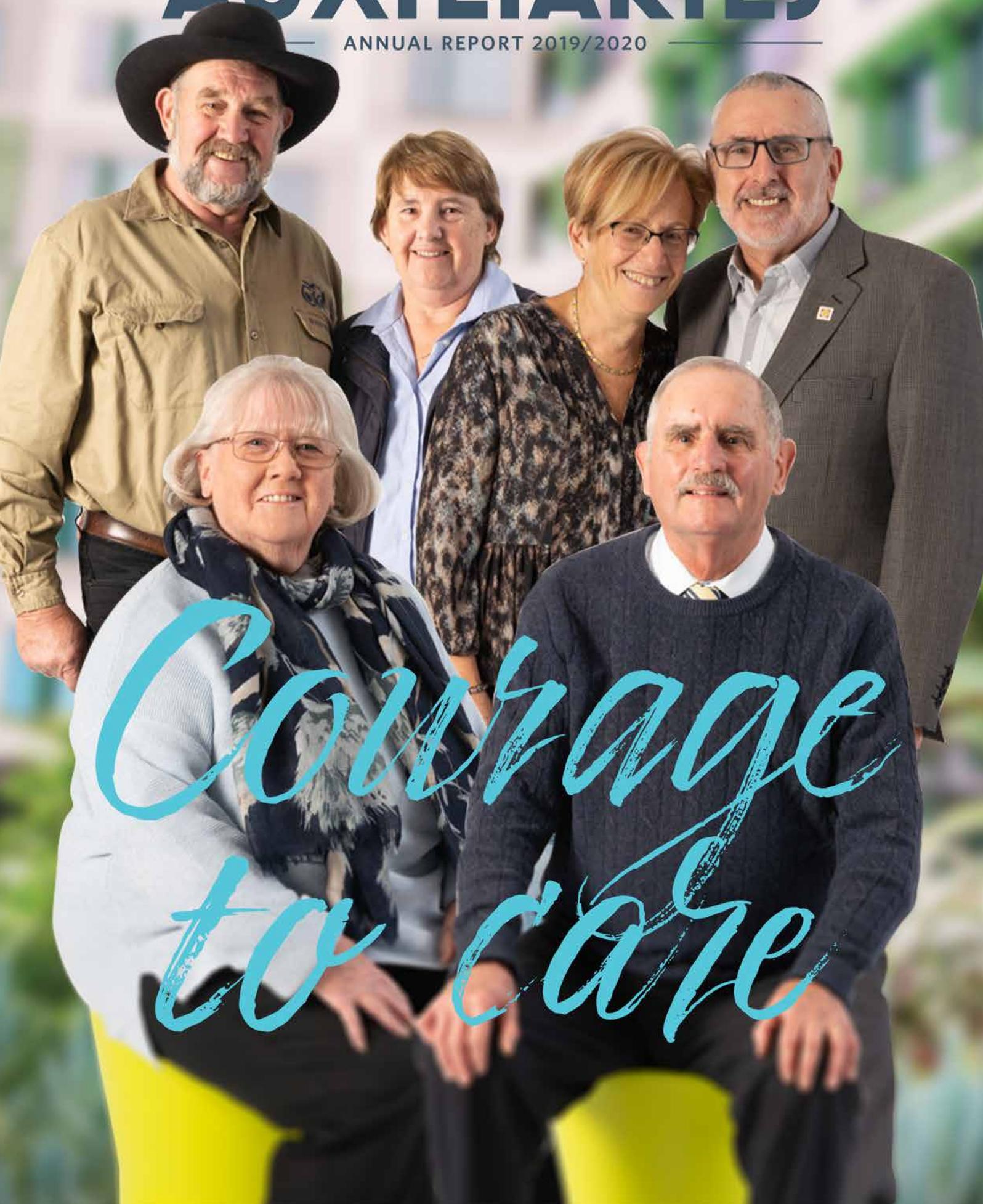


THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

# AUXILIARIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



*Courage  
to care*

# Vision

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

# Mission

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

# Values

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Cover:** CIKA Auxiliary members (L-R) Andrew Duyvestyn, Faye Love, Christine Duyvestyn, Leah Bergman, Michael Love and Fred Bergman. Read all about their Courage to Care and CIKA's 40 years of support on page 16.

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# 2019/20

MESSAGE  
FROM THE

# President



Dr Miriam Weisz, President

Thank you so much for another incredible year of fundraising for The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH). Once again, I have been in awe of your passion and commitment to sick children and their families.

The contribution that all Auxiliary members make to the RCH is truly extraordinary, and resulted in \$1,500,110 being donated to the 2020 Good Friday Appeal. In fact, outside of the State Government's contribution, Auxiliaries were the single largest donor to the 2020 Appeal.



The Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children, 1870

That figure is so much more than a number. It represents the countless hours you spend planning events, making goods and manning stalls to support our hospital. You should all feel incredibly proud of this achievement, particularly in the hospital's 150th year.

Auxiliaries are the hospital's longest philanthropic partner and your steadfast commitment over nearly 100 years is remarkable. What's more, you truly embody your vision - one team, working towards one goal - making sick kids better.

I was so heartened to see Auxiliaries continue to collaborate with one another throughout this past year to maximise the impact of your support. This included funding new infant warmers for critically ill babies and seizing new opportunities, like the flower sale.



Nurses in training, 1887

Like the rest of society, we have also faced the challenge of COVID-19. Whilst this has halted many of our fundraising endeavours, it has not diminished our commitment to the hospital. As Auxiliaries always do, we have come together to support several projects including new equipment to improve the treatment and monitoring of patients needing home respiratory support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

This period has also enabled some wonderful innovations. Some Auxiliaries, including Templestowe and Werribee Ladies for Kids, have started selling goods online. Likewise, the Gratitude Hub is also selling handmade goods from our Auxiliaries online. When we realised we were unable to physically come together for the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon, we knew we still had to do something to raise the much needed funds for this important Scholarship and our online fundraiser came to life.

All of these achievements would not have been possible without the support of our Auxiliaries network. I would like to sincerely thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee for their time, commitment and expertise.

Thank you also to the RCH Foundation for their support throughout this past year. Peter Yates AM, Chairman; Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer and the Auxiliaries and Fundraising Team have worked with us to ensure Auxiliaries continue to evolve and prosper well into the future.

To all Auxiliary members, thank you once again. I know this has been a challenging time, but your resilience, commitment and passion is truly admirable. Together, we are creating a brighter future for sick children and their families.

**Dr Miriam Weisz**  
President  
The RCH Auxiliaries

## MESSAGE FROM THE RCH

# Foundation

Congratulations to all Auxiliaries for another outstanding year of fundraising for the RCH. Thank you to you and your supporters for your unwavering dedication and commitment to our hospital.

This year, your collective fundraising resulted in a remarkable \$1,500,110 donation to the 2020 Good Friday Appeal. With these funds, you have supported many life changing projects spanning numerous departments and areas across the hospital. We are delighted to be able to share just how your support continues to change the lives of sick children in this year's Annual Report.

This year marks 150 years of the RCH. In 1870 a Ladies Committee, with Doctors Smith and Singleton, worked to raise the funds needed to establish the Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children. Its aim - to give the best care to sick and injured children free of all charge. That vision of providing children with the very best healthcare still exists today, as does the philanthropy needed to support it.

Like the Auxiliaries, generosity has been the cornerstone of the hospital since the very beginning. As the RCH's longest philanthropic partner, you continue to build on and grow this legacy. For that, we are so incredibly grateful.

As a society, we are currently facing one of our biggest challenges. COVID-19 has had far reaching impacts, but it has not dampened your spirit and commitment to the hospital. As Auxiliaries have done for nearly 100



Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH Foundation

years, I know your resilience and determination will ensure you continue to support sick children and their families for many years to come.

I look forward to a time when we can welcome you back to the Campus and see the pods and market days come to life once again with the myriad of baked goods, handcrafted items and unique gifts. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to work together to adapt and innovate to enhance your fundraising and support of the RCH.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee, led by President, Dr Miriam Weisz for your dedication and expertise. I know we will continue to work together to build a sustainable future for the RCH Auxiliaries.

To all Auxiliary members, thank you so much. We are truly humbled by your passion and generosity. The team and I look forward to continuing to work together to make sick kids better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Sue Hunt**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The RCH Foundation

# MESSAGE FROM THE *Hospital*

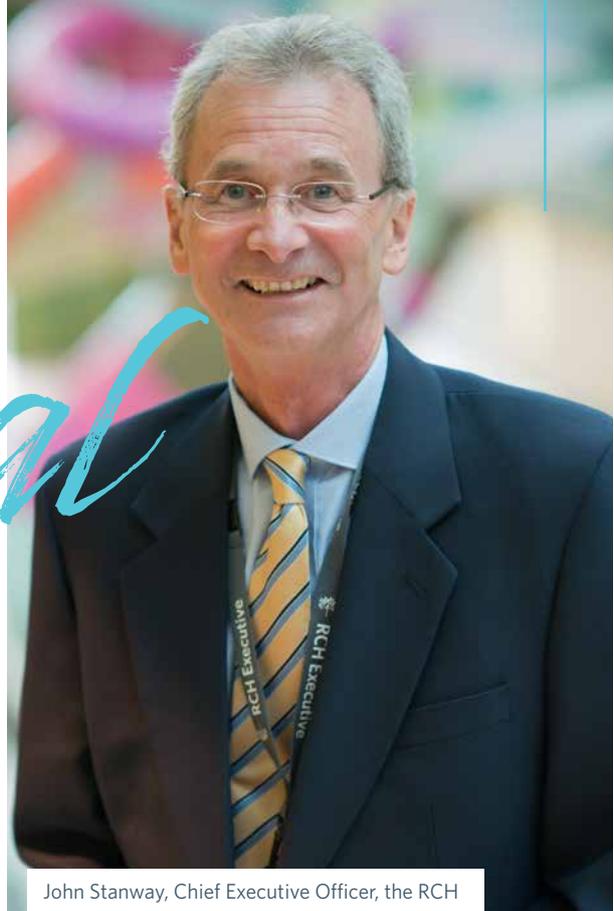
On behalf of the RCH,  
thank you to all Auxiliaries  
for another wonderful  
year of fundraising.

Philanthropy has been a part of the hospital since the very beginning 150 years ago and it is thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, including the RCH Auxiliaries that we are able to go above and beyond to deliver great care – everywhere.

Support from the RCH Foundation, and its community of fundraisers and donors, has enabled us to do this in many ways. I am so grateful to the RCH Auxiliaries for supporting nearly 40 projects and initiatives across our Campus. Your dedication and commitment to supporting the lives of sick children is outstanding, and I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for raising an incredible \$1,500,110 for the hospital.

I know like so many of our community members, you have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 but we are grateful that you responded so quickly to the hospital's needs. Many of you generously put your hands up to fund urgent COVID-19 projects, such as new equipment for patients needing respiratory support at home, to ensure great care could continue for sick children and their families.

Throughout this past year, you also supported new ventilators for our Emergency Department, the Music Therapy Program for the Departments of Neuroscience and Rehabilitation and vital work taking place to improve the mental health of our patients.



John Stanway, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH

These are just a sample of the many initiatives that are made possible thanks to your passion and care for our hospital. I hope that every single member of the RCH Auxiliaries is proud of this special contribution.

On behalf of all of the staff, patients and their families at the RCH, I sincerely thank you for helping us to create a world leading children's hospital. We all look forward to supporting your fundraising efforts and welcoming you back to the Campus when it is safe to do so.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Stanway'.

**John Stanway**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The RCH

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

In what was an extremely tough year for everyone, I would like to acknowledge the magnificent support of the RCH Auxiliaries who together raised an incredible \$1,500,110. Your year round fundraising was especially important this year given the many community fundraising events that had to be cancelled just before the Appeal, so I thank you for your ongoing commitment.

The Good Friday Appeal is always about communities working together for a great cause and this year really brought home the importance of friendships and hard work along with a commitment to making a difference. This is really what defines the Auxiliaries, because for many of you, being part of an Auxiliary is more than raising money. It's a chance to get together, forge bonds, support each other and make a difference to a cause that is close to all our hearts – the health and wellbeing of our children.

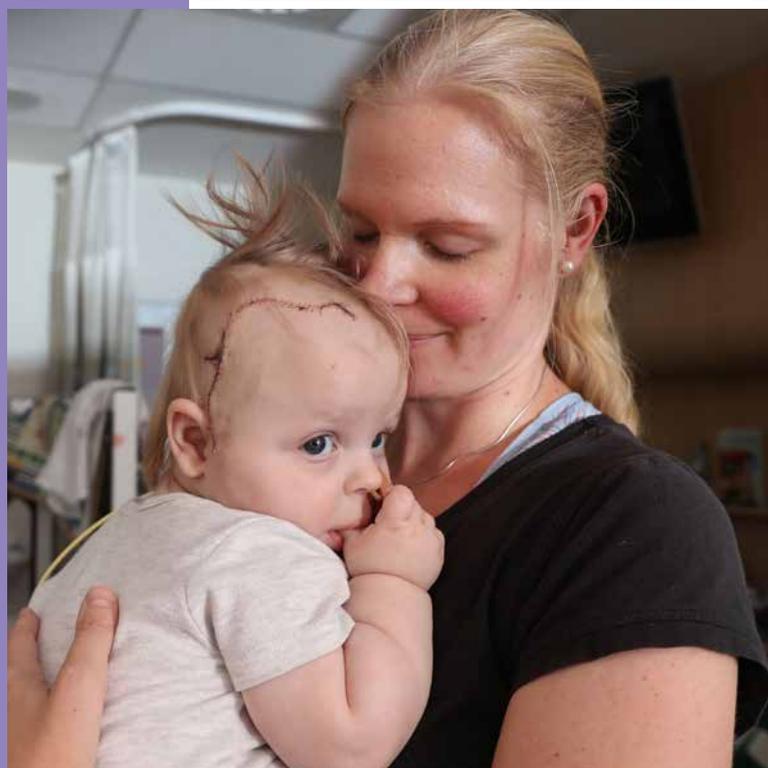
As Victorians, we understand the importance of having a world class hospital so that our kids get the best possible care. It's really heartening that even in such stressful times for the whole community, organisations like the Auxiliaries continued to work hard, knowing how important it is to continue supporting the hospital, raising funds for vital equipment, education, research and family centred care.

In the 89th year of the Good Friday Appeal, we raised an amazing \$18,200,000 for the RCH and we want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the Auxiliaries throughout Victoria for their contribution and who so generously donate their time, talent and funds to make the Good Friday Appeal what it is – the people's charity.

As this is my last Appeal, I'd like to express my gratitude and admiration for your wonderful contribution. I'd also like to thank you for your friendship and support. I have enjoyed every moment of working with you.

### **Anne Randall**

Director, Good Friday Appeal



Photos by Alex Coppel, Herald Sun

# Good Friday Appeal

\$18.2m

Over \$18 million was raised for the Good Friday Appeal in 2020

\$1.5m

raised by the RCH Auxiliaries, the single largest donor to the 2020 Appeal

\$361m

raised by the Good Friday Appeal for the RCH since 1931



# 2019/20 Results

Absent Friends Auxiliary	\$2,998	Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary	\$3,674
American Women's Association	\$12,909	Friends of the CBC Auxiliary	\$45,607
aRCHers Auxiliary	\$1,076	Geelong Auxiliary	\$56,083
Auxiliaries Legacy Fund	\$34,861	HAUX	\$1,349
BEADS Auxiliary	\$571	Hawthorn Auxiliary	\$1,751
Beyond Sight Auxiliary	\$999	Heart Throb Auxiliary	\$7,548
Brimbank Torch Auxiliary	\$2,273	Heart To Heart Auxiliary	\$17,547
Broadmeadows Auxiliary	\$21,750	Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary	\$41,433
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary	\$109,914	Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary	\$16,372
CIKA	\$232,931	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary	\$61,240
Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary	\$13,392	LARCH	\$7,605
Caroline Auxiliary	\$17,563	Let The Children Play Auxiliary	\$4,969
CasKids Auxiliary	\$31,977	Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary	\$1,058
Caulfield Auxiliary	\$439	Neonate Mates Auxiliary	\$24,687
Charli's Angels Auxiliary	\$9,702	Pankina Auxiliary	\$1,098
ChIPSXiliary	\$8,428	Parkville Auxiliary	\$34,903
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary	\$4,660	President's Fundraising Network	\$63,752
CPR Auxiliary	\$3,831	RCH Volunteers Auxiliary	\$1,509
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary	\$120,769	Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	\$34,525
DEMNDs Luncheon	\$154,105	Smiley Auxiliary	\$20,730
Ezy Breathing Auxiliary	\$889	South Western Auxiliary	\$47,707



Dorothy (Rae) Anstee - Former President of League of Former Trainees (LOFT)

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	\$13,523
St Kilda Auxiliary	\$16,209
StroKidz Auxiliary	\$1,145
Templestowe Auxiliary	\$70,605
The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary	\$32
Trailblazers Auxiliary	\$10,961
Transcend Auxiliary	\$9,792
VivaRCH Auxiliary	\$1,177
Wangaratta Auxiliary	\$12,853
Waverley Auxiliary	\$42,709
Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary	\$39,918

TOTAL      \$1,500,110



Sandra and Rod Jones - Smiley Auxiliary



Dianne and Amanda Humphreys - aRchers Auxiliary

# History

“From humble beginnings in 1870, to becoming one of the world’s leading children’s hospitals, the RCH that we know and love simply would not exist without the passionate people who so tirelessly volunteer their time and fundraise for the hospital with such unwavering support. We’re thrilled to celebrate 150 years of outstanding care at the RCH, almost a century of support from the Auxiliaries, and the commitment of individuals across this vibrant network who make the hospital what it is today. Thank you!” said Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH Foundation.

The RCH Auxiliaries have a long and inspirational history of supporting the hospital.

2020 marks incredible milestones for a number of Auxiliary groups, including those who are celebrating 40 and 60 years of supporting the RCH, as well as for those who are winding down after a long and dedicated period of immense generosity.



Ella Latham, 1933



Princess Mary Pavilion, 1903



Mary Guthrie, 1922



Elizabeth Turner, 1944

# 150 years

## OF CARE



**1870**

The Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children is opened by Dr William Smith and Dr John Singleton, with just six beds. Located at 39 Stephen Street South (now 49 Exhibition Street), the hospital treats more than 1,000 children in its first year of operation.



**1873**

The hospital relocates to 13 Spring Street in 1873 and remains there until the move to Redmond Barry House in 1876.



**1876**

The hospital moves to the former home of famous Melbourne judge, Justice Redmond Barry, on the corner of Pelham and Rathdowne streets in Carlton, with 24 beds.



**1922**

Mrs Mary Guthrie is appointed as the first Auxiliaries president, and formed a ladies committee to fundraise for the ongoing needs of the hospital.

**1913**

The Edward Wilson Pavilion opens, containing new surgical wards.



**1897**

The hospital becomes the first public hospital in Melbourne to open a radiology department, under Dr Herbert Hewlett.



**1930**

A 100 bed orthopaedic campus opens in Mt Eliza, caring for children with tuberculosis, osteomyelitis, and infantile paralysis.

**1933**

Ella Latham is elected as the president of the hospital's Committee of Management.



**1953**

The hospital receives Royal Assent, and officially changes its name to The Royal Children's Hospital.



**1948**

Chemotherapy is used for the first time on leukaemia patients, in the world's first controlled trial of the drug, by Dr John Colebatch.



**1870**

Mrs Frances Perry is elected as the first president of the hospital's Committee of Management.



**1887**

The hospital is officially recognised as a training school for nurses.



**1903**

New medical wards open in the Princess Mary Pavilion on the corner of Pelham and Drummond streets, and babies are admitted for the first time.



**1921**

The hospital opens Melbourne's first ward for babies.



**1944**

Dr Elizabeth Turner is appointed as the hospital's first female Medical Superintendent.

**1948**

Ten acres in Royal Park is designated by the Victorian government as the site for the new Children's Hospital.

**1875**

Mrs Sarah Bishop commences as Matron of the hospital, and oversees the development of the nurse training school.



**1900**

Dr William Snowball is nominated as the first paediatric representative to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

**1931**

The Good Friday Appeal is founded by a small group of journalists from The Sporting Globe, who organised a sports carnival for charity.



**1954**

Lady Elisabeth Murdoch (Dame Elisabeth) is elected as the president of the hospital's Committee of Management.



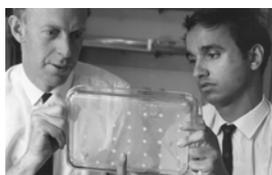


### 1963

Queen Elizabeth II officially opens the RCH new campus in Parkville.

### 1960

Investor and financier, Harry Moss, left instructions for £1 million to be held in a charitable trust that would pay an income in perpetuity to the RCH.



### 1995

The RCH and The Royal Women's Hospital merge to form The Women's and Children's Health Care Network.

### 1986

The Murdoch Children's Research Institute is founded with a generous bequest from the Murdoch family.



### 2011

The new state of the art RCH building opens at 50 Flemington Road, Parkville.



### 1995

The Hugh Williamson Gait Laboratory opens, completely philanthropically funded by the Hugh Williamson Foundation in its first year. It has since become a world leader in the analysis of walking disorders in children.

### 2006

The Victor and Loti Smorgon Chair in Paediatrics is established through the generous philanthropy of the Smorgon Family.



### 1995

The RCH's first liver transplant is performed, on the youngest person to receive a liver transplant in Australia.

### 2016

Betty Cosgrove generously leaves her entire estate to the RCH, creating a philanthropic endowment to support the Children's Bioethics Centre.



### 2019

CAR T-cell therapy, a type of immunotherapy directly and precisely targeting cancer cells, becomes available to RCH patients.

### 2019

Conjoined twins, Nima and Dawa, are successfully separated by a team of more than 20 surgeons, doctors and nurses after a 27 hour surgery.



### 1962

The first of the hospital's patients are moved into the new building in Parkville.

### 1961

The volunteer service is established with 126 volunteers performing a myriad of tasks throughout the hospital, supporting patients and families. One of the key tasks of some early volunteers was to assist with interpretation.



### 1994

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) equipment is used at the RCH for the first time.

### 1973

Rotavirus, the cause of a deadly form of severe gastroenteritis, is discovered at the hospital by microbiologist Ruth Bishop.



### 2005

The RCH becomes the first and only hospital in Australia to offer ventricular assist devices (VAD) to children. The VAD is used to replace the function of a failing heart while a patient waits for a heart transplant.

### 1989

The RCH Foundation is established, to raise, manage and distribute money to enable the RCH to provide the best care to patients and their families.

### 2006

My Room and the Children's Cancer Foundation raised \$23 million to reconstruct the Children's Cancer Centre, with linked research facilities. This sets a new standard for paediatric cancer care and research in Australia.



### 2009

A team of up to 16 surgeons, doctors and nurses successfully separated conjoined twins, Krishna and Trishna, in a 32 hour surgery at the RCH.



The newly established Children's Bioethics Centre played an important role in resolving the ethical dilemmas involved in the decision to undertake this ground breaking and potentially dangerous surgery.

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Parkville Auxiliary member Jill Harrison OAM and her husband Ken Harrison AM who are generously supporting **Celebrate. Create. Connect: The RCH150 Aboriginal Art Project.**

The Project aims to create a welcoming and inclusive space for First Nations Communities at the RCH now and well into the future.

Find out more at [www.rch150.org.au](http://www.rch150.org.au)



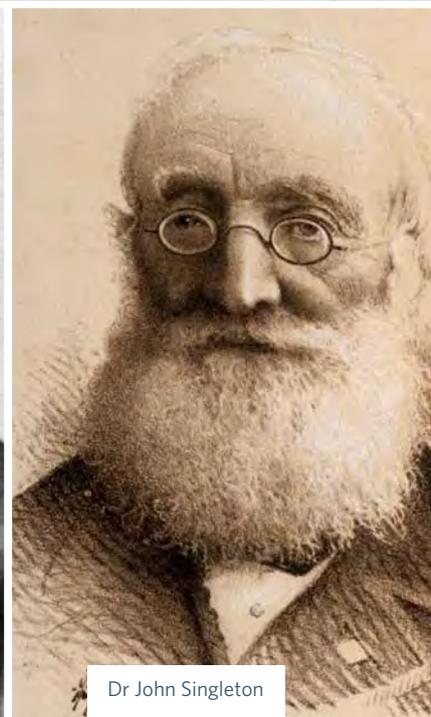
The Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children



Frances Perry, 1870



Dr William Smith



Dr John Singleton

# *The hospital we built:*

## HOW COMMUNITY SUPPORT BROUGHT THE VISION OF A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO LIFE

Community support has always been the lifeblood of the RCH, ensuring it can provide the very best care to sick children and their families for 150 years.

Before its establishment in 1870, Australian children were particularly vulnerable to illness and disease. Many families were living in overcrowded and unsanitary industrial inner-suburbs of Melbourne and had limited access to information about proper nutrition and hygiene.

Founding doctors William Smith and John Singleton saw this and had a vision "to help sick and injured children free of charge". With the support of a volunteer Ladies Committee of Management who worked tirelessly to raise the funds needed to establish the hospital, they brought their vision to life. The Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children opened its doors on 9 September 1870 with just six rooms at 39 Stephen Street (now 49 Exhibition Street).

The volunteer Ladies Committee of Management was instrumental in the establishment of the hospital, led by Mrs Frances Perry as the inaugural President. The committee was in charge of all day-to-day activity including fundraising, staffing and eligibility for patient admissions.

In its early years before government support, the community rallied behind the hospital. One fundraising event held in 1900 highlighted the growing commitment and love for the state's hospital for children. The fundraising bazaar at the Exhibition Buildings lasted for three weeks with stalls of goods for sale and a different program of entertainment every day. Some of the most popular attractions were the first tennis matches played under lights in Victoria,

a re-enactment of bushranging put on by the mounted police, a horse high jump competition and poetry recitations by Banjo Paterson. The bazaar raised £17,510 and cleared the hospital of debt.

Another pivotal moment of RCH support was the establishment of the Auxiliaries in 1922 by Miss Mary Guthrie. As part of the Hospital Committee of Management, Miss Guthrie raised concerns about the financial capacity of the hospital to deliver services with the budget allocated from the Government.

As a solution, Miss Guthrie formed the Auxiliary movement to fundraise for the hospital. Women from the local community were invited to join and 10 Auxiliaries were formed, along with an Executive Council. In their first year, Auxiliaries saved the hospital more than £1,914. By the end of the decade, another 12 Auxiliaries had formed, supporting the establishment of a canteen in the outpatients department, supplying bed linen and garments, along with fundraising to extend the babies ward. Today, there are over 50 active Auxiliaries from around Victoria who continue to fundraise under the mission "one team working towards one goal - making sick kids better."

The story of how the RCH has grown from such humble beginnings to become one of the world's great hospitals for children is as impressive as it is unique. A story of thousands of heroes (celebrated and unknown) whose tenacity and commitment - as medical innovators, nurses, volunteers, educators, researchers, philanthropists, fundraisers, administrators and supporters - has created a much-loved institution with a place in the heart of all Victorians.

To learn more visit [rch150.org.au](http://rch150.org.au)

# CIKA celebrating 40 years

Established in 1980 by a group of dedicated parents, the Cancer in Kids at RCH Auxiliary (CIKA) truly embodies the theme "courage to care". With members spanning families, friendship groups, generations and postcodes, their commitment and courage to support children with cancer is changing the lives of RCH patients every day.

As a mother of four children who lived close to the RCH, Ellen Webb knew she was destined to spend time at the hospital. However, nothing prepared her for the day her two year old son Brian was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer.

"Brian had excellent care, and I'll always remember moments of laughter during his treatment, as we got involved with music therapy, and jumping on his bed whilst watching the Wiggles," Ellen said. Despite his excellent care, and the family's efforts to remain upbeat, Brian sadly passed away a mere eight months following his diagnosis.

"It was obviously a devastating time for me and my family and I was searching for a way to keep going. I went to some grief support groups but I really wanted to do something that felt more constructive," Ellen said.

It was during a bereavement support group that Ellen heard about CIKA and decided to go along to a meeting. "I went to a meeting, and I found something I hadn't expected- a new family. They took me in and accepted me as I was then, and gave me the support I needed. They understood when I couldn't find words, and together, we got on with raising money for cancer research."

CIKA raises money to fund research into solid tumours, the most common form of childhood cancer. Solid tumours include Wilms' tumour, neuroblastoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing sarcoma, and brain tumours. The ultimate aim of CIKA is to stop children from ever contracting these types of cancer, but if they do,

they want to ensure that the treatment they receive is successful.

The Auxiliary was founded by three families who were united by grief, mourning the loss of their children who had passed away from cancer. John and Lois Tasker had lost their 10 year old daughter Katie, who passed away from Hodgkin's disease; together with Stan and Trudie Gorrs whose little girl Wendy passed away at three years old from rhabdomyosarcoma; and Karyn and Nigel Hayes, who had just lost their three year old son, Scott, who passed away from neuroblastoma.

From these tragedies and the hard work and dedication from these parents, CIKA was formed.

In its 40 years, CIKA has grown to include many more families and friends of children who have been diagnosed with a solid tumour. Starting small by raising \$2,000 in 1980, the following year saw that amount increase almost tenfold with over \$19,000 raised from the efforts of CIKA's growing band of volunteers. The new millennium saw CIKA's fundraising reach six figures at \$130,000, almost double the amount raised in 1999. CIKA has continued to raise over \$100,000 every year since and by the end of last year the combined total had passed the \$4 million mark.

"In our 40th year we planned to acknowledge this milestone with a number of key events and new fundraising initiatives. COVID-19 has interfered with these plans but we are determined they will eventually come to fruition as children are still being diagnosed with solid tumours and more research is needed," Ellen said.

CIKA's fundraising efforts are diverse; the Auxiliary has hosted gala balls, dog shows, film nights, luncheons, pie throwing competitions, market stalls, art and craft shows, to name a few.

"Over the years we've done lots of different things. One memorable fundraising event was the 'Coach Drive' where long-time CIKA supporters Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn, their family and helpers organised and drove an old-style coach behind Clydesdale horses 300kms from Port Fairy to the hospital, which raised over \$73,000," Ellen said.





Ellen Webb, Virginia Rea, Liz Dawes, Sandra Lehrer and Louise Ludlow



Lucia Di Maio, Ruth Edelsten, Peter Mitchell and Wendy Halligan



Karl Price, Sam Taranto, Chris Fazzo and Scott Duyvestyn



Colleen Clift, Hiliary Malkinson, Rachel Better-Johnson, Sala Rubinstein, Diane Attrill and Vivian Wang

“The Old Time Wood Days is another mainstay event that has been running for a long time – it’s celebrating 25 years this year. There’s wood displays, auctions, raffles, post and rail fencing demonstrations – it’s a very unique event.”

“We’re also incredibly grateful to our patron Peter Mitchell, who keeps the spirit of CIKA alive, and has played a pivotal role in supporting us. Peter has been our patron since 2000, and continues to inspire community members to support our fundraising efforts,” said Ellen.

Many families and friends involved with CIKA are longstanding members. Ellen, who is Vice-President of the CIKA committee, with help from her husband and three children, has been raising money for cancer research for over 22 years. There are 20 CIKA committee members and a further 100 people right across the state who help with the numerous fundraising events.

“It’s a testament to our President, Sandra Lehrer, that everyone who is on the committee has a role. Everyone can talk proudly about what they can do and how they can contribute. Sandra is always asking how we can do each event better and makes sure people want to be involved and keep coming back,” Ellen said. “There’s a lot of friendly

rivalry too. We are always trying to outdo each other and have friendly competition about who can raise the most money.”

For Ellen, CIKA has not only provided an outlet for her to honour Brian’s memory, it has provided her and her family with ongoing support and friendship.

“With CIKA we can really relate to each other and support each other through the difficult times. Over the years I have met the most incredible people, and had my faith restored countless times. Being part of CIKA lets me do things for Brian; to achieve things I hope he would be proud of me for, and has given me many wonderful friends.”

# Life changing impact

When CIKA was formed in 1980, most children who were diagnosed with cancer did not survive. Fast forward 40 years and the statistics are far more promising – most will survive. However, for the families who are touched by cancer, they want to see children not just survive, but thrive.

“CIKA’s main, ambitious goal is to eliminate cancer altogether, but we also want to ensure those kids who get cancer not only survive but improve their outcomes long term,” CIKA Vice-President, Ellen Webb said. “Many children are now surviving their initial cancer – Fiona Love was the first CIKA child to survive her cancer, but as an adult she developed a secondary cancer that she sadly passed away from when she was 42. Researchers are now finding that there are ongoing issues and higher risk factors for secondary cancers for children who have had cancer during childhood.”

From day one, CIKA members have been steadfast in their support of paediatric cancer research, which they believe is the best way of ensuring those kids who are diagnosed with cancer have the best outcomes possible. It would not be an overstatement to say that the funding provided by CIKA has helped improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of children with cancer, right across the world.

The millions of dollars that has been raised has supported many research projects across the Melbourne Children’s Campus and helped fund research positions, as well as provided seed and ongoing funding for the Children’s Cancer Centre Tissue Bank. The Tissue Bank is based at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute and collects tissue samples from cancer patients at the RCH to conduct research, aiming to discover how cancer develops and how a patient’s genes affect their response to cancer treatment. Samples are collected at different stages of standard clinical care. The samples are then used for ethically approved research projects, usually directly related to the child’s original diagnosis. Samples from the Tissue Bank have been sent all across the world and are currently being used in 23 different research projects.

“We wouldn’t have a Tissue Bank if it wasn’t for CIKA, so the funding they provide is extremely important. We don’t receive any government funding at all, we rely completely on philanthropy,” said Tissue Bank Coordinator, Dr Louise Ludlow.

“Over the past seven years I have been granted the unique opportunity of interacting with the CIKA team. During this time, I have experienced their dedication, sheer hard work and perseverance towards this incredible cause. Their relentless energy and determination is second to none.”

In addition, since 2014 CIKA has funded the Solid Tumour Clinical Trials Research Coordinator position, which aims to increase the number of children with solid tumours enrolled on clinical trials from under 10 per cent, to greater than 70 per cent. The ability to take part in national and international clinical trials allows patients access to groundbreaking treatment initiatives, novel therapeutic drug trials and to contribute to the overall research that can have potentially life-saving effects for generations to come.

“This is a really important position and something we are really happy to be providing funding for; it means every child who is diagnosed with a solid tumour who comes into the hospital can be involved in the clinical trial if registered,” Ellen said.

CIKA members pride themselves on often providing the seed funding for innovative projects and positions, that may have not got off the ground or been possible otherwise.

“Collectively we really try to fund cutting edge research projects that wouldn’t happen without our support,” Ellen said.

“One that sticks in my mind is research in the early 2000’s when we funded a researcher whose project used the patient’s own immune system to attack the cancer, which was an extremely novel idea at the time, and has now changed a lot about how cancer is treated. To be able to contribute to research like this, it’s really touching, it’s the whole reason why CIKA exists.”

For researcher Dr Louise Ludlow, CIKA has not only provided the essential funds for an internationally renowned research enabling platform, CIKA’s members’ dedication to raising money for research has driven her in her research career.





A/Prof Rachel Conyers and Dr Dave Elliott discuss sample processing with Dr Louise Ludlow, Tissue Bank Coordinator.

“Meeting and getting to know CIKA members has truly been a highlight of my role as Tissue Bank Coordinator. On a personal level these interactions have enriched my life providing a constant supply of inspiration and motivation,” Louise said. “Their support has enabled huge advances in the treatment of childhood cancer both within Australia and internationally. Their tremendous contribution deserves the highest level of recognition and respect - it’s absolutely incredible.”



Engagement with Anatomical Pathology is crucial for the success of the CCC Tissue Bank. Clockwise from top left: Bronwyn Christiansen, Principal Scientist, A/Prof Duncan MacGregor, Director, Anatomical Pathology, Dr Louise Ludlow, Tissue Bank Coordinator and Elena Fernandez, Tissue Bank Research Assistant.





Margaret Howe, Glenice Millington, Margaret Plowright (seated), Margaret Day, Wendy Brooks, Dorothy Gow, Shirley Jenkins (seated), Annette Baldwin, Margaret McPherson, Helen McKenzie



Margaret Day



Glenys Millington and Wendy Brooks

# Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Lifelong friendships are a by-product that no one anticipated when the Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary first came into being 60 years ago.

The Auxiliary still has many of the founding members, including Auxiliary Secretary, Margaret Plowright, who has been heavily involved since its inception in 1960.

"We could not have known then, that helping the hospital and working for a good cause would lead to 60 years of fun and friendship," said Margaret.

"The hospital and our monthly meetings have given us a focus and we've stayed together and formed enduring friendships. We've learnt that we all have strengths and how to pool our resources to raise money and hold each other firm."

President of the Auxiliary, Shirley Jenkins along with Margaret Day, Margaret Howe, Margaret McPherson and Margaret Plowright recently all received 60 year service awards, having also been with the Auxiliary since its infancy.

The first Footscray Yarraville Auxiliary began in 1933. In 1960, when the hospital was being built on the original Parkville site, more funding was needed, and some of the Footscray Yarraville Auxiliary members suggested to their daughters that they form a junior group; and the Juniors Auxiliary was born.

Over the years the Auxiliary has held hundreds of monthly fundraising events, including luncheons, art exhibitions, auctions, fancy dress parties, progressive dinners – and even a baby show. Their longest running fundraiser has been the Easter stall in the hospital foyer.

"Forty years ago, hot cross buns were only eaten on Good Friday and we sold them by the truckload. More recently we were delighted when some of our grandchildren came to help us sell our buns and chocolate eggs," Margaret said.

The Auxiliary's relentless fundraising efforts have meant current and former members have raised around \$600,000 for the hospital.

Whilst COVID-19 has slowed fundraising for the group's white diamond anniversary year, the lockdown has given the Auxiliary time to come up with new fundraising ideas.

"We have found some gems among our things and we are hoping to come back with a bric-a-brac stall at future market days," Margaret said.

Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary raises money for the RCH (through untied funds), and most recently purchased an Infant Warmer for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"For 60 years and counting we've watched the children's hospital grow and are honoured to be a part of it," Margaret said.

# Honouring closed Auxiliaries

## American Women's Association

As Australia was recovering from the Great Depression in 1931, a group of 16 American women living in Melbourne were looking for ways to give back to their adopted country. With a passion to help sick children, the women formed the American Women's Auxiliary - now known as the American Women's Association (AWA) to both support the RCH and act as a social network for American expats.

The AWA got to work utilising its social skills to fundraise, hosting a calendar of events which grew ever popular, from bridge-playing tournaments to dances including its famous Fourth of July Ball at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda. In its early years the AWA was the RCH's leading fundraiser and even caught the attention of those back home. During his Presidency, Dwight Eisenhower hailed the work of the Auxiliary in a cable, calling its members "worthy representatives of our country's attitude and spirit".

For nearly 90 years, the AWA continued to hold a wide range of successful events and activities to unite its members and cement them in the Melbourne community, raising over \$4 million and providing thousands of volunteer hours to the RCH.

After careful consideration, the AWA voted to wind down its Auxiliary in November 2019. As one of its final acts, the AWA chose to generously contribute \$25,000 to the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship and an additional \$70,000 to the scholarship's Endowment Fund. This will be a lasting reminder of the invaluable contribution the AWA has made to the RCH over its long and successful history.

"We sincerely thank all AWA members for their contributions to the RCH Auxiliaries and honour their dedication to improving the health of children for nearly a century. We look forward to a time in the future when this Auxiliary can be re-established to continue its great work," said Dr Miriam Weisz, President of the RCH Auxiliaries.

## Do-Bees Auxiliary

Since 2008, Do-Bees Auxiliary founders Doris Tatman and Beryl Reeves passionately fundraised to support children and young people with developmental disabilities. Formerly members of Waverley Auxiliary, the pair formed their own Auxiliary after finding it difficult to commute, wishing to work closer to home while continuing to support the important work of the RCH Department of Neurodevelopment and Disability.

Over 11 years, Do-Bees Auxiliary received significant local community support, selling donated items on stalls, which supplemented Beryl's beautifully handcrafted goods, which were much in demand, and Doris's foods including jams, preserves and cakes.

The contributions of Do-Bees Auxiliary have been vital to the growth of the Victorian Prader-Willi Register. The ongoing project is collecting medical history and treatment information from young people with Prader-Willi Syndrome, a neuro-genetic condition characterised by abnormal growth patterns, learning disabilities and excessive appetite which can lead to obesity.

The registry data is vitally important for families, clinicians, researchers and health service planners and is adding to the understanding of the syndrome's prevalence and mortality rate both in Australia and around the world.

In June 2019, the Auxiliary regretfully made the decision to close. Doris and Beryl continue to support the hospital where they can by channelling donations through the Waverley Auxiliary.

**"Thank you to Do-Bees Auxiliary for their incredible fundraising efforts which have allowed the Prader-Willi Register to grow, and to Trailblazers Auxiliary for continuing to fundraise for this important project in their place," said Dr Miriam Weisz, President of the RCH Auxiliaries.**

Trailblazers continue to carry the flame in perpetuity for this grant with the support of Roxburgh Park Auxiliary for the next three years.



Doris Tatman, founder of Do-Bees Auxiliary

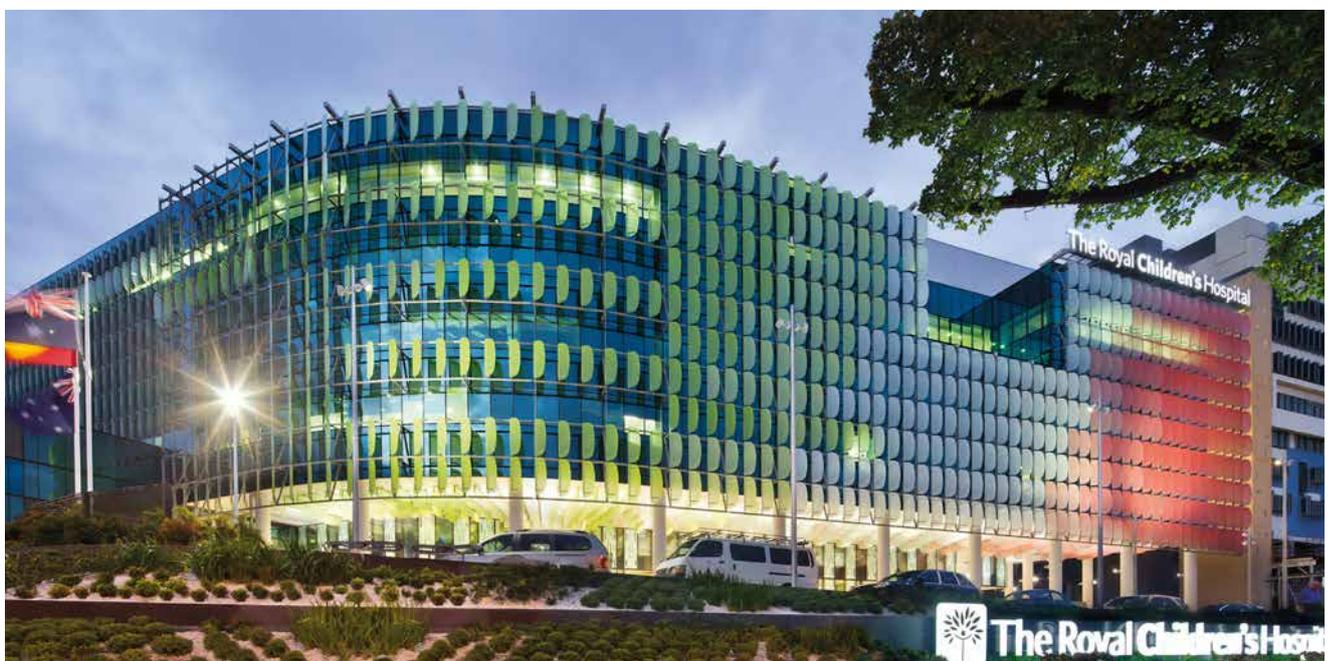


AWA members at a Christmas market

# Innovation

“It is only through the generosity of supporters like you that we have been able to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, all while continuing to deliver excellence in clinical care. We’re always grateful for your generosity,” said Associate Professor Tom Connell, Chief of Medicine at the RCH.

The RCH has faced what is possibly its biggest challenge in its 150 year history, and it is through the unwavering support of the Auxiliaries that the hospital has been in the best possible position to adapt and innovate during this time. Fundraising looks very different, yet the Auxiliaries’ ability to think creatively and work collaboratively through this time has meant that patients can continue to receive the world-leading care they rely on.





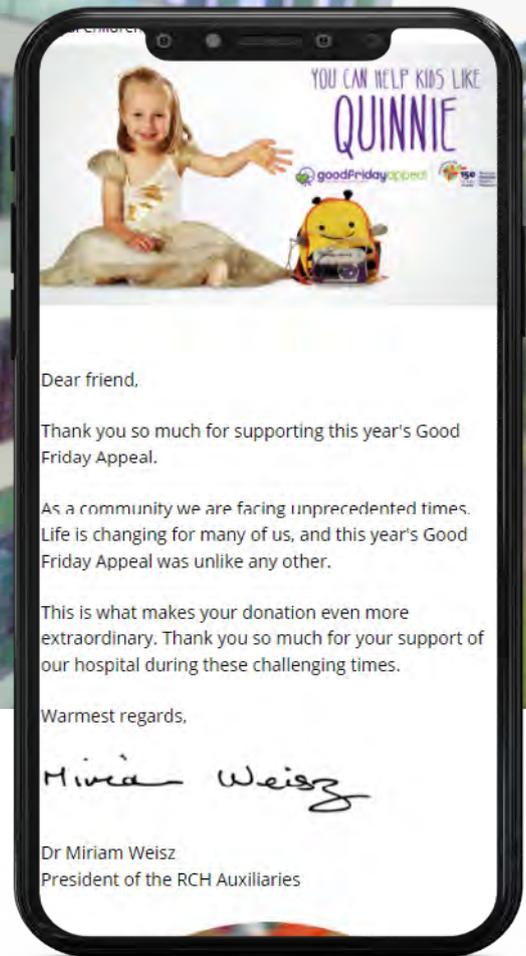
MRI used for the first time in 1994



Ruth Bishop, 1973



Associate Professor Tom Connell,  
Chief of Medicine



# Statewide support for the President's Fundraising Network

The 2020 Good Friday Appeal was one like no other. With the devastating cancellation of much loved features including Kid's Day Out, the Telethon and of course our wonderful Auxiliaries fundraising through their much treasured annual events, people across the state had to think creatively about how to support this vital fundraiser.

With the digital expertise and savviness of teams across the RCH Foundation, a record-breaking online fundraiser was held to support

the President's Fundraising Network. Utilising emails, SMS and social media, the campaign ran in the lead up to, and on Good Friday, reaching hundreds of thousands of community members across Victoria.

Featuring some of the beautiful Herald Sun photography from this year's Good Friday Appeal, the campaign encouraged the community to "give if they could."

An incredible \$144,431 was raised across the multiple platforms, helping to boost the overall tally for this year's Good Friday Appeal, which raised an astonishing \$18.2 million. The result was also a wonderful addition to the President's Fundraising Network's overall fundraising for the year, enabling the Auxiliary to say "yes" to an urgent granting proposal that arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Auxiliaries go digital

With challenges come new opportunities to change and innovate. This was certainly the case in 2020 with bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic impacting the fundraising of the Auxiliaries. In response, the RCH Foundation, in collaboration with the AEC worked to develop new ways to support the Auxiliaries to fundraise while stalls and events were no longer possible.

The outcome was the creation of a new fundraising and shopping destination, the online RCH Gratitude Hub. Thanks to this innovation, Auxiliaries have been able to continue raising much needed funds for sick children while keeping everyone safe.

In August 2020, the online store launched with great success and continues to sell a range of curated products including kids' toys, clothing and kitchen accessories.

Visit the store at [www.rchgratitudehub.org.au](http://www.rchgratitudehub.org.au)

# Home care innovation a breath of fresh air for patients and families

Difficulty breathing, wheeziness, persistent coughs and lung infections - cystic fibrosis (CF) is a lifelong disease with no known cure, and in Australia one baby is born every four days with the condition. The RCH cares for over 250 children with CF each year, 32 per cent of whom live regionally. The management of the condition is lifelong, with frequent hospital visits for medical treatments and physiotherapy.

For regional patients, these frequent hospital visits add further complications to their treatment, not only for the long travel time and disruption to school, work and family life, but also the increased risk of cross-infection at the hospital. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused even further issues for CF patients and families as they are at heightened risk from the infectious respiratory virus.

Thanks to the generous efforts of Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary, Wangaratta Auxiliary, the President's Fundraising Network and primary students from Mount Scopus Memorial College, 65 regional families now have their own device for testing lung function to use in telehealth video-call appointments, meaning they don't have to travel to the RCH to receive their care. Known as spirometers, these devices feature a mouthpiece for patients to breathe into, which assesses how well their lungs are working and allows RCH clinicians to complete tests remotely. This new way of monitoring CF patients was put in place before the COVID-19 restrictions and has since allowed for a smooth transition to care from home.

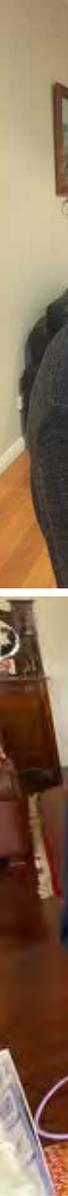
"Children with CF previously required a clinic visit every three months, but if they become unwell then this can be more frequent. For some, a visit to the RCH could be a five hour round trip. Including a telehealth spirometry assessment at home can replace the quarterly visits and means we can monitor children more closely leading to better patient care," said Nicole Westrupp, Senior Respiratory Scientist at the RCH.

"We are so grateful for these devices as with COVID-19 we shut the Respiratory Lab for all face to face testing in March. These devices arrived about two weeks into this closure and we sent them out to all high risk children. Without these devices they would not have been monitored for months."

For CF patient Liam Bowness and his mum Kirsty, telehealth spirometry is a game changer.

"I can't speak highly enough of it, doing telehealth spirometry is straightforward, the equipment is easy to use and saves us so much time. We live in Torquay and being able to do it from home means I don't have to change work and Liam doesn't have to miss school and go all the way in to the hospital for the 10 minute test. Thank you!" said Kirsty.

The funding of the telehealth spirometers is just one example of the impact of cross-generational fundraising and collaboration and the difference that can be made through the RCH Auxiliaries to children's health.





CF patient Dermot Ritchie



CF patient Olivia Mogridge



Nicole Westrupp, Senior Respiratory Scientist with CF patient Liam Bowness



# Meet the Supporters

**Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary** was established in 2006 to support CF patients and their families. The dedicated members have raised funds through a range of events including dinners, raffles and silent auctions, and through stalls at the hospital. Caring Friends of CF generously contributed \$90,000 to purchase 50 spirometers.

**Wangaratta Auxiliary** have been long time supporters of the hospital since 1977, engaging the community with raffles, sausage sizzles, bus trips and street stalls. Their main event is held annually at the Oxley Market on Melbourne Cup weekend where they sell their homemade range of sauces, relishes and jams.

“Being from a regional location we also thought this donation of \$19,000 for 10 spirometers was useful as they can be used in the home where the patient lives,” said Georgina Rea, secretary of Wangaratta Auxiliary.

**Mount Scopus Memorial College** primary students, in partnership with the **President's Fundraising Network**, were encouraged to fundraise for regional CF patients. Feeling inspired to help, year groups worked to raise money in different and creative ways. The primary students organised a range of fundraising activities including baking and selling honey cakes for Jewish New Year, collecting gold coin donations at sports day, racing around the velodrome for donations and holding a bake sale stall in Caulfield Park. Even the youngest students in kindergarten got involved, raising over \$1000 by each donating their birthday money to the cause. From their collaborative efforts, Mount Scopus students raised an incredible \$6,300.

“It was a wonderful example of what's possible amongst our youngest generation of philanthropists. I hope I'll be able to create impact with other schools next year,” said Shelley Kline, AEC member.



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# Careful adaptations

The way healthcare is delivered has changed dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to ensure patient and community safety, many services at the RCH have had to adapt the way they run. This includes the Sleep Service, which diagnoses and manages sleep disorders in children with complex respiratory issues.

Thanks to funding from the RCH Auxiliaries, hundreds of vulnerable respiratory patients who require ventilation can now receive the care they need and follow the recommendation to stay home as much as possible during the pandemic.

Funding provided by the Smiley, Southern Rainbows, VivaRCH, Heart to Heart, Geelong, St Kilda Auxiliaries and the President's Fundraising Network has allowed the purchase of three oxy-capnography machines and 33 auto-titrating positive airway pressure (APAP) units, meaning children with respiratory issues can remain at home with their family instead of being admitted to hospital.

"On the recommendations from the governing national sleep body, we have ceased the majority of our sleep studies for the time being," said Dr Mandie Griffiths, Head of Sleep Medicine at the RCH.

"This however has left many of our technology dependent patients who are at home at increased risk due to our inability to perform regular titration studies of their ventilation requirements. The vital funding, which was provided by the Auxiliaries, means we can monitor our sleep patients, either remotely from hospital or during hospital-in-the-home visits with the help of this new equipment."

Oxy-capnography machines monitor the concentration of oxygen and carbon dioxide as children sleep and can be reviewed by doctors during hospital-in-the-home visits. They will help prevent hospital admissions for high needs patients including those with neuromuscular or lung diseases, severe airway restrictions and other disorders needing ventilator control.

APAP units provide constant air pressure through a face mask to prevent the airway collapsing. These devices can be monitored remotely from the hospital and help patients with obstructive sleep apnoea, as well as children who would usually require continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).

"As well as supporting patients with obstructive sleep apnoea, we have a number of vulnerable patients that would usually come into hospital requiring CPAP. However, use of CPAP in respiratory patients poses a risk to staff due to aerosolisation of COVID-19," Mandie said.

"The purchase of additional APAP machines means we can reduce our reliance on CPAP, keeping our patients and staff safe. The new devices also mean that all new patients can commence on this technology, which we can remotely adapt according to the child's needs, without them having to come into hospital during this high risk period," Mandie said.

# Care

“Care is at the heart of everything we do here at the RCH. Right across the hospital from kids with broken bones in the Emergency Department, to the smallest and most vulnerable babies in Intensive Care, our aim is that every patient receives the best care possible, so that they can get back to what’s important: being a kid. Thank you for supporting essential new equipment, dedicated nursing positions and scholarships for nurses like me so we can continue to innovate and excel in patient care,” said Bianca Devsam, 2020 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Recipient.

Support from the RCH Auxiliaries is impacting young lives across the hospital each and every day. Through your support, teams can access the latest technology, recruit the best medical minds, and continue to learn and innovate to ensure each child at the RCH receives the best possible care. The RCH is world renowned for delivering great care, and that wouldn’t be possible without the dedication, hard work and commitment of the RCH Auxiliaries to making sick kids better.

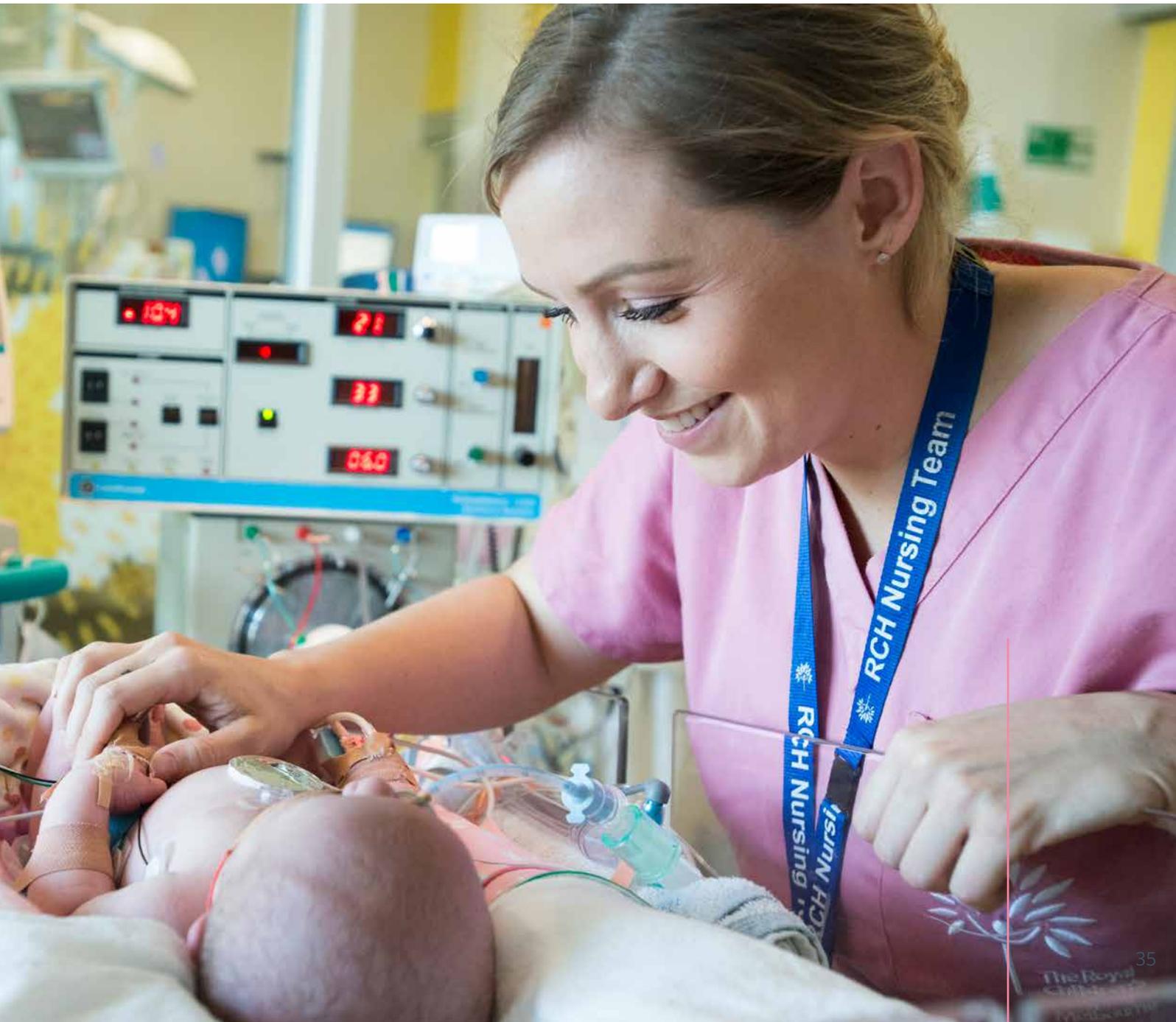


Bianca Devsam, Clinical Nurse Specialist





First babies ward, 1921



# *New equipment keeping critically ill babies safe*

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Templestowe, Roxburgh Park, Waverley, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Smiley, Prem Bubs, CasKids, Geelong, President's Fundraising Network, Footscray Yarraville Juniors, Caulfield and South Western Auxiliaries, the RCH is home to a suite of new infant radiant warmers and hybrid incubators, keeping our most vulnerable babies safe, warm and closer to their parents' touch.

The new infant warmers and hybrid incubators place staff and families in closer contact with critically ill infants, and allow for resuscitation and care equipment to be immediately at hand.

Director of Neonatal Medicine at the RCH, Professor Rod Hunt said the funding was incredibly helpful because the fleet of incubators that these replaced were no longer fit for purpose.

"Thanks to donors' support, we now have the best technology available for these critically ill babies. With the old devices, we couldn't adjust the height of them, we didn't have good access to the babies and we had to take them off their bed to weigh them. We had to take them off their beds to do different sorts of procedures on them and they didn't have the same sort of technology in regards to temperature control, which is very important in premature babies. Now we are finally back in the twenty first century," said Professor Hunt.

Four month old Archie was one of the first patients to be supported by the new state of the art devices. Born 11 weeks early, Archie required a hybrid incubator days after his premature arrival.

At 28 weeks pregnant, Archie's mum, Danica was attending a routine obstetrician appointment with husband Shaun when on a whim her obstetrician decided to do an ultrasound.

"My obstetrician brought up the heart beat and it sounded like an adult heart beat because it was so slow. At first, she didn't say anything and was looking at other areas, then she went back to the heart and said that it was a bit slow, and that there might be a block or something," Danica said.

What happened next was a blur of activity. Danica was immediately sent to her local maternity hospital for a second opinion, which confirmed the abnormal foetal heart rate. From there Danica was transported to the birthing suite to deliver Archie.

"I had three midwives preparing me for surgery. It all happened so fast, I wasn't functioning. In the end due to time constraints I was put under general anaesthetic and woke up in recovery. Hours later, they wheeled me down in my bed to meet Archie who was in intensive care."

That night Archie was transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the RCH via ambulance, where he was diagnosed with tachycardia, a type of heart rhythm disorder in which the heart beats faster than normal while at rest.

Over the next few weeks, Professor Rod Hunt and Archie's treatment team worked to regulate Archie's heart rate, which fluctuated between 60 to 300 beats per minute.

"Archie was given a number of different drugs and his condition was quite resistant to treatment but he slowly improved," Rod said.

During Archie's stay in hospital there were a number of setbacks; at one point he required a ventilator as he wasn't breathing well, he had to





NICU nurse with baby Archie in the first Infant Radiant Warmer in use

be intubated, he had a chest infection and then blood tests revealed sepsis, and he was also treated for meningitis.

"Everybody at the RCH has been mind-blowingly good; not just in the care of Archie but in their interaction with us as well. I was hesitant with Archie getting sick to hold or touch him, but everyone encouraged us to cuddle and hold him."

The new hybrid incubator meant it was easy for Danica and Shaun to be close to Archie.

**"Having Archie in the hybrid incubator meant we didn't have that barrier between us. It was easy to touch him, to give him kisses, to change his nappy, it made a big difference," Danica said.**

Rod said a major benefit of the new technology is it gives doctors, nurses and allied health staff better access to critically ill and premature babies, like Archie.

"It allows us to weigh babies without removing them from the cot so that we can better monitor their nutrition. It also allows us to do procedures and surgery on babies without taking them off their bed because the sides can come down."

After nearly 10 weeks in hospital, Archie is now thriving at home with Danica, Shaun and his two year old brother Oli.

"Archie is doing well, we're finally home with him. It's great to have the whole family under one roof," Danica said.



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Julia McCombe, Diabetic Complication Screening nurse

Kerrie Beauglehall, founder of Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

# Detecting diabetes complications early

In a seaside town two hours south east of Melbourne, a passionate Auxiliary has united the community to help children and young people living with diabetes. For over 22 years, the Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary have raised over \$500,000 to support the work of the Endocrinology and Diabetes Department at the RCH.

When a child has diabetes, they cannot maintain a healthy level of glucose in their blood. This can cause serious complications throughout the body without daily care and management. The condition is for life and currently has no cure.

Auxiliary founder Kerrie Beauleghall understands this struggle after her daughter Carla was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at 11 years old. The care that Carla received at the RCH inspired Kerrie to give back and help others like her daughter.

"Carla is now grown up and no longer receiving care at the RCH, but we are still actively involved in supporting the treatment and management of diabetes. It is something I could never stop," said Kerrie.

Over the years, the Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary has fundraised by collecting donations, hosting events such as the Inverloch Dinner Dance and High Teas, and selling a range of colourful socks with the help of local businesses. All funds raised by the Auxiliary support the diabetes complication screening nurse position at the RCH. The role of the diabetes complication screening nurse is to conduct a range of tests to detect issues early and prevent serious health complications for children with diabetes.

"We have been the sole funders of the program since it began, so without our support it would not exist. Since the start of the complication screening program, complications in diabetic children has gone from 30 per cent to one per cent. That's why we keep fundraising and the community continues to be so generous - they

know that their money is making a difference and we are impacting thousands of children to ensure they have the best chance at a healthy life," said Kerrie.

These 'one stop shop' appointments take only 20 minutes and provide peace of mind and convenience for patients and families on the same afternoon as their regular clinic visit. Endocrine nurse Julia McCombe has been in this role since 2017 and screens on average 400 children a year.

"I conduct blood tests for cholesterol, thyroid and coeliac disease, urine tests for kidney function and eye tests. A recent addition to the screening process is that I assess for diabetic peripheral neuropathy (nerve damage to the feet), which previously could go undetected for years. The screening time is important for education as it gives me the opportunity to reiterate how important controlling diabetes at an early age is," said Julia.

Not only does Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary support Julia's position, it funds equipment for the program such as a state of the art portable retina camera, improving the efficiency of the clinic and its ability to detect retinopathy.

Julia says the clinic has seen a steady increase in new diagnoses and referrals, making the complication screening program more important than ever in providing the best care to young people with diabetes.

"We are so appreciative of the support of the Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary, there is such a strong sense of community from Inverloch and we greatly value our relationship with them. The diabetes complication screening process is so vital to diabetes care and without it we wouldn't be able to pick up possibly serious complications for our patients," said Julia.

2020 RECIPIENT OF THE DAME ELISABETH MURDOCH  
NURSING DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

*Bianca Devsam*

Congratulations to Bianca Devsam, the recipient of the 2020 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship. Bianca is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Butterfly Ward, the NICU and a Clinical Nurse Consultant in the Nursing Research Department.

Bianca has worked on the Butterfly Ward (NICU) since 2014 and is passionate about helping acutely ill newborn or preterm babies and their families. During her time at the bedside with these critically ill babies, Bianca identified the complexities in finding the right balance of pain relief.

In 2016, Bianca participated in the RCH BEST Practice Program, establishing the foundations of her research journey. She investigated the nursing assessment of pain in neonates, and instigated a hospital wide change in the pain assessment tool utilised in neonatal care.

Bianca joined the Nursing Research Team as a Nurse Consultant and completed her Masters of Advanced Nursing Practice, delving deeper into pain assessment. Empowered to continually improve clinical practice, her focus shifted to pain management, which is an integral component of care for patients in the NICU.

"If babies are in a lot of pain they won't recover from their surgery or medical condition very well. It is easy to give too much pain medication, but if they're heavily sedated it has negative effects on their brain development and attachment with their families," said Bianca.

With the support of the Dame Elisabeth Nursing Development Scholarship Bianca will consult locally and globally to learn how other hospitals manage neonatal pain. Armed with these insights, Bianca plans to seek further advice from nurses, medical staff and families in the NICU to develop and implement a new pain management guideline.

"It is such an honour and a privilege to receive this scholarship. I'm so grateful and thankful for the Auxiliaries and the RCH Foundation for giving me this opportunity, and for giving nurses this opportunity, not just me but the nurses before me and the nurses in the future to come. I hope I can inspire and empower other nurses to identify issues in their clinical practice and to do something about it, to change it, to improve the care we can provide to patients and families," said Bianca.



Bianca Devsam, 2020 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Recipient

# Your support in 2019/20

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

## PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

### **Diabetes complication screening nurse**

Inverloch Diabetic Unit  
Auxiliary

### **Educational play therapy sensory square program**

Let The Children Play  
Auxiliary

### **Educational play therapy video**

Let The Children Play  
Auxiliary

### **Music therapy program for neurosciences and rehab departments**

Knox Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Newly diagnosed CF physiotherapy education packs**

Caring Friends of CF  
Auxilliary

### **Oesophageal atresia research nurse position**

Oesophageal Atresia  
Research Auxiliary  
(OARA)

### **Ongoing support of neuropsychologist position within the Children's Cancer Centre**

Charli's Angels Auxiliary  
Children's Brain Tumour  
Association Auxiliary

### **Ongoing support of the Children's Cancer Centre brain tumour study coordinator role**

Cancer Crusaders  
Auxiliary

### **Ongoing support of the Children's Cancer Centre solid tumour study coordinator**

CIKA

### **Parent-child mother goose program**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Psychological support in PICU**

President's Fundraising  
Network

### **RCH bereavement services provided at the bedside**

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund

### **Social work liver transplant fund**

Yellow Ribbon Kids  
Auxiliary

### **Social work samaritan fund**

Leukaemia Auxiliary at  
RCH (LARCH)

### **Social work - Tasmanian patient family airfares**

Children's Flyers Fund  
Auxiliary

### **The child and family traumatic stress intervention**

The Melbourne Sinfonia  
Auxiliary

### **Trans20 vouchers**

Transcend Auxiliary

## EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

### **Integration of cardiometabolic assessments into Melbourne Children's research**

Geelong Auxiliary

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

### **Replace retinal camera**

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

### **Telehealth spirometry as standard care for regional CF patients**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary

President's Fundraising Network

Mount Scopus Memorial College

### **Therapeutic garden program**

Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary

St Kilda Auxiliary

### **Upgrade of clinical cardiac databases**

Cardiac Paediatric Research (CPR) Auxiliary

Heart To Heart Auxiliary

### **Upgrade of two ventilators for Emergency Department**

Werribee Ladies Auxiliary

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Video-endoscopes: speech pathology, ENT and plastic surgery**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

Templestowe Auxiliary

Waverley Auxiliary

Smiley Auxiliary

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

### **Infant Radiant Warmers**

President's Fundraising Network

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Waverley Auxiliary

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Smiley Auxiliary

CasKids Auxiliary

Templestowe Auxiliary

Prembubs Auxiliary

Geelong Auxiliary

South Western Auxiliary

Caulfield Auxiliary

## LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **Clinical research fellows in respiratory medicine**

CF Research Trust Auxiliary

### **ChIPPERS attendance at AAAH conference**

ChIPStXiliary

### **Clinical research fellows in CF**

CF Research Trust Auxiliary

### **Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Scholarship**

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Scholarship Luncheon

### **Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship**

League of Former Trainees Auxiliary

### **Training coordinator with a focus on disruptive disabled children**

Waverley Auxiliary

## RESEARCH

### **Children's Cancer Centre tissue bank**

CIKA

### **The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register**

Trailblazers Auxiliary

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary

### **The Victorian Prader-Willi Register and associated research**

Do-Bees Auxiliary

Trailblazers Auxiliary

# Who you are



Alma Verity - Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary





Etta Mason, Joy Puxley and Sandra Lehrer - CIKA



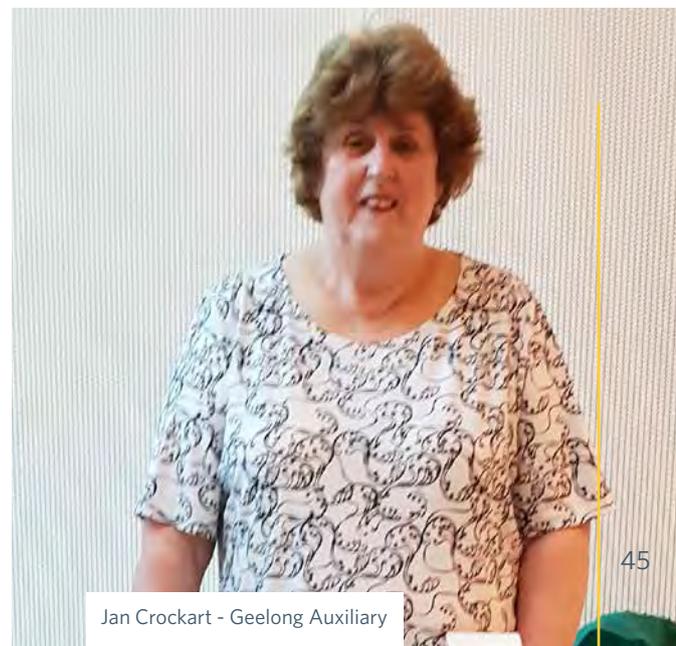
Mish Mish Womens Auxiliary



Aggie Coyle - Southern Rainbows Auxiliary



Val Wills - Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary



Jan Crockart - Geelong Auxiliary

# The RCH Auxiliaries Executive Committee



**PATRON OF AUXILIARIES**  
**Louise Gourlay OAM**

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



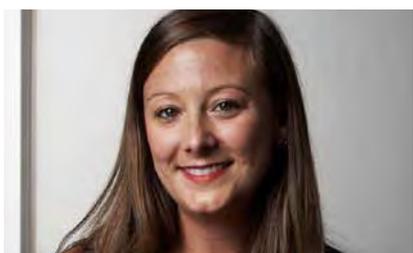
**PRESIDENT**  
**Dr Miriam Weisz** - President's Fundraising Network

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



**VICE PRESIDENT - EVENTS**  
**Barbara Nicoll** - Templestowe Auxiliary

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



**SECRETARY**  
**Tiffany Lucas** - Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre Auxiliary

Tiffany has been involved with RCH Auxiliaries for over 10 years, initially as a member and President of the American Women's Association and currently as a member of the Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre Auxiliary. She is passionate about the excellent care provided by the RCH and enjoys supporting this through the fundraising efforts of Auxiliaries.



**GENERAL MEMBER - MENTORING**  
**Robyn Anderson OAM** - CasKids Auxiliary

Robyn joined Nunawading Auxiliary (now CasKids) in 1971. She was President of Auxiliaries from 2013 to 2016 and is currently President of CasKids Auxiliary. Robyn received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2020. As a staunch Auxiliary member, she is committed to supporting the RCH through fundraising, committee membership and ambassadorship.



**GENERAL MEMBER - NEW GENERATION GIVING**  
**Shelley Kline** - President's Fundraising Network

Shelley has been passionate about improving the lives of sick children for many years. She recently joined the AEC with a view to engage young philanthropists with new forms of fundraising.



GENERAL MEMBER - DIVERSITY

**David Kolieb** - Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre Auxiliary

David has over the past quarter century served as Hospital Volunteer, on the Development Board for Hormone Research, the Development Board for Bioethics Centre and currently is President of the Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre Auxiliary. David is a passionate advocate for the rights of the child patient and sees his role within the Auxiliary as fulfilling that aspiration.



GENERAL MEMBER - EVENTS

**Janice Memery** - Broadmeadows Auxiliary

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



**Sue Hunt** - Chief Executive Officer, the RCH Foundation

Sue has worked across Australia in senior executive positions in the arts and not-for-profit industry for over 20 years. In July 2010, Sue returned to her home state of Victoria for the first time in over a decade to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer of the RCH Foundation.



**Martin Lobb** - Interim Chief Financial Officer, the RCH Foundation

Martin joined the RCH Foundation as Interim CFO after 18 years at Australia Post where he held a number of key finance roles. His experience at Australia Post, combined with his earlier career auditing smaller entities at PwC in London and Melbourne, provide insight and expertise to his CFO role.



**Darren McConnell** - Chief Financial Officer, the RCH Foundation

Darren has an extensive experience in the philanthropic and financial services sector having worked for Australia's largest community foundation for over seven years. He has worked in financial services with high-net worth family groups, and family offices servicing philanthropic trusts, foundations and investment entities.

# Auxiliary Reports

On behalf of all Auxiliaries, we would like to thank all Officer Bearers, Members and Friends for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the year, and we would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support that our members received from family and friends. A special thank you also goes to the Auxiliaries and Fundraising Team including Laura Buck, Lucia Di Maio, Lauren Daly, Erin Davidson and Ari Brown, and everyone at the RCH Foundation, who continuously provide around the clock help to all Auxiliaries and shown incredible kindness, support and commitment to our members, especially during the challenges we've faced during COVID-19.

## ABSENT FRIENDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2010**  
President: **Lyn Lewis**  
Secretary: **Stewart Mackie**  
Treasurer: **John Lewis**  
Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Absent Friends has had a quiet year with our small family of members now scattered at far ends of the state. We still managed to raise a modest amount and are working to keep the Auxiliary functioning until we are in a position to expand into a different model. We continue to have fantastic support from the businesses involved with the Auxiliary: Hamilton Lakeside Motel, The Obsidian Room and the Stagecoach Motel in Wodonga.

## AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Founded: **1931**  
President: **Paula Appelhans**  
Secretary: **Sonya Uribe**  
Treasurer: **Andrea Bruning**  
Main funding purpose: **Bioethics - research**  
Grants supported: **DEMNS fund and the DEMNS endowment fund**

After 88 years of dedication to the RCH, the American Women's Association voted to wind down its Auxiliary with the hope that it will be re-established in the future.

## ARCHERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**  
President: **Dianne Humphreys**  
Main funding purpose: **Diabetes research and area of greatest need**

## BEADS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2012**  
President: **Jasmine Lai**  
Secretary: **Jo Buckle**  
Main funding purpose: **Rheumatology Department**

## BEYOND SIGHT AUXILIARY

Founded: **2001**  
President: **Ainsley Faust**  
Secretary: **Jodi Kerr**  
Main funding purpose: **Retinoblastoma equipment**

## BRIGHT STARTS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2014**  
President: **Louise Farley**  
Secretary: **Jodi Kerr**  
Treasurer: **Brianna Wright**  
Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Throughout 2019/2020, Brightstarts held a fundraiser at Frankston Hoyts and one at Frankston market. Our activities have ceased due to COVID-19 and we are looking forward to the time when we can return to active fundraising.

## BROADMEADOWS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**  
President: **Janice Memery**  
Secretary: **Faye Eccles**  
Treasurer: **Christine Boden**  
Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**  
Grants supported: **Video-endoscopes: speech pathology, ENT and plastic surgery**

Our team remains hardworking, and people who attend our high tea events support our trading table, raffle and silent auction very generously. After approximately 18 years of holding a stall at the once a month Saturday Wallan Market, our member Dani Tabone and her team have closed the stall. This fundraising effort resulted in thousands of dollars being raised for the RCH and has enabled our Auxiliary to make a difference to many children.

## CANCER CRUSADERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2013**  
President: **Janine Langdon**  
Secretary: **Sharron Markovic**  
Treasurer: **Ruth Murray**  
Main funding purpose: **Cancer Research**  
Grants supported: **Ongoing support of CCC brain tumour study coordinator role**

Monthly stalls, bake sales, high teas, Kids Day Out, Dinner Dance and Oaks Day Functions are all in a year's work for our hardworking committee of only 12 people.

## CIKA

Founded: **1980**  
President: **Sandra Lehrer**  
Vice President: **Ellen Webb**  
Secretary: **Wendy Halligan**  
Treasurer: **Stephen Halligan**  
Main funding purpose: **Oncology - research**  
Grants supported: **Children's cancer centre tissue bank, ongoing support of CCC solid tumour study coordinator**

CIKA members and supporters have been very busy in the last year. Fundraising activities included stalls at the RCH, shopping centres and markets, raffles, a Spring Fair featuring a delicious High Tea, Italian cooking class and Old Time Wood Days. Stalls have been particularly successful, selling an excellent range of quality products.

Long term supporters such as the Macedon Ranges FOCUS group and the Bendigo postal workers continue to contribute to our fundraising efforts. Special thanks to Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn, their family, friends and community for another successful Wood Days despite the cool, damp weather.

## CPR AUXILIARY

Founded: **2000**  
President: **Carol Bosward**  
Secretary: **Annette Antolino**  
Treasurer: **Lou Bosward**  
Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit - research**  
Grants supported: **Upgrade of clinical cardiac databases**

## CARING FRIENDS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**  
President: **Pat Borcich**  
Vice President: **Yvonne Felton**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Daryl Gunn**  
Main funding purpose: **Cystic fibrosis - research**  
Grants supported: **Telehealth spirometry as standard care for regional CF patients, newly diagnosed CF physiotherapy education packs**

## CAROLINE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1951**  
President: **Valerie Thompson**  
Secretary: **Cassie Atkinson-Quinton**  
Treasurer: **Margaret Ibbs**  
Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Monthly stalls on Main Street at the RCH and regular catch ups at our local Church in Essendon.

## CASKIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Robyn Anderson**

Vice President: **Gail Simpson**

Secretary: **Robyn Anderson**

Treasurers: **Helen Smale and Nola Fairbairn**

Main funding purpose: **Emergency - equipment/ leadership**

Grants supported: **Upgrade of two ventilators for the Emergency Department and infant radiant warmer**

Our main fundraising emanates from stalls in Main Street of the RCH. Running these stalls makes us realise just how very special the RCH is to us and the community, and empowers us to continue fundraising to the best of our abilities. We also take part in external stalls in Tunstall Square Doncaster, held by the Donvale Rotarians. We usually hold four external stalls per year. For four years we have held a High Tea in August and a Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion in October 2019. These events allow us to publicise the great work of Auxiliaries and the wonderful work of the medical staff at the RCH.

We are thrilled to have been successful with assisting in the setting up of a Youth Auxiliary called KidsCan. This is a students' Auxiliary which will raise funds around the Wallan and Kilmore areas and focus on schools in that area.

## CHARLI'S ANGELS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **Sue Manson**

Secretary: **Alison Orum**

Treasurer: **Ornella Raponi**

Main funding purpose: **Pain management**

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of neuropsychologist position within CCC**

## CHILDREN'S BRAIN TUMOUR ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

Founded: **1999**

President: **Rosemary Oppedisano**

Main funding purpose: **Family support in cancer services**

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of neuropsychologist position within CCC**

## CHILDREN'S FLYER FUND AUXILIARY

Founded: **1991**

President: **Brendan Crisp**

Secretary: **Shirley Crisp**

Treasurer: **Brendan Crisp**

Main funding purpose: **Airfares to support social work - Tasmanian families**

Grants supported: **Social work - Tasmanian patient family airfares**

We no longer actively fundraise, although we do have funds we can draw upon to assist Tasmanian families with flights if no other avenue is available to them.

## CHIPSXILIARY

Founded: **2018**

President: **Michelle Powell**

Main funding purpose: **CHIPS program**

Grants supported: **ChIPPERS attendance at AAAH Conference**

## COURAGE FOR KIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1998**

President: **Michelle Olinder**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Trish Thomas**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST AUXILIARY

Founded: **1999**

President: **Peter Hader**

Secretary: **Pamela Dunn**

Treasurer: **Leo Vargiu**

Main funding purpose: **Cystic fibrosis - research**

Grants supported: **Clinical research fellows in cystic fibrosis and Clinical Research Fellows in Respiratory Medicine**

## DIRTY HANDS HAPPY KIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2003**

President: **Julie Robinson**

Main funding purpose: **Garden therapy program**

Grants supported: **Therapeutic garden program**

## DO-BEES AUXILIARY

Founded: **2008**

President: **Doris Tatman**

Secretary: **Beryl Reeves**

Treasurer: **Peter Tatman**

Main funding purpose: **Neurodevelopment and disability**

Grants supported: **The Victorian Prader-Willi Register and associated research**

The wonderful members of Do-Bees Auxiliary closed their doors at the end of 2019 with a special event hosted by Dinah Reddihough to thank the members for their amazing support over the years.

## EZY BREATHING AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**

President: **Emma Mercer**

Secretary: **Heather Luedi**

Treasurer: **Beat Luedi**

Main funding purpose: **Respiratory medicine - support**

We did hold our annual Christmas Party on 1 December 2019 for all Trachy Kids and their families. This was held at the hospital in the FRC thanks to Lucia's organisational skills and the wonderful catering supplied by Aruba Cafe. We also held a pod stall in January 2020 but have temporarily ceased activities due to COVID-19.

Tyler has enjoyed his first year as President of the Auxiliary and is looking forward to doing much more in the future.

## FOOTSCRAY YARRAVILLE JUNIORS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1960**

President: **Shirley Jenkins**

Secretary: **Margaret Plowright**

Treasurer: **Margaret Day**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Infant radiant warmer**

We are celebrating the 60th birthday of our small but passionate Auxiliary with all our original members: Shirley Jenkins, Margaret Plowright, Margaret Day, Margaret Howe and Margaret McPherson and our other two members who have been with our Auxiliary, Annette Baldwin 50 years and Wendy Brooks 30 years.

Ill health and COVID-19 have held us back this year and our fundraising has consisted of our luncheon fee and our trading table at our meetings. But the

lockdown has given us time to find some gems amongst our stuff and we are hoping to make a comeback to our market days at the RCH.

## FRIENDS OF CBC AUXILIARY

Founded: **2018**

President: **Dr David Kolieb**

Secretary: **Tiffany Lucas**

Treasurer: **Richard Comber**

Main funding purpose: **Children's Bioethics Centre**

Grants supported: **Conference and podcasts**

The Friends of the CBC had a wonderful year of growth in membership and held a wide range of activities.

Our Friends now number 146, more than half of whom are Medical Students. Activities included two Hypotheticals (March and October 2019) led by Professor Lyn Gillam, the Academic Director of the CBC and Professor John Massie, Clinical Team Leader of the CBC. A Charity Golf Day on a beautiful cool sunny day in May was held at the Albert Park Golf Course. Our sincere thanks to Officers at the Golf Course, Mr Sam Adams and Mr Charles Hogan, our sponsors, a special thanks to the generosity of Beck Industries, Dr Hugo Gold whose brainchild now sees this wonderful event in its second year, and lastly but very importantly the players.

The cornerstone of the CBC year was the three day National Paediatric Bioethics Conference held in the first week of September 2019. A truly inspiring event with over 450 delegates listening to an array of international, interstate and local speakers. The Friends of CBC also sponsored a series of six CBC Podcasts, entitled 'Essential Ethics' hosted by Professor John Massie. Highly recommend a listen; they can be accessed directly on the RCH Website [www.rch.org.au/podcasts/essential-ethics/](http://www.rch.org.au/podcasts/essential-ethics/)

## GEELONG AUXILIARY

Founded: **1976**

President/Secretary: **Jan Crockart**

Treasurer: **Thais McCallum**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Integration of cardiometabolic assessments into Melbourne Children's Research, infant radiant warmer**

Stalls continue to be the backbone of our fundraising over the last year with a stall held at the hospital every month and regular stalls held in Geelong. This year we introduced a Mother's Day stall on a Saturday morning which was very successful.

Fundraising included High Tea in October, raffles, movie morning, entertainment book sales, Little Tatts, Star Search and donations.

In May we held a social luncheon at the Fyansford Hotel where members enjoyed each other's company. Thank you to Thais, Treasurer and Leanne, Vice President, for their support as Executive Members.

## HAUX AUXILIARY

Founded: **2001**  
President: **Elizabeth Bishop**  
Main funding purpose: **Hemophilia research**

## HAWTHORN AUXILIARY

Founded: **2013**  
President: **Janet Hooker**  
Vice President: **Sandra Gilbert**  
Secretary: **Anna Dunkin**  
Treasurer: **Genevieve Curtain**  
Main funding purpose: **Neurodevelopment and Disability**

## HEART THROB AUXILIARY

Founded: **1994**  
President: **Amanda Carabott**  
Secretary: **Bill Gordon**  
Treasurer: **Bernadette Barnes**  
Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit - camp**

The RCH has recently completed a stakeholder needs analysis. Heart Throb is eagerly awaiting the results of this study so that we can better understand how we can continue to support the Cardiac Unit.

## HEART TO HEART AUXILIARY

Founded: **1989**  
President: **Phyllis Brown**  
Secretary: **Val Wright**  
Treasurer: **Jo Scully**  
Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit - Research**  
Grants supported: **Upgrade of clinical cardiac databases**

Heart to Heart had stalls in the hospital and a Christmas stall which was a great success. We also held a stall at the Gladstone Park shopping centre, where we are always supported by the locals buying and donating goods to sell.

## INVERLOCH DIABETIC UNIT AUXILIARY

Founded: **1997**  
President: **Kerrie Beaglehall**  
Secretary: **Ross Beaglehall**  
Treasurer: **Kerrie Beaglehall**  
Main funding purpose: **Diabetes - research/support**  
Grants supported: **Replace retinal camera, diabetes complication screening nurse**

We held two wonderful High Tea afternoons, one in August 2019 at the RCH Fundraising Resource Centre and the second in October 2019 at the Inverloch Community Hub.

## KIDSCAN AUXILIARY

Founded: **2020**  
President: **Lachlan Heywood**  
Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

KidsCan are excited to get started with their fundraising initiatives once restrictions lift and look forward to focussing their time and energy into fundraising with their former High School and local Kilmore and Wallan communities.

## KNOX-SHERBROOKE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**  
President: **Kathy Nowak**  
Secretary: **Maxine Lane**  
Treasurer: **Lyn Elshaw**  
Main funding purpose: **Music therapy and area of greatest need**  
Grants supported: **Music therapy program for neurosciences and rehab departments**

Last year our bus trip to Werribee Mansion was very well attended, but unfortunately our bus trip this year was called off because of COVID-19.

Other fundraising events were Cuppa for Kids, Gratitude Hub Cart, our Christmas Hampers, street stalls held at Wilma Neville's house and all of the stalls we have had at the hospital. We have had speakers at a few of our meetings, including Louise Hastie, Mercy Ships Presentation, and we also held a stall in Ferntree Plaza.

## KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB AUXILIARY

Founded: **1938**

President: **Jean Burgess**

Secretary: **Patty Wallace-Smith**

Treasurer: **Lyn Wheat**

Grants supported: **Neurodevelopment and disability, infant radiant warmer, paediatric endoscopes**

Our Auxiliary is, and always has been, enthusiastically and generously supported by the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club (KLTC) administration, staff and membership for which we are very grateful.

This year we hosted five fundraising events. The first being our annual RCH Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament in March welcoming 300 tennis players from around Victoria. The KLTC Bridge Club joined our guests to participate and support our two very successful Card Days. Kevin Bartlett again generously gave his time to host our Christmas in July with Robert Di Pierdomenico (Dipper) as our guest speaker. A wonderful day was had by all! Our final event for the year was the Trivia Night held at Kooyong – the perfect way to conclude the year!

## LARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **1974**

President: **Rose Stolarek**

Secretary: **Emma Bridgeman**

Treasurer: **Christine McRae**

Main funding purpose: **Leukaemia - research**

Grants supported: **Social Work Samaritan Fund**

## LEAGUE OF FORMER TRAINEES (LOFT)

Founded: **2003**

President: **Dianne Paul**

Secretary: **Sally Mizrahi**

Treasurer: **Margaret McPherson**

Main funding purpose: **Nursing - scholarship**

Grants supported: **Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship**

LOFT had planned an exciting year to celebrate the RCH's 150th birthday and continue fundraising for our annual research scholarship.

With COVID-19, our fundraising and other activities are on hold but we are hopeful that the lunch can be held.

Fortunately, we raised enough during 2019 to provide for our annual \$6,000 scholarship and to contribute towards the one in 2020.

## LET THE CHILDREN PLAY AUXILIARY

Founded: **1995**

President: **Hayley Dighton**

Secretary: **Kathryn D'Souza**

Treasurer: **Hayley Dighton**

Main funding purpose: **Play therapy - support/ equipment**

Grants supported: **Educational play therapy sensory square program, educational play therapy video**

## MISH MISH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Founded: **2014**

President: **Suzan Yazman**

Main funding purpose: **The RCH Education Institute**

Mish Mish Auxiliary is a group of mostly new migrant women who use their crafts and skills to create wonderful wares to raise money for the Education Institute division of the RCH. Funds are raised through stalls at the RCH and fundraising events at Bethal Primary School.

## NEONATE MATES AUXILIARY

Founded: **2003**

President: **Judith Aussems**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Sandra Aussems**

Main funding purpose: **NICU**

The Neonate Mates Auxiliary consists of only seven members who meet up regularly to discuss future fundraising ideas. We are extremely proud of our fundraising achievements over the last 15 years, we hope to continue supporting the NICU for many more years to come. This year we had a series of stalls and participated in the fantastic Market Days the team organises.

## OESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA RESEARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **1980**

President: **Laura Overdyk**

Secretary: **Olivia Giudice**

Treasurer: **Greg Overdyk**

Main funding purpose: **Oesophageal atresia - research**

Grants supported: **Oesophageal atresia research nurse position, educating adolescents with oesophageal atresia and trachea-oesophageal fistula to improve outcomes**

## PANKINA AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Judith Arms**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

## PARKVILLE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1946**

President: **Jan Gilbertson**

Vice President: **Chris Collins**

Secretary: **Ann Sullivan**

Treasurer: **Marilyn McInnes**

Main funding purpose: **Occupational therapy/ psychology**

Grants supported: **Transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients, upper limb deficiencies- improving outcomes for children and families, music therapy program for neurosciences and rehabilitation departments**

Each member generously contributes their time and talents to ensure that all our market day stalls and pod sale days are a great success. We participated in Paddy's Market, the Winter Market and Andy's Market selling high quality, hand crafted toys lovingly made by Jean, Chris, Kay, Joan and Jenny A.

In February, May, August and December we held pod stalls outside the Gratitude Hub that were well stocked with delicious baked goods and a variety of attractive items. December was our legendary Christmas hamper and raffle stall, thank you Helen and Cathy for coordinating the popular hampers and raffles.

Cathy, Jenny and Ann volunteer each Wednesday in the RCH Foundation Office, their presence and efforts are greatly appreciated by the staff.

Members also supported the Gratitude Hub by working on the cart several times a month and running

the pod Bargain Sales for the manager, Rachel Sullivan, who encouraged us and supported our stalls with goods.

Congratulations to our new Living Treasures, Cathy Anderson and Chris Collins, well done ladies!

## PRESIDENT'S FUNDRAISING NETWORK

Founded: **2018**

President: **Miriam Weisz**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Telehealth spirometry as standard care for regional CF patients, psychological support in the PICU, infant radiant warmers, respiratory support patient treatment and monitoring during COVID-19 pandemic, social work COVID-19 crisis funds**

Fundraising methods: **Giving circles, social media fundraising campaigns**

## RCH VOLUNTEERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2017**

President: **Kiley Kavanagh**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

The RCH Volunteers Auxiliary was excited to participate in both the Winter Market and Andy's Market.

It gave our volunteers an additional opportunity to support the hospital to which they already dedicate many hours of their own time in their Family Support roles.

## ROXBURGH PARK AUXILIARY

Founded: **1998**

President: **Ruth Divko**

Secretary: **Nicole Nugent**

Treasurer: **Wendy Hancock**

Main funding purpose: **PICU and area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients, infant radiant warmers**

We raise money by having outside stalls and running raffles. We also work on the pods and cart which we enjoy as we get to meet other members of Auxiliaries and parents of sick children and listen to them if they need to talk.

## SMILEY AUXILIARY

Founded: **2005**

President: **Lynette Cowley**

Secretary: **Margaret Ash**

Treasurer: **Sandra Jones**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Video-endoscopes: speech pathology, ENT and plastic surgery, infant radiant warmers**

We participate in all the markets at the RCH and while we have had to stop our activities due to COVID-19, we look forward to returning to all our fundraising activities.

## SOUTH WESTERN AUXILIARY

Founded: **1953**

Secretary: **Judy Conn**

Treasurer: **Leanne Bartlett**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Infant radiant warmers**

Before COVID-19 we did catering and BBQs at Bunnings. We are doing phone checks to see if all our members are safe and well, while we cannot do any fundraising.

## SOUTHERN RAINBOWS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Aggie Coyle**

Main funding purpose: **Purchase of equipment for Medical Unit and research**

Grants supported: **Transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients, integration of cardiometabolic assessments into Melbourne Children's Research**

Funds are raised mostly by holding regular stalls at the hospital or stalls in Hampton outside the Safeway Supermarket. I am given permission to hold a stall there twice a year. I sew patchwork quilts, crochet numerous baby blankets, knit 30 or more babies and toddlers' jumpers and sew little girl's dresses.

## SPECIAL KIDS EBC AUXILIARY

Founded: **2012**

President: **Lisa Smith**

Main funding purpose: **Developmental medicine**

Grants supported: **Improving outcomes for young people with cerebral palsy**

This year the Auxiliary officially closed its doors and with an incredible closing balance of \$17,111.67. These funds were directed to support The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register.

## ST KILDA AUXILIARY

Founded: **1922**

President: **Dorothy Cridge**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Joh Kane**

Main funding purpose: **Therapeutic garden program**

Grants supported: **Recently we have agreed to support two beds for three years. One is in the Butterfly Ward (one of which is in memory of Mavis Pope) and the other is in the Rosella Ward.**

Our Auxiliary members are few in number but we occasionally have assistance from people outside our Auxiliary. For example, the Bairnsdale RSL Ladies Auxiliary visits the hospital each May and brings many goods, which are passed on to us through CasKids Auxiliary. We hold our stalls in at the hospital and take part in the Market Day stalls like Andy's, Paddy's and sometimes the Winter, Spring or Christmas Markets, which are held in Main Street. Approximately three times a year we receive a donation from the Beaumaris Opportunity Shop where one of our members works.

## STROKIDZ AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**

President: **Darren Kohne**

Secretary: **Suzi Di Palma**

Treasurer: **Jackie Nielsen**

Main funding purpose: **Haematology/Neurology**

## TEMPLESTOWE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1939**

President: **Glenda Fraser**

Secretary: **Barb Nicoll**

Treasurer: **Raelene Trotter**

Main funding purpose: **Platypus Ward and area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients, video-endoscopes: speech path, ENT and plastic surgery, infant radiant warmers**

The past year has been another successful one for our members and supporters. In August 2019 we achieved the remarkable milestone of 80 years since our Auxiliary was formed. We celebrated the occasion with an afternoon tea for members, friends, past members, supporters and RCH Foundation staff at the hospital with memorabilia on display and a 50 page history book produced by President Glenda Fraser. We currently have three members who are descendents of foundation members in 1939.

Our monthly stalls at the RCH are a major source of income with home baked goodies, hand-made craft and knitwear, eco-friendly items, jewellery and assorted homewares. Stalls at Lilydale Marketplace provided extra funds. Our major fundraiser was Cuppa for Kids at Ringwood Bowling Club where 153 guests enjoyed high tea treats made by Auxiliary members whilst listening to guest speakers and a singer.

Members worked on the cart every month, participated in Andy's and the Christmas Markets, attended the Living Treasures morning tea, Christmas Party and Combined Auxiliaries Meetings.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 all events from March onwards were cancelled. We look forward to returning to the RCH for our stalls and markets but also to reconnect with members, staff and patients.

## THE MELBOURNE SINFONIA AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **David Halstead**

Secretary: **Bronwyn Hewitt**

Treasurer: **Ros Calver**

Main funding purpose: **Neurodevelopment and disability - leadership and music therapy - leadership**

Grants supported: **The Gatehouse Centre and the child and family traumatic stress intervention**

During 2019, The Melbourne Sinfonia orchestra celebrated its 30th anniversary since it was formed in 1989. Throughout the year, the orchestra has continued to promote four major concerts, as it does each year. However, due to COVID-19, the March 2020 concert unfortunately had to be cancelled just days before the concert was due to be performed.

Our unique position as a fundraiser for the RCH unites our Auxiliary, as everyone involved joins in the spirit of enjoying playing music for a good cause. We currently support the RCH Gatehouse Centre which provides a crisis service and ongoing support for children and adolescents who have been sexually abused. This helps enable Gatehouse to run educational and training group sessions that have been developed to assist in building resilience in young people and helps develop coping skills for this vulnerable group. The most recent program with which we assisted is the Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention Program.

## TRAILBLAZERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2005**

President/Secretary: **Anne McGeary**

Treasurer: **Anne McGeary**

Main funding purpose: **Developmental medicine - leadership**

Grants supported: **The Victorian Prader-Willi Register and associated research and The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register**

Our Auxiliary is a small group of friends, getting older but still wanting to make a contribution to developmental medicine. We continue to fundraise through the sale of the ever popular Entertainment Books which are now conveniently all digital.

On the Auxiliary pods we aim to sell what we know is popular and profitable, ie jewellery, plus all our propagated plants, often in decorative containers.

## TRANSCEND AUXILIARY

Founded: **2017**

President: **Rebekah Robertson**

Secretary: **Naomi McNamara**

Treasurer: **Belinda James**

Main funding purpose: **Department of Adolescent Medicine - Gender Services**

Grants supported: **Trans20 Vouchers**

## VICTORIAN QUILTERS VERY SNUGGLY QUILTS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **Marie Lee**

Vice President: **Elaine Hicks**

Main funding purpose: **Donation of hand made quilts to every child on the wards - every month**

Women across Victoria donate their time and apply their skill to make the most beautiful quilts for children in the wards.

## VIVARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **2002**

Presidents: **Alex Lowen and Micheal Davey**

Main funding purpose: **Pain management and area of greatest need**

## WANGARATTA LADIES AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**

Secretary: **Georgina Rea**

Treasurer: **Pat Griffin**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Video - endoscopes: speech pathology, ENT and plastic surgery, telehealth spirometry as standard care for regional CF patients**

The Wangaratta Auxiliary members are on average 80 years of age.

This past year has been a quieter year due to the ill health of some of the members and the inability of some to continue their fundraising.

We held the Oxley Market on the Melbourne Cup Weekend.

We held a Christmas raffle and made a couple of trips to Corowa RSL plus raffles and we have been well supported. We never have any trouble filling the bus. We also have several sausage sizzles at Woolworths carpark and they were still running 'Hoy' afternoons up to February. When we are able to, we hold street stalls in Main Street and are thrilled that some beautiful knitted items and lots of home produce and cakes are donated to us for those stalls.

## WAVERLEY AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Louise Hastie**

Secretary: **Pauline Raby**

Treasurer: **Maureen Edwards**

Main funding purpose: **Occupational therapy/ psychology**

Grants supported: **Video - endoscopes: speech path, ENT and plastic surgery, parent-child mother goose program, training coordinator with a focus on disruptive disabled children and infant radiant warmers**

The major source of income has been through our monthly stalls at the RCH with a variety of goods on sale including craft, quilts, bags, colourful socks, Barbie dolls with knitted dresses and beautiful knitwear.

Members have a number of friends who continue to make items for us to sell on these stalls and we are most grateful and thank them all.

Our Annual Musical Concert and afternoon tea was well attended and enjoyed by all. We conducted our

last Spring Fashion Parade and luncheon at Mulgrave Country Club and we thank them for their wonderful support over the last 21 years.

We continue to have interesting speakers at our monthly meetings held at Alvie Hall, Mount Waverley. New members are always welcome.

## WERRIBEE LADIES FOR KIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2013**

President: **Val Wills**

Secretary: **Alma Verity**

Treasurer: **Heather Brett**

Main funding purpose: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **Upgrade of a ventilator for the Emergency Department**

We have had another successful year, cut short by COVID-19. We were lucky enough to be able to visit the ventilator we purchased in Emergency with the RCH Team. A big thank you to all of our helpers.

## YELLOW RIBBON AUXILIARY

Founded: **2001**

President: **Jacqui Callil**

Main funding purpose: **Liver Transplant Unit**

Grants supported: **Social work liver transplant fund**



Patricia Glazner - Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

# Awards



Margery Schreppel, Pauline Raby and Louise Hastie - Waverley Auxiliary



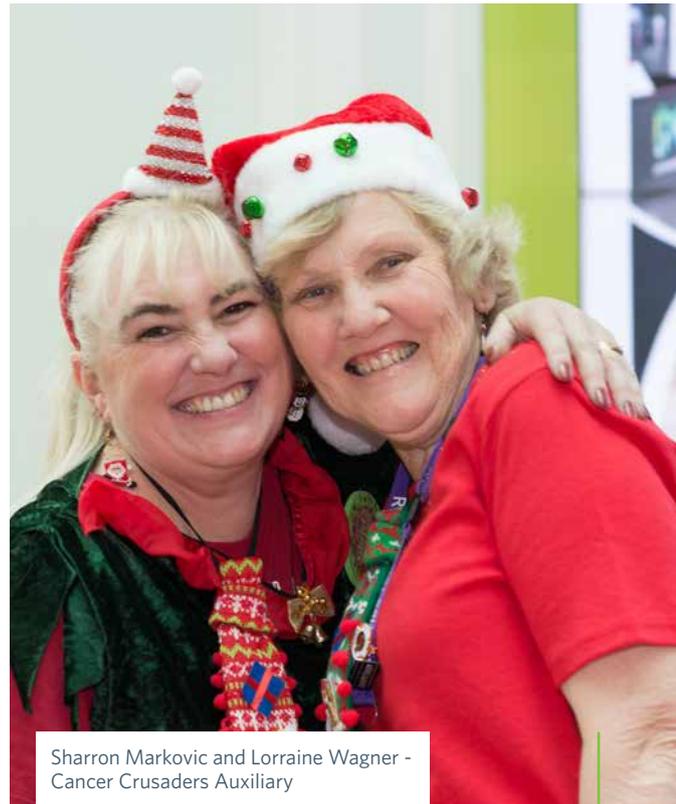
Harrison Stone, Rebekah Robertson and Georgie Stone - Transcend Auxiliary



Ruth Murray - Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary



Julie James and Jo Ibbs - Caroline Auxiliary



Sharron Markovic and Lorraine Wagner - Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

# Madge Tate Service Award

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

1996

**Robyn Riseley**

CasKids Auxiliary

2002

**Bill Gordon**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

2003

**Pat Griffin**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Doris Read**

Templestowe  
Auxiliary

2004

**Beth Trebilcock**

Waverley Auxiliary

2006

**Pat Osbourne**

Waverley Auxiliary

**Anne Peter-Budge**

Templestowe  
Auxiliary

2007

**Sandra Lehrer**

CIKA

2008

**Irene Hubbard**

Prem Bubs Auxiliary

**Kerrie Beauglehall**

Inverloch Diabetic  
Unit Auxiliary

2009

**Peggy Mathison**

Parkville Auxiliary

2010

**Shirley Jenkins**

Footscray/Yarraville  
Juniors Auxiliary

2011

**Margaret  
Greenwood**

Heart to Heart  
Auxiliary/CIKA

2012

**Robyn Anderson  
OAM**

CasKids Auxiliary

2013

**Phyllis Brown**

Heart to Heart  
Auxiliary

2014

**Andrew  
Duyvestyn**

CIKA

**Christine  
Duyvestyn**

CIKA

2015

**Gwen Bromley**

Geelong Auxiliary

2016

**Denise Mudie**

CasKids Auxiliary

2017

**Bev Noonan**

Parkville Auxiliary

2018

**Ruth Murray**

Cancer Crusaders

2019

**Glenda Fraser**

Templestowe  
Auxiliary

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

1994

**Maude Ham**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

1995

**Bette Chambers**

Parkville Auxiliary

1997

**Dorothy Knight**

Pankina Auxiliary

**Joan Mackechnie**

Pankina Auxiliary

1998

**Phyll Unsworth**

Frankston Auxiliary

1999

**Mavis Pope**

St Kilda Auxiliary

2000

**Doris Blunt**

Caroline Auxiliary

2001

**Loris King**

Ivanhoe Auxiliary

2004

**Joyce Keast**

Pankina Auxiliary

2005

**Olive Cooper**

Mordialloc/Heart to  
Heart Auxiliary

2010

**Rhonda Robins**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

2016

**Margo Ferguson  
(posthumously)**

Pankina Auxiliary

A portrait of Glenda Fraser, a woman with long, straight, grey hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a pink top with a blue floral pattern. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of colorful lights in shades of blue, purple, and pink.

# Glenda Fraser

## TEMPLESTOWE AUXILIARY

Congratulations to Glenda Fraser, the 2019 recipient of the Madge Tate Service Award. Bestowed in recognition of inspiring leadership, innovation and excellence of service, Glenda epitomises Madge Tate's commitment to Auxiliaries and the RCH, and is part of a long history of multi-generational giving.

Glenda joined Templestowe Auxiliary in 1982, where she is currently President after serving as Secretary for 16 years. She was destined to be involved in the Auxiliary, with both her grandparents, parents and husband involved. Glenda grew up living and breathing the Auxiliary and now passes the baton to her own children.

"I'm proud to be a third generation member and part of our wonderful Auxiliary whose members are passionate about fundraising, but also have fun doing it. I can remember when I was little, growing up in Templestowe, my grandmother and mother were dedicated to organising functions

and raising money, and they were always enjoying themselves. It was then I knew I wanted to continue the family tradition," said Glenda.

Glenda was presented with her award at the 2019 AGM by two of Madge Tate's granddaughters, Deb Stratford and Robyn Schuurman, together with RCH Auxiliaries President Dr Miriam Weisz, surrounded by her family and friends.

*"It's an honour and privilege to receive the award and follow previous winners. I'd like to acknowledge the incredible support of my family in last few years at fundraising activities and events. I'd also like to thank Templestowe Auxiliary members who work so hard for the RCH and have a lot of fun along the way too,"* said Glenda.

# Long Service Award

## 60 YEARS

### **Margaret Day**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

### **Margaret Howe**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

### **Shirley Jenkins**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

### **Margaret McPherson**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

### **Roslyn Nankervis**

League of Former Trainees Auxiliary

### **Margaret Plowright**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

## 55 YEARS

### **Anne Peter-Budge**

Templestowe Auxiliary

## 50 YEARS

### **Annette Baldwin**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

## 45 YEARS

### **Beverley Baltissen**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Beth Trebilcock**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Kathleen Walker**

Waverley Auxiliary

## 40 YEARS

### **Irene Hubbard**

Prem Bubs Auxiliary

## 35 YEARS

### **Olive Cooper**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Marion Crawford**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

### **Marie Devereux**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Denise Mudie**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Carmel Quinn**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Shirley Scott**

CasKids Auxiliary

## 30 YEARS

### **Wendy Brooks**

Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

### **Maria De Poi**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Faye Love**

CIKA Auxiliary

### **Christine McRae**

LARCH Auxiliary

## 25 YEARS

### **Winifred Armstrong**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

### **Wendy Crisp**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

### **Kathryn D'Souza**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

### **Hayley Dighton**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

### **Lesley Goodall**

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

### **Caroline Hill**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Gail Nunan**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Margaret Perdriau**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Jodie Perrin**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

### **John Thexton**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Brenda Upton**

Waverley Auxiliary

## 20 YEARS

### **Laraine Barnes**

Caroline Auxiliary

### **Christine Boden**

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

### **Sandra Bonnici**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

### **Carol Bosward**

CPR Auxiliary

### **Maureen Cody**

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

### **Aggie Coyle**

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

### **Dorothy Cridge**

St Kilda Auxiliary

### **Joyce Curnow**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Beverlie Groves**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Bronwyn Hewitt**

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

### **Shirley Langton**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

### **Sharron Markovic**

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

### **Ruth Murray**

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

### **Barbara Willis**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Amy Yu**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

## 15 YEARS

### **Lorraine Blackburn**

StroKidz Auxiliary

### **Lois Cameron**

Caroline Auxiliary

### **Andrew Duyvestyn**

CIKA Auxiliary

### **Christine Duyvestyn**

CIKA Auxiliary

### **Glenice Gardner**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

### **Darren Kohne**

StroKidz Auxiliary

### **Sally-Anne Kohne**

StroKidz Auxiliary

### **Betty Lancaster**

Caroline Auxiliary

### **Ken Miller**

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

### **Jackie Nielsen**

StroKidz Auxiliary

### **Rosemary Oppedisano**

Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary

### **Diane Powlesland**

Trailblazers Auxiliary

### **Andrew Price**

StroKidz Auxiliary

### **Janice Tucker**

Caroline Auxiliary

## 10 YEARS

### **Janis Crockart**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Ian Crockart**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Yvonne Felton**

Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

**Margaret Houlihan**

Knox-Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

**John Lewis**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Lynette Lewis**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Cameron Lewis**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Sandra Long**

Templestowe Auxiliary

**Stewart Mackie**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Lesley Mackie**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Courtney Nathan**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**Valerie Perry**

Absent Friends  
Auxiliary

**Belinda Stojanovski**

StroKidz Auxiliary

**Gaynor Thomas**

LARCH Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Walker**

Knox-Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

**5 YEARS****Paula Appelhans**

American Women's  
Association

**Jules Aussems**

Neonate Mates  
Auxiliary

**Denise Bartlett**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

**Diane Brown**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Suzanne Callaghan**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Rosalind Calver**

The Melbourne  
Sinfonia Auxiliary

**Lisa Carew**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

**Robyn Constable**

Templestowe Auxiliary

**Janis Dunn**

Cystic Fibrosis Research  
Trust Auxiliary

**Pamela Dunn**

Cystic Fibrosis Research  
Trust Auxiliary

**Herbert Gallina**

Cancer Crusaders  
Auxiliary

**Renate Harrington**

CIKA Auxiliary

**Dorothy Gwen Johnston**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Barbara Nicoll**

Templestowe Auxiliary

**Colleen O'Brien**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Marlene Phillips**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Kathryn Pitcher**

Knox-Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

**Robyn Pollock**

Templestowe Auxiliary

**Michelle Powell**

ChIPSXiliary

**Georgina Rea**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Lyne Scown**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

# Vale

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

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

**Caroline Auxiliary** member **Ms Betty Lancaster** who was a member since 2005.

**Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary** member **Mrs Patricia Glazner** who was a member since 1998 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2008.

**Geelong Auxiliary** member **Mrs Helen Macauley** who was a member since 2014.

**Geelong Auxiliary** member **Mrs Margaret Elford** who was a member since 2004.

**Heart to Heart Auxiliary** member **Mrs Diane Brown** who was a member since 2015.

**Heart to Heart Auxiliary** member **Mrs Olive Cooper** who was a member since 1985, a Madge Tate Service Award recipient in 2005 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2008.

**Heart to Heart Auxiliary** member **Mrs Annette Ralph** who was a member since 1998.

**Heart to Heart Auxiliary** member **Mrs Louisa Edmunds** who was a member since 1983 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2005.

**Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary** member **Mrs Joan Layet** who was a member since 1995 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2011.

**Southern Rainbows Auxiliary** member **Mrs Margaret Fisher** who was a member since 1998 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2006.

**Waverley Auxiliary** member **Ms Elizabeth Hogan** who was a member since 2012.

**Waverley Auxiliary** member **Mrs Kathleen Walker** who was a member since 1975 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2006.

# Living Treasures

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

We are proud to announce the following Auxiliary members, **highlighted in green**, who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2019.

## A

### **Aggie Coyle**

Southern Rainbows  
Auxiliary

### **Alison Orum**

Charli's Angels Auxiliary

### **Alma Verity**

Werribee Ladies for Kids  
Auxiliary

### **Andrew Duyvestyn**

CIKA

### **Ann Rathbone**

LARCH

### **Anne Peter-Budge**

Templestowe Auxiliary

### **Anne McGeary**

Trailblazers Auxiliary

### **Annette Antolino**

CPR Auxiliary

### **Audrey Stewart**

Waverley Auxiliary

## B

### **Barb Nicoll**

Templestowe Auxiliary

### **Barbara Dickinson**

American Women's  
Association

### **Barbara Love**

LARCH

### **Bernadette Dawson**

CIKA

### **Beryl Logie**

Pankina Auxiliary

### **Beryl Reeves**

Do-Bees Auxiliary

### **Beryl Hale**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Beth Trebilcock**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Betsy Van Eyk**

Knox-Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

### **Betty Lane**

American Women's  
Association

### **Bette McConville**

Pankina Auxiliary

### **Betty Moloney**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

### **Betty West**

LARCH

### **Bev Gosbell**

LARCH

### **Bev Hume**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Bev Noonan**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Beverley Baltissen**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Beverley Groves**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Bill Gordon**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

### **Bohdan Panasewycz**

Let The Children Play  
Auxiliary

### **Brenda Aisbett**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

### **Brian Mallon AO**

Former Executive  
Director, RCH  
Foundation

## C

### **Carmel Quinn**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

### **Carol Blight**

LARCH

### **Carole Lowen OAM**

Past President of the  
Auxiliaries

### **Caroline Hill**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

### **Carolyn Appelbe**

American Women's  
Association

### **Cate Petit**

Southern Rainbows

### **Cathy Anderson**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Cheryl Kline**

LARCH

### **Chris Collins**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Christine Boden**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

### **Christine Boulter**

LARCH

**Christine Duyvestyn**  
CIKA

**Christine McRae**  
LARCH

**Christine Unsworth AM**  
Former Executive  
Director, GFA

**Colleen Clift**  
CIKA

## D

**Dani Tabone**  
Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**David Clift**  
CIKA

**David Webb**  
CIKA

**Davina Johnson OAM**  
Past President of the  
Auxiliaries

**Dawn Bredin**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Debbie Kimberley**  
American Women's  
Association

**Denise Cosgriff**  
Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club

**Denise Mudie**  
CasKids Auxiliary

**Diana Fletcher**  
Black Rock Auxiliary

**Dianne Humphreys**  
aRCHers Auxiliary

**Doreen Bellenger**  
ABC Auxiliary

**Doris Fraser**  
American Women's  
Association

**Doris Read**  
Templestowe Auxiliary

**Doris Tatman**  
Do-Bees Auxiliary

**Dorothy Boyle**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Dorothy Cridge**  
St Kilda Auxiliary

**Dorothy Sizeland**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Dorothy Timmerman**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Doug Rathbone AM**  
LARCH

## E

**Eileen (Joan) Davies**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Royce**  
Pelican Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Wilson**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Ellen Bryant**  
St Kilda Auxiliary

**Ellen Webb**  
CIKA

**Eve Lee**  
Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club

## F

**Faye Love**  
CIKA

**Fred Bergman**  
CIKA

## G

**Gael Holliday**  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Gail Simpson**  
CasKids Auxiliary

**Gail Nunan**  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Geoff Wilson**  
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

**Glenda Fraser**  
Templestowe Auxiliary

**Glenice Gardner**  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Graeme Clark**  
OARA

**Graeme Love**  
LARCH

**Graham Blight**  
LARCH

**Gwen Bromley**  
Geelong Auxiliary

## H

**Hayley Dighton**  
Let the Children Play  
Auxiliary

**Hazel Thomas**  
LARCH

**Heather Beggs**  
Pelican Auxiliary

**Heather Brett**  
Werribee Ladies  
for Kids Auxiliary

**Helen Carroll**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helen Mann**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Helen Moon**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helen (Marjory)  
Schreppel**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helena Panasewycz**  
Let the Children Play  
Auxiliary

## LIVING TREASURES CONTINUED

I

**Ian Crockart**

Geelong

**Irene Hubbard**

Prem Bubs Auxiliary

**Isabel Foote**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Isobel Wilson**

Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

J

**James Dawson**

CIKA

**Jan Roberts**

CasKids Auxiliary

**Jan Gilbertson**

Parkville Auxiliary

**Janice Memery**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**Janice Regester**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Janis Crockart**

Geelong Auxiliary

**Jenny Gordon**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

**Jenny Holmes**

Parkville Auxiliary

**Jillian Harrison OAM**

Parkville Auxiliary

**Jo Scully**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Joan Armstrong**

Wangaratta

**Joan Bradbury**

Pelican Auxiliary

**Joan Carroll**

Southern Rainbows  
Auxiliary

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