures a week, which could last anywhere from three seconds to an hour, so I wasn't allowed to be on my own, to catch public transport, to go swimming. It was impossible to be independent, I didn't want to live like that," said Grace.

Due to the location of Grace's vascular malformation, surgery was the last option. Over 18 months, Grace worked with the neurology team to trial different medications, yet none of them were slowing down the seizures, and the side effects - ranging from extreme tiredness, impacts on her emotions and rashes - made life very difficult for Grace. That's when the RCH neurology team, and Dr Joseph Yang's specialised skillset came into play.

"Planning for Grace's surgery requires precise information about where the vascular malformation locates, in relation to the nearby brain nerve fibre tracts. Injuring these important nerve fibre tracts during surgery could cause irreparable damage to Grace's language function, and affecting her vision. So, the goal of her surgery is not only to completely remove the vascular malformation, but to remove it "safely" by preserving the integrity of these nerve fibre tracts" said Dr Yang.

"Standard MRI images do not allow us to "see these nerve fibre tracts". To do this, we processed Grace's brain MRI taken before the surgery, using sophisticated imaging modelling techniques to create images mimicking the actual language and vision-related nerve fibre tracts (an imaging technique known as "nerve fibre tractography"). This way, Wirginia and I were able to "see and plan for a safe passage from the brain surface to reach the vascular malformation without interrupting any of these important nerve fibre tracts" said Dr Yang.

"The stakes are high with these types of brain surgeries, where millimetric accuracies are required" said Dr Yang. "The ability to see these nerve fibre tracts on the MRI images really transformed the way we plan for and perform these type of brain surgeries, allowing us to remove the offending brain lesions with much greater precision".

"Wirginia was able to successfully remove the entire vascular malformation, stopped her seizures, and in doing so, without causing any new permanent damage to Grace's language and vision following surgery" said Dr Yang. "Overall, this is an excellent outcome for such a difficult surgery. It really highlights the benefit of adopting advanced brain imaging research into clinical practice".

And within a matter of days, Grace was up and moving, and checking that she could still do the splits. The benefits were immediately evident.



*“They kicked me out of the hospital pretty quickly, I think the physios got bored of working with me,” Grace cheerily explained. “I was back at school after two and a half weeks, and as I was less tired, and able to concentrate more, I immediately started doing better at school. I’m excited to start VCE knowing that I can do it!” she beamed.*

Thanks to the incredible combination of research from Joseph, specialised skillset of neurosurgeon Wirginia Maixner, and the teams at the RCH, Grace is now able to focus on getting her life back, playing as much sport as possible, studying for exams, and hopefully, one day, getting her boat license for adventuring along the Murray River. Despite the years of seizures, and high risk brain surgery, this

now confident and bubbly 16 year old doesn’t regret a single thing about her journey.

“I wouldn’t be the person I am today without the seizures. I used to be quiet and shy, but going through it all I never let it get to me, and now I’m much more talkative, and motivated!”

*“We can’t thank Joseph and Wirginia and the teams at the RCH enough. We understand the enormous impact of Joseph’s imaging research to assist beneficial outcomes for Grace, and patients like her, and we’re so grateful that Grace was able to receive care here,” said Mary.*

## *Leadership, education and training*

# OUR SUPPORT

**The immense generosity of Di and Neville Bertalli has supported the development of young minds around Australia for over 30 years. From improving access to the arts, education and learning outcomes, to caring for the hospital's most acute neurology patients, Di and Neville's commitment to helping others is deeply ingrained into their personal values.**

"For us, it's as simple as if you can do it, you should do it, and we really enjoy it," said Di. "The ability to make a difference for individuals at this young stage can have great impact on their lives going forward, and that's something we're proud to be able to support."

For Di and Neville, there's no hesitancy when it comes to supporting the RCH. Beginning in 1989 with the support of John Vorrath, an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, and peer of Neville's from University, the relationship expanded when Neville and Di met David Wallace, former director of the Department of Neurosurgery.

*"We were expressly interested in furthering research into neurosurgery, and the ability to share this new knowledge on a national and international level, and it was in discussions with both David, and later Wirginia, that we decided to establish a permanent fund for a clinical neurosurgery fellow," said Neville.*

Throughout the years since the fellowship has been established, the funds have led to invaluable research and learnings into advancements of neurosurgery, and the incorporation of new technology into this field. In 2016, Joseph Yang was appointed as the Di and Neville Bertalli Clinical Neurosurgery Fellow, and is using his research time to map, analyse and review surgical data gathered through MRI scans to improve outcomes for surgery candidates.

"The research that Joseph is undertaking is incredibly valuable, and through meeting with him, we've learnt the impact of his work in discovering safe pathways for surgery through accessing data from MRI brain scans and taking it further," said Neville.

Supporting the development of young minds isn't limited to neurosurgery, as Di and Neville are also committed to improving literacy and numeracy rates in lower socio-economic areas around the state.

"It was concerning to learn that in some areas of the state, children were starting high school with a very low level of literacy, reading and writing. We're proud to be collaborating with a range of local primary schools we're helping to fund dedicated Teacher's Aids to increase the support available for students and improve their levels of reading and writing," explained Neville.

Di and Neville's support is helping impact young lives both now, and for generations to come, and it's their ability to inspire others to become donors too that keeps them motivated.

"We try to put a lot of care into what we support, to ensure it makes a difference. We want to be able to start at the beginning to give children the best opportunity at life, and we really hope that we are able to encourage other people to do the same," said Di.

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## *Patient and family centred care*

# THE COMPLEXITY OF CARE

**When everything is running smoothly, the body is an amazingly efficient machine. It is something that is often taken for granted. Unfortunately, for many children, everyday biological functions like digesting a meal or going to the bathroom are extremely difficult and distressing.**

In Victoria, over 50 children are born each year with complex colorectal conditions that require highly specialised, and often lifesaving, surgical treatment. As a part of the body that is not openly talked about, patients and their families can also face poor psychological outcomes associated with their conditions, including feelings of embarrassment, isolation and hopelessness.

Paediatric Colorectal Surgeon Associate Professor Sebastian King is responsible for the care of many of these children at the RCH, and knows all too well the challenges they face.

*“For the majority of the kids that we look after, we are managing them from birth through their adolescence, and then transitioning them to adult care, because a large number of them are still having significant problems. It’s life-long,” said Sebastian.*

Thanks to philanthropic support, Sebastian and his team have established the Complex Colorectal Service (CCS) to ensure consistent and exceptional care for this unique group of patients and their families. The CCS coordinates a small group

of surgeons and specialists across departments to streamline hospital experiences. Leading the expansion of the service, Sebastian has selected two Clinical Nurse Consultants, Suzie Jackson-Fleurus and Jessica Taranto, who will establish the foundations of the service as it continues to grow, bringing his vision of holistic care to life.

“What is really exciting is that there is no service like this within the RCH and there are no paediatric complex colorectal services in Australia. This is really cutting-edge, holistic care that we’re providing and we get to build the service from scratch which is an opportunity that wouldn’t come along very often in a nursing career,” said Jessica.

The clinical nurse consultants’ role will encompass all aspects of the patients’ experience, managing and supporting them on their journey as inpatients, as well as in the community as an outpatient. Once the CCS systems are established, Suzie and Jessica will turn their focus to building awareness for the complex conditions, through education in the wider community.

Family centred care will be at the heart of the CCS model. Suzie and Jessica hope to collaborate as much as possible with parents, acting as a point of contact at any time for questions or concerns the family faces.

“I don’t think we can underestimate the impact of something as simple as a written fact sheet. Information specific to a child’s complex colorectal condition, treatment and how their journey will look from diagnosis to transition will be fundamental in providing family centred care,” said Suzie.

With an acute awareness of the poor quality of life outcomes for his patients, Sebastian wanted to incorporate psychology and social work support into the CCS care model. Removing



the stigma surrounding complex colorectal conditions, easing anxieties, and promoting the mental wellbeing of children and their parents will be a major priority of the CCS as it develops.

Sebastian, Suzie and Jessica are a passionate unit with a shared dream for the CCS to have far reaching impacts beyond the RCH.

*“That’s how I envision this service, providing holistic support by incorporating both a nursing and psycho-social perspective, and becoming a framework for other groups to model themselves upon,” said Sebastian.*

The growth of the service would not be possible without the generous support of donors, who have recognised the life-changing prospects of the CCS under the leadership of Sebastian.

*“The result of all this giving is that we have created a community of people from many different backgrounds who are supporting a common goal – improved care and outcomes for kids with complex colorectal conditions. It’s exciting that donors recognise that it is not a glamorous area, but one that is worth supporting,” said Sebastian.*

## *Patient and family centred care*

# MEET JACK

**With a cheeky grin and a passion for all things trucks and cars, it's very unlikely that 18 month old Jack will have any memory of his rough start in life, and the months spent at the hospital, but it's something that his parents Michelle and Trent will never forget.**

"Jack is our first child, and despite a smooth delivery, alarm bells rang when Jack hadn't passed his meconium. We were in the Emergency Department shortly after," said mum Michelle.

After a series of tests, Jack was urgently admitted into the Butterfly Ward (Newborn Intensive Care Unit) at the RCH. That's where the family first met Associate Professor Sebastian King and started learning a new vocabulary that they would quickly become very familiar with.

"From the moment we first stepped onto the Butterfly Ward we instantly felt like we were in safe hands. We completely trusted Sebastian and he took us through everything step by step, and made sure we were comfortable and informed throughout the whole process," said Michelle.

For Jack, the process started with the diagnosis of Hirschsprung's disease, and a series of tests to determine the full extent of the organ damage.

*"Hirschsprung's is a condition which causes the large bowel to be formed without nerves, which means the bowel isn't able to function properly. Unfortunately for Jack, more than 70 per cent of his large bowel was affected. This meant that I needed to initially form a stoma (where the bowel is brought out to the skin), then I removed*

*the section without nerves, and joined the remaining normal large bowel to his anus," said Sebastian.*

For first time parents, this was a lot to take in. For the majority of Jack's first year of life he had his stoma, until he was big enough for his definitive surgery and then stoma closure a few months after that. His family quickly fell into a routine of closely monitoring his health, measuring the stoma outputs, and keeping up with his medications and care.

"It was difficult to not immediately turn to Google and potentially spiral into the unknown; instead, we put trust in the amazing team at the RCH. We also had the incredible support from our family, who filtered research information through and who supported us every step of the way," said Michelle.

And those steps were steep. Due to the rarity of Jack's condition, there is little knowledge in the community about how to manage potential complications. When Michelle would have questions about Jack's diet requirements, specific immunisations needed or whether his behaviour was 'normal baby development', all healthcare providers deferred back to Sebastian.

"Sebastian was an incredible support throughout that first year, but increasingly as we had more and more questions, we started to feel bad about constantly having to turn to this amazing, highly in-demand surgeon for questions which may or may not be important".

This is where the Complex Colorectal Service becomes invaluable. For families like Jack's, they will now receive a holistic, exceptional care throughout their whole RCH journey. By providing families with a dedicated nurse to answer all of their questions, and to provide psychological and social support to families, they'll be best empowered to take control of the care of their loved ones.

"Having been on this journey for 18 months so far, I have no doubt about the immeasurable impact this will have on



families like ours. Having someone on call who understands the patient background and the intricacies of conditions like Hirschsprung's, who can support both the patient and the parents, will help families be so much more comfortable and confident; it's a wonderful initiative," said Michelle.

For Jack, his RCH journey is still just starting, and with the help of the Complex Colorectal Service, his family is confident that they're in the right hands for Jack's journey ahead. Until then, they're focusing on keeping Jack happy and healthy, and enjoying life with him.





# OUR SUPPORTERS

**Family values have remained at the core of The Hickory Group, even after its growth from a small company founded by two brothers to one of Australia's leading construction groups. The Hickory Group's corporate social responsibility program, Hickory's Heroes, reflects the organisation's strong community ties, with its commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others.**

As part of the program, the Hickory Group was inspired to support the CCS led by Associate Professor Sebastian King, after learning of the positive impact Sebastian's committed care had on Carla, the daughter of one of Hickory's team members.

Born with a series of complex medical conditions, including an oesophagus that wasn't attached to her stomach, Carla underwent more than 40 surgeries and countless hospital appointments across several departments.

As Carla's paediatric surgeon, Sebastian saw a case for a specific colorectal service to meet the needs of unique colorectal patients who also required highly specialised medical and psychological care. The costs for such a service are out of the scope of the hospital's operational funding.

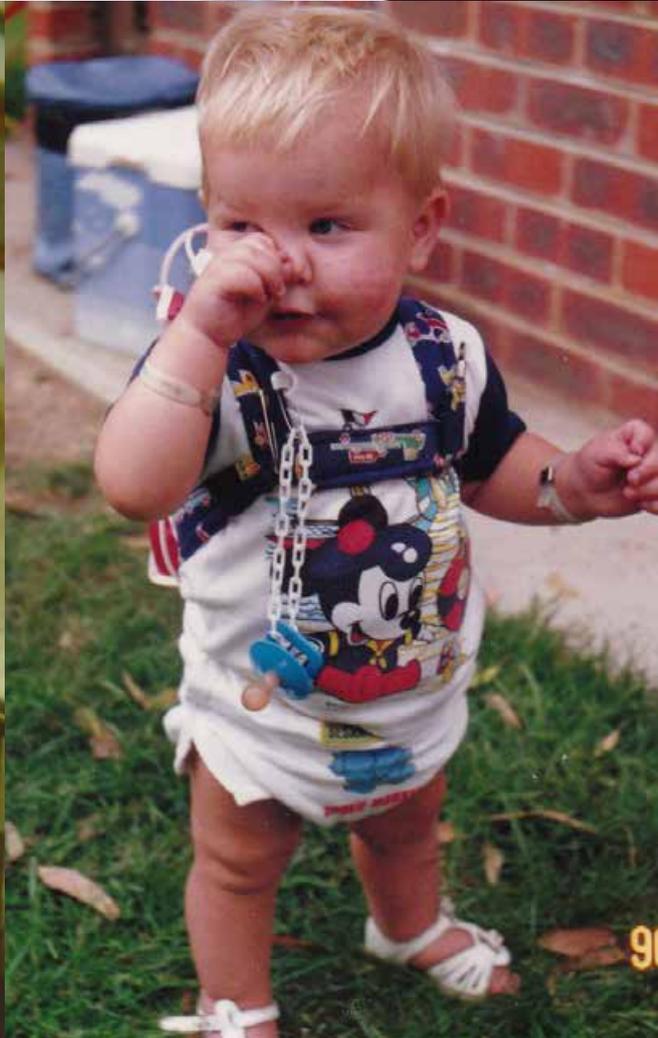
*"Knowing that a specific Colorectal Service could be available to other children who, like Carla, need to receive the expert care that specifically relates to their condition, would be a dream come true for families. As has been our own experience, it would greatly reduce the stress and anxiety already associated with living with complicated health challenges", said Carla's mum Joanne.*

Empowered by Sebastian's vision for holistic care and Carla's positive experiences at the RCH, the Hickory Group pledged to donate \$75,000 per year over the next three years to assist with the launch of the CCS and support two dedicated specialist nurse consultants, a psychologist and a social worker.

"The Hickory's Heroes program champions services that align with our innovation and empowerment principles. We believe the CCS will provide invaluable support and improve the outcomes for patients battling gastrointestinal and colorectal conditions. As a family business, Hickory Group is honoured to support these families", said Sarah Downey, Marketing and Communications Manager at Hickory Group.

The backing of a respected and established organisation, like the Hickory Group, enhances the great care offered at the RCH, and provides an opportunity for the CCS to become a national centre of excellence.







**Parents Grant and Margie Sheldon established the Kyle Sheldon Memorial Fund with two aims; memorialise their late son Kyle and his legacy, and help to prevent other families from going through what they went through.**

Kyle was born with a twisted bowel that had cut off the blood supply to the rest of the organ. An emergency operation at the RCH at only a few days old led to the removal of most of his bowel. The initial operation was lifesaving, but little Kyle required 36 operations in 36 months before his parents could finally take him home.

While his condition was continually managed with medication, care plans and check-ups at the RCH, Kyle did not let it hold him back, attending school with his friends, playing cricket and football.

*“He was living a normal life until he was 26. He took himself to hospital because he had a pain in the guts and was diagnosed with an aggressive bowel cancer,” said father Grant.*

After fighting hard for four months, Kyle lost his battle with cancer. Whilst the ending of Kyle’s life was tragic and deeply saddening for his family and numerous circles of friends, the story of his courage, determination and persistence inspired

the Sheldon’s to establish the Kyle Sheldon Memorial Fund and support the RCH.

After careful consideration, the CCS, led by Associate Professor Sebastian King, was chosen to fund as it resonated strongly with the family’s experiences.

“While the surgeon-centric model worked for us at the time with Kyle at the RCH, we could see with changing times, the increased amount of cases and their complexities that this model was not the way to continue. We strongly believe the CCS will result in better patient and family outcomes for children afflicted with conditions similar to what Kyle had,” said Grant.

The Kyle Sheldon Memorial Fund has committed \$150,000 over three years to ensure the CCS can deliver a truly world class patient care model and improve the quality of life of children with complex colorectal, urological and gynaecological conditions.

The Kyle Sheldon Memorial Golf Day, which runs annually in January, is the family’s major fundraising event. Organised by Kyle’s brother Joel and his friends, the day was initially established to get mates together to remember Kyle over a round of golf. The inaugural event in 2017 received overwhelming support from the community, raising \$7,000, and continues to grow larger every year.

“We got 26 years of fantastic time with Kyle. It pains us every day that Kyle is no longer with us but we take some solace in knowing he would be proud of his legacy,” said Grant.

# RESEARCH

SUPPORTED IN 2018/19

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

Thanks to our donors, the following initiatives were supported in 2018/19:

Supporting the Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank to collect and distribute samples for research and clinical trials

Developing tools for clinicians to utilise non-invasive biomedical imaging for the diagnosis, treatment and management of a range of conditions

Establishing an Indigenous Health Research Program at Melbourne Children's to support early-mid career Aboriginal researchers and higher degree research students to ensure growth in capacity and expertise

Supporting an integrated clinical and research program into the genetic causes of kidney disease in children

Developing best practice in antibiotic use to improve patient outcomes and reduce harm in children

Study investigating children who are slow to recover from concussion with the aim to provide better outcomes and accelerate recovery

Supporting the Melbourne Children's Global Health initiative which aims to improve the health of children and adolescents in disadvantaged populations by developing partnerships in research, public health, education and advocacy

Appointing an RCH paediatrician to provide specialist support to general practices in the community with treating and managing paediatric patients

Researching leukaemia biology for more effective treatment of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Providing support for a long term state-wide deafness study to improve data collection for research and data linkage, with the aim of improving clinical care for children with permanent hearing loss.

Streamlining research and clinical trials on brain cancers to ensure that every child has access to timely and accurate treatment, improved drug access and novel therapies

Support for the Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register, which provides information to guide treatment and improve care for children with cerebral palsy and their families

Expansion of a Cardiac Patient Register to include patients born with single ventricle to help improve treatment options and long-term health outcomes for all cardiac patients

Providing mental health support for at-risk adolescents following Fontan heart surgeries

An innovative program aimed at addressing child mental health issues in primary schools

Research to identify risk factors of children who become critically ill following a Medical Emergency Team call in hospital

Investigating innovative ways to minimise childhood immunisation pain and improve patient experience

Improving accuracy of stroke diagnosis in the emergency department, to minimize brain injury

Investigating the use of Vitamin D to help treat eczema in young children



A close-up portrait of Professor Monique Ryan, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a black button-down shirt. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing some green and yellow elements.

# MEET MONIQUE

**Professor Monique Ryan is the Director of the Neurology Department at the RCH.** An incredibly accomplished clinician and researcher, Monique is head of the multidisciplinary RCH Neuromuscular Clinic and the RCH Neuromuscular Research Unit, which includes a growing team of clinicians and researchers dedicated to improving diagnosis and management of children affected by muscular dystrophies, myopathies and neuropathies.

**In five words, tell us why you're passionate about your work?** Being a paediatric neurologist is endlessly interesting, changing, challenging, exciting and varied.

**How does philanthropy support your work?** We have government funding to provide great care to our patients. Philanthropy provides the value add- the ability to engage in clinical trials, provide very best practice care, explore new avenues of patient and family support and treatment and train the next generation of paediatric neurologists.

**Who is the most influential person in your life?** My husband, Peter, is the heart of our family. He holds our home together and gives our children and I the opportunity to achieve our goals. My job involves long hours of work and travel. Pete makes that possible through being extremely generous with his own time.

**What is your favourite holiday memory?** We had two fantastic skiing weekends last year but my favourite vacation was a swimming holiday in Greece a couple of years ago. It was really wonderful.

**If you could only take three things with you to a desert island, what would they be?** Bathers, a swimming cap and some goggles! Then I would swim home. Slowly.

# EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORTED IN 2018/19

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

Thanks to our donors, the following initiatives were supported in 2018/19:

Advanced imaging and intraoperative equipment to improve accuracy and safety during cranial and spinal procedures

New anaesthesia machines and breathing support systems to enhance patient monitoring and staff efficiency

A mobile 3D imaging system to improve the accuracy and safety of complex spinal surgeries

Establishment of a research exercise laboratory to support the treatment and care of patients across the Melbourne Children's Campus

Advanced diagnostic testing for the Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Diagnostic Service which will allow newer reported forms of the condition to be identified

Equipment to streamline assessments across research initiatives at Melbourne Children's Campus to investigate cardiovascular and metabolic risk in children

Purchasing a laser to treat children with birth marks and vascular anomalies

Enhanced specialised equipment and respite care to support patients with life-limiting conditions and their families

Increasing access to care for regional cystic fibrosis patients through the purchase of spirometers, a lung assessment machine, for use in telehealth services

Ensuring optimal heart and brain function following surgery through new heater/cooler machines for use during cardiac surgery

Enhancing patient safety and monitoring through new software to track medical imaging radiation exposure during treatment

A mobile heart lung machine to help safely transport critically ill patients to the RCH

A specialised temperature management system for patients in intensive care that require cooling for clinical conditions

The purchase of more detailed, less invasive retinal camera for the Ophthalmology Service to detect life threatening eye diseases in their earlier stages

An enhanced bedside digital menu and meal ordering system for patients

More advanced technology systems for the Gait Laboratory, improving patient outcomes for children with walking disorders

The rapid, comprehensive and accurate identification of a patient's risk of bleeding or clotting through new equipment

Advanced breathing support machines which adjust to different airway pressures automatically to improve clinical outcomes for patients requiring breathing assistance

New magnified lenses for the ophthalmology microscope for use during eye surgeries

A bereavement resource trolley for use in the Emergency Department

Mechanically assisted cough machine for improved patient care in the Physiotherapy Department

Two ambulatory blood pressure monitors for patients underground kidney treatment and hospital in the home

Resources and equipment for the Therapeutic Garden Program

Wheelchair training ramp set for use with patients undergoing rehabilitation

Floor play mats for use with patients in the Cockatoo (Neurology) Ward





**Associate Professor Warwick Teague is an accomplished paediatric surgeon and researcher.** As Director of RCH Trauma Services, Warwick oversees the emergency treatment and care of Victoria's most severely injured children. As a paediatric surgeon, he focusses on general, neonatal and burns surgery.

Warwick also has a special interest in caring for children born with duodenal atresia, a condition where the stomach and bowel aren't connected. With his ground-breaking research, Warwick is the only paediatric surgeon in Australia working to discover the cause of this life-threatening condition.

**In five words, tell us why you're passionate about your work?** I love making children better.

**How does philanthropy support your work?** I am humbled to pay tribute to the generous and visionary people who make my amazing job at the RCH possible. This generous giving provides me with a salary, ensures me protected research time, one of the rarest and most precious features of any job plan in surgery and is now helping to resource the scientific research I am passionately progressing.

**What's your 'secret' talent?** I typically and happily start a request with, "Please may I have...". Not only is this the right and proper thing to do, but it is amazing what others are willing to help you with when you start and finish with good old please and thank you.

**If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?** Back to my birth place in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea, three days into a week of walking, exploring ice cold rivers and life-packed mountains with the 'pipel bilong Niugini', who are some of the most beautiful people on Earth.

**Who is the most influential person in your life?** The most influential person in my life is my beautiful wife, Kirsty. This is not some sentimental schmaltz... Without Kirsty, I wouldn't be even half as balanced in life, I wouldn't be able to smile and weather life's ups and downs and certainly wouldn't have the support and love I need to do my job well. Thank you, Kirsty.

# LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SUPPORTED IN 2018/19

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

Thanks to our donors, the following initiatives were supported 2018/19:

Development of a campus wide internationally leading paediatric centre in the use of health data to improve all aspects of care, operations and research

Ongoing education and professional development for nurses and allied health professionals in order to provide expert clinical care to patients

Establishing an education hub on the Melbourne Children's Campus to increase collaboration and enhance the delivery and use of technology

Paediatric Plastic and Hand Surgeon for the development and coordination of academic pursuits within the Department of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery

Research support for the activities of the Cardiac Surgery Department

Developing a partnership to investigate and identify opportunities to commercialise RCH's intellectual property

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

Supporting the Financial Markets Foundation Chair of Developmental Mental Health to improve mental health support campus wide

Appointment of a pharmacist to the palliative care team to ensure best quality of care and optimised medication safety in this vulnerable patient group

Support for an innovative program aimed at improving the quality of care hospital wide, including the reduction of unnecessary medical tests, treatments and procedures for patients

Updating a family violence resource manual which aims to develop the capacity of professionals working with children and their families exposed to trauma

Evaluation of the effectiveness of all leadership development programs



# MEET BELINDA

**Belinda Russell is a teacher with the RCH Education Institute, a team which is dedicated to bringing the joy of learning to children across the hospital.**

In collaboration with a child's regular school, RCH teachers work to develop lessons which are fun and engaging and also help to keep them connected to their school and peers. From making slime to folding paper planes, Belinda integrates her background as an art teacher to find new and creative ways to help her students engage.

**In five words, tell us why you're passionate about your work?** Smiles light up my world.

**How does philanthropy support your work?** We rely on the support of the RCH Foundation to fund the RCH Education Institute and the teachers it provides. The children who are touched by our service are given the opportunity to escape from whatever is happening in their lives through fun and exciting learning activities. I am so blessed, I have a career where I can make a little person's life a bit better every day!

**What is your favourite holiday memory?** Dargo in Victoria's High Country, up to my knees in freezing mountain water catching frogs with my best friend Jenny.

**What book are you reading right now?** This is hilarious! I am reading the Learners Permit Handbook! I have managed to survive my entire life using public transport and kind souls with wheels, but enough is enough. I am going for my L Plates! (Wish me luck!)

**Who is the most influential person in your life?** My beautiful art teacher, Miss Whiteoak. She was the art teacher at my school and really instilled a passion in me for the creative arts. The school I attended was very academic however despite this, she made me feel valued and important. We all have gifts we can offer and I strongly believe the world would be very boring without creativity and art. Miss Whiteoak passed on art skills that I still use in my sessions every day, and I think she would be really chuffed to know I became an art educator because of her!

# PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

SUPPORTED IN 2018/19

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

Thanks to our donors, the following initiatives were supported in 2018/19:

Establishing Australia's first dedicated apheresis service to support patients across the RCH including those undergoing stem cell transplants, leukaemia and assist with the management of organ rejection following transplantation

Developing and piloting an innovative new model of intake and screening for children with developmental concerns

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

Further development of the music therapy program in the Children's Cancer Centre, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and Palliative Care units

Establishing a specialised service to support patients with complex colorectal, urological and gynaecological conditions

Appointment of specialised pain management clinicians within the Children's Cancer Centre

Ongoing support for a multidisciplinary multiple sclerosis and demyelination clinic that will incorporate clinical and research trials and ultimately improve care

A new model of care to provide mental health support for patients, families and staff in the intensive care unit

Further development and establishment of the National Intestinal Transplant Service

A Clinical Coordinator to further develop resources within the Differences of Sex Development Service for children, adolescents and their families

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

Parent bonding chairs for families on the Butterfly Unit (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)

Establishment of an ambulatory service to enable home EEG monitoring for neurology patients

An innovative program which builds capacity in schools and communities for mental health promotion through the arts

Providing additional resources for the RCH Garden program, which works to diminish the negative effects of hospitalisation, provide supportive garden environments that encourage a feeling of normalcy, and focus on the healthy aspects of self to improve recovery

Supporting patients with severe inherited bleeding disorders through a change of treatment program which aims to reduce the number of treatments needed, hospitalisations and bleeding while improving quality of life and treatment outcomes

Development and implementation of a formal and structured arts education program for patients

A neuropsychologist to assist with the care of children with inherited metabolic diseases

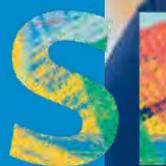
Oesophageal Atresia Research Nurse to provide improved care for patients

Improved enteral feeding pump training for staff to ensure families receive education on management prior to discharge

Developing resources for patients with disorders of sex development and their families

Developing a parent peer support group for families on the Butterfly Ward (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) to address parents' social isolation

Supporting cystic fibrosis patients and their families with a range of physiotherapy education material





# MEET SEBASTIAN

**Associate Professor Sebastian King is a gifted surgeon and researcher who is passionate about helping children whose “guts don’t work.”** Dedicating his career to researching the causes and developing better standards of care, A/Professor King and the RCH Foundation are generating philanthropic support to help children with serious gut issues enjoy a better quality of life.

**In five words, tell us why you’re passionate about your work?** I have the best job!

**How does philanthropy support your work?** I could not do my work without the support of the RCH Foundation, and philanthropy in general. My position as an Academic Paediatric Surgeon is currently funded by the RCH Foundation. My motility research has been completely funded by philanthropy, both by individuals and organisations. And our new Complex Colorectal Service, which has allowed us to employ two specialised nurses, a clinical psychologist, and a social worker, is funded by RCH families, businesses and the RCH Foundation.

**What book are you reading right now?** Dramatic Exchanges: Letters of the National Theatre

**If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be?** Nelson Mandela

Vouchers for participants involved in the Trans20 Project, a study aiming to improve medical and mental health outcomes for transgender youth

Educational video to promote the work of Child Life Therapy

Providing ‘sensory square’ packs for patients on the Rosella Ward (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit), particularly infants, who spend their first few months in hospital, which can lead to disruptions in developmental experiences

# PHILANTHROPICALLY FUNDED POSITIONS

## Leadership Positions and Chairs

Academic Paediatric Surgeon and  
Head of Trauma Services, Associate  
Professor Warwick Teague

Professorial Sessions for the Financial  
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The Jigsaw Foundation Chair in Plastic  
and Maxillofacial Surgery, Professor  
Tony Penington

Professorial Sessions for the Lorenzo and  
Pamela Galli Chair of Developmental  
Medicine, Professor David Amor

The Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair in  
Paediatrics, Professor Julie Bines

Translational Research Academic  
Paediatric Surgeon, Associate  
Professor Sebastian King

## Fellowships

Children's Cancer Centre Fellowship

Children's Exercise Laboratory Fellow

Clinical, Educational and Research  
Fellowship in Paediatric Rheumatology

Clinical Education Fellowships

Clinical Practice Guidelines Fellow

Clinical Research Fellowships in  
Respiratory Medicine (Cystic Fibrosis)

Clinician Scientist Fellowships

Concussion Physiotherapy Fellow

Concussion Psychology Fellow

Emergency POCUS Fellow

Gastroenterology Fellowship

Global Health Advanced Trainee

Health Services Research Unit Fellow

Indigenous Early Career and Senior  
Research Fellowships

Infectious Diseases Fellow

Kidney Flagship Fellow

LifeCourse Research Fellow

Neurodevelopment and Disability  
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

Neurology Clinical Research Fellowship

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and Diabetes)

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Uncle Bobs Club Clinical Neurology  
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## Scholarships

Allied Health and Nursing Education,  
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Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing  
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Elizabeth Fearon Travelling Scholarship

The Rosen Family, Lily's Gift Travelling  
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The Volunteers Nursing Travelling  
Scholarship





It is an absolute honour and privilege to be the 2019 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship recipient. The opportunities and experiences I have had this year have been the most outstanding to date. I am passionate about making a difference to child health outcomes, and being an immunisation nurse allows me to do this every day. However, delayed immunisation in Indigenous children is often due to a lack of appropriate services, bad experiences at services and reduced priority due to current life issues.

This scholarship opportunity has enabled me to increase my understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and develop the skills to become culturally competent at both a personal and professional level. I have attended an international meeting on Indigenous Child Health as well as met with Aboriginal liaison teams in Canada to gather ideas on enhancing vaccine delivery as well as providing sustainable immunisation programs to Indigenous peoples.

I am currently in the process of developing culturally appropriate health promotion materials to provide information to Indigenous peoples about the importance of vaccinating their children. A visit to remote Aboriginal communities in Far North Queensland will give me the opportunity to pilot these resources. Work is also being done on improving the Immunisation Centre to be a more culturally sensitive space, by incorporating traditional Aboriginal music, engaging with a local Indigenous Elder as well as supporting local Indigenous foundations.

Formal and informal lifelong learning is vital for nurses to stay relevant as frontline leaders in healthcare. This opportunity for career advancement ensures that I will continue to work as a leader in the field of immunisation, but also I hope to be a leader in promoting health outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the RCH.

I cannot thank the RCH Foundation and the RCH Auxiliaries enough for their hard work, dedication, encouragement and support of nursing development, and in particular for awarding me this incredible opportunity. I look forward to providing reports on the impact this funding will have on our Indigenous community.

**Sonja Elia**

Recipient of the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship

THANK  
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# LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The Leadership Circle recognises our most generous donors committed to a common goal: to support the RCH in its mission to be a world leading paediatric hospital and centre for excellence.

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**The enduring generosity and vision of the Smorgon family is transforming the lives of children in Australia and around the world through the Victor Smorgon Charitable Fund.**

Victor Smorgon AC (1913-2009) was an industrialist and one of Australia’s most generous philanthropists. He immigrated to Australia from Ukraine in 1927, settling in Carlton North and establishing a kosher butchery with his family. Over time, the humble business grew to become an empire encompassing steel, paper, plastics, forestry and commercial property. Along with his wife Loti Smorgon AO (1919- 2013), the couple generously gave back to the community with significant contributions to medical and arts institutions.

This includes establishing the Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair of Paediatrics in partnership with the RCH and the University of Melbourne. Professor Julie Bines, paediatric gastroenterologist at the RCH, has held the position for the past 13 years. One of Professor Bines’ significant projects is as lead researcher on the Rotavirus Program at RCH campus partner, The Murdoch Children’s Research Institute.

“The aim of the Victor Smorgon Charitable Fund is to impact the lives of many, and that’s why we chose to support Julie and her incredible work on the rotavirus vaccine,” said Belinda Bardas, granddaughter of Victor and Loti Smorgon, Head of Philanthropy and Trustee of the family’s fund.

Rotavirus was discovered by RCH researchers in 1973. Highly contagious and resilient, the rotavirus causes severe diarrhoea, and is a leading cause of infant illness and death in developing nations. The creation of an affordable neonatal rotavirus vaccine, and the potential for this vaccine to be easily accessed globally, has the potential to save the lives of the world’s most at-risk children.

“Thanks to the support of the Victor Smorgon Charitable Fund, we’ve been working to help children of the world receive a safe and effective rotavirus vaccine. The aim of the RV3 rotavirus vaccine program is to prevent rotavirus gastroenteritis from the earliest possible opportunity - from birth. We have been so fortunate to leverage the Fund’s philanthropy to assist with support from others [including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation] to further impact on global child healthcare,” said Professor Bines.

“Seeing what Julie has been able to achieve over the past 13 years is incredible and a fantastic example of the power of philanthropy. As the rotavirus vaccine reaches more children in developing countries, it will not only have a transformative impact on their quality of life, but be a step forward out of poverty for millions of families,” said Belinda.

Thank you to the Smorgon family for perpetuating their family legacy of philanthropy through the life-changing contributions of the Victor Smorgon Charitable Fund.

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THANK

YOU

**At leading construction company Multiplex, giving back is a major part of the organisation's culture.**

"The Royal Children's Hospital resonates with all our people in the business. We've all been touched in some way by the incredible care of the RCH, having children or knowing children who've been there, so we jumped at the opportunity to give back," said Multiplex Managing Director Graham Milford-Cottam.

One of the ways Multiplex supports the community is through their Graduate Program by offering its services in-kind to worthy causes.

"We give our graduates full ownership of the project, developing their teamwork and management skills to ultimately deliver an impactful outcome," said Graham.

The Multiplex graduate program will be supporting the hospital's 150th anniversary program in 2020.

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

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# WORKPLACE GIVING

Thank you to the employees from companies who choose to make regular donations to the **RCH Foundation** through their pre-tax pay. Many organisations generously enhance the collective impact of their Workplace Giving programs through donation matching, fundraising, volunteering, skill sharing and in-kind support.

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# THANK YOU

**RCH1000 members support vital, ground-breaking research projects at the RCH by making an annual \$1,000 donation.**

With a passion for philanthropy and community, Barry Novy OAM has a long-standing relationship with the hospital, as a former board member of the RCH and former chairman of the RCH Foundation. He is currently the chairman of RCH1000.

“It is a privilege to be affiliated with the RCH. I have been working with them for a long time now and I am proud of their ground breaking work and the amazing complex care

provided to patients and families on a daily basis.”

Barry is proud of his association with RCH1000 and the groundbreaking research it supports, including the Harmonising Age Pathology Parameters in Kids (HAPPI Kids) study at MCRI. The creation of an age-appropriate database of healthy kid’s blood samples has far-reaching impacts on children’s pathology, providing accurate benchmarks to interpret blood test results and diagnose sick children.

Thank you to all of our generous RCH1000 supporters.



**RCH1000**  
Supporting Research  
at The Royal Children’s Hospital

# TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

**Charitable Trusts and Foundations are non-profit organisations that generously donate to support the important work carried out by the hospital.**

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# BEQUESTS

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

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

In their memory we recognise and honour their legacy.

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Vincenza Andoloro  
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Anthony Wolfe



# THANK YOU

**Sue Maslen remembers her mother Joyce for her determination. "She had a hard life, she was a real battler," said Sue.**

"When she was just a young girl, Mum spent a long time in the care of the RCH. She suffered from poliomyelitis, more commonly known as polio, in one of her legs. The effects of it stayed with her all her life, but so did the gratitude she had for the hospital," said Sue.

Joyce Maslen combined her gratitude for the hospital with her passion for the land. Every year Joyce donated the proceeds of the sale of a vealer or bullock to the Good Friday Appeal.

Joyce began her dairy farming career with just one calf. Through her dedication and hard work, she ended up breaking records for milk production and farming along with raising prize winning bulls.

Early on in Joyce's farming career she was milking twenty cows by

hand twice a day. She then used the milk to fill twelve gallon cans, loading them onto a trolley and wheeling them onto the roadside.

Joyce was acknowledged for her commitment to farming and cattle breeding when she was honoured with a lifetime membership of the Guernsey Cattle Society. At the age of 80, Joyce gave up milking but continued farming by raising and selling beef cattle.

Building on her tradition of giving to the Good Friday Appeal, Joyce also left an extraordinary gift to the hospital in her Will, donating the majority of her estate.

*Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer at the RCH Foundation, reflects "Joyce's Will says a lot about her and the kind heart and future-focused thinking she had. We are extremely humbled*

*and grateful for her generosity. She knew exactly what it means for a child to be cared for by the RCH."*

In 2016 Joyce passed away at the age of 87, survived by her two daughters, two grandsons and two great grandsons.

"In a lot of ways I'm very much like her. She was tough, a no nonsense lady. She taught us to be independent and she would always help someone if they needed it," said her daughter Sue.

Through her legacy, Joyce has done for the RCH what the hospital did for her - provide lasting care and a brighter future for sick children.

*Special thanks to Edward Troutbeck for Joyce Maslen's biography.*



# THANK YOU

**Barry and Katrina Knight are proud parents to their three children, including daughter Paris. They can still vividly remember being rushed to the RCH on referral from a paediatrician in Geelong who told them to take Paris to the hospital right away. She was only three.**

"At the time, other than having identified a tumour, we didn't know what was in front of us and whether Paris would survive or not," said Barry.

Upon arriving at the RCH, the Knight family met Paris' surgeon. They were told she would need surgery the following day.

"The nurses, doctors and carers were so amazingly supportive. Nothing was too much trouble and they took

the time to answer all our questions and listened to our concerns. Even with our particular challenge, we soon realised that there was always someone worse off," said Barry.

Thankfully, the tumour was removed in its entirety and after three weeks at the RCH, Paris was able to go home.

Paris and her family would continue to come to the hospital for regular check-ups. Initially, these were every three months, however over time they have extended and the family now visits the RCH once every two years.

At their last scan, Paris and her family received some devastating news. The tumour had returned.

"It was an emotional shock as it just came so out of the blue," said Barry.

While it's likely Paris will require further surgery, this latest discovery hasn't dampened her spirits. Barry describes Paris as an active and energetic girl, who loves her sport.

"Katrina and I love seeing her be so active. It reminds us how lucky we are," said Barry.

# THE 1870 SOCIETY

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

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

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

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**We especially thank the following:**

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# RCH FOUNDATION MANAGED ENDOWMENTS

The RCH Foundation is proud to hold and manage a number of endowment funds on behalf of our donors. Thanks to our generous supporters, these funds will continue to have a long term impact on the care the hospital provides to sick children and their families.

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# IN CELEBRATION

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

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

## **A**

Agam's 8th Birthday  
Alice's 3rd Birthday  
Anvitha Ananth's 6th Birthday  
Archie's 6th Birthday  
Asher's 1st Birthday

## **B**

Vicki and Garry Bell's Wedding  
Taya Binstock's Bat Mitzvah

## **C**

Sebastian Calabro's Birthday  
Catania's Birth  
Cayden's Birthday  
Lennox Cornish's 1st Birthday

## **D**

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Dhyan's Birthday

## **E**

Esther's 60th Birthday

## **F**

Patrick Field's 1st Birthday

## **G**

Gavin's 70th Birthday  
Carter Graham's Bar Mitzvah

## **H**

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Lillie Hatzis' Bat Mitzvah  
Sue Hofbauer's Birthday  
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Leila's 1st Birthday  
Isabella Lindsey's 11th Birthday

Emily Lo-Doherty's Birthday  
Luka and Lilly's Birthdays

## **M**

Maddie's Birthday  
River McMahon's Birthday  
Meher's 2nd Birthday  
Ezra Muto's Birthday

## **N**

Layla Nehme's Celebration

## **O**

Gavin O'Sullivan's 70th Birthday

## **P**

Pearl's 80th Birthday  
Shray Prasad's 3rd Birthday

## **R**

Raphi's Bar Mitzvah  
Josh Rheuben's Barmi

## **S**

Samiha's 3rd Birthday  
Green Scharenguivel Family Christmas  
Sidh's Birthday  
Soo Singh - Birthday Fundraiser  
Emmanuelle and Lexi Stub's 8th Birthdays

## **W**

Wei Family Celebration

## **Z**

Con and Sandra Zachariou's 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Zoe's 7th Birthday

# IN MEMORY

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

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

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Thelma Adam  
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By generously sponsoring a bed in a hospital ward of their choosing, our donors make a difference to an area of the hospital they feel passionate about or have a personal connection with.

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 Jakob Frenkiel Charitable Trust  
 Cathleen and Wesley Fry

## G

Jacob George  
 Smelia Gigis  
 Glenroy Football Club  
 Guardian Medical  
 Ryka Gulati and Family

## H

Harris Family  
 Vincent Hoang  
 Hodges Real Estate  
 Ascot Vale  
 Beaumaris  
 Brighton and Bentleigh  
 Caulfield  
 Corporate  
 Cranbourne  
 Geelong  
 Mentone  
 Prahran and South Yarra

Sandringham  
 South Melbourne and Elwood  
 Werribee  
 Molly Hucker

## I

ICMG Youth and Hasene Australia  
 ICMG Youth and Sareera Youth  
 ICV - Islamic Council of Victoria  
 Integr8IT

## K

The Kenessey Family for Grace  
 Melissa and David Kiraly  
 Michael and Ruth Kurc

## L

Warren Larsen and Family  
 Lazy Moe's  
 Lendlease

## M

Melbourne Architectural Constructions (MAC Builders)  
 Melton Country Club  
 Michael's IGA  
 Michael's SUPA IGA Korumburra Leongatha  
 Roman Middleton Charity Golf Day  
 Mind Blowing Films Pty Ltd  
 Luca Miraglia Foundation  
 Zara Murkies

## N

Nelson Alexander  
 New Age Caravans Melbourne  
 New Zealand Australian Punjabi Cultural Association

## O

OneSchool Global  
 Bairnsdale Campus  
 Bendigo Campus  
 Cardinia Campus  
 Hamilton Campus  
 Melbourne Campus  
 Melton Campus  
 Nathalia Campus  
 Swan Hill Campus

## P

Jensen James Papst  
 Jasmine Petaia and Family  
 Porsche Centre Brighton  
 Coen Poynton

## Q

Qenos Contractor Workforce  
 QT Hotels & Resorts  
 QV Melbourne / Galleria

## R

Reggie Renouf and Middle Park FC  
 Storm Rodwell and Gus Balbontin  
 Rotary Club of Bendigo  
 Rotary Club of Sunbury  
 Rydges Hotels and Resorts



# THANK YOU

## S

Perry Sambor  
 Mahmoud Sammak  
 Sammak Family for  
 Mohammed Habib  
 Ilse Selzer for Henry Fixler  
 Stows Waste Management  
 Franca Strano  
 Strathmore Community  
 Services Bendigo Bank

## T

Mabel Barrett Lee Tan  
 Teska Carson  
 Thai Community of Victoria  
 That's Amore Cheese  
 Trewin Family  
 Antonio and Tatijana  
 Tropeano  
 Turn-Key Fitout

## U

Universal Steel Pty Ltd

## W

Wadi Family  
 Finley Warren and Family  
 Wonthaggi Toyota and  
 Holden  
 Levi Wright and Jayden  
 Hunter

## Y

Yi and Li Family

## Z

Zhong Family

**Giving back is one of the core values at Al-Taqwa College, the Islamic School of Victoria. Since 2013, teachers, students and their families have been raising money to support the RCH.**

Amal Assafiri, who is the Head of Primary Department for Arabic, Quran and Religious studies at Al-Taqwa, says fundraising for the hospital is very much ingrained in the school's primary community.

"Charity is one of the pillars of Islam and the month of Ramadan is considered a month of charity. We first decided to donate to the RCH in 2013 and when we first introduced it we noticed that students and their families were supportive and generous, so we decided to make it a yearly project," Amal explains.

"We chose to donate to the RCH as we felt students could relate to the cause; everyone within our community knows someone who has been treated at RCH. The College has had a number of students or their family members who have been treated there and the services and support they received were amazing."

During Ramadan the school community is asked to donate directly to the RCH. In addition to this, students in grades four, five and six have annual soccer, basketball and more recently, volleyball tournaments where they are asked to donate a gold coin to take part in the event.

The entire school community has played a role in the fundraising, including school principal Mr. Hallak and the school management team. Since 2013, the school has raised over \$17,000 for the hospital, and have committed to sponsoring a bed on the Koala Ward.

*"We chose bed sponsorship in recent years as the students can really feel a connection and see the benefit of their donations," Amal said.*

"Every year we take a group of students to the RCH to do a cheque presentation and take a tour of the hospital. Students share what they have learnt during their trip to the hospital during the primary assemblies. This is a really important part for students to learn the importance of giving and being part of the community."

# RCH CHAMPIONS

**RCH Champions are our most dedicated fundraisers. Thank you to the inspiring people who run these fundraising initiatives and the thousands of people who support them.**

- A**
- 1st Elwood Cub Scouts
  - Airly Primary School
  - Aitken Creek Primary School - Grade 2 Fundraiser
  - Maria Alfonze
  - All Saints Primary School
  - Al-Taqwa College
  - Steven and Kathy Anastasopoulos - Miracle Baby Connor
  - Anam Abid Ansari - Lip Balm Sale
  - Victor Argiropoulos
  - Emily Arnold - The Big Cut for the Children's
  - Atomy Oceania
  - Auburn Primary School
  - Auburn South Primary School
  - Aussie Hunters Show Of Hearts
  - Rachel Averbukh - Super Sunnies for RCH
- B**
- Bairnsdale RSL Fishing Club
  - Balmoral Mews Retirement Village - Raffle
  - Maya Baram - Cupcake Sale
  - Bass Coast Shire Council - Chocolate Fund
  - Bellaire Primary School
  - Bellview Pensioners Club
  - Belvoir Special School
  - Beveridge Primary School
  - Bimbadeen Heights Primary School
  - Binny's Recycling - Supporting The Kids
  - Bloom Dance Studio - Student Annual Dance Performance
  - Boating for Brains
  - Kelly Boucher - Musical Busking
  - Carine Boustany - Dylan's Angels
  - Kirsty and Stephen Bowness - The Big Roast for CF
  - Lois and Stephen Boyd - Nick's Wish
  - Boz and Papst Family - NICU Fundraiser
  - Kaden Bracken - Run for SIDS and KIDS
  - Kathryn Bradley
  - Braithwaite Three
  - Brighton Grammar School
  - Kim Aun Brough - Run for Ellie
  - Brunetti
  - Bundoora Secondary College
- C**
- Cambridge Primary School
  - Alisa and Oliver Camplin-Warner - Finnan's Gift
  - Cann River P-12 College
  - CBRE Walk for a Wish - Wishful Walking Team
  - CFA South Eastern Training Ground Social Club
  - Jason Chan
  - Laurie Checketts - 24 Hour Gym Session
  - Christian College Geelong
  - Clancy and Tridao - Jack Taylor Fundraiser
  - Bob and Marlyn Clark - Bob's Christmas Shave
  - Steven Clayson
  - Club Liberty
  - Colac Old Time Dance Club
  - Columba Catholic Primary School
  - Assia Comella - The Color Run
  - Copperfield College
  - Cherelle and Nimary Court - Christmas Lights Display
  - Cranbourne Bowls Club Inc
  - Cranbourne East Secondary College
  - Sara and Heath Crawford - The Pip.ilepsy Foundation
  - Mick Creati - Ride to the Rock for ChIPsXiliary
  - Kimberley Crusell
- D**
- Dandenong Market
  - Daylesford Bowling Club Inc
  - De Bortoli Wines - The Big Roast for CF
  - Joanna Densley - Running for Kids
  - Felisia Dewi - Akeira's Morning Tea
  - Djerriwarrh Investment Limited
  - Don Bosco Catholic Primary School
  - Donvale Christian College
  - Donvale Early Learning Centre
- E**
- East Malvern Early Learning Centre
  - Ebony and Daniel - School Project
  - Electrix Dance Studio
  - Elisabeth Murdoch College
  - Elissa and Geneive - Musical Busking

Erica and District Progress  
Association  
Evie, Gigi and Paige - Busking

## F

Fab 50's and Up  
Fawkner RSL Sub Branch  
Finnan's Gift - Mackenzie Family  
Foundation  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Bayswater  
Amelia  
Bianca Say  
Brendan Milner  
Peter Munt  
Philip Chacko  
Sarah Fisher  
Sophie Coulton  
Tim Dixon  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Box Hill  
Kate Roux  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Commercial  
Jenny Prowse  
Kiah Clarke  
Paul Waterhouse  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Ferntree Gully  
Alanah Mavro  
Ashleigh Harris  
Benjamin Thomas  
Cassy Prouse  
Chloe Holt  
Daniel Egan  
Emma McCarthy  
FTG Office  
Helen Bi  
Ilga Kelly  
Jenny Bolch  
Jessica Iddon  
Jimmy Shan  
Joanna Turner  
Kat McLoughlin  
Kirsty Edwards  
Matt Sims

Mr Xavier Au  
Ms Tammie Fleming  
Natasha James  
Patrick McConnachie  
Rhiannon Roderick  
Samantha Ross-Edwar  
Samantha Wilson  
Sarah Lowry  
Shelley Hart  
Sophie Walker  
Thin Cu  
Tina Bull  
Thin  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Forest Hill  
Jodie Wilson  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Loan Market  
Ben Taylor  
Jacob Decru  
Sherree Champion  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Ringwood  
Bec Phillips  
Chris Watson  
Laura Maher  
Finnan's Gift - Ray White Wantirna  
Alana Blizzard  
Brooke Ripley  
Kana Naidu  
Samantha Derksen  
Sarah-Jane  
Finnan's Gift - Team Finnan's Gift  
Alex Coelli  
Allan Morse  
Andrew Bryson  
Annemarie Rolls  
Dale Dickson  
Daniel Cross  
Emma Brennan  
Guy Rowland  
James Brown  
Jarrad and Tayla  
Lindsay Thomas

Nick, Mandy, Jake and Riley Warren  
Nicole Drysdale  
Robert Kirkham  
Roy LeMiere  
The Slater Family  
Firbank Grammar School Sandringham  
Fitness For Her  
Forest Hill College  
Frasers Property Australia - Pictures on  
the Park

## G

Casey Gadzinski - Stadium Stomp  
Bala Gajul - Melbourne Marathon  
Gannawarra Shire Council Children's  
Services  
Tony Gavaghan - Pie Shop Fundraiser  
Geelong Grammar School  
Geelong Lutheran College  
Genetics Australia - Hot Cross Bun  
Morning Tea  
Georgia and Luke - Apricot Sale  
Ayse Gezici  
Natalie Gibson  
Gilbert and Charlie - Clarinet Playing  
Glenroy College  
Good Shepherd Parish School  
Goodstart Early Learning Thornbury  
Allison Grant  
Alisha Gray - Stadium Stomp  
Greek Orthodox Community of Box Hill  
and Districts Inc.  
Group Together  
Taylah Grundy  
Callie Gusman

## H

Terence Hallpike's Fundraiser  
Hampton Park Fire Brigade - BBQ  
Breakfast  
Hampton Primary School  
Hannah and Marcus - Melbourne

Marathon  
Colleen Harkin - Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon  
Felix Harris' Fundraiser  
Rene Hartnett - Stall for Cancer Research  
Bill Hartshorne - Freddy's Halloween Hunt  
Maddy Hassan - Dancers Unite  
Heany Park Primary School  
Heatherhill Primary School  
Help4LittleHeroes  
Henri The Wonder Dog - 1000 Miles  
Hervey Bay Dragon Boat Club  
Nicole Hewlett  
Historic Touring Car Association of Victoria  
Hodges Cranbourne - Walk for the Kids  
Holy Mother Of Montevergine  
Jason Hucker - Molly's Memory Half Marathon  
Hume Anglican Grammar  
Lucy Hunt and Friends - Cake Stall  
Steven Hutchinson - Worksite Barbeque

**I**  
Inala Village  
Independence Group NL  
Iramoo Primary School  
Nikki Irwin

**J**  
Farshid Jamshidi Photography  
Brad and Katrina Jenkinson - Hammer Time  
Naomi Joiner  
Emma and Nathan Jones - Noah's Gift Charity Ball  
Jovic Family - God's Eyes Sale  
Ellie Joynson - Don't Delay Donate Today Fundraiser

Judo Capital Pty

**K**  
Jakob Kann for the Mullets for The Kids Campaign  
Keeshan Court Kids - Raspberry Cordial Sale  
Kellys Bakery - Hot Cross Buns for the Royal Children's Hospital  
Kelsey - AVM Warrior  
Sarah Khodr - Body By Nawel  
Kilmore Halloween Maze  
Kloe Tisdell - Morning Tea  
Koda's Project  
Kurboroo Kindergarten  
Anthony Kynoch - Chocolate Fundraiser

**L**  
Lakes Fresh Food Market  
Larsen Family Christmas Lights  
Lucas Lee - Charity Raffle  
Leongatha Secondary College  
Leopold Primary School  
Lethbridge Primary School  
Levi and Ethan's Birthday Celebration  
Lifestyle Communities Chelsea Heights  
Little Michael's Pizzeria  
Jack Lorensink - Comedy Night  
LSSDance Concert  
Lumi'air  
Lynbrook Karwachauth Celebration  
Lee Lyras

**M**  
Mac.Robertson Girls' High School  
MacKillop College Swan Hill  
Alicia MacLean - Making a Difference Ball  
Judith Mahony - Christmas Lights  
Makayla De Costa - Share The Love  
Make and Mingle

Malvern Primary School  
Manningham Bahai Education Centres  
Julia Marinovic and Betty Shepards - Chopping for Charities  
Marlborough Primary School  
Nick Marm  
Maroondah Basketball Club  
Mauritian Independence Day Football Tournament  
Chloe McCole - Loom Bands Sale  
Lauren McDonough  
Marilyn Merlo - In Memory of Mia Angeloni  
Methodist Ladies College  
Middle Park Football Club  
Mildura Specialist School  
Monique Milenkovic  
Modelogic Pty Ltd  
Yasmine Mojaled - Buddy Clip Fundraiser  
Chris Montalti - A Night On a Bike  
Moonee Valley Racing Club  
Mooroopna Primary School  
Mount Duneed Primary School  
Mount Scopus Memorial College Burwood  
Mount View Primary School  
Mreza Mladih Noble Park  
Mt Martha Primary School  
Mulcahy and Co Pty Ltd  
Mulgrave Country Club  
Sead Muratovic  
Murray Ace Training Solutions

**N**  
Nanneella Community - Family Picnic  
Narre Warren North Primary School  
Narre Warren South P12 - Superhero Week  
Neerim District Secondary College  
New Zealand Australian Punjabi Cultural Association

Nick's Wish - Melbourne Marathon  
Noah and Zoe - Slices Stall  
Norwood Secondary College

## O

Oakridge Wines  
OneSchool Global  
    Bairnsdale Campus  
    Bendigo Campus  
    Cardinia Campus  
    Hamilton Campus  
    Melbourne Campus  
    Melton Campus  
    Nathalia Campus  
    Swan Hill Campus  
Orchard Manufacturing Co -  
    Easter Lunch  
Ertan Ozer - The Annual Melbourne  
    Holden VL Car Meet

## P

Pabs Snags 6 Against Diabetes  
Pagewood Park Craft Group  
Pakenham Kindergarten  
Abigail Haven Palm Memorial Fund  
Brad Palmer - Tough Mudder  
    Challenge  
Pampieriki Brotherhood of Melbourne  
    and Victoria  
Pascoe Vale Social Golf Club  
Lawrence Pawar  
Ben Pellicori - Pizza for Kids  
Penguin District School  
Kirk Peterson - Christmas in July  
    Dinner  
Philanthropikos Syllogos - Meligala  
    Messinia  
Pikachu Says Trans Rights - Totes Vidya  
    Charity Stream  
Anna Pittella  
Preston High School  
Ajay Psaila Memorial Fund

## R

Prashanti Rajendram - Melbourne  
    Marathon  
Robbie Rawling - Mullet Shave For The  
    Kids  
Ray White Corporate  
Ray White Echuca  
Richmond High School  
Rob Dolan Wines - The Big Roast for  
    CF  
Brad and Catherine Robinson - Naya's  
    P.I.C.U Angels  
Roman Middleton - Annual Charity Golf  
    Day  
Kon Romios - Little Kid BIG Hope  
Rossbourne School  
Rotary Club of Alexandra  
Rotary Club of Preston  
Rotary Club of Werribee - 200km  
    Walk  
Rotuman Association of Victoria Inc  
Daniel Rowe  
Ruby Burstyner - St Kilda Festival Drink  
    Sale  
Ruby Lo and Friends  
Ruyton Girls School  
Lexi Ryan-Portelli - Garage Sale  
**S**  
Shaun Sacca - Run Melbourne  
Nicholas Sageman - Laryngomalacia  
    Warrior  
Salford Park Christian Activities Sub  
    Committee  
Salvocare Eastern  
Perry Sambor - Annual Live Life  
    Foundation Charity Golf Day  
Saturday Night Live (SNL) Car Club  
See Yup Society  
Terry Sefton - Mullets for the Kids  
Shari Butcher - Breathe Easy  
Siemens Ltd.  
Siena - Handmade Candles Sale

Slumbercare Bedding (Aust) Pty Ltd  
Clayton Smith - Golden Plains Charity  
    Event  
Southmoor Primary School  
St Albans Meadows Primary School  
St Francis Xavier Parish Montmorency  
St Killian's School  
St Mary MacKillop College  
St Mary's School  
St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten Inc  
St Pauls Primary School  
St Thereses Primary School  
St Therese's School  
Staff at Office Special Minister of  
    State  
Jason Stark - Around the Bay in a Day  
Strintzos Group  
Evie and Charli Sullivan - Frozen Choc  
    Banana Sale  
Sumit's Half Marathon  
Swinburne University of Technology

## T

Lily Tan - Social Ballroom Dancing  
Tarneit P-9 College  
Team Lotti - Stadium Stomp  
The Chloe Clash  
The Cupcake Queens  
The Farm Yarra Valley  
The Hospital Research Foundation  
The Islamic School of Victoria  
The Op Shop Ball - Finnan's Gift  
The Peninsula School  
Tinternvale Primary School  
Toolangi Tavern  
Dean Towns - Kettlebell Challenge  
Liana Trifunovic - Kitchen Tea  
    Fundraiser

Dianne Trigila - Pancake and Waffle  
Morning Tea

Trinity Grammar School - Kew

Stephanie Tsang - Melbourne  
Marathon

## U

Urquhart Park Primary School

## V

Charli Vandersluis - School Fundraiser

Vibe Dads United - Man Candy

Viewbank Primary School

## W

Wandong Primary School - Class 1/2D  
Toy Sale

Watsonia North Primary School

Wellington Secondary College

Welshpool and District Horticultural  
Society Inc

Warick Wesson

Daryl Wiggins - Head Shave

Wigs for Lexie Day

Phoebe Wilson

Tara Winckel

Windsor Senior Citizens Club Inc

Benjamin Wise - Popcorn Sale

Woodford Primary School

Tom Woodland - Melbourne  
Marathon

Levi Wright and Jayden Hunter - Giving  
Back to the RCH

Wyndham City Council - Bake Sale

## Y

Y Hair Design

Yarrambat Primary School

## Z

Zagame Automotive Group Pty Ltd



**In 2012 the Myors family's life was turned upside down. Ian and Kelly's daughter Chloe went to school like any other day and collapsed just after the first bell.**

Having suffered from a brain aneurysm, Chloe was airlifted to the RCH. Three days later, Ian, Kelly and Chloe's little brother Ben said their final goodbyes to their beloved 11-year-old daughter and sister.

In 2017, following a Memorial Day held annually for bereaved families at the RCH, Ben told dad Ian that he wanted to do something to raise money for the hospital and the idea for 'The Chloes Clash' was born.

"In the car on the way home, Ben said to me that he wanted to raise money for the hospital and honour Chloe. It's remarkable what the hospital does to support families like ours who have lost children, they continue to support us," Ian said.

Within an hour Ben had come up with a unique concept. Now in its second year, the 24-hour non-





stop marathon sports game is part netball, part basketball. Netball was the game Chloe excelled at and loved and basketball is Ben's sport of choice. While it may sound confusing, rules are fairly simple and when the ball crosses the centre line, it becomes the other sport.

Over 50 players took part this year and along with donated prizes from a silent auction and jumpers being sold, it raised over \$13,000, taking the total money raised over the two years to \$22,000.

"For Ben to have this event to remember and honour Chloe is the best thing, he's really keen to grow the event and raise even more money for the hospital," Ian said.

# THANK YOU



**Michelle Powell has been donating every year to the Good Friday Appeal since she got her first job at 18; having always wanted to volunteer for the RCH.**

"I have always wanted to be involved with the RCH, through volunteering or fundraising. Children are our next generation and I wanted to contribute in any way I could to ensure they are happy and healthy," Michelle said.

As serendipity would have it, Michelle was talking to Dr Miriam Weisz, President of the RCH Auxiliaries, at a work event early last year about her desire to help out and raise funds for the hospital.

"I was speaking with Miriam and saying how I'd love to be involved in volunteering or fundraising. She said she was the President of the RCH Auxiliaries and that an Auxiliary 'Chip In' had been inactive for a few years. She asked whether I would be interested in reinstating it and getting members on board. I jumped at the chance," Michelle said.

The unique Auxiliary, rebranded as 'ChIP SXiliary', was reinstated immediately with Michelle serving as President alongside Jordan Hammond, who was previously a leader and member of the RCH's Chronic Illness Peer Support (ChIPS) program.

ChIP SXiliary raises funds in support of the ChIPS Program at the RCH, which offers support to young people aged 12 to 24 who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness. ChIPS, which has been running for over 20 years, offers young people the opportunity to develop networks of peers and mentors who understand the shared experience of living with a chronic illness; decreasing isolation and increasing connectedness for young people.

Word of mouth has seen the Auxiliary grow to five members with the support of RCH clinician Mick Creati, who fundraised in collaboration with those involved in the ChIPS program, including their first trivia night event which raised over \$7,000. Money raised is directed towards initiatives

identified by the young people from the program including funding places for ChIPpers to attend camps and to support the participation of young people from rural areas.

**"We have got into this great collaborative space with staff working on the ChIPS program and the kids within the program; we exist to raise money so they can do the things they need to do. One thing we are jointly working on at the moment is selling tickets for the musical that children and young adults in ChIPS have written and will perform," Michelle said.**

# RCH AUXILIARIES

**For nearly 100 years the Auxiliaries have proudly supported the RCH. Today, over 50 Auxiliary groups are actively fundraising for the hospital across the State. Their dedication and goodwill raised over \$1.4million for the 2019 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.**

## **A**

Absent Friends Auxiliary  
American Women's  
Association Auxiliary  
aRCHers Auxiliary  
Auxiliaries Legacy Fund

## **B**

BEAD's Auxiliary  
Beyond Sight Auxiliary  
Bright Starts Auxiliary  
Brimbank ToRCH Auxiliary  
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

## **C**

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary  
Cancer In Kids Auxiliary  
(CIKA)  
Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary  
Caroline Auxiliary  
CasKids Auxiliary  
Caulfield Auxiliary  
Charli's Angels Auxiliary  
ChIPsXiliary  
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary  
CPR Auxiliary  
Cystic Fibrosis Research  
Trust Auxiliary

## **D**

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch  
Nursing Scholarship  
Endowment Fund  
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch  
Nursing Scholarship  
Luncheon  
Dirty Hands Happy Hearts  
Auxiliary  
Do-Bees Auxiliary

## **E**

Ezy Breathing Auxiliary

## **F**

Footscray & Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary  
Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

## **G**

Geelong Auxiliary

## **H**

HAUX Auxiliary  
Hawthorn Auxiliary  
Heart Throb Auxiliary  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

## **I**

Inverloch Diabetic Unit  
Auxiliary

## **K**

Kids Can Auxiliary  
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary  
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary

## **L**

LARCH Auxiliary  
Let The Children Play  
Auxiliary

## **M**

Mish Mish Women's  
Auxiliary

## **N**

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

## **P**

Pankina Auxiliary  
Parkville Auxiliary  
President's Fundraising Network  
Chai Impact Giving Circle

## **R**

RCH Volunteers Auxiliary  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

## **S**

Smiley Auxiliary  
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary  
South Western Auxiliary  
St Kilda Auxiliary

StroKidz Auxiliary

## **T**

Templestowe Auxiliary  
The Melbourne Sinfonia  
Auxiliary  
Trailblazers Auxiliary  
Transcend Auxiliary

## **V**

Victorian Quilters Very  
Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary  
VivaRCH Auxiliary

## **W**

Wangaratta Auxiliary  
Waverley Auxiliary  
Werribee Ladies for Kids  
Auxiliary

# OUR COMMITMENT TO DONORS

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

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

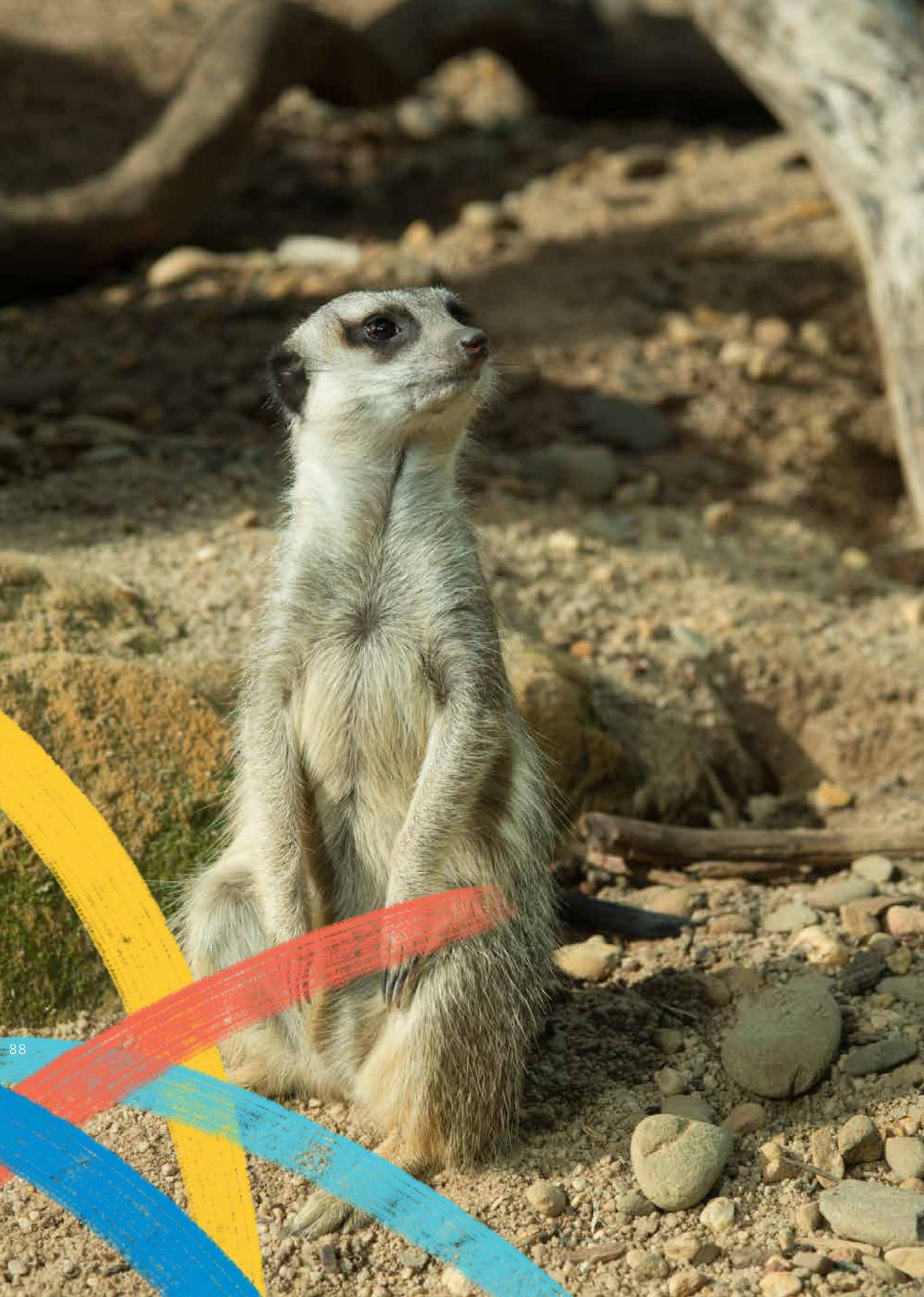




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# FINANCIALS

**A summary of the 2018/19 financial results are reported below.**

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

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

## **2018/19 Income**

The total income for 2018/19 is \$60.3 million. This is reported by the principal funding source.

Bequest and estate income grew in 2019 and was supported by two generous gifts.

Income resulting from general donations also increased, as did the number of donations from major gifts, regular givers and investments.

## **Approved grants**

Throughout 2018/19 82 new grants were approved, totalling \$50.7 million. In many cases this funding extends over a number of years.

## **Distributions**

Of the \$60.3 million raised in 2018/19, \$38.2 million was distributed to the hospital through the granting process. An additional \$15.7 million was held for future granting.

## **Administration and fundraising costs**

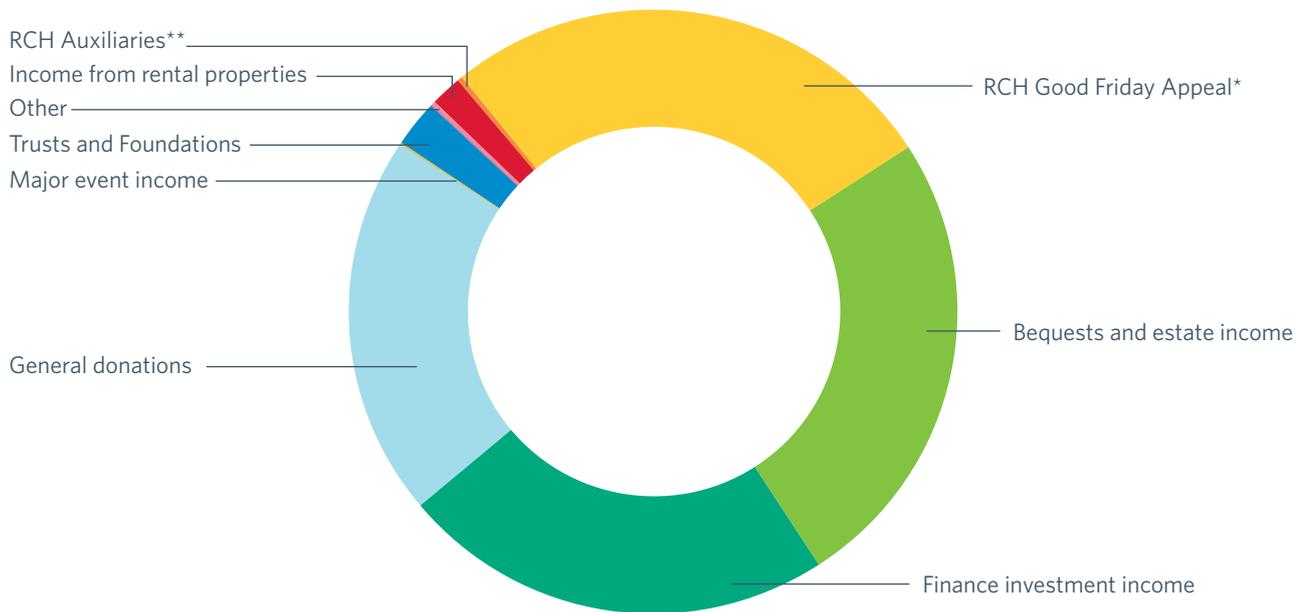
\$6.5 million of costs were incurred in 2018/19. This is a result of the costs associated with raising fundraising income, managing the grants process, investing for future growth and ensuring the appropriate controls and governance procedures are maintained and strengthened.

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

FIGURE 1A **INCOME 2018/19**

	(\$)	(%)
RCH Good Friday Appeal*	16,195,274	26.82
Bequest and estate income	15,143,200	25.07
Finance investment income	13,913,714	23.04
General donations	12,302,878	20.37
Trusts and Foundations	1,648,084	2.73
Major event income	10,356	0.02
Other	154,441	0.26
Income from rental properties	868,611	1.44
Auxiliaries**	157,170	0.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,393,728</b>	<b>100</b>

FIGURE 1B **INCOME 2018/19**



\* GFA revenue is net of costs incurred in conducting the Appeal. Total funds raised was \$18,175,467.

\*\* From 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019, RCH Auxiliaries raised \$1,424,423 which was included in the RCH Good Friday Appeal total. The balance represents amounts collected towards the 2020 Appeal.

FIGURE 2A **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS 2018/19**

	(\$)
■ Patient and family centred care	8,641,169
■ Equipment and technology	8,583,844
■ Research	13,505,118
■ Leadership, education and training	19,978,061
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,708,192*</b>

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

FIGURE 3A **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME 2018/19**

	(\$)
■ <b>Grants and distribution</b>	<b>38,226,851</b>
■ Patient and family centred care	9,850,550
■ Equipment and technology	1,485,690
■ Research	13,256,652
■ Leadership, education and training	13,633,959
■ <b>Future granting obligations</b>	<b>15,710,418</b>
■ <b>Administration and fundraising costs</b>	<b>6,456,459</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,393,728</b>

FIGURE 2A **TOTAL APPROVED GRANTS**

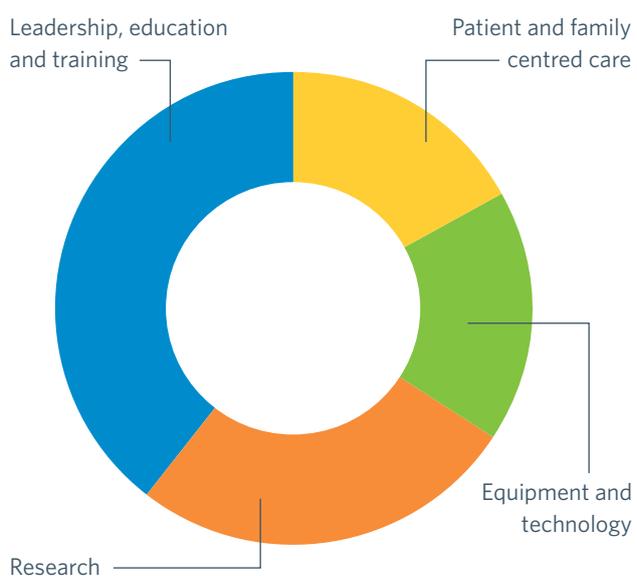
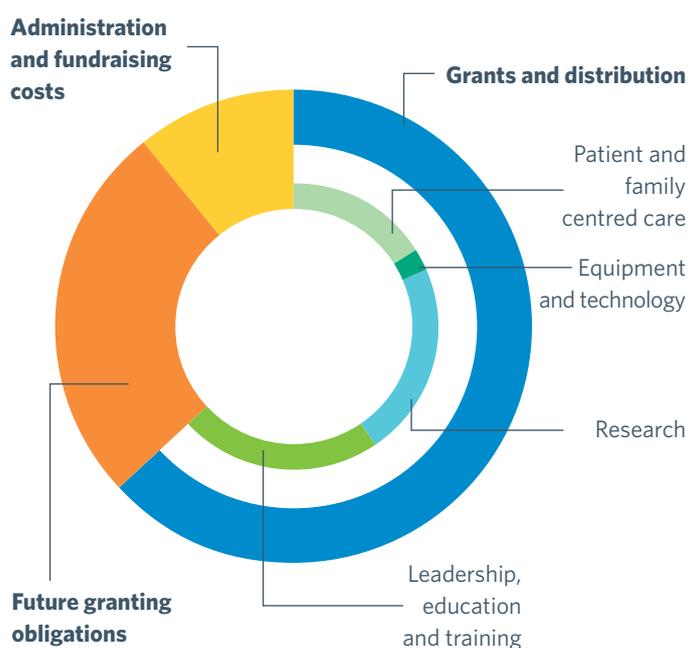


FIGURE 3A **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME**



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Mr Yates has been the Chairman of the RCH Foundation since July 2012. He is Deputy Chairman of The Myer Family Investments Ltd, a director of AIA Australia Limited and a director of Linfox Australia Pty Ltd. He is Chairman of the Royal Institution of Australia, the Australian Science Media Centre, the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne, the Shared Value Project, the NHMRC Centre for Personalised Immunology at ANU, and the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology at UNSW. Until 2001 he worked in the investment banking industry including 15 years with Macquarie Bank. He holds a Doctorate of the University from Murdoch University, a Masters degree from Stanford University Graduate School of Business, and a Commerce degree from the University of Melbourne. He speaks Japanese, having studied at Keio University in Tokyo. Until 30 June 2018, Peter was a director of the RCH and has been a director of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Asialink, Crown Ltd, The Nine Network, Ninemsn, Ticketek, Veda Ltd, the National Portrait Gallery, The Melbourne International Arts Festival, Centre for Independent Studies, MOKO.mobi, the Australia-Japan Foundation. From 2004-2007, Peter was Managing Director of Oceania Capital Partners and held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Publishing and Broadcasting Limited from 2001-2004. In the June 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours, Peter was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for service to education, to the financial services industry and to a range of arts, science and charitable organisations and in 2017 was made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE). Director since 2001 and Chairman since 2012.

## **Richard Leder OAM BEc LLB (Hons) - Deputy Chairman**

Mr Leder is a partner of the national law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Corrs). He specialises in commercial litigation and media law. He is Corrs' Melbourne litigation practice group leader and the Melbourne office pro-bono partner. He represents a range of media institutions including Channel Seven Melbourne. He also advises the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and represents corporate and professional organisations and community welfare groups. He holds the position of Deputy Chair of the RCH Foundation and serves on the Executive and Finance, Audit, Investment, Remuneration and Grants Committees of the Board. He also sits on the RCH1000 committee. Director since 14 September 1998.

## **Peter Blunden**

Peter Blunden was appointed Victorian Managing Director - Editorial for News Corp Australia in 2012, with responsibility for all publications of the Herald and Weekly Times including the Herald Sun, Sunday Herald Sun, The Weekly Times, Leader Community Newspapers, and the Geelong Advertiser Group. Peter was previously Managing Director of the Herald and Weekly Times for 5 years, before which he served 11 years as editor and editor-in-chief of the Herald Sun. Peter edited the Adelaide Advertiser for more than 5 years, held various senior positions with The Australian, and was founding

editor of The Australian's colour magazine in 1988. His 40 year career with News Corp Australia has taken him from Sydney to Canberra, Adelaide and Melbourne. Peter is a director of the Herald and Weekly Times, the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, a committee member of the Moonee Valley Racing Club, and a member of the Carbine Club. Director since 1 July 2012.

## **Alisa Camplin-Warner AM**

Mrs Camplin-Warner worked globally with the IBM Corporation for 16 years, most recently holding the position of Strategy and Transformation Executive, Global Technology Services, UK and Ireland. She was Chair of the Australian Sport Foundation from 2010-2013, and is Deputy Chair of the Australian Sports Commission and a Director of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia. Mrs Camplin-Warner was the Performance Manager for Australia's 2018 Winter Olympic Team. She's the THINK Well Ambassador for AIA Insurance's Vitality Program and has just been named as the Collingwood Football Club's first ever Patron of Women's Sport. Mrs Camplin-Warner is also a Resiliency and High Performance Consultant and an in-demand keynote speaker. Mrs Camplin-Warner received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, the Australian Centenary Medal in 2001 and the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2019. Director since 30 June 2013.

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

Michael Cheung is Director of Paediatric Cardiology at the RCH and Leader of the Heart Research Group at Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI). He trained in paediatric cardiology at Grantham Hospital (Hong Kong), Great Ormond Street Hospital (London, UK), The Royal Brompton Hospital (London, UK), and the Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto, Canada). He was also Clinical Systems Advisor in development of the Cardiovascular Centre in Hue, Vietnam. He has published more than 120 peer-reviewed papers and nine book chapters. His research includes assessment techniques for blood flow, vascular function in congenital and acquired heart disease, functional outcomes following treatment of congenital heart disease, novel indices of ventricular function, and remote ischaemic preconditioning for induction of organ protection. Director since 19 October 2016.

## **Hon Rob Knowles AO**

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

### **Sameer Kumar BBus FCA**

Mr Kumar is the Managing Partner for Firm Strategy at PwC. He also leads the firm's ASENZ (Australia, South East Asia, New Zealand) consulting business. He has over 26 years' experience across strategy, digital, financial effectiveness and operations, and has managed numerous projects with leading US, Asian and Australian organisations. Sammy has a Bachelor of Business - Accounting from Monash University and is a Fellowship Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia (FCA). Additionally, Sammy has been reappointed to the Board of the RCH from July 2018, and is also a Foundation Director since 19 October 2015 and Chair of Audit Committee since 15 June 2016.

### **Karl Kutner BPD**

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

### **Lewis Martin GAICD**

Mr Martin joined Seven as a sales executive over 20 years ago, and in 2008 he was appointed Managing Director. In addition to the day to day running of Channel Seven Melbourne, Mr Martin plays a leadership role in sports rights negotiations and broadcast management for the AFL, horse racing and tennis. Mr Martin is a board member of The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and the Cure for MND Foundation, and is an advisor to a number of Melbourne-based not-for-profit organisations. He is also a board member of Racing.com and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Director since 30 June 2013.

### **Andrew Shelton BA MA Cambridge FAICD**

Mr Shelton is a company director, and an independent corporate finance advisor and consultant. He is the Principal and Director of Andrew Shelton and Co Pty Limited, and the founder and Director of Ice Sports Australia Pty Limited, a company that together with ING Real Estate and the support of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia developed the National Ice Sports Centre in Melbourne Docklands as a commercial venture. He chairs the Pembroke College, Cambridge Australian Scholarship Fund. Other activities include Treasurer of the Australian Real Tennis Association, the governing body of real tennis in Australia. Formerly, Andrew was President and CEO of JP Morgan Canada, following a period with JP Morgan in New York. He is Chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. Director since 30 June 2013.

### **Dr Gillian Sparkes PhD MBA FAICD FIPAA MRACI**

Dr Sparkes holds a PhD in Applied Science (Chemistry), a Masters of Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Victorian Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Dr Sparkes has been the Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability since July 2014

and has held senior roles in the Victorian government including as Chair of the Board of Sustainability Victoria and Deputy Secretary Corporate and Business Services for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. She also served two terms as a director of South Gippsland Water and was the CEO of the Australian Sustainable Industry Research Centre at Monash University. Dr Sparkes is also a board member of the Country Fire Authority, the Industry Capability Network, Victoria, and is an independent member of the Victorian Government (DEDJTR) Investment Committee. Director since 19 October 2015.

### **John Stanway BEc Monash GradDiplR Victoria FAICD**

John Stanway was appointed to the role of CEO at the RCH in October 2017. Prior to commencing in this role, John was the Chief Operating Officer at the RCH for more than 10 years, overseeing clinical operations. From 2012, John also held the position of Deputy CEO. Before joining the RCH, John managed Monash Medical Centre, was Chief Executive of the Transport Accident Commission and held various senior management roles at General Motors Holden. John has a double major in Economics and a Graduate Diploma in Industrial Relations and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. John was also President of the Victorian Hospitals Industrial Association and Chairman for 10 years. Director since 21 June 2017.

### **Dr Miriam Weisz DBA MBA BEc (Hons)**

Dr Weisz has a Doctor of Business Administration specialising in Strategic Management in Education. She was an Associate Professor in Teaching and Learning at RMIT and was the Director of the University's quality improvement processes. After retirement from full-time employment, Dr Weisz was appointed to the Victorian Board of the Australian Medical Board in 2011 and was a member of the Australian Medical Council from 2012-2017 and the Australian Joint Distribution Committee from 2014-2017. She was also appointed to the Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia in 2017. Dr Weisz served as the Chair of the Development Board of the Centre for Adolescent Health at the RCH for 10 years from 2006 and she is currently President of RCH Auxiliaries. Director since 19 October 2016.

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