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Sharing the impact of the RCH Auxiliaries in 2020/2021



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

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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Front Cover: RCH Auxiliary members Helen Mann, Kay Reay and Barb Nicoll hold handmade UooUoo toys, sold at the farewell event for Me and UooUoo: The RCH150 Anniversary Art Trail.

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A YEAR IN NUMBERS



431

Auxiliary members



57

Auxiliary groups



10

Days of stalls
at the RCH



96

Days that the
RCH Gratitude Hub
was open



6

Auxiliary groups
who sold products
through the
RCH Gratitude Hub
online store



203

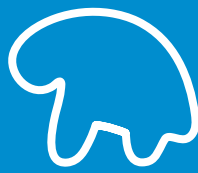
Orders processed
through the
RCH Gratitude Hub
online store

MARCH 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021



35

**Markets, street stalls
and pop-up shops held
in the community**



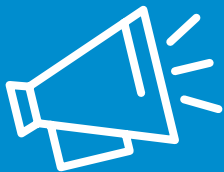
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**Handmade UooUoo
toys created**



1,900

**Masks made and sold
by Werribee Ladies
Auxiliary and Cancer
Crusaders Auxiliary**



6

**Auxiliary and
community fundraisers
worked together
to support grants**

**Reflected in these numbers is the utter
perseverance of every Auxiliary to continue
supporting the hospital and sick children
in the face of adversity. Congratulations,
you are all champions.**

Dr Miriam Weisz OAM
President of RCH Auxiliaries

ADAPT



**The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Auxiliaries
continued to work together and adapt their ways
of fundraising throughout the past year.**

>
Waverley Auxiliary
handmade masks and
microwave bowl cosies



<
CasKids Auxiliary
members at the
Blackburn Rotarian
Market Day



<
Caroline Auxiliary
pop-up shop,
November 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't think any of us could have predicted the challenges of the past 12 months, but through this adversity Auxiliaries still managed to prosper, as you have done since the very beginning. Thank you so much for another remarkable year of fundraising for the RCH. Once again, I have been in awe of your unwavering dedication to sick children and their families.

This commitment resulted in a \$656,933 donation to the 2021 Good Friday Appeal and I hope you all feel incredibly proud of this achievement.

Auxiliaries are the hospital's longest philanthropic partner and 2022 will mark 100 years since our founding.

As we continue plans for our centenary and begin to reflect on this incredible legacy, I was so heartened to see Auxiliaries continue to collaborate, adapt and inspire our community throughout this past year.

Many of you worked with each other and the broader community to maximise the impact of your fundraising. Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)

and Absent Friends Auxiliary collaborated to continue CIKA's funding of the Solid Tumour Study Coordinator. A grateful patient family raised funds to support the Beyond Sight Auxiliary, and two Auxiliaries, Waverley Auxiliary and South Western Auxiliary collaborated to continue funding the Training Coordinator in the Neurodevelopment and Disability Department. These are just a few examples of the generosity of spirit and collaboration that makes the RCH Auxiliaries the truly respected and revered group we are today.

With the support of the RCH Foundation, we were also able to innovate, moving many of our beloved fundraisers online like the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship and the AFL raffle, along with events like our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This ensured we remained connected not only with each other, but our community as well. I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee (AEC) for their leadership.

Mim presenting the 2021 Auxiliaries fundraising cheque to the Good Friday Appeal with Secretary of Templestowe Auxiliary and 2020 Madge Tate recipient Barb Nicoll



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 adapt and innovate to support the RCH.

To all Auxiliary members,
thank you. I know this has
been a challenging time, but
your resilience, dedication and
positive spirit is inspirational.
Together we truly are making
sick kids better.



Miriam Weisz

Dr Miriam (Mim) Weisz OAM

President, RCH Auxiliaries

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing
Development Scholarship
Committee members Barb Nicoll,
Lauren Daly, Mim Weisz,
Marcia Bacon and Annie
Tsourlinis. Insert: Lila Kemlo



Mim hosting the 2021 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch
Nursing Development Scholarship Virtual
Fundraiser with Professor John Massie, Prof Lynn
Gillam and 2021 recipient Jenny O'Neill



MESSAGE FROM THE RCH FOUNDATION

I would like to congratulate all Auxiliaries on another wonderful year supporting the RCH. These past 12 months have been challenging, but through adversity, you have truly embodied the passion, dedication and commitment for which Auxiliaries are known.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, your collective fundraising resulted in an incredible \$656,933 donation to the 2021 Good Friday Appeal. With these funds, you have supported life changing projects right across the hospital.

This is a truly outstanding achievement under the circumstances and I hope you enjoy seeing the direct impact of how your support continues to change the lives of sick children in this year's Annual Report.

Like the Auxiliaries, generosity has been the cornerstone of the hospital since the very beginning. In 1870 it was a Ladies Committee, together with Doctors Smith and Singleton, who worked hard to raise the funds needed to establish the Melbourne Free Hospital for Sick Children.

In 1922 Mary Guthrie formed the Auxiliary movement to fundraise for and supply articles to the hospital. In the first year alone, Auxiliaries saved the hospital more than £1,914. As we plan to celebrate your centenary in 2022, I hope all Auxiliaries feel incredibly proud of this legacy of generosity and friendship, which continues to grow today.

Although we have not been able to physically come together, we have remained connected through virtual events, emails and conversations. All of us at the RCH eagerly await a time when we can welcome you back onsite and see the pods and market days come to life once again. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to work together to adapt and inspire our community to support your fundraising endeavours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the AEC, led by President Dr Miriam (Mim) Weisz OAM for your time, passion and expertise.

Finally, to all Auxiliary members, I say thank you. Thank you for your fortitude, dedication and support. We are so lucky to have you.

We look forward to continuing to work together to support the life changing work of the RCH.



Sue Hunt

Sue Hunt

Chief Executive Officer



MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL

To all our RCH Auxiliaries, thank you for your ongoing commitment and support, and for another amazing year of fundraising.

We have all missed seeing your faces around campus yet your continued efforts to support us and fundraise for the hospital have not gone unnoticed. To raise \$656,933 in the past 12 months is an outstanding effort and will make a significant difference to help us provide great care for sick children.

Your incredible fundraising success is a true testament to each and every one of you; you have rallied together to support each other and your successes truly signify the invaluable role you play in the communities around you.

In particular, the pivot to digital fundraising was an impressive effort and I hope you all take pride in the success of the projects you supported and the virtual campaigns that were facilitated. It was well known that the Good Friday Appeal would look quite different for a second year in a row, and to raise \$17,122,879 was a direct result of the hard work and passion of all our fundraisers.

Your ability to turn challenges into new opportunities and move forward with optimism and trust is inspiring. Through your support, children with cerebral palsy will benefit from the latest in clinical care through the support of long-term studies into the condition, nurses will receive advanced training in bioethics and children with brain tumours will be able to access vital clinical trials to improve their outcomes. None of these projects would have been possible without your support, and for that, we're truly grateful.

The funds that you have raised for the hospital help to elevate us to new levels of care for our patients and their families. As I retire from my position as CEO and reflect on my many years at the RCH, it is impossible to summarise the impact of your efforts.

Keep well and on behalf of the entire team at the RCH, thank you.



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

John Stanway
Chief Executive Officer



Henry Bryant zooms around the ward on a padded wheel board that helps him with his cerebral palsy. Picture: David Caird, Herald Sun



MESSAGE FROM THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

In my first year at the Good Friday Appeal it has been a pleasure getting to know the Auxiliaries, in particular President, Dr Miriam (Mim) Weisz OAM and the AEC, and to gain an understanding of the incredible work that your team of hundreds of volunteers across Victoria perform in their unified mission to advance the care of sick children.

You should be incredibly proud of the \$656,933 raised for the Appeal this year. This is especially extraordinary given the challenges faced throughout 2020 and into 2021. Like the majority of our fundraising community you were adversely impacted by COVID-19 and many of your usual activities such as cake bakes, market stalls, raffles, attending the Good Friday Appeal's Kids Day Out and your calendar of fundraising events, were unable to proceed in their usual format. It was wonderful to see your innovation of moving the goods typically sold through the RCH Gratitude Hub to an online store and running a digital donation campaign through emails, SMS and social media.

In 2021 the Good Friday Appeal celebrated 90 years of giving for the kids. From a modest beginning in 1931, a wonderful tradition emerged and evolved into the Good Friday Appeal we know today, which brings people together from all parts of the community to raise funds for the RCH.

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of the whole community of Auxiliaries who have helped the Appeal raise over \$399 million for the hospital in the past 90 years.

As the 100th anniversary of the Auxiliaries approaches, I look forward to meeting more of you and celebrating your long and rich heritage. To all Auxiliary members, thank you once again. All of your hard work is helping children receive the best possible care.

Rebecca Cowan

Executive Director

RCH patient Daniel Berto enjoys a visit from Western Bulldogs AFL players Tom Liberatore, Josh Dunkley and Adam Treloar



2021 Face of the Appeal Malu Hunt with his parents Erin and Morgan being interviewed by Channel 7 reporter Peter Mitchell

SCAN TO WATCH
THE GFA 2021
HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO



\$17,122,879

raised for the 90th Good Friday Appeal

90 YEARS

of the community coming together to
support the Good Friday Appeal

41,000+

donations made via the telethon phone room
and online on Good Friday



Malu with his older brother
at the 2021 Good Friday
Appeal media launch



RCH patient Beatrice meets ballet dancers from
the Australian Ballet School on Good Friday

FOCUS



**Despite the challenges of COVID-19,
the RCH Auxiliaries remained focused
on making sick kids better.**

Robyn Anderson OAM, Laura Buck and
Mim Weisz OAM met virtually with Kids
Can Auxiliary President Lachie Heywood



Prof John Massie, Clinical Director of the Children's Bioethics Centre
(CBC) speaking at the Friends of the CBC Golf Day, March 2021



Templestowe Auxiliary members
watching the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch
Nursing Development Scholarship
Virtual Fundraiser, May 2021





FINANCIAL RESULTS

MARCH 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

Absent Friends Auxiliary \$2,197

American Women's Association \$24,895

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund \$34,666

Beyond Sight Auxiliary \$6,923

Bright Starts Auxiliary \$1,066

Broadmeadows Auxiliary \$1,468

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary \$22,366

Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary \$2,314

Caroline Auxiliary \$7,820

CasKids Auxiliary \$11,370

Charli's Angels Auxiliary \$1,791

Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary \$3,643

CIKA Auxiliary \$96,915

CPR Auxiliary \$1,551

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary \$47,380

DEMNDs Endowment Fund \$13,750

DEMNDs Luncheon \$39,884

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary \$1,345

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary \$23,150

Friends of Transcend \$2,230

Geelong Auxiliary \$19,611

HAUX Auxiliary \$1,178

Hawthorn Auxiliary \$1,791

Heart Throb Auxiliary \$5,923

Heart To Heart Auxiliary \$2,353

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary \$3,157

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary \$1,261

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary \$11,246

LARCH Auxiliary \$10,315

League of Former Trainees Auxiliary \$6,047

Let The Children Play Auxiliary \$2,344

Parkville Auxiliary \$3,224

PremBubs Auxiliary	\$6,356
President's Fundraising Network	\$155,256
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	\$4,903
Smiley Auxiliary	\$2,486
South Western Auxiliary	\$7,823
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	\$1,088
St Kilda Auxiliary	\$3,104
Templestowe Auxiliary	\$14,344
Trailblazers Auxiliary	\$9,811
VivaRCH Auxiliary	\$1,047
Wangaratta Auxiliary	\$1,935
Waverley Auxiliary	\$6,040
Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary	\$16,425
Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary	\$4,288
Other contributing Auxiliaries	\$6,853

We would also like to acknowledge and thank those Auxiliaries who have raised \$1,000 and under, and all those who have supported in kind.

aRCHers Auxiliary
 BEADS Auxiliary
 Brimbank Torch Auxiliary
 Caulfield Auxiliary
 Children's Flyer Fund Auxiliary
 ChIPsXiliary
 Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary
 Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary
 Ezy Breathing Auxiliary
 KidsCan Auxiliary
 Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary
 Neonate Mates Auxiliary
 Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary
 Pankina Auxiliary
 RCH Volunteers Auxiliary
 Save my Platelets Auxiliary
 StroKidz Auxiliary
 The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary
 Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

In 2020/2021, a total of
\$656,933
was raised to help make
sick kids better



COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The last year was a time of increased collaboration amongst the Auxiliary network, and more broadly with community fundraisers. United by a common goal to make sick kids better, these efforts ensured that urgently needed funds were pooled for ongoing project commitments at the RCH and important COVID-19 initiatives.

Auxiliaries support Me and UooUoo

Auxiliaries and friends rallied together to support Me and UooUoo: The RCH150 Anniversary Art Trail, selling beautiful keepsakes for adventurers to remember the art trail and raise funds for the hospital.

Kay Reay from **Parkville Auxiliary** and her sewing group handmade 150 unique UooUoo toys which were sold alongside Maxwell & Williams UooUoo mug sets at the Me and UooUoo farewell event at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 17 April 2021.

Manning the stall were Parkville Auxiliary members Kay Reay, Jenny Holmes, Helen Mann, Bev Noonan OAM, Jan Gilbertson, Paula Brophy and Barb Nicoll from Templestowe Auxiliary. The UooUoo stall was popular with visitors, with all products selling out in three hours, **raising \$6,817 to support patient care at the RCH.**

UooUoo artist Audrey Buttigieg Cardona with a UooUoo toy and Kay Reay from Parkville Auxiliary



Auxiliaries fund Solid Tumour Study Coordinator

CIKA and **Absent Friends Auxiliary** collaborated to continue CIKA's funding of the Solid Tumour Study Coordinator. The role is an integral part of the Children's Cancer Centre and provides patients and families the option to access clinical trials. Therapeutic clinical trials are the cornerstone of modern cancer care for children. With the support of CIKA and Absent Friends Auxiliary, children with cancer will have access to new treatments and novel drugs at the forefront of medical research.

The collaboration was featured on the front page of the Hamilton Spectator newspaper in July 2020.



Lyn Lewis from Absent Friends Auxiliary and Andrew Duyvestyn from CIKA



Grateful patient Jack Hooke



Terry Sefton and
former AFL player
Lynden Dunn

Grateful patient family supports Beyond Sight Auxiliary

A grateful patient family has raised funds to support Beyond Sight Auxiliary. Marcus and Cass Hooke are the parents of three year old Jack who was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare form of childhood cancer which effects the eye.

The family from rural NSW packed up and moved to Melbourne – four and a half hours from their home – in order to receive the very best treatment and care from staff in the RCH's Oncology and Ophthalmology departments. Over 10 months, Jack underwent multiple rounds of chemotherapy to try to fight off the cancer, but ultimately his right eye had to be removed. Thanks to the RCH, Jack is now cancer-free with a new prosthetic eye.

To express gratitude to the hospital for saving their son's life, Marcus and Cass offered one of their best rams for a charity auction at the 2020 spring sales. The family were able to **raise \$2,700 for Beyond Sight Auxiliary**, so they can continue supporting the RCH Ophthalmology Department and raise awareness for retinoblastoma.

Auxiliaries fund the training coordinator in the Neurodevelopment and Disability Department

Waverley Auxiliary and **South Western Auxiliary** collaborated to continue funding a training coordinator with a focus on disruptive disabled children. The training coordinator plays an important role in educating parents, carers and professionals who look after children with developmental disabilities, providing a bridge between the latest research and the best care. Thanks to this joint Auxiliary funding, the training coordinator will create learning tools on the

management of disruptive behaviours in children and young people with autism or an intellectual disability.

Through webinars, online and printed resources, the training coordinator will empower parents, carers and professionals on preventative approaches to disruptive behaviours, identifying early signs and effective interventions when they occur.

Auxiliary and community fundraiser support the Social Work Department COVID-19 Crisis Fund

The President's Fundraising Network and community fundraiser Terry Sefton from **Mullets for the Kids** have committed \$20,000 over two years to support the Social Work Department COVID-19 Crisis Fund.

The Social Work Department provides essential advocacy and support services across all areas of the RCH. Since the onset of COVID-19, the Social Work Department has seen a significant increase in referrals for families of children experiencing severe financial hardship. This includes unexpected job loss by one or both parents, inability to pay for basic needs such as food and housing costs, in addition to treatment related costs such as travel, prescriptions and equipment.

Thanks to the support of the President's Fundraising Network and Mullets for the Kids, parents facing financial hardship will be receiving financial assistance for practical needs. This will give families peace of mind to focus on their child and their care at the hospital. This is particularly important given the widely recognised impact of stress and mental health throughout the community due to COVID-19.



AUXILIARIES CONTINUE TO GO VIRTUAL

With challenges come new opportunities to change and innovate. Faced with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Auxiliaries have been undeterred in their support for sick children at the RCH, adapting and turning to digital means for fundraising which have resulted in incredible successes.

Auxiliaries Good Friday Appeal Online Fundraising Campaign

The 90th Good Friday Appeal was memorable for its historic milestone and staged return to its traditional fundraising events in a COVID-safe way. As Auxiliary fundraising continued to be impacted by the pandemic, an online donation campaign was developed by the RCH Foundation.

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 photos of RCH patients captured by the Herald Sun during the Good Friday Appeal, the campaign encouraged donations to help support Auxiliary fundraising and provide the best care for sick children and their families at the RCH.

An incredible **\$214,596 was raised** through the online campaign, helping to boost the overall tally for this year's Good Friday Appeal, **which totalled a remarkable \$17,122,879.**

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Virtual Fundraiser

The Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship supporting the advancement of nurses at the RCH and is the largest scholarship of its kind at the hospital.

Every year, RCH Auxiliaries and the community come together to support this scholarship through a fundraising luncheon. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 event went virtual, with a thought-provoking interactive webinar that celebrated this year's scholarship recipient Jenny O'Neill. Together with colleagues from the CBC, the audience was presented with a hypothetical hospital scenario, and talked through the tangible impacts that Jenny's work, supported by the scholarship, will achieve.

Donations were encouraged both in the lead up to, and during the virtual event. On the day, 80 guests logged in, a number of whom had organised their own luncheons and were viewing in groups. This wonderful scholarship was also made possible thanks to the event's Principal Partner, BankVic.

Overall, **\$68,836 was raised** to help ensure nurses at the RCH will have the opportunity to excel and advance the care of patients through integrated research for many years to come.



Online Gratitude Hub

Face to face fundraising stalls and events have been unable to continue during the pandemic. In response, the RCH Foundation in collaboration with the AEC worked to develop new ways to support the Auxiliaries to fundraise. The outcome was the creation of a new fundraising and shopping destination, the Online Gratitude Hub. Since its inception in August 2020, the Online Gratitude Hub has been a successful online platform selling Auxiliary products to increase fundraising and reach new audiences.

Six Auxiliaries have been selling a range of curated products online, including kids' toys, clothing, kitchen accessories and blankets. From August 2020 to February 2021, **over \$12,130 has been raised** through the Online Gratitude Hub.

AFL Raffle goes online

Since 2001, Auxiliaries have held an AFL-themed raffle on Main Street to raise funds to support a number of projects across the hospital.

As Auxiliaries were unable to hold their usual in-person fundraiser due to COVID-19 restrictions, the raffle was held online between September and October 2020. The raffle featured a number of donated prizes including signed and framed prints of AFL stars Dustin Martin, Luke Hodge and Dyson Heppell, a Carlton Football Club guernsey signed by the 2019 playing squad, Sherrin footballs and more.

The online raffle was promoted across the RCH Foundation's social media channels, hospital internal staff website and through Auxiliary networks. Overall, **567 tickets were sold** and **\$2,171 raised** to support patient care at the hospital.



SCAN TO VISIT
THE ONLINE
GRATITUDE HUB





ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE OF CEREBRAL PALSY

Despite cerebral palsy being the most common physical disability in childhood, there is still so much that is unknown about the condition. What are the causes? What treatments are best? What are the optimal ways to support children to ensure the best quality of life? Luckily, thanks to support from the Trailblazers and Special Kids EBC Auxiliaries, children and their families are benefiting from a longitudinal study of this condition.

Cerebral palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture as a result of a number of different types of maldevelopment or injury to the brain that occur early in life. Disability can range from mild to severe.

“Through an internationally renowned study at the RCH, the Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register Project is advancing our knowledge and providing better help and support for everyone living with cerebral palsy, their families and the communities in which they live,” said RCH paediatrician Prof Dinah Reddihough AO.

Established by Dinah in 1987, the Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register Project collects information on people with cerebral palsy, born or living in Victoria since 1970. With 6,200 people registered, this important project is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

By collecting information about Victorians with cerebral palsy including demographic information, birth details, known or apparent causes, type and severity of the cerebral palsy and any associated impairments, researchers at the RCH and campus partner the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute can monitor trends in the number of new cases of cerebral palsy over time in Victoria. This is important as it allows them to identify factors that appear to increase or reduce the risk of cerebral palsy. The register also allows researchers to undertake large trials and research projects to

investigate the effectiveness of various treatments and understand how children with cerebral palsy change as they get older.

“The register underpins everything that we do. It’s the backbone of our research and has allowed us to undertake over a hundred extremely important projects. It’s satisfying to have established something that’s very important in filling a gap in knowledge and having such an impact on so many children and families,” said Dinah.

It's not an overstatement to say The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register Project has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of children with cerebral palsy, not just in Australia but right around the world.

As the register holds information on all children with cerebral palsy in Victoria, Project Manager Dr Sue Reid and the register team collaborated with the Orthopaedic Department to demonstrate the association between the severity of cerebral palsy and the risk of hip displacement which causes extreme pain.

This led a team from across the RCH and further afield to develop ‘Australasian Hip Surveillance

Guidelines' which have been implemented in many parts of the world. The guidelines provide information about the optimum frequency of X-rays to minimise painful hip displacement while at the same time, reducing unnecessary and potentially damaging radiation exposure.

The RCH team is now building an electronic platform to monitor hip displacement in all children with cerebral palsy across Victoria, so that measures can be put in place to detect the problem early and instigate preventive strategies.

"The register will play a role in ensuring that all children with cerebral palsy are monitored, and have the right X-rays at the right time, preventing terrible pain and loss of function in children when it is not picked up in a timely fashion," said Dinah.

Using the register, researchers investigated medication use in epilepsy, a condition which affects almost half of children with cerebral palsy. Until recently, it was thought that children would need to be on epilepsy medication for the rest of their lives. However, researchers found the prognosis is much better than they originally thought and many children can come off their epilepsy medication.

"A recent study of epilepsy has important, practical management implications. Contrary to previous views, we found the prognosis is much better than we thought and that epilepsy is likely to resolve in many children with cerebral palsy and anti-epilepsy medication should be used with caution and reassessed regularly," said Dinah.

While the register was established over 30 years ago and has been instrumental to the understanding of cerebral palsy and how best to treat patients, funding is always a major challenge.

"While everyone recognises how valuable registers are in advancing care and research for patients, obtaining funding can be difficult through grants and traditional channels," said Dinah.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are to the Trailblazers and Special Kids EBC Auxiliaries for the funding support. The only way we can really improve outcomes is to do high quality research and we know this register is vitally important and enormously helpful; and we are deeply thankful for the support," said Dinah.





MEET ROSE

Rose Pickard loves parties, a particular pastime we're all nostalgic for in 2021. Rose will be celebrating her 10th birthday soon, and mum Kate Breuer is determined to plan the perfect party – she's thinking roller skating!

Rose has severe cerebral palsy and relies on her wheelchair to get around, but despite not being able to walk and struggling with movement, she loves music, dancing, singing, and absolutely anything with colour.

"Last year we celebrated Rose's birthday with a joint disco party for Rose and a friend from school, and she loved the action," said Kate.

Roller skating might sound impossible for someone in a wheelchair, but Rose's family doesn't believe in impossible. They're committed to celebrating her 10th birthday in the most fun way possible.

"So, if we can get a carer to help push Rose around, I think she would really like roller skating, and being involved."

Rose was born early, at 25 weeks, after a challenging pregnancy for Kate.

"Rose was our first IVF attempt; I could get pregnant but couldn't stay pregnant, so when Rose was born at 25 weeks, it wasn't a huge shock for us," said Kate.

Rose spent her first 12 weeks of life in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and a further 13 weeks in the special care nursery. She was diagnosed with cerebral palsy shortly after.

"The doctors had spoken to my husband Richard and I about Rose having a right-hand bias which is an indication of cerebral palsy, and then they did an MRI which confirmed the diagnosis," said Kate.

"I went through a process of thinking, it'll be mild cerebral palsy, no, it'll be moderate – no its severe."

Rose requires a wheelchair and has significant challenges accomplishing daily activities. She has two carers who help Kate and Richard with meal times, changing and lifting Rose into the shower, or into her bed.

Kate and Richard are committed to giving Rose the best childhood possible, and whenever they can, they love to eat out as a family on weekends or get away on a family trip – their most recent being to Lakes Entrance with Kate's sister Astrid.

"We would love to do more, we go to cafes on weekends and when we get help and can get accessible accommodation, we go away, which Rose really loves," said Kate.

Rose attends appointments at the RCH three times a year with paediatrician Dr Monica Cooper, who is part of an expert team using world-leading practices to support children with cerebral palsy. Each visit, Rose is supported through a series of check-ups and specialised care appointments to support her development, including hip X-rays, kidney ultrasounds, and most recently, treatment for a dislocated shoulder. Eventually Rose will need to undergo surgery to help with movement of her limbs.

The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register Project, supported by Trailblazers and Special Kids EBC Auxiliary, is helping to change outcomes for cerebral palsy patients, and is a project that the Pickard's are heavily invested in. Rose is enrolled as a patient, and Kate is also involved as a member of the Advisory Committee for the register, which discusses upcoming research projects and research findings.

"Rose has been involved with the register since shortly after birth and I've done a number of surveys for the register which look at things like optimal care, inclusion and Rose's experience either with cerebral palsy or the hospital," said Kate.

"I wanted to be a part of the register as research is so important and the work of the register is so vital. I am very happy to support their work however I can."

The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register Project collects information on people with cerebral palsy, born or living in Victoria since 1970. Researchers aim to identify factors that appear to increase or reduce the risk of cerebral palsy. The register also allows researchers to undertake large trials and research projects to investigate the effectiveness of various treatments and understand how children with cerebral palsy change as they get older.

Despite her physical limitations, Rose loves getting involved when she can and socialising.

"She enjoys school and chatting to people, within her limitations. Everybody who meets Rose thinks she's gorgeous and lovely. She makes you smile; she has a great sense of humour," said Kate.

"While she is behind her peers with learning and vocabulary, she is slowly improving. She will come out with a new sentence and she'll surprise us and I think 'wow', she'll do it slowly, in her own time."

Rose and her mum Kate



Rose enjoying time out at a cafe





X-RAY DOSE MONITORING TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

Amanda Perdomo checks on every single child that undergoes an X-ray, CT scan or other specialised medical imaging at the RCH. While most of these children and their families never even meet Amanda, she plays an essential role in their long-term health outcomes.

Amanda is the Radiation Safety Officer at the RCH, and oversees around 5,000 children each month. It's undoubtedly a big job, but one that she says has been transformed thanks to the new MyXrayDose computer system which is currently being implemented across the hospital, thanks to the RCH Auxiliaries.

MyXrayDose is changing the way the RCH cares for patients, ensuring long term health outcomes. Medical imaging and scans are essential tools for diagnosing, measuring and managing a number of health conditions, however each scan exposes the patient to a small dose of radiation. For some children, their condition means that they need to undergo a large number of these scans in their lifetime, and luckily, thanks to this new technology, Amanda and her team have the ability to accurately measure their exposure to radiation, to ensure we manage and minimise their risk.

Nine Auxiliaries including the President's Fundraising Network, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Broadmeadows, Parkville, Templestowe, Footscray and Yarraville Juniors, Geelong, Knox-Sherbrooke and the Southern Rainbows Auxiliaries funded the software as a gift of \$150,000 to honour 150 years of the hospital.

"It has been of great value to the Medical Imaging Department and the service we are now able to provide, and it wouldn't have been possible without the funding provided by the Auxiliaries," said Amanda.

Prior to this radiation tracking software, there was no central way of monitoring patients at the RCH and their lifetime burden from radiation exposure.

"It's much, much easier to monitor now. In the past, a radiographer would look at the scans and then contact me if there were any issues. The radiation information was recorded manually so there was more room for error or data loss," said Amanda.

The patient radiation and image quality monitoring software collates the radiation dose exposure for all patients and for every examination involving ionising radiation at the RCH. If any of the radiation exposures are outside of predetermined dose limits or the image isn't optimal, the software automatically sends an alert to Amanda for assessment.

"Although there are strict safety procedures implemented when patients undergo scans, they are still being exposed to a small dose of radiation. Excessive exposure can lead to a greater risk of developing cancer. Parents can understandably feel anxious about exposing their child to radiation," said Amanda.

Amanda Perdomo dressed in lead protection gear while in the angiography suite

"This system has immediate benefits for patients; the dose and image quality is being looked at for every single patient – I am overseeing everything in the background. Also, I now have the information at hand to show parents and ease their mind – I can communicate to them 'here is the last 1,000 children who had this exam' and being able to show the minimal radiation risk versus the risk of the patient not having that exam."

The system will also allow Amanda to identify any trends in increasing radiation dose or decreasing image quality over time.

"In the long term, once we get sufficient data, we can compare ourselves to international sites and see where we can potentially improve," said Amanda.

"We are so thankful to the Auxiliaries; this software has allowed us to deliver really great care to patients and has ensured we are able to go above and beyond. The RCH is the only Australian paediatric hospital that uses a comprehensive dose tracking software, meaning we are best practice and have the potential to be world leaders in this area."





SCHOLARSHIP EMPOWERS NURSES TO MAKE ETHICAL DECISIONS

After years of study and specialised on the job training, nurses at the RCH are some of the most highly skilled in Australia. However one increasing area of need is navigating the complex ethical decisions that nurses face every day while caring for sick children and their families, often without a clear right or wrong answer.

With generous funding from the RCH Auxiliaries and their supporters including BankVic, the 2021 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship will empower nurses across the RCH to make informed choices in challenging situations and bring a nursing perspective to clinical ethics.

Jenny O'Neill, the 2021 recipient of the scholarship is a multidisciplinary and highly skilled Nurse Consultant in the Nurse Research Department and has been caring for sick children at the RCH since 2000.

With the support of the scholarship, Jenny will develop her leadership in clinical ethics and pilot a program that aims to empower nurses across the hospital through education in clinical ethics. Working in conjunction with the CBC that provides support and advice to RCH staff for complex decision-making, Jenny aims to increase nurse participation in this process.

"Nurses face ethical dilemmas on a daily basis, with questions on the autonomy of children with disabilities, end of life care, families refusing medical advice and restraining children for procedures."

"Nurses have a really unique position at the patients' bedside in terms of advocating for the family and I want to optimise the nursing voice in difficult positions and discussions," said Jenny.

Part of the scholarship will fund Jenny's Masters studies in Bioethics, while the remainder will be used to set up the Clinical Ethics Nurse Liaison Pilot Program. Jenny was able to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 by adapting her scholarship project. Instead of international travel to learn from global leaders in nursing ethics, Jenny will be connecting online with children's hospitals in the United States of America to learn from global leaders in nursing ethics. She will draw on their resources to develop the tailored program for RCH nurses, which will be the first of its kind in Australia. Jenny's aim is that after the scholarship year, the program will become self-sustainable and run annually.

By educating nurses on the best way to work through difficult decisions, the program will not only help individual nurses, but the hospital as a whole. With her own further study on clinical ethics, Jenny hopes she can continue to work closely with CBC and aims to be a nursing leadership voice in clinical ethics.

"I've been at the RCH for quite a long time and I've watched a number of projects arise from the support of the RCH Foundation and the Auxiliaries. This scholarship is such a unique opportunity for nurses and I am so grateful for the support that the RCH Auxiliaries have given me," said Jenny.

>
2021 Dame Elisabeth
Murdoch Nursing
Development Scholarship
Recipient, Jenny O'Neill



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THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

Music has many benefits for our mind, but also our body. It has been proven to relieve pain, decrease anxiety and stress, reduce blood pressure and pulse rate, and release endorphins to improve mood and relaxation. It can also help with speech, memory, concentration and movement. At the RCH, the power of music is being harnessed to optimise patient care, recovery and assist rehabilitation of children and young people with brain injuries.

The RCH was the first Australian paediatric hospital to have its own music therapy program, and while other children's hospitals have since followed suit, the RCH is still the only one to have a specialised music therapist for neurosciences and rehabilitation patients. This is all thanks to philanthropy and the generosity of Knox-Sherbrooke, Parkville, Roxburgh Park and Pankina Auxiliaries and their supporters in 2020/2021.

Music therapy is a part of the Allied Health Department, with music therapists working alongside speech pathologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists together with medical teams to address the functional goals identified by the child and their family.

Janeen Bower is one of eight highly trained music therapists at the hospital, working on maternity cover for the neurosciences and rehabilitation music therapist Jo Rimmer. In her role, Janeen is mainly working with children and young people with acquired brain injuries, focusing on early coma arousal and functional rehabilitation.

"Music is globally processed throughout the brain so it's different to language which is fairly lateralised to the left side of the brain. Music is processed throughout the left and right sides but also in the emotional centres of the brain, which makes it a powerful tool for holistic brain engagement," said Janeen.

While a child is in a coma, they are in a state of deep unconsciousness as their damaged brains attempt to recover. Despite being in a coma, research indicates that patients are still able to hear words and sounds, making music a powerful tool in the recovery process.

"Early coma arousal work is important as we know that the sooner a child responds to stimulation, the better it is for their recovery. Patients in a coma can respond to music in ways that they can't respond to other experiences in their environment at the time," said Janeen.

"We talk to the family about what music their child would like, then I play and sing to them with my acoustic guitar. It creates a personal connection with them, and I can adapt the music based on their response. This is not an instant process and can take many sessions. I have seen children who smile as they wake up from a coma listening to their favourite song."

For patients in the later stages of their recovery like Dashiell Gurung (who you can read about on page 30), Janeen focuses on reducing mood irritability after injury and practical rehabilitation.

"Our work is framed in the beautiful package of music which is both engaging and enjoyable for patients."

To help with speech articulation, Janeen works with patients to read lyrics and sing songs. In many cases, children can sing more words than they can speak. With a music room full of instruments, kids can choose to hit the drums, shake a maraca, stroke a guitar or play on the keyboard to help with impulse control and concentration.

Music therapy brings joy to patients as they connect to their sense of self, helping them cope with the stresses of the hospital experience and inadvertently assisting them with their physical rehabilitation requirements.

"To the Auxiliaries, your support ensures we have a dedicated therapist for some of the most critically injured patients. An enormous thank you from our team, the children and their families who benefit so much from music therapy."



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Janeen Bower in the RCH music room



MEET DASH

Metallica and ACDC isn't the typical music you'd hear coming from a patient's room at the RCH. But with Dashiell (Dash) Gurung, rocking out is all part of his recovery from a serious brain injury.

Music therapy for neurosciences and rehabilitation patients at the RCH is fully funded by philanthropy, with the support of the RCH Auxiliaries. The therapy not only assists with the functional goals of patients like mobility and communication, but it also gives them the opportunity for self-expression.

Parents Joanna and Dupendra Gurung are based in Albury, NSW on the border with Victoria with their sons Daniel, age 16 and Dash, age 11. They never imagined that their children would ever need the services of the RCH. However, everything changed on a fateful day in February 2021. Dash was at a friend's house where there was an accident and he sustained a severe head injury.

In a critical condition, Dash was flown to Melbourne in an emergency response helicopter and rushed straight into surgery for a craniotomy. This involved removing a section of skull bone to provide access to the brain.

Following surgery, Dash was taken to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and was placed in an induced coma as his brain recovered. Joanna and Dupendra spent 19 days by Dash's bedside until he finally woke up, however he was suffering from post-traumatic amnesia (PTA), meaning his memory had been affected.

When Dr Juliet Clayton, Dash's neurosurgeon, visited the family once he was conscious, she immediately recommended music therapy to help with his PTA. Joanna wasn't aware this type of therapy was offered at the hospital, but the family were on board to do anything they could to help Dash with his recovery.

"At the beginning when he wasn't fully cognisant, Jo Rimmer, one of Dash's music therapists, would sit and play him soothing music and he'd often fall asleep. Then after six weeks he started to be more aware so we pushed for multiple sessions a week," said Joanna.

Music was a big part of Dash's life before the accident. With a passion for heavy metal bands like Metallica, Oasis and ACDC, Dash is an old school rocker at heart, just like his mum Joanna. At home, Dash would play guitar with his older brother Daniel, who is heavily involved in music and the school band which also influenced Dash's musical side.

For Dash's current music therapist Janeen Bower, music was all about reconnecting to his sense of self and helping achieve his functional goals of increased communication and mobility.

It was through music that Dash started to talk more and express himself after the injury. While playing 'Nothing Else Matters' by Metallica with therapist Jo, his voice came out and he started to sing more words than he was currently speaking at the time.

"Early on Jo used familiar music as a meaningful way to connect to Dash. We then started integrating singing and basic instrument playing as he improved. This helped with his speech articulation, breath control and concentration.

Our work is very child-focused, tapping into the strengths of the child to maximise them and align with the goals of the rehab team,” said Janeen.

Through their music therapy sessions, music therapists Jo, Janeen and Lauren Khalil-Salib integrated structured activities like tapping on coloured drums and saying the colour, finishing sentences while singing and pattern repetition. There was also free music time, where Dash could take advantage of the music room at the hospital with a full range of instruments.

“Dash likes letting loose on the drum kit – it’s a huge expression of emotion and energy as before he could walk, he couldn’t do a lot actively so being able to smash it out on the drums was an awesome experience for him,” said Joanna.

Dash’s results have been incredible. After five months, Dash’s speech has improved, he has recovered some of his memory and he can walk unassisted. Joanna and Dupendra now see music therapy as a vital part of Dash’s hospital experience and recovery, and will be continuing music therapy once Dash gets back to Albury.

“We’re incredibly thankful to the Auxiliaries for their fundraising to support music therapy. Just because the music is fun, it shouldn’t be misunderstood as easy or soft as it has been instrumental in Dash starting to recover his expressive communication but also really good for his mental health, his creativity, and all those other cognitive skills, like planning and focus,” said Joanna.

“I think it’s super important for kids here, they get so much enjoyment out of it. But as well as enjoyment, they can make progress indirectly, it doesn’t feel like they’re doing therapy. You hear it in the ward when the music therapist is in the room, there’s always laughter, the vibe feels really good.”

Dash Gurung enjoying his
music therapy class





YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020/2021

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

Patient and family centred care

Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Pankina Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

South Western Auxiliary

Music Therapy on the Adolescent (Kelpie) Ward

Parkville Auxiliary

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre

Brain Tumour Study Coordinator role

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary

Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre

Neuropsychologist role

Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary

Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre

Solid Tumour Study Coordinator role

Absent Friends Auxiliary

CIKA Auxiliary

Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary

Oesophageal Atresia Research Nurse Position

Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary

Parent-child Mother Goose Program

Waverley Auxiliary

Social Work COVID-19 Crisis Funds

President's Fundraising Network

Social Work Liver Transplant Fund

Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary

Equipment and Technology

Application for Xcite Multi-Channel Functional Electrical Stimulation Device

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Medical Equipment to Provide GREAT Care

Smiley Auxiliary

MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Geelong Auxiliary

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

President's Fundraising Network

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Templestowe Auxiliary

Peristaltic Pumps for Filtering Parenteral Nutrition

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

RCH Unified Clinical Communications Project

Heart Throb Auxiliary

Replacement RETCAM Purchase

Beyond Sight Auxiliary

Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic

Caroline Auxiliary

Geelong Auxiliary

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

President's Fundraising Network

Smiley Auxiliary

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

St Kilda Auxiliary

VivaRCH Auxiliary

Leadership, Education and Training

Clinical Research Fellows in Cystic Fibrosis

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary
President's Fundraising Network
Smiley Auxiliary

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Fund

American Women's Association

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment Fund

American Women's Association

Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship

League of Former Trainees (LOFT)

Essential Ethics Podcast

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

National Paediatric Bioethics Conference

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Training Coordinator with a Focus on Disruptive Disabled Children

South Western Auxiliary

Research

Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank

CIKA Auxiliary

Exploring the Health Needs of Young People with a Non-binary Gender Identity

Friends of Transcend

The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary
Trailblazers Auxiliary

The Victorian Prader-Willi Register

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary
Trailblazers Auxiliary



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RCH patient Charlotte being
watched over by her family

INSPIRE



**With their fundraising efforts, the RCH
Auxiliaries inspired each other, staff,
patients, families and the wider community
throughout the past year.**

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Geelong Auxiliary
celebrate 45 years
of fundraising,
March 2021



Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
Auxiliary, November 2020
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Parkville Auxiliary
members Catherine
Anderson and Bev
Noonan OAM at the
Hawthorn Makers
Market, March 2021



THE RCH AUXILIARIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Patron of Auxiliaries

Louise Gourlay AM

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, and the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2021.



President

Dr Miriam Weisz OAM

President's Fundraising Network

Mim 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. Mim received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2021.



Vice President – Events

Barb Nicoll

Templestowe Auxiliary

Barb 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 when she retired, Barb has enjoyed the friendship and purpose of being part of an Auxiliary. Barb was awarded the Madge Tate Award in 2020.



Secretary

Tiffany Lucas

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Tiffany has been involved with the 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 CBC 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 – Diversity

David Kolieb

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

David has over the past quarter century served as Hospital Volunteer, was on the Development Board for Hormone Research, the Development Board for the CBC and currently is President of the Friends of the CBC 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 –
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 – Events

Jan Gilbertson

Jan is honoured to be President of Parkville Auxiliary and a proud member for the past 14 years. Jan joined the AEC in February 2020 where she is committed to supporting Vice President, Barb Nicoll with Auxiliary events and to encourage all Auxiliaries in their fundraising activities. Jan received a Living Treasure Award in 2017.



Chief Executive Officer,
The RCH Foundation

Sue Hunt

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.



Chief Financial Officer,
The RCH Foundation

Darren McConnell

Darren has 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.



REPORTS FROM THE AUXILIARIES

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. We appreciate the continued support of all Auxiliaries and their members. COVID-19 has made fundraising extremely difficult, however their enthusiasm and commitment has not waned. A special thank you also goes to the Auxiliaries and Fundraising Team including Laura Buck, Lucia Di Maio, Lauren Daly, Erin Davidson, Lauren McKellar 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 of COVID-19.

Absent Friends Auxiliary

Founded: **2010**

President: **Lyn Lewis**

Secretary: **Stewart Mackie**

Treasurer: **John Lewis**

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

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Solid Tumour Study Coordinator Role**

American Women's Association

Founded: **1931**

Vice President: **Andrea Bruning**

Secretary: **Sonya Uribe**

Treasurer: **Irena Bauer**

Main funding purpose: **Bioethics research**

Grants supported: **Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Fund and Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment Fund**

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**

Main funding purpose: **Retinoblastoma equipment**

Grants supported: **Replacement RETCAM Purchase**

Bright Starts Auxiliary

Founded: **2014**

President: **Louise Farley**

Secretary: **Jodi Kerr**

Treasurer: **Brianna Wright**

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

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Founded: **1967**

President: **Janice Memery**

Secretary: **Faye Eccles**

Treasurer: **Christine Boden**

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

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Founded: **2013**

President: **Janine Langdon**

Secretary: **Sharron Markovic**

Treasurer: **Ruth Murray**

Main funding purpose: **Cancer research**
Grants supported: **Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Brain Tumour Study Coordinator Role**

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**

Caroline Auxiliary

Founded: **1951**

President: **Valerie Thompson**

Secretary: **Cassie Atkinson-Quinton**

Treasurer: **Margaret Ibbs**

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

Grants supported: **Respiratory Support**

Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic

CasKids Auxiliary

Founded: **1967**

President: **Robyn Anderson OAM**

Vice President: **Gail Simpson**

Secretary: **Robyn Anderson OAM**

Treasurers: **Helen Smale and Nola Fairbairn**

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

Caulfield Auxiliary

Founded: **1932**

President: **Susan Haywood**

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

Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Founded: **2004**

President: **Sue Manson**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Alison Orum**

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

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Neuropsychologist role**

Children's Brain Tumor Association Auxiliary

Founded: **1999**

President: **Rosemary Oppedisano**

Treasurer: **Jaynene Clarke**

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

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Neuropsychologist role and ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Brain Tumour Study Coordinator role**

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**

ChIPSXiliary

Founded: **2018**

President: **Michelle Powell**

Main funding purpose: **ChIPS Program and camp**

CIKA

Founded: **1980**

President: **Sandra Lehrer**

Vice President: **Ellen Webb**

Secretary: **Stephen Halligan**

Treasurer: **Wendy Halligan**

Main funding purpose: **Cancer research**

Grants supported: **Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre Solid Tumour Study Coordinator role and Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank**

Courage for Kids Auxiliary

Founded: **1998**

President: **Michelle Olinder**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Trish Thomas**

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

CPR Auxiliary

Founded: **2000**

President: **Carol Bosward**

Secretary: **Annette Antolino**

Treasurer: **Lou Bosward**

Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit research**

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**

Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary

Founded: **2003**

President: **Julie Robinson**

Main funding purpose: **Garden therapy program**



Ezy Breathing Auxiliary

Founded: **2006**

President: **Emma Mercer**

Secretary: **Heather Luedi**

Treasurer: **Beat Luedi**

Main funding purpose: **Respiratory Medicine support**

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Founded: **1960**

President: **Shirley Jenkins**

Secretary: **Margaret Plowright**

Treasurer: **Margaret Day**

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

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose – Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Founded: **2018**

President: **David Kolieb**

Secretary: **Tiffany Lucas**

Treasurer: **Richard Comber**

Main funding purpose: **CBC**

Grants supported: **National Paediatric Bioethics Conference and Essential Ethics Podcast**

Friends of Transcend Auxiliary

Founded: **2017**

President: **Rebekah Robertson OAM**

Secretary: **Naomi McNamara**

Treasurer: **Belinda James**

Main funding purpose: **Department of Adolescent Medicine – Gender Service**

Grants supported: **Exploring the Health Needs of Young People with a Non-binary Gender Identity**

Geelong Auxiliary

Founded: **1976**

President/Secretary: **Jan Crockart**

Treasurer: **Thais McCallum**

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

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose – Radiation Dose Tracking Software and Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic**

HAUX Auxiliary

Founded: **2001**

President: **Elizabeth Bishop**

Main funding purpose: **Hemophilia research**

Hawthorn Auxiliary

Founded: **2013**

President: **Janet Hooker**

Secretary: **Anna Dunkin**

Treasurer: **Genevieve Curtain**

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

Heart Throb Auxiliary

Founded: **1994**

President: **Amanda Carabott**

Secretary: **Bill Gordon**

Treasurer: **Bernadette Barnes**

Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit camp**

Grants supported: **RCH Unified Clinical Communications Project**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Founded: **1989**

President: **Phyllis Brown**

Secretary: **Val Wright**

Treasurer: **Jo Scully**

Main funding purpose: **Cardiac Unit research**

Grants supported: **Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic**

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

Founded: **1997**

President: **Kerrie Beauglehall**

Secretary: **Ross Beauglehall**

Treasurer: **Kerrie Beauglehall**

Main funding purpose: **Diabetes research/support**

Grants supported: **Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse**

KidsCan Auxiliary

Founded: **2020**

President: **Lachlan Heywood**

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

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Founded: **1977**

President: **Kathy Nowak**

Secretary: **Maxine Lane**

Treasurer: **Lyn Elshaw**

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

Grants supported: **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments and MyXrayDose – Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Founded: **1938**

President: **Jean Burgess**

Secretary: **Patty Wallace-Smith**

Treasurer: **Lyn Wheat**

Main funding purpose: **Developmental Medicine**

Grants supported: **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences, Rehab Departments and Application for Xcite Multi-Channel Functional Electrical Stimulation Device, MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

LARCH Auxiliary

Founded: **1974**

President: **Rose Stolarek**

Secretary: **Emma Bridgeman**

Treasurer: **Christine McRae**

Main funding purpose: **Leukaemia research**

LOFT

Founded: **2003**

President: **Dianne Paul**

Secretary: **Sally Mizrahi**

Treasurer: **Margaret McPherson**

Main funding purpose: **Nursing – scholarship**

Grants supported: **Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

Founded: **1995**

President: **Hayley Dighton**

Secretary: **Kathryn D'Souza**

Treasurer: **Hayley Dighton**

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

Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary

Founded: **2014**

President: **Suzan Yazman**

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

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

Founded: **2003**

President: **Judith Aussems**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Sandra Aussems**

Main funding purpose: **NICU**

Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary

Founded: **1980**

President: **Vito Giudice**

Secretary: **Olivia Giudice**

Treasurer: **Greg Overdyk**

Main funding purpose: **Oesophageal atresia research**

Grants supported: **Oesophageal Atresia Research Nurse Position**

Pankina Auxiliary

Founded: **1967**

President: **Judith Arms**

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

Grants supported: **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments**

Parkville Auxiliary

Founded: **1946**

President: **Jan Gilbertson**

Vice President: **Chris Collins**

Secretary: **Ann Sullivan**

Treasurer: **Marilyn McInnes**

Main funding purpose: **Music Therapy/**

Occupational Therapy

Grants supported: **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments and MyXrayDose – Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

President's Fundraising Network

Founded: **2018**

President: **Dr Miriam Weisz OAM**

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

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose – Radiation Dose Tracking Software, Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic, Clinical Research Fellows in Cystic Fibrosis and Social Work COVID-19 Crisis Funds**

RCH Volunteers Auxiliary

Founded: **2017**

President: **Kiley Kavanagh**

Main funding purpose: **The RCH Volunteer Program**



Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Founded: **1998**

President: **Lyn Scown**

Secretary: **Glenice Gardner**

Treasurer: **Wendy Hancock**

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

Grants supported: **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments and The Victorian Prader-Willi Register**

Smiley Auxiliary

Founded: **2005**

President: **Lynette Cowley**

Secretary: **Margaret Ash**

Treasurer: **Sandra Jones**

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

Grants supported: **Medical Equipment to Provide GREAT Care, Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic and Clinical Research Fellows in Cystic Fibrosis**

South Western Auxiliary

Founded: **1953**

Secretary: **Judy Conn**

Treasurer: **Leanne Bartlett**

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

Grants supported: **Training Coordinator with a Focus on Disruptive Disabled Children and Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments**

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Founded: **1967**

President: **Aggie Coyle**

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

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software, Peristaltic Pumps for Filtering Parenteral Nutrition and Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic**

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary

Founded: **2012**

President: **Lisa Smith**

Main funding purpose: **Developmental Medicine**

Grants supported: **The Victorian Cerebral Palsy Register**

St Kilda Auxiliary

Founded: **1922**

President: **Dorothy Cridge**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Johanna Kane**

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

Grants supported: **Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic and ongoing support of the two beds for Butterfly and Rosella Wards**

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: **Area of greatest need**

Grants supported: **MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

Founded: **2004**

President: **David Halstead**

Secretary: **Mauro Baldi**

Treasurer: **Ros Calver**

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

Trailblazers Auxiliary

Founded: **2005**

President/Secretary: **Anne McGeary**

Treasurer: **Anne McGeary**

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

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

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**

VivaRCH Auxiliary

Founded: **2002**

President: **Alex Lowen**

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

Grants supported: **Respiratory Support Patient Treatment and Monitoring during COVID-19 Pandemic**

Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary

Founded: **1977**

Secretary: **Georgina Rea**

Treasurer: **Pat Griffin**

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

Waverley Auxiliary

Founded: **1967**

President: **Louise Hastie**

Secretary: **Pauline Raby**

Treasurer: **Maureen Edwards**

Main funding purpose: **Neurodevelopment and Disability Department and Mother Goose Program**

Grants supported: **Parent-child Mother Goose Program**

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

Founded: **2013**

President: **Val Wills**

Secretary: **Alma Verity**

Treasurer: **Heather Brett**

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

Yellow Ribbon Auxiliary

Founded: **2001**

President: **Jacqui Callil**

Main funding purpose: **Liver Transplant Unit**

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



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St Kilda Auxiliary members with Hon Linda Dessau AC at Government House for the RCH150 Governor's Garden Reception, February 2020



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Caroline Auxiliary members at Government House for the RCH150 Governor's Garden Reception



REFLECTIONS BY THE AUXILIARIES

Absent Friends Auxiliary

We would like to thank the following businesses who support us year on year by displaying collection tins, and with donations:

- Hamilton Lakeside Motel
- Stagecoach Motel Wodonga
- The Obsidian Room Bar Hamilton
- Alexandra House Sports Club Hamilton

This year for the first time we organised a social fundraising day on Good Friday at the Obsidian Room. Many thanks to the Hamilton Hot Rod Club, and Wendy Dean and Ben Hunter who provided entertainment. This was a small but successful event that we will build on in coming years. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this on very short notice.

These last years have been difficult for us all but things can only get better and we look forward to making the very most of the good times when they return.

BEADS Auxiliary

BEADS has had a few quiet years but will continue working to keep the Auxiliary functioning and supporting the Rheumatology Department.

We would welcome new members and looking forward to the time when we can return to active fundraising.

Beyond Sight Auxiliary

This year, we held a Zoom concert with local artists and raised over \$200. It was small, but a huge success, we had both local and international people donate and some incredible local artists performing.

We also had a small tin at a university fundraiser raising funds.

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

As I write this report I can proudly say that our Auxiliary has remained strong during COVID-19 and it paid off with a Bunnings sausage sizzle held in March 2021 being a wonderful fundraising

event. It was great to be back fundraising for the RCH. Thank you to Lucia for organising sponsorship for this event. Our members remain committed and COVID-19 permitting we have two new fundraising events in the pipeline for 2021.

Congratulations to Lorraine Martin on receiving a 40 year service badge.

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Cancer Crusaders were lucky enough to get one stall in before the COVID-19 restrictions. As COVID-19 progressively developed Sharron and Ruth decided that maybe they could make some face masks and sell them from our Facebook page.

The next day the Premier of Victoria announced the compulsory wearing of face masks. Needless to say they spent the following week glued to their sewing machines, day and night, to supply the masks as quickly as they could. This was not an easy task as supplies were hard to source and Ruth had her sister in Brisbane shopping for supplies and sending express via Australia Post which was also delayed. The girls were also exchanging fabrics in local shopping centre car parks within their 5km zones. We raised a massive \$9,000 just in the making of masks and it eased the boredom of lockdown.

Sharron also made scrub caps and sold them to staff at Western Health to ease the discomfort of the personal protective equipment.

CIKA

The last year for CIKA has proved that we were up for any challenge and while we were unable to meet up in person, video conferencing was utilised to conduct meetings and stay in touch with each other. The financial result was stunning, considering the impact COVID-19 restrictions had on fundraising.

Team members were quick to organise the sales of goods whenever an opportunity arose. New stall venues proved successful in regional Victoria and stalls were held in shopping centres and outside a

café. Goods were also sold online and from stands in shops. The Wood Days became a successful virtual event, with donated items sold online.

Online donations results, including the \$40 for Forty Years of CIKA campaign, were pleasing.

A big thank you to all the kind and generous people who continue to support our Auxiliary by buying, making or donating goods, selling goods on behalf of CIKA and welcoming stalls on their premises.

CIKA would like to acknowledge the generous support from the Samuel Nissen Charitable Foundation via the Trustees of the RCH Foundation, Perpetual Trustees and Phil Harrington. This funding is for \$300,000 over three years, with the distribution commencing in 2019 at \$100,000 a year.

Caroline Auxiliary

Like everyone else, 2020 was a frustrating year. While our volunteer knitters and craft people kept up their supply of goods, we had nowhere we could sell them.

At the end of November 2020 we were able to secure a pop-up shop rent free so that was a bonus for us, however, since then, we haven't had much selling going on.

In May 2021, Caroline Auxiliary celebrated our 70th anniversary raising funds for the RCH. We did have a luncheon celebration, which was a happy occasion, as it was the first time for quite a while we were face to face. We are looking forward to getting back to some normality. Bring it on.

CasKids Auxiliary

While CasKids was not able to hold stalls at the RCH, when possible they attended the Rotarian market stalls at Blackburn and Donvale.

Fortunately a company donated many pallets of machester to us, including linen, towels, sheets and gowns. Robyn Riseley's friend, Cheryl Yates, sold the merchandise online and raised \$18,000.

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

In April 2021 the members of the Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary were very saddened at the loss of one of our inaugural members Margaret McPherson. Margaret was a dedicated and loyal member and a very dear friend.

When COVID-19 restrictions allowed, we met for our meeting at our secretary's home. At these meetings we each added to our funds by donating goods for a trading table and paying for lunch we also donated. Age and ill health now unfortunately prevent us from holding functions.

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

After a quiet year in 2019-2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Friends of the CBC Auxiliary had a very good year in 2020-2021 with growth in membership, funds raised, and a wide range of activities.

Not having held a Charity Golf Day in 2020, our Charity Golf Day this year was held on a beautiful cool day in March at the Albert Park Golf Course. Our sincere thanks to everyone at the Albert Park Golf Course and to our sponsors. A special thanks to the generosity of the Beck Property Group and Ord-Minnett, and lastly but very importantly to the players.

Once again, the cornerstone of the CBC year was the three day National Paediatric Bioethics Conference held on Zoom in the first week of September 2020 with many international, interstate and local speakers.

Through the year, two hypotheticals were held via Zoom and the Friends of the CBC continues to sponsor CBC Podcasts which can be accessed directly on the RCH website www.rch.org.au/podcasts/essential-ethics/

Thanks go to our incredible team, Ric Comber, Tiffany Lucas, Barry Novy OAM, Rabbi Dr Avi Bart, Masoomah Wake, David Kolieb, Dr Hugo Gold and of course to the CBC Clinical Team, Prof Lynn Gillam and Prof John Massie and the other CBC staff.

Incoming Friends of the CBC President Robert Friedman would like to personally thank David Kolieb for his outstanding contribution initially on the Development Board for many years, then as the inaugural President of the CBC Auxiliary from its formation in November 2018 up to June this year, and in his fundraising support of the Education Program of the CBC over all that time.



Geelong Auxiliary

Like all other organisations and individuals, the past year has been challenging for members of the Geelong Auxiliary. During the year we kept in touch with newsletters, emails, phone calls and messages. We managed to squeeze in a members' lunch between lockdowns.

Since the easing of restrictions and the unavailability of stalls in the hospital we have moved our stalls to local shopping centres. We have been able to hold our three regular street stalls in Highton as well as a three day stall in Geelong West and two day stalls in Ocean Grove, Newcomb and Bell Post Hill. The highlight of the year was a two week pop-up shop in Belmont prior to Christmas where our goods were very well received by anxious customers doing their Christmas shopping. Thank you to all members and supporters who have continued to supply goods and work on our stalls and in the shop. A special thanks is extended to Thais McCallum who has retired as Geelong Auxiliary Treasurer after 18 wonderful years.

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

This year has been a challenging year for our Auxiliary. COVID-19 has contained our fundraising activities. We have received some kind donations which have been greatly appreciated. Hopefully fairly soon we can start having our stalls. We would like to thank our members and friends who continue making goods for our stalls. We would like to acknowledge the support of Lucia Di Maio in the Auxiliary Office.

KidsCan Auxiliary

Unsurprising to no one, 2020 was a tough year for the KidsCan Auxiliary. Founded in early 2020, with the mission to engage young people in hospital fundraising and create intergenerational connections, the COVID-19 pandemic slowed the expansion of our initiatives.

Over the last 12 months, we have begun developing a fundraising model through school engagement, leveraging the power and passions of young Victorians. The Kilmore International School was the first institution to engage KidsCan via this model, running a school-wide casual clothes day which raised approximately \$500, with potential for further collaboration. During the second half of

2021, we aim to further expand this program and develop new fundraising initiatives – all grounded in the foundational tenets of KidsCan: harnessing the power of intergenerational knowledge to support RCH initiatives.

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Regretfully the Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary was disbanded in 2020 due to ageing of our membership and falling numbers to an unsustainable level.

We had a number of fundraising activities planned, including our Christmas hamper and yearly trip but unfortunately due to COVID-19 and statewide lockdowns, these had to be cancelled, thus the Auxiliary failed to raise any money for the RCH.

The main fundraising activity of the Auxiliary was selling our handmade and donated goods at the hospital, which we weren't able to do.

Our Auxiliary was able to get together over lunch earlier this year and had a group photo taken.

Both Bev Millar and Kathy Nowak have joined the Waverley Auxiliary. They are looking forward to working with Louise Hastie and her team.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

The Kooyong Auxiliary was unable to hold any fundraising events in this past financial year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our committee met regularly on Zoom and we were able to discuss and agree to all funding requests from the RCH Foundation including agreeing to and submitting our contribution to the 150 year commemorative quilt project and the 150 year commemorative cook book.

Marie Devereux and Carmel Quinn each were recognised their 35 years of service. A wonderful achievement indeed!

Jean Burgess was awarded RCH Living Treasure status. As a valuable member of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary for the past nine years, Jean enthusiastically and tirelessly involves herself in all facets of fundraising and committee life.

We now have nine Living Treasures from the Kooyong Auxiliary. Our Patron for the last five years, Lisa Carew, has retired from this position but we were delighted when she agreed to stay

on as a committee member. Auxiliary members Caroline Hill (25 years service) and Deb Elrington (five years service) retired from the committee.

LOFT

The last two years have been a challenge for all in keeping events and fundraising viable. As our contribution to celebrating the RCH and nursing, the LOFT group had planned a gala RCH 150 birthday lunch for May 2020. However, COVID-19 restrictions forced postponements until on 15 May 2021, at which 270 nurses celebrated in style at the RACV City Club.

The lunch became a combined Centenary celebration of the formation of the Royal Children's League of Former Trainees and Associates. Inc. and a 150 plus one birthday for the RCH.

Sales of our commemorative bone china mug and apron, together with a raffle and silent auction made the day both a social and financial success for LOFT. A net profit of \$2,000 will contribute towards our Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship Fund.

For those who missed out on purchasing the memorabilia, we are selling the commemorative mugs and aprons online. Enquiries to rchloftnurses@gmail.com

Pankina Auxiliary

Pankina has few members. One of the remaining members Betty Watson passed away in July.

Judith Arms, President, knits and crochets beanies, bootees, rugs and small garments which are sold to raise funds for the hospital. Judith's brother Russell makes nut loaves which she sells to friends and the proceeds go to the Music Therapy Program.

Parkville Auxiliary

COVID-19 restrictions prevented us holding stalls in the hospital but Parkville Auxiliary members remained connected and busy during the lockdowns creating wonderful craft items and toys for future stalls. Our meetings continued every two months via Zoom and we embraced the opportunity to sell our toys in the new online Gratitude Hub. We held a successful stall at the Hawthorn Makers Market in March and two stalls at the RCH in May.

Me and UooUoo: The RCH150 Anniversary Art Trail around Melbourne and Geelong culminated in a farewell event at the convention centre in April where we had a stall selling 150 limited edition commemorative soft toy UooUoos created by our member, Kay Reay, and her sewing group friends. This amazing effort raised \$6,000.

Sadly our loved toy maker, Jean Cruickshank, passed away in April 2021. Her beautiful knitted toys brought joy to many children and raised wonderful funds for the RCH. She will be missed by us all.

Although fundraising was challenging through COVID, we have been able to continue supporting the RCH by funding grants to the value of \$55,668.

President Jan Gilbertson shares her grateful thanks to each member of this active Auxiliary for their friendship and desire to continue raising valuable funds to help make sick kids better.

President's Fundraising Network

The President's Fundraising Network led by Mim Weisz together with Shelley Kline and Marcia Bacon has despite the pandemic, had an incredibly successful year. Our focus has been on the use of social media to conduct our fundraising campaigns and we are very grateful to the RCH Foundation staff who ran and supported this campaign and to the continued generosity of the public for their enduring support. In addition to the continuation of these online campaigns, we look forward to running face to face as well as virtual fundraising events in the coming year.

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary continues to fundraise on stalls at the Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre. We are grateful for support from Marlene, one of our members who continually knits for us. We also thank Roxburgh Newsagency and Lotto, where we place our tins, and for their donation of \$200 during COVID-19 when we couldn't fundraise at the hospital.

South Western Auxiliary

It was pleasing for us to provide a couple of dinners and suppers for the Freemasons for which we cater. Good Friday was very exciting as we raised over \$22,000 at the intersections shaking our tins. Our members are happy to be able to do some fundraising when we can.



Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary is now in its 53rd year of operation. This year has been quiet year with less opportunity to fundraise due to the restrictions of the pandemic, and the fact that I am the sole remaining member involved in fundraising activities. Despite this I was able to hold two street stalls for the GFA and was pleased with the amount of money raised. I continue to try to come up with new creations to attract the public interest, and find that the local community are very supportive of the RCH. I continue to try to get people interested in joining me in this Auxiliary to help to support the wonderful work of the hospital.

St Kilda Auxiliary

St Kilda has a handful of members who love their fundraising especially at the hospital. They were lucky enough to be given donations again this year from the Beaumaris Opportunity Shop where one of their members works. No stalls have been held due to COVID-19.

Templestowe Auxiliary

Like all Auxiliaries our fundraising opportunities were impacted by the cancellation of stalls and events at the RCH due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our members also missed catching up with each other at our monthly meetings from April to November but we kept in contact via emails and phone calls.

We were fortunate to be involved in the Online Gratitude Hub sales and are still supplying various items which are selling well.

In December 2020 we recommenced our monthly stalls at Lilydale Marketplace providing a great source of income to sell the fabulous craft made by members in lockdown. We now have regular customers and have raised awareness of Auxiliaries in the area.

Some innovative ideas used to raise funds when unable to attend the RCH were an outdoor market at Lilydale Showgrounds, two car boot sales, sale of handmade masks, a Good Friday Garage Sale, sales of donated linen and selling jams to family and friends. Therese Green from Craftpaks Heathmont, a long-time supporter of our Auxiliary set up a display of beautiful hand-made items for

the Good Friday Appeal raising \$3,602 in a week. This was so successful that Therese has provided two permanent shelves to sell our items.

Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary

Wangaratta, like other Auxiliaries has found it hard to fundraise during the COVID-19 pandemic. However they held a very successful stall with a fantastic raffle on Good Friday. People donated knitting and other goods and continue to support them. In September 2021 they are planning their first High Tea to be held in the Oxley Hall.

Waverley Auxiliary

2020 has been a year like no other! We started the year with morning tea at Madeline's Cafe at Jells Park in January and then our first meeting in February at Alvie Hall where we circulated our 2020 program and dates for pods, cart and Auxiliary events to be held at the RCH. We managed to have a pod day in February, then in March we went into 100 days of lockdown, bringing with it masks, sanitiser and limited two hours exercise outside the home.

During this time members kept in contact through telephone calls, emails, home visits when permitted and newsletters in June and November. Funds continued to be raised through the sale of craft items including masks to family and friends.

We were unable to have our AGM in March, but still managed to deliver year badges to Pauline Raby (five years), Brenda Upton (25 years), Pat Osbourne (30 years), Betty Window (30 years), Beth Trebilcock (45 years). Jack Walker received Kath's 45 years badge.

In November when restrictions were lifted slightly we were able to have a picnic at Jells Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was wonderful to be together again. We had a trading table and raised \$350.

Our mentor Jan kept in contact. We also received emails from Sue Hunt and Mim Weisz, plus phone calls from Ari Brown. Lucia Di Maio was always available to us with support and a chat. We thank them all for their support and we appreciate that it was also a difficult time for them.

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

We started the year selling jumpers online, which was a great success, raising around \$600. Next we made masks for the website Todd Creates. Todd McKenney and Sas Lyon helped us immensely to make over \$6,000. We were incredibly busy. Next we ran a stall in Port Melbourne which was another successful event, raising \$1,300. We can't wait to go back there. Eye pads were another successful fundraiser, making over \$700. Our best ever effort was at the Werribee Plaza early this month making with extra orders \$9,000. We thank all the Werribee people for their patronage. We sold a few products on the Online Gratitude Hub too.



<
Parkville
Auxiliary
member Kay
Reay selling the
final UooUoo
toy to a happy
customer at the
Me and UooUoo
Farewell Event,
April 2021

>
Roxburgh
Park Auxiliary



Werribee Ladies Auxiliary members at the RCH150 Governor's Garden Reception



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South Western
Auxiliary members
John, Lynn
and Cameron



CLOSED AUXILIARIES

2020/2021

The following Auxiliaries have officially closed. We recognise the hard work and dedication of each Auxiliary member, fundraising through countless stalls and events. We thank them for their many years of service helping sick children at the RCH receive the best care.



Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary formed in 1977. Its founder Norma Wangman was inspired to establish the Auxiliary as she spent much time at the RCH in ICU after her son suffered a head injury falling from a trampoline. Norma put an ad in the local paper calling for members, and soon membership of the new Auxiliary grew. Over 44 years, Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary contributed over \$200,000 to support the most pressing needs of the hospital, including purchasing equipment such as intensive care cots, X-ray machines and monitors.

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary officially closed in December 2020.

"As a founding member of the Auxiliary I had the great pleasure of helping to raise money for the hospital especially as both my children needed life-saving operations as newborn babies." – Lyn Elshaw, Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary



Smiley Auxiliary

Smiley Auxiliary was formed in 2005 by Joan Courtney and Margaret Ash, community volunteers who wanted to make a difference to the lives of sick children. Through the generosity and dedication of their members and supporters, Smiley Auxiliary contributed over \$300,000 to the hospital. The Auxiliary has supported several projects at the RCH, including the work of Prof Dinah Reddihough AO and the Neurodevelopment and Disability Department with a saliva control program, a part-time dental nurse and the Victorian Prader-Willi Register.

Smiley Auxiliary officially closed in December 2020.

"Doing pod stalls was the best feeling each time we had the privilege to be at the RCH. We made numerous friendships with both staff and patients, some that we still have today. This is what we miss so much. It is with great sadness that we close our Auxiliary." – Sandra Jones, Smiley Auxiliary



Special Kids EBC Auxiliary

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary was established in 2012 by Lisa Smith. Lisa was talking to friends at Eildon Boat Club about her grandson Rye who regularly attended the RCH for his complex care needs and wanted to give back to the hospital. Over nine years, Special Kids EBC Auxiliary and its supporters contributed over \$78,000 to the Neurodevelopment and Disability Department at the RCH, more specifically the Cerebral Palsy Register led by Prof Dinah Reddihough AO.

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary officially closed in August 2020.



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 awarded 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 Beaglehall
*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 OAM
Parkville Auxiliary

2018

Ruth Murray
Cancer Crusaders

2019

Glenda Fraser
Templestowe Auxiliary

2020

Barb Nicoll
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



BARB NICOLL

2020 RECIPIENT

In a ceremony like no other, surrounded by family and in the comfort of lockdown in Bonnie Doon, the RCH Auxiliaries were proud to announce Templestowe Auxiliary Member, Barb Nicoll as the 2020 Madge Tate Award Recipient.

Madge Tate was a very valued member of the RCH Auxiliaries, who put in many hours of service and dedication to the hospital. This award is the highest honour an Auxiliary member can receive and is awarded to someone who has not only dedicated their time and energy to their own Auxiliary, but who has made a significant contribution to the wider Auxiliary community.

Barb joined Templestowe Auxiliary over six years ago, and in that time she's had an enormous impact, not only on her own Auxiliary, but on all Auxiliaries. Barb serves as the Secretary of Templestowe Auxiliary and has also been a member of the AEC for more than five years. A natural leader and coordinator with incredible

warmth, Barb has taken a lead in organising Auxiliary events, such as the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, the Living Treasures Morning Tea, the Auxiliaries Christmas party and much more. Barb truly impacts the lives of those around her and is a wonderful embodiment of the spirit of the RCH Auxiliaries.

Although it wasn't possible to present Barb with her award in person during the Auxiliaries AGM, Mim Weisz, President of Auxiliaries and Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer of the RCH Foundation were able to surprise her via Zoom, where she shared the moment with her family, including a flower presentation and hugs from her grandchildren.

Top: Barb with fellow Templestowe Auxiliary members at a market day on RCH Main Street. Bottom left: Barb with her family receiving the news via Zoom that she is the 2020 Madge Tate Award Recipient



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

50 YEARS

Robyn Anderson OAM
CasKids Auxiliary

Jan Roberts
CasKids Auxiliary

Gail Simpson
CasKids Auxiliary

45 YEARS

Joyce Johnson
Geelong Auxiliary

Joan Martine
Waverley Auxiliary

Kirrie Perree
Waverley Auxiliary

Margaret Rogers
Geelong Auxiliary

40 YEARS

Lorraine Martin
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

35 YEARS

Wendy O'Meara
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Robyn Thexton
CasKids Auxiliary

30 YEARS

Brendan Crisp
Children's Flyer Fund

Mary Richardson
*Heart to Heart
Auxiliary*

Philida Stevens
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Valerie Wright
*Heart to Heart
Auxiliary*

25 YEARS

Kerrie Beauglehall
*Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary*

Ross Beauglehall
*Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary*

Amanda Carabott
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Nola Fairbairn
CasKids Auxiliary

Jillian Harrison OAM
Parkville Auxiliary

Gerard Joss
*Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary*

Maureen Joss
*Inverloch Diabetic
Unit Auxiliary*

Terence Martin
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Rhonda Roffey
CasKids Auxiliary

20 YEARS

Hayley Boden
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Emma Lloyd
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Helen Schreppel
Waverley Auxiliary

Zelma Sinden
Waverley Auxiliary

Lesley Verity
*Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary*

Val Wills
*Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary*

15 YEARS

Pat Borcich
*Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Christine Boulter
LARCH

Emma Bridgeman
LARCH

Wanda Buchanan
Templestowe Auxiliary

Susi Di Palma
StroKidz Auxiliary

Kathleen Lomax
*Roxburgh Park
Auxiliary*

Alison Orum
*Charli's Angels
Auxiliary*

Phyllis Rye
*Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary*

Jane Stumpf
*Neonate Mates
Auxiliary*

10 YEARS

Betty Conn
*Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary*

Jennifer Freestone
*League of Former
Trainees Auxiliary*

Naida Hartley
Templestowe Auxiliary

Susan Haywood
Caulfield Auxiliary

Lorna Holligan
*Knox-Sherbrooke
Auxiliary*

Tiffany Lucas
*Friends of the CBC
Auxiliary*

Jo Scully
*Heart to Heart
Auxiliary*

June Twaddle
Geelong Auxiliary

Lynette Wheat
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

5 YEARS

Catherine Anderson
Parkville Auxiliary

Jenny Booth
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

Margaret Chaplin
Waverley Auxiliary

Kaye Crocker
Geelong Auxiliary

Elena De Fazio
CIKA Auxiliary

Antonio Di Maio
CIKA Auxiliary

Deborah Elrington
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

Nanette Gahan
St Kilda Auxiliary

Joshua Heymanson
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Nathan Heymanson
*Broadmeadows
Auxiliary*

Josephine Kelly
*Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly
Quilt Auxiliary*

Patricia McKay
Trailblazers Auxiliary

Amanda O'Brien
*League of Former Trainees
Auxiliary*

Robyn Pollock
Templestowe Auxiliary

Tracey Ritchie
Geelong Auxiliary

Elizabeth Robins
Templestowe Auxiliary

Brett Robson
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Virginia Sugars
Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Glenise Thompson
Geelong Auxiliary

Dr Miriam Weisz OAM
President's Fundraising Network



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RCH patient Johnson Buhendwa
receiving apheresis treatment.
Picture: David Caird, Herald Sun

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.**

aRCHers Auxiliary President, Secretary and Treasurer **Dianne Humphreys** who was a member since 2004 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2009.

CIKA Auxiliary member **Carolyn Rule** who was a member since 2016.

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary member **Margaret McPherson** who was a member since 1960 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2005.

Geelong Auxiliary member **Phyllis Hill** who was a member since 1972 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2005.

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary member **Maureen James** who was a member since 2014.

Pankina Auxiliary member **Betty Watson** who was a member since 2011.

Parkville Auxiliary member **Jean Cruickshank** who was a member since 2015.

Waverley Auxiliary member **Marie Lancaster** who was a member since 2018.

Waverley Auxiliary member **Leone Purkiss** who was a member since 1982.



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 blue](#), who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2020.

A

Aggie Coyle
*Southern Rainbows
Auxiliary*

Alison Orum
*Charli's Angels
Auxiliary*

Alma Verity
*Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary*

[Amy Yu](#)
[Heart to Heart
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

[Barbara Willis](#)
[Geelong Auxiliary](#)

Bernadette Dawson
CIKA

Beryl Hale
Waverley Auxiliary

Beryl Logie
Pankina Auxiliary

Beryl Reeves
Do-Bees 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 OAM
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, the RCH
Foundation*

C

Carmel Quinn
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

Carol Blight
LARCH

Carole Lowen OAM
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Auxiliaries*

Caroline Hill
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

Carolyn Appelbe
*American Women's
Association*

Cate Petit
*Southern Rainbows
Auxiliary*

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

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Auxiliaries*

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Debbie Kimberley
*American Women's
Association*

Denise Cosgriff
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Club Auxiliary*

Denise Mudie
CasKids Auxiliary

Diana Fletcher
Black Rock 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

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[Heart to Heart](#)
[Auxiliary](#)

E

Eileen (Joan) Davies
Geelong Auxiliary

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Pelican Auxiliary

Elizabeth Wilson
Waverley Auxiliary

Ellen Bryant
St Kilda Auxiliary

Ellen Webb
CIKA

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Eve Lee
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary*

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*

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OARA

Graeme Love
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Graham Blight
LARCH

Gwen Bromley
Geelong Auxiliary

H

Hayley Dighton
*Let the Children Play
Auxiliary*

Hazel Thomas
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Pelican Auxiliary

Heather Brett
*Werribee Ladies
for Kids Auxiliary*

Helen Carroll
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Helen Mann
Parkville Auxiliary

Helen Moon
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Schreppel
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Ian Crockart
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Parkville Auxiliary

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Auxiliary*

Joan Armstrong
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Joan Bradbury
Pelican Auxiliary

Joan Carroll
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Auxiliary*

Joan Courtney
Smiley Auxiliary

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Auxiliary*

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Auxiliary*

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Auxiliary*

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Juniors Auxiliary*

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Geelong Auxiliary

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Auxiliary*

O

Olwyn Rook
St Kilda Auxiliary

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Cancer Crusaders
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Carmel Quinn
and Marie
Devereux
from Kooyong
Lawn Tennis
Club Auxiliary





With fond memories, we acknowledge the following Auxiliary members who were recognised as Living Treasures, and have now passed away.

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Edna Elliott <i>Caroline Auxiliary</i>	June Box <i>LARCH</i>		
Edna Klestadt <i>American Women's Association</i>	Kath Colwell <i>Coburg Auxiliary</i>		
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Caroline Auxiliary
celebrate 70 years
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June 2021



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