



THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES ANNUAL REPORT 22-23

**Sharing the impact
of the RCH Auxiliaries**

— 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 result of these values translates into action. We are known for delivery on our commitments.

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A year in numbers

389

current Auxiliary members

57

current Auxiliary groups

\$1,398,899

raised in 2022/2023

126

Market Days and stalls held at
the hospital in 2022/2023

1,043

Commemorative Cookbooks sold to date

271

guests attended the Auxiliaries
AGM and Centenary High Tea

15

grants supported by
Auxiliaries in 2022/2023

Over \$47 million raised

by Auxiliaries since 1922



Message from the President

Congratulations to all Auxiliary members for another wonderful year of supporting The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH). Thanks to your dedication, passion and commitment to supporting children and young people, we raised a remarkable \$1,398,899 for the 2023 Good Friday Appeal.

This fantastic figure represents countless hours of work by Auxiliary members over the past 12 months, working at stalls in the RCH and out in the community, organising fundraising events, crafting goods and baking treats, working with schools and rallying their communities – all in support of the hospital.

Over the past year, the Auxiliaries have come together in a remarkable way to fund vital equipment upgrades at the hospital. In the past year, 29 Auxiliaries put funds towards more than \$1.8 million worth of equipment, with many groups joining forces to purchase pieces. We also had Auxiliary groups fund projects and initiatives that enabled excellent research, supported the best care for patients and their families and brought together the greatest medical minds.

I thank you immensely for these efforts – as do thousands of patients, families and staff that have benefited from your hard work and dedication.

It was wonderful to come together to celebrate 100 years of Auxiliaries supporting the RCH in 2022 and acknowledge our special milestone through the Auxiliaries Centenary Program. We held many special events and initiatives throughout the year, including publishing the Auxiliaries Centenary Cookbook and the Auxiliaries Commemorative Book and holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Centenary High Tea Celebration at the Sofitel Melbourne. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RCH Foundation and the RCH for their support of our centenary celebrations, as well as all members, past and present, for their contributions over the past 100 years. Also, a special thank you to our Immediate Past President, Dr Miriam Weisz OAM, and to the Centenary Committee for all of their hard work to make our celebrations so memorable. Read more about our centenary celebrations on pages 32-37.

This past year was also very special to me as I took on the role of President of the RCH Auxiliaries in October 2022. I am truly honoured and humbled to represent an extraordinary group of fundraisers. Since commencing my role as President last year, I have had the privilege of meeting so many incredible Auxiliary members. I have been inspired by seeing the ways in which various groups raise funds, and I have come to better understand the culture that drives this amazing group. I have also been inspired by the innovation, ambassadorship and camaraderie shown within the Auxiliaries, as well as the ability to evolve and harness new opportunities.

From the early days of sewing textiles and volunteering in the canteen, to operating stalls and pivoting to digital

fundraising, the Auxiliaries have continued to innovate over time.

It is this foundation of growth and evolution that has helped to inspire the 2023-2025 Auxiliaries Executive Committee (AEC) strategy, which I am very excited about implementing. I would like to thank the AEC for their hard work, leadership and commitment. In particular, I would like to thank them for embracing the new strategy and supporting the Auxiliaries to thrive.

An additional HUGE thank you goes to our new Patron of Auxiliaries, Penny Fowler. Penny is an amazing leader and visionary and it has been an absolute honour for me to work with her and learn from her over the past year.

Thank you also to the RCH Foundation for their continued support throughout the last year. Richard Leder OAM, Chairman; Sue Hunt AM, Chief Executive Officer; and the Auxiliaries and Fundraising team have worked tirelessly to ensure the Auxiliaries constantly innovate. A special thank you to Laura Buck, Manager, Auxiliaries and Fundraising, to Declan Lourey who stepped in for Laura as her maternity leave cover, to Maddie Robinson our amazing Communications team guru and to our wonderful Lucia Di Maio our Auxiliaries Coordinator – working with all of you has been fantastic! Thank you for all that you do to help Auxiliaries excel.

Finally, I'd like to once again congratulate and thank all Auxiliary members for all that you do to support the RCH. Together, we truly are making sick kids better.

Tiffany Lucas
President,
The RCH Auxiliaries



Message from the RCH Foundation

Each year when we take this moment to reflect on the achievements of the RCH Auxiliaries, I am both humbled and inspired by the community connection and commitment that makes the Auxiliaries so successful.

I'm even further moved when I think about the legacy of the Auxiliaries, recognising that it's this same passion that has underpinned the success of the Auxiliaries for 100 years now, with 2022 marking the centenary of this remarkable group.

And what a fantastic year it was, as the opportunity to get together in-person again saw the Auxiliaries continue doing what they do best, working together to raise funds and make sick kids better.

From the ever-popular Auxiliaries markets onsite at the RCH, where patients, families and clinicians alike stock up on home-baked delights and hand-made gifts, through to card days, trivia nights and community stalls, the Auxiliaries once again excelled in raising critically important funds.

I personally enjoyed celebrating the Auxiliaries' 100 year milestone at the many wonderful events throughout the year, including the Picnic in the Park and the Auxiliaries AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration.

Having seen the Auxiliaries evolve over my 13 years as Chief Executive Officer of the RCH Foundation, it was truly a pleasure for me to join in these celebrations and acknowledge the impact of all members, past and present.

As always, a highlight was the presentation of the RCH Auxiliaries cheque for the Good Friday Appeal, beamed into the lounge rooms of hundreds of thousands of Victorians, many of whom would themselves have donated. This year you raised \$1,398,899.

This remarkable effort speaks to the role that you all play in inspiring people from all walks of life to get behind the RCH - helping to ensure the hospital remains a source of pride for all Victorians.

Under Tiffany Lucas' leadership, together with the dedication of the AEC, all Auxiliaries and the support and expertise of the RCH Foundation team, we can continue to create genuine impact for the children and families who need us most. Now, and for another 100 years to come.

I take this opportunity to thank Tif, the AEC and each and every Auxiliary member for your vision, hard work and passion, and congratulations to you all on another highly successful year of impactful fundraising.

Sue Hunt AM

Chief Executive Officer,
The RCH Foundation



Message from the RCH

To our RCH Auxiliaries, on behalf of the entire hospital team, thank you for another tremendous year of support. It is difficult to capture in words how much we value the work, care and enthusiasm of our Auxiliaries. Whether it be your fundraising efforts behind the scenes, your reassuring presence in Main Street or your fabulous – and legendary – Market Days, we would not be who we are without you.

Testimony to your hard work and commitment is the tremendous fundraising tally of \$1,398,899 for the year which will go a long way in helping us provide the highest quality care for our patients.

We will be directing your funds to upgrading equipment in ophthalmology, our paediatric intensive care unit, neurosurgery, cardiology and emergency. We will also be able to continue our music therapy programs which we know have particular benefit for patients in our Kelpie Ward and those being cared for by our neuroscience and rehabilitation departments.

Your donations will also support research and career development at the RCH, with fellowships and scholarships including the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship and clinical research fellows in cystic fibrosis.

These are just a few examples of how your support makes an enormous difference to the care we provide and will help us create a world where all children and young people can reach their potential.

Thank you again for a wonderful year and we look forward to achieving even greater things with you in 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernadette McDonald". The script is fluid and cursive.

Bernadette McDonald
Chief Executive Officer,
The RCH



RCH patient Iggy with a nurse. Picture: Mark Stewart, Herald Sun

Message from the Good Friday Appeal



Penny Fowler and Rebecca Cowan with the Faces of the 2023 Appeal, Aru and Arlo

Thank you to the RCH Auxiliaries for your support in making the 2023 Good Friday Appeal an overwhelming success. This year, the Auxiliaries raised \$1,398,889 which is an outstanding result, especially at a time when belts are tightening, and it is testament to your ingenuity and dedication.

Thank you to Tiffany Lucas for your leadership and passion and to all Auxiliary members for your creativity and dedication to fundraising, holding events and raffles, and running digital campaigns.

In 2023, the theme for National Volunteers Week was "We are the Change Makers". For the past 100 years the volunteers who have made up the Auxiliaries have worked

tirelessly, playing an important role in the hospital's well deserved reputation for providing our most vulnerable with world leading health care. As the Auxiliaries enter their second century, continuing to drive change through innovative fundraising and inclusive and impactful volunteering will ensure the Auxiliaries' rich legacy of supporting the RCH will continue to grow.

In our 92nd year, the Good Friday Appeal raised \$23,061,320 and the support from the Auxiliary members across the state highlighted the generosity of many who donated their time, talent and funds for the Appeal.

As Victorians, we are blessed to be part of a community where everyone understands the importance of having a world class hospital so that our kids get the best possible care. Thanks to all Auxiliary members, you

have funded world leading research, vital pieces of equipment, leadership programs and care that supports the patient and their whole family.

Congratulations and thank you to this hardworking group of volunteers for your incredible support and for helping to ensure the RCH continues to provide world class care for our kids and their families.

Penny Fowler

Penny Fowler
Chairman,
the Good Friday Appeal

Rebecca Cowan

Rebecca Cowan
Executive Director,
the Good Friday Appeal

92 YEARS

of the Good Friday Appeal

A record breaking

\$23,061,320

raised in 2023

Since 1931,

\$444 million

has been raised by the Good Friday Appeal

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In my first year as Patron, it has been rewarding to have seen firsthand the commitment and enthusiasm of this network. I am so proud to be part of the RCH Auxiliaries, and of their support for the Good Friday Appeal, and the impact it has on sick children and their families.

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Penny Fowler, Patron, the RCH Auxiliaries and Chairman, the Good Friday Appeal.



Penny Fowler, Jan Gilbertson and Tiffany Lucas with the RCH Auxiliaries cheque at the 2023 Good Friday Appeal

SCAN TO WATCH THE GFA
2023 HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO



Your impact

Financial results 2022/2023

Absent Friends Auxiliary	\$3,903	Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary	\$9,015
Auxiliaries Legacy Fund	\$36,503	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary	\$24,311
Beyond Sight Auxiliary	\$2,277	LARCH Auxiliary	\$4,096
Broadmeadows Auxiliary	\$9,202	League of Former Trainees (LOFT) Auxiliary	\$2,188
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary	\$57,457	Let The Children Play Auxiliary	\$2,486
Caroline Auxiliary	\$11,328	Neonate Mates Auxiliary	\$5,064
CasKids Auxiliary	\$21,640	Parkville Auxiliary	\$19,794
Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary	\$2,873	PremBubs Auxiliary	\$4,843
Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)	\$231,229	President's Fundraising Network	\$250,508
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary	\$3,223	Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	\$29,366
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust	\$33,773	South Western Auxiliary	\$38,736
DEMNDs Endowment Fund	\$44,203	Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	\$2,197
DEMNDs Luncheon	\$102,022	St Kilda Auxiliary	\$4,832
Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary	\$15,599	Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary	\$55,495
Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary	\$2,282	The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary	\$2,042
Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre (CBC) Auxiliary	\$27,068	Viva RCH Auxiliary	\$7,942
Geelong Auxiliary	\$60,992	Wangaratta Auxiliary	\$4,062
Gratitude Hub	\$163,405	Waverley Auxiliary	\$17,376
Heart Throb Auxiliary	\$7,415	Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary	\$49,343
Heart to Heart Auxiliary	\$10,460	Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary*	\$4,390

We would also like to acknowledge and thank those Auxiliaries who have raised under \$2,000, and all those who have supported in kind.

American Women's Association
aRCHers Auxiliary*
BEADS Auxiliary
Bright Starts Auxiliary
Brimbank ToRCH Auxiliary
Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary
Charli's Angels Auxiliary
Children's Flyer Fund Auxiliary
ChIPSXiliary
CPR Auxiliary
Ezy Breathing Auxiliary

Friends of Transcend
Haemophilia Auxiliary (HAUX)
Hawthorn Auxiliary
Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary
Pankina Auxiliary
RCH Volunteers Auxiliary
Save my Platelets Auxiliary
StroKidz Auxiliary
Trailblazers Auxiliary
Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

* closed Auxiliary



RCH patients Lana and Dalene. Picture: Mark Stewart, Herald Sun

Total:

\$1,398,899

**was raised to help
make sick kids better**

Your support in 2022/2023

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

Patient and family centred care

Diabetes Screening Nurse

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

Music Therapy Program for Kelpie Ward (in perpetuity)

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehabilitation Departments (in perpetuity)

Pankina Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

Parent-Child Mother Goose Program (in perpetuity)

Waverley Auxiliary

Social Work Samaritan Fund

LARCH Auxiliary

Equipment and technology

Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Combined effort from the RCH Auxiliary community.

Please refer to page 20-21 for details

Smileyscope Units - Perioperative

Viva RCH Auxiliary

Smileyscope Units

Viva RCH Auxiliary

Bereavement Trolley and Stock for ED

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Nursing Education Teaching Equipment

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund

Leadership, education and training

CBC Education Grant 2022

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship (in perpetuity)

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon

Research

Ongoing support of Children's Cancer Centre (CCC)

Solid Tumour Study Coordinator

Cancer Crusaders

The Victorian Prader-Willi Register

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Clinical Research Fellows in Cystic Fibrosis

President's Fundraising Network



RCH Clinician Dr Ben Davies



RCH patient Celeste. Picture: Mark Stewart, Herald Sun

Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere grant

29

Auxiliaries purchased
pieces of equipment

60+

individual pieces of
equipment purchased

\$1.8m+

of equipment funded by the Auxiliaries

Having access to the latest equipment and technology is essential to achieving the best outcomes for patients. Thanks to the Auxiliaries supporting vital equipment upgrades, the RCH can continue providing the most accurate diagnoses and the best treatment for some of the sickest children in Victoria and beyond.

In celebration of their centenary year, the RCH Auxiliaries came together to give the RCH a special gift, funding over \$1.8 million worth of new equipment across the hospital. This equipment will make an incredible difference to patients like Michael.

Michael was diagnosed in utero with a rare congenital heart condition called Ebstein anomaly, which affects one of the four valves in the heart, the tricuspid valve. When he was 17 days old, Michael had his first episode of supraventricular tachycardia (SVT), which is an irregularly fast heartbeat. His treating team at the RCH recommended a series of procedures, including an electrophysiology (EP) study, however unfortunately for Michael these initial treatments were unsuccessful, and his SVT continued.

In early August 2022, Michael was admitted to hospital for his third EP study procedure. This time, before he had the procedure, clinicians undertook in-depth imaging, which was then merged into a 3D mapping system. Funded by the Auxiliaries, the 3D mapping system helped his clinicians to identify the points inside the heart that were causing the SVT. With this precision guidance, and the assistance of a specialised sheath to help with navigation, the procedure was a success and Michael is thriving.

For Tiffany Lucas, President of the RCH Auxiliaries, seeing the Auxiliaries support such a transformative grant is incredible.

"This equipment will leave a lasting impact on the RCH and help to improve the care and the lives of innumerable patients. To see so many Auxiliaries come together to purchase vital equipment across the hospital is remarkable – it truly is an admirable gift for the RCH Auxiliaries to give to the hospital in their 100th year! I applaud all Auxiliaries who helped support this monumental grant. Thank you!"

Mr Mike O'Brien, Head of Urology and former Chief of Surgery at the RCH agreed, saying philanthropic supporters like the Auxiliaries allow the hospital to be a world leader in the way it cares for its patients.

"Healthcare innovation moves along at a pace that government funding cannot possibly keep up with. Thanks to groups like the Auxiliaries, we can purchase cutting edge equipment, innovate the way we care for our patients and transform the future of children's health."



RCH patient Michael

The equipment supported under this grant includes:

Three bronchoscopes for the operating suites

President's Fundraising Network
Viva RCH Auxiliary

One gastroscope for the Department of Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition

President's Fundraising Network

Three bronchoscopes for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

Caroline Auxiliary
Parkville Auxiliary
President's Fundraising Network

Nineteen patient monitoring systems for RCH General Wards, including Day Medical, Sugar Glider and the recovery room

Geelong Auxiliary
President's Fundraising Network
aRCHer's Auxiliary
Ezy Breathing Auxiliary
Hawthorn Auxiliary
South Western Auxiliary

Baby scales for the Cockatoo Ward

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

A tabletop centrifuge for the Laboratory Services

President's Fundraising Network

A child weigh chair for the Cockatoo Ward

Parkville Auxiliary

A colposcope for the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

A cryosurgical device for the Ophthalmology Department

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund

A handheld microscopy video camera for the Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery Department

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

ECG machines for the Cardiology Department

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

A Pulsera Image Intensifier for the Imaging Department

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

A 3D Cardiac Mapping System for the Cardiology Department

Heart Throb Auxiliary
CPR Auxiliary

Dental delivery units for the Dentistry Department

Pankina Auxiliary
President's Fundraising Network

Four ultrasound systems for the Anaesthesia Department

PremBubs Auxiliary

A portable glidescope for the ED

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

An ophthalmic imaging platform for the Ophthalmology Department

Beyond Sight Auxiliary
Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary
President's Fundraising Network
St Kilda Auxiliary
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Three intracranial pressure (ICP) monitors for the Neurosurgery Department

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

An infusion pump for the Day Cancer Unit

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

A Slit Lamp for the Ophthalmology Department

Absent Friends Auxiliary

An intraoperative nerve monitoring system for the operating suites

PremBubs Auxiliary

An Angiographic injection system to support the Imaging and Cardiology Departments

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

Two paediatric neuro-endoscopes for the Neurosurgery Department

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

A portable monitor for the Cockatoo Ward

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

A tabletop and bucky tray for the Imaging Department

Parkville Auxiliary

An A-Scan Biometer for the Ophthalmology Department

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Upgrade of existing mock MRI for the Imaging Department

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

A video laryngoscope system for the PICU

CasKids Auxiliary

A wheelchair for the Equipment Distribution Centre

President's Fundraising Network

Three continuous renal replacement therapy filters for the PICU

Geelong Auxiliary
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund: Cooper Cryosurgical Device

The ability to see is something many people take for granted. However, blindness or vision loss can be devastating and have a huge impact on quality of life, particularly for young children. Thanks to support from the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund, the RCH Ophthalmology Department is able to provide the very best in clinical care to children and young people with eye conditions through the purchase of a new Cooper Cryosurgical System.

Established in 2018, the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund is an endowment to recognise and honour the legacy of the Auxiliaries in perpetuity. The Fund's inaugural contribution was a bequest from the late Thelma Hudson. Having supported the RCH for most of her adult life as a member of the Lord Somers Auxiliary, Thelma knew there was always more to do and more children in need of help, so she generously left a Gift in her Will to the RCH Foundation.

Each year the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund supports a project or piece of equipment at the RCH, and in 2021/2022, the Fund made a significant difference to the RCH Ophthalmology Department by purchasing this new cryosurgical device for cryotherapy.

This cutting-edge piece of equipment uses extreme cold, produced by liquid nitrogen, to freeze and destroy cancer cells and abnormal tissue. It is used to treat, or support the treatment of children who have conditions like retinoblastoma, a rare type of eye cancer.

The new device is digitally controlled and features new probes, which makes it more efficient and precise compared to the old device.

According to Dr John McKenzie, ophthalmologist, and Head of the Retinoblastoma Service at the RCH, equipment like the cryotherapy device can be critical to the care of many children who visit the RCH's Ophthalmology Department.

"Initially, the only way to treat eye tumours was to give radiation to the whole of the eye or take the eye out. Gradually clinicians began treating tumours through the pupil with laser to lesions at the back of the eye or externally through the sclera, known as the white of the eye, with cryotherapy. In order to minimise complications, systemic chemotherapy was introduced to shrink the tumours down and make them more easily treatable.

"Often you need adjuvant therapy on top of the chemotherapy to stop the tumours from recurring. Where the tumour is at the front of the eye, you need a freezing probe, which is where we use the cryotherapy device," said John.

The device is usually used in two ways – either to freeze and kill small retinal tumours in the outer part of the retina, close to the front of the eye, or to ensure there is no spread

of tumour cells when chemotherapy is injected directly into the eye. Both of these treatment methods have been used for Tyler, a patient at the RCH.

Ten year old Tyler was diagnosed with a genetic form of retinoblastoma in utero. At 35 weeks pregnant, his mum, Bel, underwent an MRI which revealed his tumours had already started growing.

Tyler was born the next day, and seven days later, he underwent his first round of chemotherapy. He had different forms of chemotherapy until he was one and a half, including intravenous and intra-arterial chemotherapy. He also had intravitreal chemotherapy injected into the globe to treat small tumours floating in the jelly of his eye, which is where the cryotherapy device was used.

"To treat the tumour cells floating in the gel cavity of Tyler's eye, we injected chemotherapy directly into the eye to try and kill those cells. However, we didn't want the fluid to flush back out when we took the needle out. So, we placed the cryo device over the injection site to kill off any tumour cells that might come with the needle," said John.

While Tyler still visits the RCH every six months for a check-up with the ophthalmology team, and undergoes a yearly MRI, he is able to live life to the fullest.

"Tyler enjoys all the things a kid his age would typically enjoy – he loves computer games, playing the piano, swimming and going on family holidays," said Bel.

"I am so grateful, because I know that without the expertise and care of clinicians at the RCH, and machines like the cryotherapy device, he might not be able to enjoy these things," she added.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund - and to all Auxiliary Members who have left or plan to leave a Gift in Will. Large or small, each of these contributions will continue to have a lasting impact on grateful kids like Tyler.



Dr John McKenzie and RCH patient Tyler with the new Cooper Cryosurgical System

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To know there are people out there are funding equipment like this means the world to us. Having access to the cryotherapy device saved Tyler's eye. Knowing how it has helped him, and how it will help hundreds of other children like him keep their eyes and their eyesight is incredible.

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Tyler's mum, Bel

Scholarship supports an innovative approach to clinical care

Each day across the RCH, hundreds of nurses spend their days at the bedside or in the homes of children and young people. They get to know their families, the child's favourite colour and favourite food. It also makes them uniquely placed to recognise anything that might impact their patients' care, including adversity.

Thanks to generous funding from the RCH Auxiliaries and BankVic, the 2023 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship will ensure that nurses at the RCH implement best practices when delivering clinical care to patients, regardless of their background.

Kelly Light, the 2023 scholarship recipient, is a highly skilled nurse with a background in community care, encompassing nursing patients in their communities, coordinating state-wide paediatric services and facilitating clinical education for on-road staff.

She began working at the RCH in 2007, and in 2011, she joined the RCH@Home team, now known as the Wallaby Ward and Complex Care Hub. In 2021, Kelly took on a new role – becoming the hospital's first Ambulatory Clinical Nurse Educator.

Within this position, she draws upon her RCH community nursing expertise to support nursing education and development in Wallaby, the Complex Care Hub, Day Medical Unit, Day Cancer Centre and Specialist Clinics.

With support from the scholarship, Kelly will develop a trauma-informed care implementation plan, specifically focusing on Ambulatory Care settings, where staff are regular fixtures in patients' lives and homes, so are pivotally placed to recognise and respond to signs of trauma.

Trauma-informed care recognises that a patient's previous difficulties or adversities in life can impact on their mental health or cause other underlying issues resulting in trauma.

"The word trauma in healthcare is most often associated with terrible physical injuries and life-or-death situations. However, in the context of trauma-informed care, the term trauma means understanding that our patients and families have unique lived experiences, not only in terms of their health or abilities – but regarding adversities they have faced," said Kelly.

"It also means understanding that experiencing adversity impacts a child and family's responses to stressful situations; acknowledging that illness, clinical procedures, pain, and many other stressors experienced as a patient can trigger underlying trauma responses or create new trauma.

"Trauma-informed care shifts the staff focus from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?", improving patient engagement, trust, empowerment and ultimately health outcomes. The first step is understanding, and the next is recognising and responding," Kelly added.

The scholarship will allow Kelly to benchmark trauma-informed care implementation approaches by working with local and international trauma-informed care experts. She will visit the Queensland Children's Hospital, spending time with experts working clinically and academically in paediatric trauma-informed care, before travelling to the Izaak Walton Killam (IWK) Hospital for Children in Canada. She will then facilitate research to consider adaptations required for the local Ambulatory context before presenting her findings and recommendations.

Kelly will also use the scholarship funding and trauma-informed care focus in her final year of her Master of Nursing, majoring in research.

The impact of this project will be significant, not only for patients and families but for the wellbeing of staff, who have their own lived experiences of adversity and therefore can also be affected by trauma.

"When a child or parent is on constant alert and ready to fight, run or hide, their ability to engage in treatment, to be active participants in care, is significantly reduced. So too is the ability of staff to meet a child's healthcare needs if they don't use a trauma-informed care approach. This includes recognising vicarious trauma and seeking support when needed," said Kelly.

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I am incredibly humbled and grateful to be awarded the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship. I can't thank the scholarship committee enough for seeing my passion and drive and giving me the opportunity to bring about meaningful change in nursing practice. I want to thank the RCH Auxiliaries and BankVic for supporting this scholarship, which enables nursing development and the provision of excellent paediatric care.



2023 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Recipient, Kelly Light



Kelly Light, the 2023 Dame Elisabeth Nursing Development Scholarship recipient

Who we are

The Auxiliaries Executive Committee



Tiffany Lucas | President | *President's Fundraising Network and Friends of the CBC Auxiliary*

Tiffany has a background in law and not for profit management. She has been involved with the RCH Auxiliaries for over 10 years - initially as a member and President of the American Women's Association, then as a Member and Secretary of the Friends of the CBC Auxiliary and currently as President of the President's Fundraising Network. She is inspired by the impact that the RCH Auxiliaries have made over the past 100 years and is passionate about helping to build the future of the Auxiliaries.



Jan Gilbertson | Vice President | *Parkville Auxiliary*

Jan is honoured to be President of Parkville Auxiliary and a proud member for the past 16 years. Jan joined the AEC in February 2020, at first supporting Vice President, Barb Nicoll with Auxiliary events. In 2022, she has taken up the position of Vice President. Jan is passionate about encouraging all Auxiliaries in their fundraising activities and received a Living Treasure Award in 2017.



Charlotte Spencer-Roy | Secretary | *Parkville Auxiliary*

Charlotte is committed to continuing her family's tradition of community service and brings both commercial and creative experience to the AEC. Joining the AEC in 2022, she wants to help Auxiliaries try new ways of marketing the handmade creations they so generously donate for sale.



Robyn Anderson OAM | General member | *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.



Ruth Murray | General member | *Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Ruth has been involved with the Auxiliaries for the past 23 years, initially as a member of CIKA. In 2013, she established Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary with Peter Murray and Sharron Markovic, where she took up the position of Treasurer. She is a passionate fundraiser and enjoys running stalls and organising events like high teas and dinner dances. Through Cancer Crusaders, she has also organised the Auxiliary stall at the Kids Day Out for several years. In 2015, Ruth received a Living Treasure Award and in 2018 she received the Madge Tate Service Award.



Shelley Kline | General member | *President's Fundraising Network*

Shelley has been passionate about improving the lives of sick children for many years. She joined the AEC with a view to engaging young philanthropists with new forms of fundraising. She was instrumental in setting up the first Giving Circle that supported the appointment of a part-time psychologist in the PICU. She has also been very successful in engaging primary students from several schools in fundraising for the RCH. She would now like to expand this program to incorporate more schools and students from kindergarten, primary and secondary levels.



Tim Brayshaw | General member | *President's Fundraising Network*

Tim has been involved with the RCH Foundation for three years through his fundraising efforts and volunteer work in the hospital. He is passionate about making a difference to sick kids' lives and finds unique inspiring ways to showcase it. He has been involved in a range of events that help raise money for the Foundation, including Birdman Rally, Gala Balls and now a magical music festival set to travel across Australia. Tim is honoured to be part of the AEC and endeavours to do his best to make a difference to sick kids' lives.


Sue Hunt AM | General member | *The RCH Foundation*

Sue is the Chief Executive Officer of the RCH Foundation, a position she has held for over 12 years. Sue's extensive leadership experience includes working across Australia in senior executive and board positions in the arts and non-profit industry. With a passion for innovation and driving excellence, Sue is honoured to sit on the AEC and is committed to advancing outcomes for the future of the Auxiliaries. Sue was awarded the Living Treasure Award in 2022 and was also appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2023 Australia Day Honour's list.


Martin Lobb | ex-officio Treasurer | *The RCH Foundation*

Martin is an experienced financial manager with over 30 years' industry experience. Originally hailing from the UK, Martin has held many leadership positions, including Senior Manager at Australia Post. Martin is the Chief Financial Officer at the RCH Foundation and has been with the organisation since February 2020. Martin is passionate about collaboration, transparency and improvement, and is looking forward to supporting the Auxiliaries into the future.



Meet our Patron, Penny Fowler

Tell us about yourself, including your current business and philanthropic roles, your background, and your family.

I am married to Grant and have five children – two are married and one is engaged. We also have two grandchildren and two dogs! We live in Melbourne and I am fortunate enough to sit on a variety of boards. My main role is Chairman of the Herald & Weekly Times, which I have been doing for 10 years. I am also Chairman of the Good Friday Appeal, Chair of the National Portrait Gallery, Deputy Chair of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Patron of the RCH Auxiliaries and the News Corp Community Ambassador. I also sit on various other boards.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, traveling, walking and making the most of everyday.

What inspires you?

I am inspired by people like my mother and late grandmother to do all I can and make the most of the opportunities I have been given to make a difference. I am also inspired to help in any way I can when I visit the RCH and see the children and families suffering.

What is one highlight from your time spent supporting the RCH?

Good Friday has to be a highlight. It is an honour every year to see everyone give what they can to the Good Friday Appeal. There are so many highlights on the day, but overall I have to say every Good Friday!

Why did you agree to be the Patron of the RCH Auxiliaries?

I was honoured to be asked to be the Patron and particularly so, as I am following in the footsteps of my grandmother and the wonderful Louise Gourlay AM. I am excited to see the changing generations and I feel I can support the important work Tiffany and the Auxiliaries do in this ever changing and challenging world of fundraising!

So many Auxiliary members knew and loved your Granny – what is your favourite memory with her?

My favourite memory is visiting Granny at Cruden Farm and sitting in her study and spending time with her.

AEC Strategic Plan 2022-2025

The new AEC has developed a Strategic Plan to help set priorities and focus the energy and resources of the AEC and the RCH Auxiliaries from 2022-2025.

The Strategic Plan seeks to help Auxiliaries grow and thrive into the future. In order to implement this plan, the AEC has created three new subcommittees: a Membership Committee, a Growth Committee and a Fundraising Committee - comprising AEC Members, other Auxiliary members and external members.

Purpose

To grow, steward, support and inspire our Auxiliary members to help them fundraise for the RCH.

Goals and Strategic Initiatives

1

Support and engage Auxiliary members by:

- continuing engagement and recognition programs (and reviewing the appropriateness of these programs);
- celebrating members' success; and
- enhancing communication and connection between Auxiliaries.

2

Enhance Auxiliary fundraising efforts by:

- offering training and development opportunities for Auxiliaries;
- expanding and diversifying sales channels available to Auxiliaries; and
- encouraging innovation in fundraising.

3

Grow Auxiliary membership by:

- reviewing and updating branding and marketing;
- focusing on next generation giving and interest groups including schools, giving circles and creative cohorts;
- engaging with other groups that are similar to the RCH's "traditional" Auxiliaries; and
- focussing on digital advocacy.

4

Facilitate joint Auxiliary fundraising initiatives by:

- undertaking and promoting Auxiliary appeals and campaigns;
- holding Auxiliary events;
- engaging Auxiliaries in joint activities; and
- reviewing the online shop and considering merchandise.

Values

- Be innovative
- Take members along for the journey
- Show gratitude
- Stay focussed and prioritise based on the strategy
- Be open to new ideas
- Listen
- Know the Auxiliaries member base
- Be respectful to each other and to RCH Foundation staff



St Kilda Auxiliary member Nanette Gahan

Honouring a century of support by the RCH Auxiliaries

In 2022, the vibrant and dynamic Auxiliaries marked a very significant milestone – 100 years of supporting children and young people at the RCH – making them the longest philanthropic supporters of the hospital.

Planning for the centenary celebrations commenced many years ago, with the formation of a Centenary Committee in 2021 to help deliver a series of events and initiatives throughout 2022 to recognise this special occasion.

Made up of Auxiliary members Dr Miriam Weisz OAM (then Auxiliaries President and Co-Chair), Barb Nicoll (Co-Chair), Robyn Anderson OAM, Carole Lowen OAM, Davina Johnson OAM, Gwen Bromley, Tiffany Lucas, Denise Mudie and Ruth Murray, the committee worked alongside the RCH Foundation to deliver the Auxiliaries Centenary Program. The program sought to honour and thank all members, past and present, for the significant role they have played in making great care possible.

Auxiliaries Centenary Branding

As part of the centenary celebrations, the RCH Foundation created a centenary logo for the Auxiliaries which was used throughout 2022. The special logo not only celebrated the 100 year milestone, it also incorporated a range of icons reminiscent of who the Auxiliaries are.



Picnic in the Park

The first event in the Auxiliaries Centenary Program was the Picnic in the Park. Held on Wednesday 2 March 2022, the Picnic in the Park was the first in-person event held at the hospital for the Auxiliaries since December 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 100 members attended the event, enjoying the opportunity to catch up on the lawns of the RCH and kick off the Centenary Program in true celebratory style.



Margaret Day and Shirley Jenkins from Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary at the Picnic in the Park



Sue Hunt AM and the Centenary Committee at the Picnic in the Park

RCH Auxiliaries Centenary Cookbook

Over the past 100 years, food and friendship have been two essential ingredients that have brought Auxiliary members together. Through their cooking, the Auxiliaries have given connection, comfort and joy to many patients and families, both in the hospital and in the wider community.

In recognition of the joy and comfort their cooking brings to the community, the RCH Auxiliaries Centenary Cookbook was created, featuring 26 delicious recipes from the hearts and the homes of the Auxiliary community. The cookbook also shares beautiful stories of friendship, family and love, showcasing exactly what it means to be involved in the RCH Auxiliaries. Past President and current AEC Member, Robyn Anderson OAM, led the creation of the cookbook.

The RCH Auxiliaries Centenary Cookbook was made available for presale just before the 2022 Good Friday Appeal, with Auxiliary members making a number of appearances in the media to promote it. The RCH Auxiliaries Centenary Cookbook was officially launched on Wednesday 20 April by Rita Erlich AM, a food writer and author, researcher, lecturer, broadcaster and consultant.



Rita Erlich AM, Louise Gourlay AM, Dr Miriam Weisz OAM, Penny Fowler and Robyn Anderson OAM at the Cookbook launch



The late Phyllis Brown and Gwen Bromley

The Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon

The Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship supports nursing excellence at the RCH, and to date 14 incredible nurses have been supported through the \$50,000 scholarship, which is made possible thanks to the RCH Auxiliaries and BankVic.

In 2022, a fundraising luncheon was held to honour Dame Elisabeth and to share the impact of the newest scholarship recipient, Eloise Borello. The event took place on Tuesday 10 May at the Sofitel on Collins, with over 200 guests coming together for the first time in two years.



Eloise Borello and Barb Nicoll at the 2023 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship

Auxiliaries AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration and Commemorative Quilt

The major event on the Centenary Program was the Auxiliaries AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration.

This special event, held on Friday 21 October at the Sofitel on Collins was hosted by the RCH Foundation as a gift to Auxiliaries in their milestone year. Over 250 Auxiliary members came together to reminisce on the memories made, friendships formed, and funds raised over tea, treats and champagne.

Members heard from a range of speakers including: Dr Miriam (Mim) Weisz OAM, outgoing President, the RCH Auxiliaries; Louise Gourlay AM, outgoing Patron, the RCH Auxiliaries; Sue Hunt AM, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH Foundation; Bernadette McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH; Rebecca Cowan, Executive Director, the Good Friday Appeal; Tiffany Lucas, incoming President, the RCH Auxiliaries and; Penny Fowler, incoming Patron, the RCH Auxiliaries and Chairman, the Good Friday Appeal.



Auxiliary members at the AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration

Not only was this event a wonderful way to honour 100 years of Auxiliaries supporting the RCH, it was also an opportunity to recognise, thank and pay tribute to outgoing Patron, Louise Gourlay AM who stepped down from her role on the day. Over the last 40 years Louise has shown exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and endless passion for the Auxiliaries. Auxiliary members will miss her practical wisdom, her great humour and her little ditties she so lovingly shared with the group throughout the years. Attendees at the High Tea also had an opportunity to honour outgoing President, Mim Weisz OAM and thank her for her visionary leadership, hard work and huge commitment to Auxiliaries over the past six years.

The event also saw the official welcome for the new Patron, Penny Fowler, new President, Tiffany Lucas, and the incoming AEC members, as well as a celebration of the year that was, including a presentation of the 2022 Living Treasures and the Madge Tate Service Award recipients.

To add to the celebrations, a special Commemorative Quilt was unveiled at the event, created by Marie Lee OAM and completed by Marie and quilters from the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary. The beautiful quilt features two trees and over 300 leaves, each embroidered with the name of an Auxiliary group, showcasing just how the Auxiliaries have helped the hospital grow through their tireless fundraising and support.

Of the quilt, Marie said the design was inspired by the RCH logo which is a tree. "Since 1922 there have been more than 260 Auxiliaries formed and currently there are approximately 50 active Auxiliaries. It was decided that each Auxiliary should be represented on the quilt, and so each leaf was printed with the name of an Auxiliary and the year it was founded." Thank you to Marie and the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary for a truly unique and memorable gift to mark Auxiliaries 100 year milestone.



Louise Goulay AM, Tiffany Lucas, Penny Fowler and Janet Calvert-Jones AO at the AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration



Val Wright and Jo Scully from Heart to Heart Auxiliary at the AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration

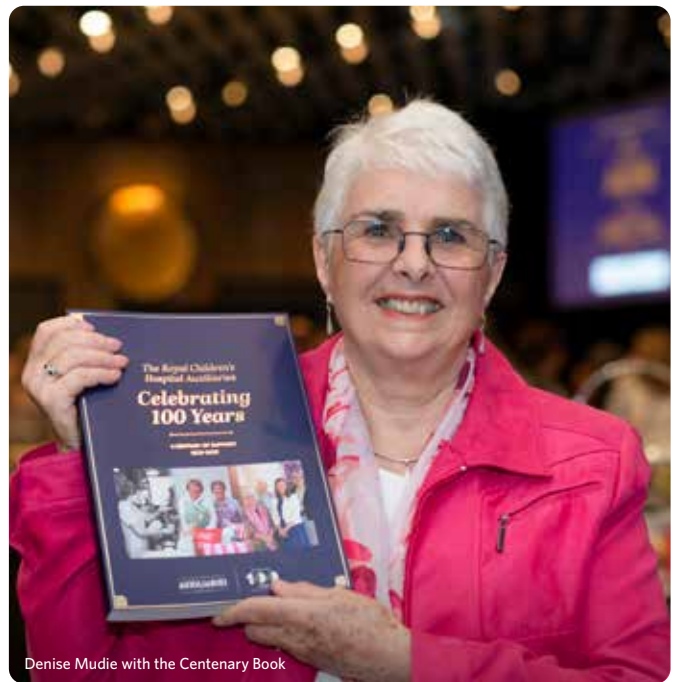


Sue Riddell, a supporter of CIKA and Susan Haywood from CasKids Auxiliary at the AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration

The RCH Auxiliaries Commemorative Book: Celebrating 100 Years

Sharing and celebrating the Auxiliaries' 100 year history was an integral part of the Auxiliaries Centenary Program. Years in the making, the RCH Auxiliaries Commemorative Book did just that – telling the story of this formidable group of fundraisers and capturing their many extraordinary achievements. The publication not only showcased the incredible history of the group and the remarkable people who have played a role over the years, it also highlighted the life changing impact that the Auxiliaries have had since 1922, and the joy that members have brought to patients, families and staff at the RCH.

The RCH Auxiliaries Commemorative Book was revealed at the Auxiliaries Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Centenary High Tea Celebration, and gifted to all members in recognition of their centenary, along with a special centenary pin.



Denise Mudie with the Centenary Book



Sala Rubinstein, Faye and Michael Love and Marie Lee OAM at the Auxiliaries Christmas Party

Auxiliaries Christmas Party

On Monday 28 November, the Auxiliaries came together for their annual Christmas Party. Made possible thanks to the RCH as a special centenary gift, the Christmas Party gave members an opportunity to celebrate the festive season and acknowledge the success of the year.

As well as enjoying a beautiful roast lunch, members heard from Bernadette McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, the RCH, and Penny Fowler, Patron, the RCH Auxiliaries. As part of her speech, Bernadette shared a beautiful video created by the RCH Creative Studio team which showcased the remarkable history of the Auxiliaries. Members also enjoyed sharing with each other many stories and memories from their time within the RCH Auxiliaries.



Rita Moreno-Diaz and Diane Paul at the Auxiliaries Christmas Party



Dr Miriam Weisz OAM, Louise Gourlay AM, Davina Johnson OAM, Peter Yates AM, Carole Lowen OAM, Robyn Anderson OAM and Tiffany Lucas at the Living Treasures Celebration

Living Treasures Celebration

The final event in the Centenary Program was the 2022 Living Treasures Celebration. Originally scheduled for September 2022, the event was moved to Monday 20 February 2023 due to COVID-19 restrictions, which meant the Living Treasure recipients could come together and celebrate.

This event was the first in-person Living Treasures Morning Tea since 2019 and was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the incredible contribution of each Living Treasure recipient.



Jan Gilbertson, Tiffany Lucas and Barb Nicoll at the Living Treasures Celebration

Auxiliary reflections

Absent Friends Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2010

President and Secretary: Lyn Lewis

Treasurer: John Lewis

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Absent Friends Auxiliary was so pleased to be able to contribute to the Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere grant this year and purchase a Slit Lamp for the Ophthalmology Department. Being a family run Auxiliary has presented challenges over the past few years however, we are refocusing and are hoping to expand our efforts in the coming years.

BEADS Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2012

President: John Humphreys

Treasurer: Jasmine Lai

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Beyond Sight Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2001

President: the late Ainsley Faust

Main funding purpose: Retinoblastoma equipment

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Bright Starts Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2014

President: Louise Farley

Secretary : Jodie Kerr

Treasurer: Brianna Wright

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Brimbank ToRCH Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2003

President: Justin Moore

Secretary : Erin Moore

Treasurer: Cameron Petricevic

Main funding purpose: Neurology research

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1967

President: Janice Memery

Secretary: Faye Eccles

Treasurer: Christine Boden

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Our Auxiliary continues to be a tight knit group of members who enjoy being part of a team and focussing on raising money for the RCH.

Over the past year, we have welcomed members, farewelled members and are celebrating members receiving 20, 25 and 30 year badges. We are now back in the hospital and currently holding four stalls a year, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Lucia Di Maio for sourcing our products. Outside the hospital, our first ever knitwear stall at Bunnings in March 2023 was a great success. We also came together to run a successful sausage sizzle just before Good Friday this year.

As a treat we recently went to Windy Hill Function Centre in Essendon and held a meeting whilst enjoying a high tea. We have reintroduced a special effort raffle at our meetings where a member, for a gold coin, gets the chance to win a small prize.

We are also pleased to share that we are on track for a successful year ahead. We are currently planning a Christmas in July lunch event and a high tea afternoon in October. Well done everyone for allowing this Auxiliary to be part of the RCH Auxiliaries team.



Broadmeadows Auxiliary



Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2013

President: Janine Langdon

Secretary: Sharron Markovic

Treasurer: Ruth Murray

Main funding purpose: Cancer research

Cancer Crusaders had another successful year, considering it was interrupted with all the COVID-19 restrictions, and we were delighted to add more than \$57,000 to the 2023 Good Friday Appeal tally.

We had three very successful fundraising activities including the Kids Day Out, our annual Oaks Day Function and of course the Christmas Market at the RCH.

Many thanks to our great committee members and our valued supporters for another great year. We are proud to be one team with one goal - making sick kids better.



Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2006

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Daryl Gunn

Main funding purpose: Cystic fibrosis

Caroline Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1951

President: Sandra Holland

Secretary: Marianne Hogan

Treasurer: Jo Ibbs

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

As well as manning stalls at the RCH once a month and attending the Christmas Market Day, our Auxiliary has been active in the community.

During the last year we have held stalls in a local shopping centre, and in 2022, we held a stall at a local primary school fete where we sold a variety of homemade goods produced by our generous donors and by our own members.

We also try to have a major fundraising event each year, but planning this has been impossible over the COVID years. We plan to have an event in October this year.

CasKids Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1967

President and Secretary: Robyn Anderson OAM

Treasurer: Helen Smale

Main funding purpose: Equipment or research to support the ED

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

We have enjoyed returning to the hospital and holding stalls and loved the Auxiliaries 100 year celebrations culminating in the AGM and High Tea at the Sofitel.

This year, we once again worked on the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. We had a great day, raising \$4,323 for our Auxiliary. Cheryl Yates, a supporter of CasKids, made many successful sales online which have added to our external stalls at Blackburn and Tunstall Square at Doncaster. We also held stalls on the pods at the hospital.

We are very grateful to the ladies of the Bairnsdale RSL Auxiliary who donated many bags of lovely homemade toys, quilts and knitted articles to us. We are also grateful for a private donation of \$5,000 from the Sherriff family in the name of their late wife and mother Elaine.

In total, we raised \$21,640 in the past year. We would like to acknowledge the support from the Auxiliaries staff, especially Lucia Di Maio.



Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2004

President: Sue Manson

Secretary and Treasurer: Alison Orum

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Children's Flyer Fund Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1991

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Brendan Crisp

Main funding purpose: Support to social work - Tasmanian families

ChIPSXiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2003

President: Michelle Powell

Secretary and Treasurer: Jordan Hammond

Main funding purpose: ChIPS Program

CIKA

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1980

President: Sandra Lehrer

Vice President: Ellen Webb

Secretary: Wendy Halligan

Treasurer: James Dawson

Main funding purpose: Cancer research

Grants supported in the last financial year:

Ongoing support of the CCC Biobank

In the last year CIKA completed its funding of the CCC Biobank. This is the largest project undertaken by CIKA, lasting ten years and involving around \$1.5 million. We are very proud to be associated with this project, given its potential to enhance cancer research for years to come. CIKA is presently working with the RCH Foundation to fund two new projects.

Generous donations and bequests boosted funds, with a freezer purchased for the Biobank. Members and supporters were pleased stalls returned to RCH and stalls were also held in Melbourne and the Bendigo area.

The annual Wood Days event was a great success and continues to receive solid support from the local community. It was wonderful attending in person, with online sales and a silent auction boosting funds.

We would like to thank our families, friends and supporters who have assisted us with their services and made or sourced the wonderful products we sell. Special thanks to Macedon Ranges FOCUS and the Bendigo Posties.



Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2005

President: Michelle Olinder

Secretary and Treasurer: Trish Thomas

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

CPR Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2000

President: Carol Bosward

Secretary: Annette Antolino

Treasurer: Lew Bosward

Main funding purpose: Cardiology Department research

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1999

President: Peter Hader

Secretary: Silvia Pozzuto and Pamela Dunn

Treasurer: Leo Vargiu

Main funding purpose: Cystic fibrosis

Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2003

President: Julie Robertson

Main funding purpose: Garden therapy program

Ezy Breathing Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2004

President: Tyler Liedt

Treasurer: Heather Liedt

Secretary: Emma Mercer

Main Funding Purpose: Respiratory Medicine support

Grants Supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Footscray/Yarraville Juniors

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1960

President: Shirley Jenkins

Secretary: Margaret Plowright

Treasurer: Margaret Day

Main Funding Purpose/Area Supporting at RCH: PICU and NICU

Grants Supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

After 63 years our Auxiliary is unfortunately unable to hold fundraising events due to the illness of many members and age implications. However, those of us who are able still meet monthly for a brief lunch and have a craft table with goodies, therefore raising some funds - albeit much reduced from our previous donations.

Friends of Transcend

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2017

President: Rebekah Robertson OAM

Secretary: Naomi McNamara

Treasurer: Belinda James

Main funding purpose: Department of Adolescent Medicine – Gender Services

Friends of the Children's Bioethics Centre (CBC) Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2018

President: Robert Friedman

Treasurer: Ric Comber

Main funding purpose: CBC

Grants supported in the last financial year: CBC Ethics Education Program and the CBC Education Grant 2022

2022/2023 has been a positive year for the Friends of the CBC Auxiliary with growth in membership, funds continuing to grow, and an increasing range of fun and engaging activities. This has helped the CBC to continue to increase its activities, coverage and Bioethics services throughout the RCH and beyond.

In the past year, we have been able to spend over \$58,000 on a CBC Ethics Education Officer, \$4,800 on new episodes of the 'Essential Ethics' podcast, and \$1,200 on e-learning modules.

Our Friends of the CBC increased in number by approximately 40 to 301. This includes 74 general donors, over 70 sponsors and donors to our Charity Golf Days in 2022 and 2023, 79 medical students from Monash (38) and Melbourne (39) and other Universities (2), as well as 60 new contacts from the Clinical Ethics Reference Group within the RCH.

This year's Charity Golf Day was held in May and was a particular highlight, raising approximately \$23,000. A sincere thanks to Officers at the Albert Park Golf Course, Sam Adams and Lisa Wen, as well as our sponsors, in particular Beck Property Group. Lastly, but very importantly, thank you to the players.

Once again, the cornerstone of the CBC year was the three day National Paediatric Bioethics Conference held in September 2022. Many local and international delegates attended via video, with an array of international, interstate and local speakers. Special thanks to our major sponsor for the conference, Talya Masel of the Humanity Foundation.

We also ran hypotheticals during the year, including as part of the conference. Led by Professor Lyn Gillam, the Academic Director of the CBC and Professor John Massie, Clinical Director of the CBC, attendees are taken on a visceral journey through a hypothetical bioethics case. The moderators invite attendees to participate in the difficult considerations, discussions, and decisions that may be faced by patients, families, medical and allied health teams, amongst others, during these critical moments.

The Friends of CBC continues to sponsor CBC Podcasts, entitled Essential Ethics and hosted by Professor John Massie, which now include over 50 podcast episodes! Highly recommend a listen - they can be accessed directly on the RCH website: <https://www.rch.org.au/podcasts/essential-ethics/>

Thanks go to our incredible team, Ric Comber, Masoomah Wake, David Kolieb, Karen Hodgson, as well as Barry Novy OAM and Dr Hugo Gold, and of course the CBC Clinical team, Professor Lynn Gillam and Professor John Massie and the CBC staff.

Thanks and appreciation to Lucia Di Maio at the RCH Foundation for her excellent support. Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our Auxiliary, in the many forms that support comes in.



Friends of the CBC Auxiliary Golf Day



Friends of the CBC Auxiliary Golf Day

Geelong Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1966

President: Jan Crockett

Secretary: Gwen Bromley

Treasurer: Patricia Meighan

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

This past year has been a very successful time for the Geelong Auxiliary.

Regular stalls returned to the hospital, and we were there each month. We once again attended the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, alongside Templestowe/Yarra Valley and CasKids. Together we raised over \$16,000.

We held two pop-up shops in Highton, with one three weeks before Christmas and one three days before Easter. The total revenue from these shops was \$18,000. We wish to thank Barry Plant Highton for offering us the old bank site in Highton as the venue for our pop-up. We also held a very successful Christmas raffle, with Gwen Bromley sourcing some very enticing prizes including accommodation in Tasmania and ferry travel. In total, the raffle raised \$3,000.

Finally, 175 guests enjoyed the return of our High Tea with a very entertaining presentation from Associate Professor Mike O'Brien at a new venue.

Thank you to our office bearers, Gwen, Leanne and Trish for their support and efforts during the year as well as all other members of the Auxiliary.



Geelong Auxiliary



Heart Throb Auxiliary

Haemophilia Auxiliary (HAUX)

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1975

President: Liz Bishop

Main funding purpose: Haemophilia research

Hawthorn Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1922

President: Janet Hooker

Secretary: Anna Duncan

Treasurer: Bernadette Barnes

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Heart Throb Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1989

President: Amanda Carabott

Secretary: Bill Gordon

Treasurer: Bernadette Barnes

Main funding purpose: Cardiology Department camp

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1989

President: the late Phyllis Brown

Secretary: Val Wright

Treasurer: Jo Scully

Main funding purpose: Cardiology Department

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2000

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Kerrie Beauglehall OAM

Main funding purpose: Diabetes research and support

Grants supported in the last financial year: Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary had some help this year with our fundraising from the wonderful people at SWTafe. They worked so hard to raise more than \$9,000 to help diabetic children, in honour of one of their friends who had passed away. A huge thank you to Leon and his team for some phenomenal fundraising.

To know the money raised over the past 25 years by this Auxiliary has helped thousands of diabetic children, who grow to be teenagers and adults and have a healthier and happier life, is why we do it.

The RCH is in our heart and soul, and we will continue to help this amazing hospital.

KidsCan Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2020

President: Lachlan Heywood

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1938

President: Lyn Wheat

Secretary: Patty Wallace-Smith

Treasurer: Jenny Booth

Main funding purpose: Equipment for operating theatres

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

During this financial year we held five successful fundraising events. Our Christmas Wonderland Lunch in August, with guest speakers Sam Groth and Nicole Bradke, raised \$9,207.29, followed by our Card Luncheon in September, raising \$3,155.75. Our Trivia Night in October raised \$4,040.05. In March we held our Ladies Doubles Grass Tennis Tournament, the first time since 2020 that this event had occurred. Attended by 312 players (a sell-out), \$20,009.25 was raised – a record for our Auxiliary! Our final event was another Card Luncheon in April, raising \$4,194.50.

Acknowledgment must be given to Conor Horgan of MECCA Brands for his very generous donation of raffle items for each of our events. In addition, the support of Frieda Werner at our functions over many years was acknowledged by a luncheon and the presentation to her of an RCH Auxiliary Friend certificate.



LARCH Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1974

President: Rose Stolerak

Secretary: Emma Bridgeman

Treasurer: Christine McRae

Main funding purpose: Leukaemia research

Grants supported in the last financial year: Social Work Samaritan Fund

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1995

President: Hayley Dighton

Secretary: Kathy D'Souza

Main funding purpose: Play therapy support and equipment

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

LOFT Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2003

President: Dianne Paul

Secretary: Amanda O'Brien

Treasurer: Margaret McPherson

Main funding purpose: Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship

Grants supported in the last financial year: Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship

Through the generosity of our members, we have increased the Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship to \$8,000 for 2023.

Our main social function, the AGM and Reunion Lunch, was held in May. This year's event was a runaway success due to the hard working committee and great support from our members. Our guest speakers, Adjunct Professor Kath Riddell, Executive Director of Nursing and Allied Services, and our 2022 Scholarship winner, Jess Taranto, were outstanding. Kath's support for LOFT is greatly appreciated. The lunch is our major fundraiser - the raffle, silent auction, merchandise sales and donations raised almost \$4,000, which will be recorded in next year's financial results.

We also attended the Christmas and Easter Markets at the RCH and held a stall at the pod in May. These contributed to our fundraising efforts and enabled us to raise our profile. We would like to thank the RCH Foundation for facilitating these events.

Over the year, our membership has remained static. Although we lost some members who have passed away, we are delighted to welcome a number of younger members to our fold.



Mish Mish Womens Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2014

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Nella Centorbi

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2005

President: Judy Aussems

Secretary and Treasurer: Sandra Aussems

Main funding purpose: NICU

Grants supported in the last financial year:

Bed sponsorship of Butterfly Ward (in perpetuity)

Pankina Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1967

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Judith Arms

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere and Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehabilitation Departments (in perpetuity)

Parkville Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1946

President: Jan Gilbertson

Secretary: Ann Sullivan

Treasurer: Marilyn McInnes

Main funding purpose: Music Therapy and area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere and Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehabilitation Departments (in perpetuity)

The Parkville Auxiliary ladies were thrilled to be able to hold their stalls back in at the RCH at the new location near the Main Entrance to the hospital. We were warmly welcomed back by staff and families. Our home baked goods are extremely popular and sell out quickly. We also have well priced knitwear, quilts and rugs, beautiful hand crafted toys and cards, making a very colourful display. We are most grateful to the clever ladies who create and generously donate items for us to sell with 100 per cent of stall proceeds going to the hospital.

We enjoyed participating in Market Days again with other Auxiliaries, particularly after these had been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A highlight was the stall we had at a Parkville Association event in a park near the hospital. It was a great opportunity to inform the local community about the work of our Auxiliary and a successful fundraiser, despite inclement weather.

The total funds raised this year by our Auxiliary was \$19,794. A great team effort with each member contributing in some way. Thank you and well done Parkville ladies!

PremBubs Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2006

President: Irene Hubbard

Secretary: Tony Hubbard

Treasurer: Steven Hubbard

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

President's Fundraising Network

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2018

President: Tiffany Lucas

Treasurer: Dr Miriam Weisz OAM

Main funding purpose: Equipment and technology

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

The President's Fundraising Network continues to drive innovation in Auxiliary fundraising via digital campaigns and giving circles. We also welcomed three new members this year, helping to expand our reach in the community. We continue to work with schools to help students learn about philanthropy and raise funds for sick kids at the RCH, with Shelley Kline taking the lead on this project.

RCH Volunteers Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2017

President: Kiley Kavanagh

Main funding purpose: The RCH Volunteer Program



Parkville Auxiliary

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2004

President and Secretary: Julie Hartney

Treasurer: Wendy Hancock

Main funding purpose: PICU and NICU

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere and The Victorian Prader-Willi Register

We are loving working in our community and listening to many stories of families who have attended the RCH. After being at the Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre for numerous years, we now have new locations for fundraising - the Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre, Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and Bunnings Craigieburn.

We've had three new members join our team, Judith and Simone Papworth and Margaret Tarrant. We'd also like to thank Nicole Nugent who organised vouchers for our various raffles for Easter and Mother's Day.

Our milestone for the year was Wendy Hancock receiving her 25 year service badge along with Charles Bonnici receiving his 10 year service badge of volunteering. Ending on a very positive note our great team effort raised \$29,366 this year - well done all.



Save My Platelets Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2014

President: Claudine Siebel

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest needed

South Western Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1968

President and Secretary: Judy Conn

Treasurer: Leanne Bartlett

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest needed

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1967

President, Secretary and Treasurer: Aggie Coyle

Main funding purpose: Equipment for Medical Unit and research

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere and Bereavement Trolley and Stock for ED

St Kilda Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1922

President: Dorothy Cridge

Secretary and Treasurer: Johanna Kane

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Our Auxiliary is so inspired by all the families and children we see when we come into the RCH to keep fundraising for our wonderful hospital.

We want to thank Robyn Anderson OAM, President of CasKids Auxiliary, and Lucia Di Maio for their constant ongoing support to our Auxiliary in the last year.



StroKidz Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2006

President: Darren Kohne

Treasurer: Jackie Nielson

Main funding purpose: Haematology/Neurology

Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1939

President: Glenda Fraser

Secretary: Barb Nicoll

Treasurer: Raelene Trotter

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

We have 22 members contributing in various ways to our fundraising activities.

As well as stalls at the RCH, we continued our monthly stalls at Lilydale Marketplace plus had Christmas and Easter pop-up shops at Bendigo Bank Croydon Central.

Templestowe/Yarra Valley was one of four Auxiliaries who participated in the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in March/April 2023 which raised nearly \$16,500 for the RCH.

We are fortunate to receive proceeds of sales from Craftpaks Heathmont as well as beautiful hand-made items for our stalls.

A Lilydale Bowls Club Charity event on 7 May was a huge success, with approximately \$13,000 raised. This family day had silent auctions, numerous raffle prizes, a sausage sizzle, a craft stall, barefoot bowls and a tournament. Our major raffle prize of a week's accommodation in Burleigh Heads raised \$4,000.

A special celebration was our name change High Tea on 17 March 2023 held in the beautiful gardens in Templestowe. The 51 ladies who attended enjoyed delicious food and drinks with the event raising \$2,640.

Throughout the last year we also had members attend the AGM and Celebratory High Tea at the Sofitel, Combined Auxiliary Meetings, Christmas Party, Living Treasures events, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon and Paddy's Market.



Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2004

President: David Halstead

Secretary: Mauro Baldi

Treasurer: Rosalind Calver

Main funding purpose: The RCH Gatehouse Centre

Trailblazers Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2005

President and Secretary: Anne McGeary

Treasurer: Dianne Powlesland

Main funding purpose: Developmental Medicine - leadership

Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2004

President: Judith Oke

Vice President: Elaine Hicks

Secretary: Lyn Cooper

Main funding purpose: Donation of handmade quilts to children at the hospital, every month

Our Auxiliary has a small team of accredited volunteers who visit the hospital monthly. Since December 2022, we have delivered 958 quilts to children who have a chronic and/or life threatening illness. We have also supported other Auxiliaries by providing quilts for their raffles.



Marie Lee OAM from the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

Viva RCH Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2002

President: Alexandra Lowen

Main funding purpose: Pain management and Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere and Smileyscope Units - Perioperative

Wangaratta Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1977

Secretary: Georgina Rea

Treasurer: Patricia Griffin

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

The Wangaratta Auxiliary has nine active members with big hearts. They cook, knit, sew and also make lots of lamingtons which are very popular with everyone. We have lots of friends that are only too happy to help us with our fundraising efforts. Our lamington drives turn into a social event with lots of laughs and chatting while we dip and roll the coconut. We also have our own high tea with special goodies to add to the day. We continue with our street stalls and raffles where we find everyone very generous. We have formed lovely friendships within our Auxiliary and we try to get down to Melbourne for events where we can mingle with other Auxiliary members. This year we raised \$4,062.



Wangaratta Auxiliary

Waverley Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 1967

President: Louise Hastie

Secretary: Pauline Raby

Treasurer: Beverley Millar

Main funding purpose: The Neurodevelopment and Disability Department and the Mother Goose Program

Grants supported in the last financial year: Parent-Child Mother Goose Program (in perpetuity)

We are back having our monthly meetings at Alvie Hall Mount Waverley with a Dutch auction and games days. We also have interesting speakers, one of which was member Bev Millar who spoke about her five week adventurous self drive campervan trip via Central Australia and Darwin - we were all enthralled. We also had member Joe Shakes share her knowledge of floristry with us.

We were delighted to attend the 100 years of Auxiliaries celebrations, including the Picnic in the Park, the launch of the Auxiliaries Cookbook and the AGM and Centenary High Tea at the Sofitel. They were wonderful events and very much appreciated.

It's great to be back in at the RCH on the pods and attending Market Days. We held a couple of stalls at The Pines Shopping Centre Doncaster and our newest member, Alana Freame, organised three consecutive morning stalls at Syndal Baptist Church at which their play groups, craft group, fellowship groups and bible study group were our very generous customers.

A special thank you to all our members and their friends who knit, sew and donate items for our stalls, this enables us to continue to fundraise. Thank you also to Lucia Di Maio, the AEC and the RCH Foundation for their continued encouragement and support.



Waverley Auxiliary

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

Year Auxiliary was formed: 2013

President: Patricia Greenwood

Secretary: Alma Verity

Treasurer: Heather Brett

Main funding purpose: Area of greatest need

Grants supported in the last financial year: Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary had a successful year with thanks to markets at the RCH and sausage sizzles at our local Bunnings. We also sold raffle tickets at our local Tigers Club, profited from 'the jar' at Grill'd and held home and knitting group sales.



Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

The Madge Tate Service Award

The Madge Tate Service Award was established in 1994 and is the highest honour an Auxiliary member can receive, recognising dedicated and extraordinary service to both the Auxiliaries and the RCH. It is named in honour of the late Madge Tate, who was a member of Croydon Auxiliary from 1932 until her passing in 1992. This prestigious award is presented annually, and since 1994 there have been 36 recipients, each nominated by their peers and selected by the AEC. The inaugural recipient was Maude Ham of Broadmeadows Auxiliary.

1996

Robyn Riseley
CasKids Auxiliary

2002

Bill Gordon
Heart Throb Auxiliary

2003

Doris Read
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

Pat Griffin
Wangaratta Auxiliary

2004

Beth Trebilcock
Waverley Auxiliary

2006

Anne Peter-Budge
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

Pat Osbourne
Waverley Auxiliary

2007

Sandra Lehrer
CIKA

2008

Irene Hubbard
PremBubs Auxiliary

Kerrie Beauglehall OAM
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 and Past President of Auxiliaries

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 Auxiliary

2019

Glenda Fraser
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

2020

Barb Nicoll
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

2021

Raelene Trotter
Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

2022

Dr Miriam Weisz OAM
President's Fundraising Network and Past President of Auxiliaries

2023

Marie Lee OAM
Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

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

1994

Maude Ham
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

1995

Bette Chambers OAM
Parkville Auxiliary

1997

Dorothy Knight
Pankina Auxiliary

Joan Mackechnie
Pankina Auxiliary

1998

Phyll Unsworth OAM
Frankston Auxiliary

1999

Mavis Pope OAM
St Kilda Auxiliary

2000

Dol Blunt
Caroline Auxiliary

2001

Loris King
Ivanhoe Auxiliary

2004

Joyce Keast
Pankina Auxiliary

2005

Olive Cooper
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

2010

Rhonda Robins
Heart Throb Auxiliary

2013

Phyllis Brown
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

2016

Margo Ferguson
(posthumously)
Pankina Auxiliary



Marie Lee OAM 2023 Recipient Madge Tate Service Award

Congratulations to Marie Lee OAM, the recipient of this year's Madge Tate Service Award. Marie has been involved with the RCH Auxiliaries for 15 years as a member of the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary and during this time she has demonstrated generosity, passion and creativity.

With a history of delivering quilts across the hospital since 1998, members of Victorian Quilters Inc. officially formed their Auxiliary in 2004. Previously known as the "Wrapped in Love Auxiliary", the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary, distributes handmade quilts to patients at the RCH.

Each quilt is lovingly crafted by members of the Victorian Quilters Association and aims to make the patient's hospital room feel a little more like home. Approximately 200 quilts are gifted to patients each year and since 1999, more than 18,000 quilts, with a value in excess of \$3 million, have been distributed.

Marie joined the Auxiliary in 2007 after retiring from full time work, and she quickly took over the large task of coordinating the making of quilts. As quilters were finding it difficult to purchase fabric due to economic pressures, kits were put together by Marie and sent to country women all over Victoria, country New South

Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. The finished quilts were then handed out to inpatients at the hospital.

In 2007, Marie organised a quilting day on Good Friday at the Keysborough Bowls Club with 23 quilters from across Victoria. Fifteen quilts were made on the day, with a further 16 in various stages of completion. Since then, she has continued organising regular quilting days, workshops and demonstrations everywhere from small country towns to large cities, providing an opportunity for all ages and skill levels to get involved in crafting quilts for sick children. With extensive connections in the fabric world, Marie also provides other Auxiliary groups with fabric to make items for sale on their own stalls.

Marie became President of the Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary in 2013, and again in 2019. In 2020 she was made a Living Treasure, and in 2023 Marie received an OAM for service to the community through charitable organisations.

In 2022, to celebrate the Auxiliaries centenary, Marie suggested creating a quilt which recognised every Auxiliary that has ever supported the RCH. Marie designed the quilt, drawing inspiration from a walk in her local area where she noticed eucalypt leaves of varying sizes which she thought would be ideal for writing the names of each Auxiliary. The design also complemented the tree used on the RCH logo. Using donated fabric and with help from fellow quilters, the quilt was constructed and unveiled by Marie at the Auxiliaries AGM and Centenary High Tea Celebration in October 2022.

Marie's dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of children and young people is second to none, and truly embodies the spirit of the RCH Auxiliaries.

Congratulations to Marie - and thank you for your wonderful contribution to the RCH and to Auxiliaries over the past 16 years.

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. Their legacy will forever live on through the hospital and the lives they changed.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Phyllis Brown
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Janis Dunn
*Cystic Fibrosis
Research Trust*

Chris Fautley
LOFT Auxiliary

Beverlie Groves
Geelong Auxiliary

Beth Trebilcock
Waverley Auxiliary

Ainsley Faust
Beyond Sight Auxiliary

Lois Cameron
Caroline Auxiliary

Long Service Awards

Long Service Awards are given to members in five year increments, with Auxiliary members receiving their first award after five years of service. This award celebrates the longstanding and dedicated support of Auxiliary members.

70 YEARS

Doris Read
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
Auxiliary*

40 YEARS

Johanna Kane
St Kilda Auxiliary

Stewart Anderson
CasKids Auxiliary

35 YEARS

Dani Tabone
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Teresa Warren
St Kilda Auxiliary

30 YEARS

Lesley Bridger
Caroline Auxiliary

25 YEARS

Bernadette Barnes
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Carolyn Riley
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Chris Jeffrey
Pankina Auxiliary

Ellen Webb
CIKA

Fred Bergman
CIKA

Laura Memery
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Leah Bergman
CIKA

Margaret Lloyd
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Michelle Olinder
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary

Sandra Lehrer
CIKA

Stanley Boyle
Geelong Auxiliary

Steve Lehrer
CIKA

Trish Thomas
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary

Walter Thomas
Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary

Wendy Hancock
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

20 YEARS

Alma Verity
*Werribee Ladies for
Kids Auxiliary*

Barbara Duff
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Dianne Paul
LOFT Auxiliary

Francis Watson
South Western Auxiliary

Jennifer Wade
Geelong Auxiliary

Monique Riley
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Paul Hannan
Viva RCH Auxiliary

Sally Mizrahi
LOFT Auxiliary

Thais McCallum
Geelong Auxiliary

15 YEARS

Barb Sadowy
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Beverley Joan Gamble
LARCH Auxiliary

Dorothy Cosgriff
*Kooyong Lawn
Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Graham Sheen
South Western Auxiliary

Janet Wapling
Geelong Auxiliary

Janice Petch
StroKidz Auxiliary

Janine Sheen
South Western Auxiliary

Jordan Hammond
ChIPSXiliary

Linda Smith
Geelong Auxiliary

Marianne Hogan
Caroline Auxiliary

Marie Lee OAM
*Victorian Quilters Very
Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

Michele Porter
Neonate Mates Auxiliary

Sandra Aussems
Neonate Mates Auxiliary

10 YEARS

Adrian Langdon
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Anne Stone
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Cathy Hockley
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Charles Bonnici
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Geoff Watson
South Western Auxiliary

Heather Shepherd
*Victorian Quilters Very
Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

James Hickman
South Western Auxiliary

Janet Hooker
Hawthorn Auxiliary

Janine Langdon
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Johanna Shakes
Waverley Auxiliary

John Markovic
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Judith Gaylor
*Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Judy Corfield
*Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Julianne Jamieson
Caroline Auxiliary

Leesa Boffa
Neonate Mates Auxiliary

Lorraine Wagner
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Margaret Edmonds
Trailblazers Auxiliary

Margaret Te Wierik
Geelong Auxiliary

Marie Fazio
Neonate Mates Auxiliary

Marjorie Lally
*Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Merrin Wake
Friends of Transcend

Noeline Chalmers
*Caring Friends of Cystic
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Nutan Gallina
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Paula Brophy
Parkville Auxiliary

Rhiannon Broomfield
Hawthorn Auxiliary

Robin Morris
Geelong Auxiliary

Suzanne Hughes
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Wendy Smith
Geelong Auxiliary

5 YEARS

Anne Dynon
CIKA

Anne Maree Camps
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
Auxiliary*

Ashleigh Jeffery
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Barbara Rozsa
CIKA

Beverley Guyer
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
Auxiliary*

Bhargavi Prakash
ChIPSXiliary

David Kolieb
Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Dianne Murphy
Wangaratta Auxiliary

Felicity Gilchrist
*Victorian Quilters Very
Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

Giovanna Lorenzetti
Parkville Auxiliary

Helen Basist
CIKA

Hillary Malkinson
CIKA

Jennica Low
Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

Joan Edwards
Waverley Auxiliary

Jodie Kerr
Bright Starts Auxiliary

Johanna Shakes
Waverley Auxiliary

John Edelsten
CIKA

Judith Reeves
Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Julie Hartney
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Linden Sayers
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Lisa Isaac
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Lynette Keating
Caroline Auxiliary

Marcia Bacon
*President's Fundraising
Network*

Margaret Ackland
Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

Maxine Chippendale
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
Auxiliary*

Merrin Wake
Friends of Transcend

Mira Goldberg
CIKA

Naida Gordon
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Patricia Meighan
Geelong Auxiliary

Peter Scully
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Richard Comber
Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Robert Friedman
Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

Sally Barton
*Kooyong Lawn
Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Sandra Holland
Caroline Auxiliary

Timothy Nelson
Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

Tyler Leudi
Ezy Breathing Auxiliary



Congratulations to Doris Read from Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary who this year celebrates 70 years as an Auxiliary member.

Doris was introduced to the Auxiliary, then known as Templestowe Auxiliary, by her mother-in-law in 1953. Since then Doris has been a very active member and to date still makes jams to sell at stalls and monthly meetings.

Doris has worked in the Clifton Hill Opportunity Shop, Auxiliaries Gift Shop, on stalls, attended numerous Auxiliary fundraisers and participated in many hospital events. Doris and her late husband Keith were well known for supplying fruit from local orchardists to sell at Paddy's Market and other stalls at the hospital.

Doris received the Madge Tate Service Award in 2003 and was made a Living Treasure in 2004. She is the longest serving member of Auxiliaries, and the second Templestowe/Yarra Valley member to achieve 70 years service, with the late Dorothy Blackie marking 70 years of service in 2011.

Doris has said the hospital draws great people to its cause and she's loved meeting the staff, patients and fellow Auxiliaries members over the years.

Living Treasures

The Living Treasure Award honours Auxiliary members who often epitomise the “quiet achiever” and who have gone above and beyond to support sick children and the work of their own Auxiliary. Living Treasures are members who have devoted themselves to the common goal, and have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their Auxiliary and to fundraising for the hospital.

We are proud to announce the following Auxiliary members, [highlighted in blue](#), who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2023.

A

Aggie Coyle
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Alex Lowen
Viva RCH Auxiliary

Alison Orum
Charli's Angels Auxiliary

Alma Verity
*Pankina and Werribee Ladies
for Kids Auxiliaries*

Amy Yu
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Andrew Duyvestyn
CIKA

Ann Rathbone
LARCH

Ann Sullivan
Parkville Auxiliary

Anne McGeary
Trailblazers Auxiliary

Anne Peter-Budge
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
Auxiliary*

Anne Randall
*Former Director, Good Friday
Appeal*

Annette Antolino
CPR Auxiliary

Audrey Stewart
Waverley Auxiliary

B

Barb Nicoll
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley
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
*Waverley and Do-Bees
Auxiliaries*

Betsy Van Eyk
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

Bette McConvill
Pankina Auxiliary

Betty Lane
*American Women's
Association*

Betty Moloney
Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Betty West
LARCH

Bev Baltissen
CasKids Auxiliary

Bev Gosbell
LARCH

Bev Hume
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

Bev Noonan OAM
Parkville Auxiliary

Bill Gordon
Heart Throb Auxiliary

Bohdan Panasewycz
Let the Children Play Auxiliary

Brenda Aisbett
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

Brenda Upton
Waverley Auxiliary

Brian Mallon AO
*Former Executive Director,
The RCH Foundation*

C

Carmel Quinn
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
Auxiliary*

Carol Blight
LARCH

Carole Lowen OAM
Past President of 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,
Good Friday Appeal*

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