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# PHILANTHROPY REPORT 2023



# MAKING A LIFE CHANGING DIFFERENCE

# ABOUT US

**St Vincent's Curran Foundation is the fundraising organisation for St Vincent's Hospitals and Facilities in New South Wales.**

The role of the Foundation, from its inception in 1984 to now and beyond, is to support St Vincent's by raising vital philanthropic funds through generous contributions of individuals, community groups and businesses so that St Vincent's can foster excellence and innovation in patient care, clinical education and medical research.

Our Foundation, along with St Vincent's, remains committed to helping all those in need, particularly the poor and vulnerable.

## Mission

To raise funds for St Vincent's Hospitals and Facilities to foster excellence and innovation in patient care, clinical education and medical research.

## Values

The Foundation is guided by the values of compassion, justice, integrity and excellence.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## OF THE 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

### Support of St Vincent's Hospitals



**\$31.06 MILLION**



**\$6.01 MILLION**



**\$670,259**

During the year total donations received by St Vincent's Hospitals we support amounted to \$37.74 million. This included \$12.4 million in grants from St Vincent's Curran Foundation and \$7 million in grants from JW & M Cunningham Foundation investment earnings.

### Grants distributed by our Foundations



**\$12.4 MILLION**



**\$7 MILLION**

### St Vincent's Curran Foundation

In line with our donors' wishes, of a total of \$17.85 million in donations received in 2022-2023 by St Vincent's Curran Foundation, some were made specifically to grow the St Vincent's Curran Endowment, some were held for future special projects and some were distributed for designated special projects and included in the \$37.74 million above.



### St Vincent's Curran Trustee Limited Structure

St Vincent's Curran Trustee Limited administers two Foundations: St Vincent's Curran Foundation and the JW & M Cunningham Foundation. Both provide philanthropic funds for St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney, Sacred Heart Health Service, St Vincent's Correctional Health, Parklea and St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith.

St Vincent's Curran Foundation is also the fundraising organisation for these hospitals and facilities, co-ordinating philanthropic activity and managing all donor relations and donor care.

# MAKING A LIFE CHANGING DIFFERENCE

**In 2022-2023 the support of our donors helped St Vincent's Hospitals and our research facilities to make a life changing difference, supporting high impact programs to ensure the best possible patient treatments, technology and facilities.**

These priority programs enabled by philanthropy are aimed at improving the healthcare outcomes for all our patients, but especially those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.

As you will see from the stories in this report, last year generous contributions from all our supporters helped to make a real difference to the lives of many when they have needed it the most.

## St Vincent's Curran Foundation

In 2022-23 supporters of St Vincent's Hospitals and St Vincent's Curran Foundation contributed \$43.1 million in new donations, bequests and sponsorships. *(Some donations to the Foundation were distributed and others reserved to grow the Endowment or for Special Project Grants in future years.)*

We are grateful to the generosity of all of our donors but especially through visionary donations from Ian and Maryanne Pagent and the Pagent Family, the late Laurie Sutton AM and the Sutton Family, Jack Cowin AM and the Cowin Family, Simon and Alison Rothery and the Rothery Family.

We are also grateful to the NELUNE Foundation for their commitment of \$3.3 million to support the establishment of the St Vincent's NELUNE Men's Health Centre, a new, life changing integrated model of care for men facing the challenges of cancer and other health care issues.

## St Vincent's Curran Endowment Fund

The St Vincent's Curran Endowment, established in 1984 by Paul and Elizabeth Curran, was valued at \$41.34 million at 30 June 2023. We are grateful to Endowment donors who contributed \$2.1 million through generous donations and bequests in 2022-2023.

Endowment grants of \$1.13 million were distributed supporting key patient care, research and equipment needs as identified by nurses, doctors and allied health workers on the frontline.

We are grateful to Peter and Rae Fletcher and the Fletcher Family for their ongoing commitment to building the Fletcher Family Endowment Programme. This Programme, established last year, will begin to distribute annual Endowment grants from 2023-2024.

# JW & M Cunningham Foundation

The JW & M Cunningham Foundation continued to flourish through investment growth and ongoing generous contributions from founders John Cunningham AM SCM and Margaret Cunningham AM, with total investments valued at \$73.8 million on 30 June 2023.

The JW & M Cunningham Foundation distributed \$7 million in special project grants to fund a range of priority projects and strengthen the Cunningham Fellows Program.

The Cunningham Fellows Program is now a key pathway for the development of the next generation of St Vincent's clinician researchers and specialists. The JW & M Cunningham Foundation is currently funding 15 Cunningham Fellow roles across a range of medical specialities.

We sincerely congratulate Margaret on her very well-deserved recognition as a Member of the Order of Australia awarded in the 2023 Australia Day Honours. We cannot overstate our gratitude to John and Margaret for all they continue to do to develop the JW & M Cunningham Foundation in support of St Vincent's Hospitals in NSW.

*A full report of the range of programs supported by the JW & M Cunningham Foundation is featured on pages 10-17 of this report.*

## Thank you

As we head into 2024 and the 40th anniversary of St Vincent's Curran Foundation, we are extremely grateful for the ongoing leadership of our Chairman of Trustees, Charles Curran AC.

We sadly acknowledge the passing of Mrs Eva Curran in March 2023. We express our gratitude to the key role Eva played in the development of the Foundation through her unstinting support of Charles, St Vincent's Hospitals and Foundation activities for more than 40 years.

We warmly welcome new Board member Anna McFadgen as the new CEO of St Vincent's Health Network Sydney. In doing so we thank A/Prof Anthony Schembri AM for his contribution in his time as CEO of St Vincent's Health Network Sydney and a Director of the St Vincent's Curran Trustee Board from 2014-2023.

We are grateful to Hospital CEOs Anna McFadgen and Heidi Barclay and their frontline teams for their ongoing efforts to ensure compassionate care for our community and our patients.

Our sincere thanks to St Vincent's Curran Trustee Members, Board Members and the Foundation team for your continued efforts to grow the impact of philanthropy at St Vincent's.

As St Vincent's Health Australia moves to ensure St Vincent's Hospitals remain at the forefront of the transformational healthcare changes to come, the support of our donors and supporters will be more important than ever.

We therefore thank you sincerely for your contributions and commitment to supporting St Vincent's and for helping us to make a life changing difference into the future.

### **Richard Haddock AO**

Chairman of the Board  
St Vincent's Curran Trustee Ltd

### **Shanthini Naidoo**

CEO and Company Secretary  
St Vincent's Curran Trustee Ltd



Richard Haddock AO and Shanthini Naidoo

# ST VINCENT'S HOSPITALS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In the last year, St Vincent's Public and Private Hospitals provided care for an estimated 100,000 hospital admissions, 50,000 emergency presentations, and cover of 1.6 million outpatient services for NSW citizens. So many of these treatments benefited either directly or indirectly from the support of St Vincent's Curran Foundation, JW & M Cunningham Foundation and our donor community.

Unlike other local health districts, St Vincent's has no geographical boundaries. Not only do we provide care for our local community, we also serve a high proportion of people from regional communities within our specialist areas such as Cardiothoracic Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat and Head and Neck, Interventional Cardiology, Transplantation, and Neurosurgery.

Additionally, we are increasingly treating people at home, particularly for chronic conditions, for which demand continues to grow. Over 35,000 home service episodes were delivered by St Vincent's across NSW in the last year, as increasingly home-based care becomes preferred by the community.

Undoubtedly, it is the ongoing philanthropic contributions of our supporters, whose generosity enables us to make a life changing difference to peoples' lives in the most direct and impactful way.

A terrific example of this is the work being undertaken using the MRI guided focussed ultrasound to treat Dystonia, Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

Using the state-of-the-art MRI guided focussed ultrasound technology, St Vincent's Neurologist

and Movement Disorders Fellow, Dr Joel Maamary is leading a clinical trial investigating the safety and efficacy of MRI guided focussed ultrasound for the treatment of focal dystonia.

With limited treatment options offering low or temporary relief, individuals are often left restricted and unable to perform tasks associated with their careers and passions. Now the Neurology team are able to disrupt the abnormal brain pathways, using minimally invasive techniques, giving patients immediate relief with no side effects.

Similarly, clinical research in neurosciences is delivering major insights into the ongoing effects of Long COVID, as is experienced by up to 20% of people who have contracted COVID-19.

Professor Bruce Brew AM, Head of Neurosciences at St Vincent's and his team of researchers at St Vincent's Applied Medical Research Unit, have identified the nerve toxin in the brain that causes 'brain fog', one of the most common and debilitating symptoms of Long COVID. This discovery paves the way for more targeted and effective treatment options.

It's been a year of COVID-19 recovery for both hospitals. We have dedicated our focus on enhancing patient access to care and addressing the significant backlog caused by the pandemic. This led to the establishment of a specialised Short Stay Surgery Unit, well-defined surgical pathways, expansion of our elective theatre capacity by increasing surgery operating sessions, scheduling elective weekend sessions, and fostering collaborative partnerships to enhance access to care.

## Caring for the most vulnerable

Throughout all these improvements in efficiency and innovation, we have remained steadfast in our renowned commitment to caring for our vulnerable communities. The introduction of the Aboriginal Chronic Care Coordinator Service is but one such example. This service is improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients living with chronic health issues by addressing the factors underlying non-planned hospital readmissions with tailored care and coordination. This empowers patients to better manage their chronic or complex health conditions in the community; keeping them healthy and out of hospital.

St Vincent's Homeless Health outreach team launched a new service being delivered on the streets of Sydney. In partnership with local NGO partners, and in addition to their daily outreach clinics, the team run a fortnightly walk-in health and housing clinic at Green Park, across the road from St Vincent's in Darlinghurst. People sleeping rough can receive support with pathways to permanent housing, access case management, receive health care support, and share a meal.



St Vincent's Integrated Health mobile clinic

## Nursing Excellence

The calibre of our nurses is one of the things that makes St Vincent's exceptional. Our focus on developing our nurses through dedicated training and education, ensures that St Vincent's nursing clinical expertise is second to none. Across both St Vincent's Public and Private Hospitals, nurses have access to some of the best specialist training in the country, with onsite dedicated teaching programs in Intensive Care, Perioperative Care, Heart Lung Transplantation, Correctional Health and most recently, Mental Health supported by the Jarry Program and supporters of the Nursing Excellence campaigns.

It was a huge source of pride for us when St Vincent's nurse of 33 years, John McAllister was named 2023 Nurse of the Year by Catholic Health Australia, for his lifelong dedication to caring for people living with HIV and other infectious diseases.

St Vincent's Public Hospital achieved hospital-wide accreditation in 2022 as well as for St Vincent's Correctional Health in September 2022. The highly positive feedback given by the Assessors at the Summation is a true testament to the dedication, professionalism and energy of our people. In naming just some of the high points they witnessed, the Surveyors highlighted 'Accelerate', a nurse-led trial detailed in this report, our support for homeless health, the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre (PECC) and Psychiatric and Non-Prescription Drug and Alcohol (PANDA) models and Pharmacy discharge, the latter which was cited as the best they had seen.

Additionally, St Vincent's Private Hospital achieved an outstanding accreditation result, having met all 151 actions. The Assessors described the hospital as being "*exemplary, with strong over-arching governance*". They particularly noted the palpable evidence of strong engagement with staff, patients and visitors.

As part of Medibank's annual Patient Reported Experience Measures Survey, St Vincent's Private ranked first across the four domains surveyed: communication and engagement, care in hospital, going home, and hospital environment. Under the domains – and measured against the 15 Australian private hospital groups ranked in the patient survey – St Vincent's hospitals were ranked first in seven out of 12 sub-categories including nurse communication, doctor communication, communication about medicines, cleanliness, quietness, overall rating, and patient experience.

## Heart Lung and ICU Expansions

Fundraising in 2022 set out to secure at least \$5 million towards the exciting expansion of our Heart Lung Clinic and new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) pods. Stage One of the Heart Lung Clinic upgrade is now complete, delivering 10 new consulting rooms, a new research room and a new treatment area with six treatment bays and two negative flow rooms for increased infection control. With both projects now in progress, we sincerely thank all the donors who have supported this important development from the outset.



John McAllister

## St Vincent's Precinct

We were formally recognised by NSW Health as a Health Innovation Precinct, and have commenced work to elevate the St Vincent's Sydney Health Innovation Research Precinct in collaboration with our partners - St Vincent's Clinic, the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, to the benefit of all Australians.

The St Vincent's Cellular Therapies Program continues towards formally becoming a Centre of Excellence for Cellular Therapies for malignant and autoimmune diseases. Furthermore, our program of research and care for haematopoietic stem cell transplant patients is thriving, thanks to the generous support of our donors. In the Cellular Therapies Unit, the partnership between Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a global leader of Myeloma research, and our Haematology Unit is now active.

## Robotics at St Vincent's Private

Committed supporters of St Vincent's Curran Foundation's Robotics and Precision Medicine Campaign have raised over \$7 million to enable more lives to be changed through world-class health care at St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney. By funding state of the art robotic equipment, precision medicine tools and operating theatre upgrades, the campaign ensured the Hospital can continue to deliver patients the most up-to-date precision medicine for optimal outcomes.

St Vincent's Private now performs more than 1,000 orthopaedic and joint replacement procedures each year along with a wide range of potentially life-changing neurosurgical, endoscopic and cardiothoracic operations, all calling for the utmost in precision and care.

Over the past year, our organisation has been unflinching in our purpose to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve. The challenges we face in the world today are immense, but we are resolute in our mission. Your belief in our cause, and your shared vision for fair and equitable healthcare for all, provide the motivation and resources needed to continue our vital work.

**Together, we are making a life changing difference.**

**Anna McFadgen**

CEO, St Vincent's Health Network Sydney

**Heidi Barclay**

CEO, St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney

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Anna McFadgen  
CEO, St Vincent's Health Network Sydney



# JW & M CUNNINGHAM FOUNDATION

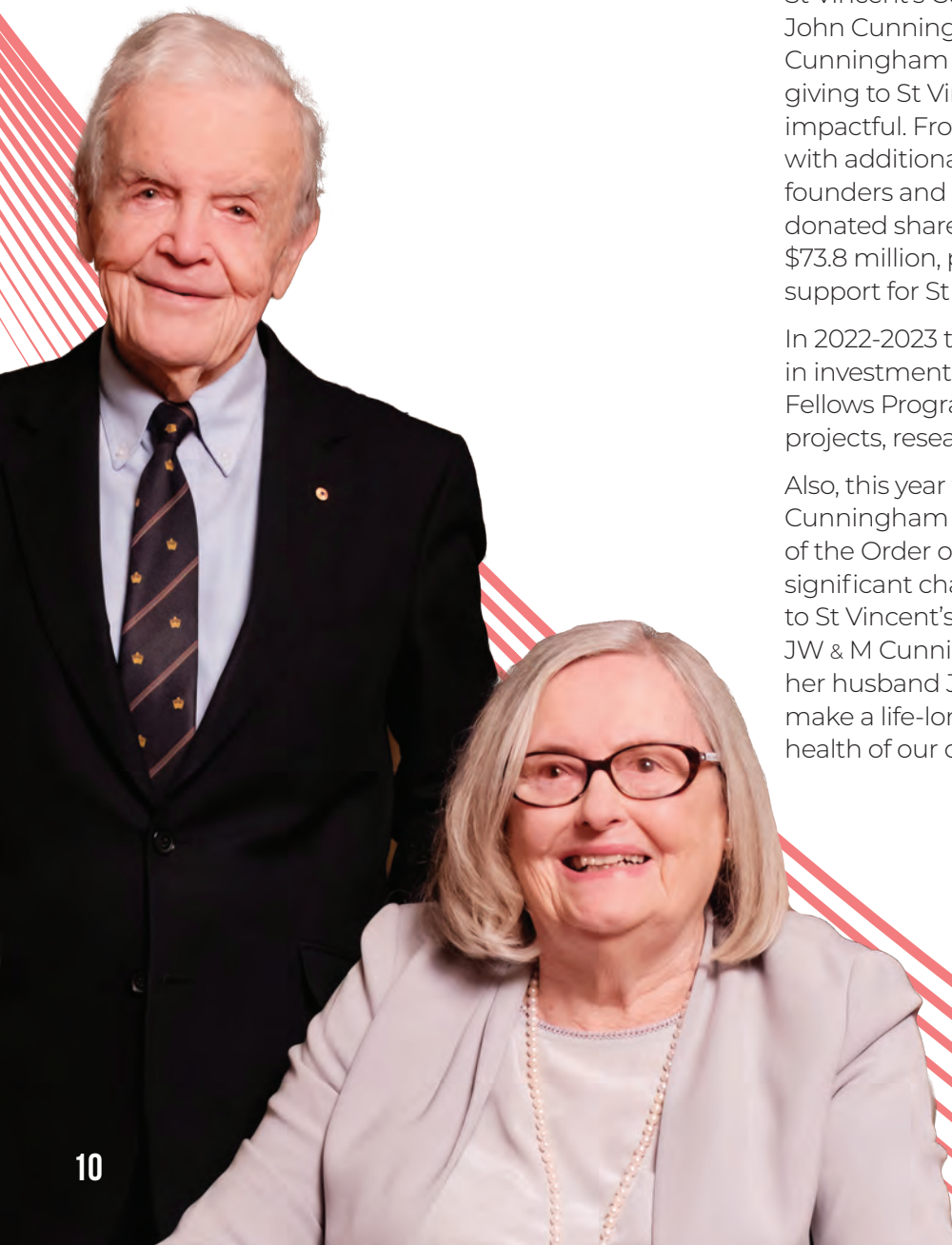
**Established in 2019, the JW & M Cunningham Foundation has since increased substantially to a value of \$73.8 million thanks to favourable growth of investments.**

John Cunningham AM SCM and Margaret Cunningham AM

By establishing a Private Ancillary Fund with St Vincent's Curran Trustee Ltd as the Trustee, John Cunningham AM SCM and Margaret Cunningham AM were able to make their regular giving to St Vincent's Hospitals more strategic and impactful. From an original donation of \$10 million, with additional generous donations from the co-founders and with fortuitous growth in the value of donated shares, the fund has now increased to \$73.8 million, providing extraordinary perpetual support for St Vincent's Hospitals in NSW.

In 2022-2023 the Foundation distributed \$7 million in investment earnings to expand the Cunningham Fellows Program and to support Hospital priority projects, research and equipment.

Also, this year we congratulated Margaret Cunningham AM on her appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her significant charitable giving, including her support to St Vincent's Hospitals as co-founder of the JW & M Cunningham Foundation. Together with her husband John, their contributions continue to make a life-long difference to our patients and to the health of our community.



## 2022-2023 JW & M Cunningham Foundation Grants

The grant making strategy of the JW & M Cunningham Foundation aligns with Hospital priorities, and where the Foundation can make meaningful impact to critical projects. It is underpinned by the vision of the founders, John and Margaret Cunningham, and their commitment to supporting the clinicians and staff of the hospitals so they can fulfil their potential to deliver better patient outcomes.

| Project                                                                                                                               | Grant Amount | Lead Clinician                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| Cunningham Fellows Program                                                                                                            | \$2,190,000  | See page 17 for full listing             |
| Oncology Clinical Research Program                                                                                                    | \$290,000    | Dr Rachel Dear                           |
| SVPH Operating Theatre                                                                                                                | \$2,000,000  | Ms Heidi Barclay                         |
| Interventional Cardiology Suites                                                                                                      | \$850,000    | Professor David Muller, Dr David Roy     |
| Cunningham Nursing Leadership Academy                                                                                                 | \$200,000    | A/Prof Anna Thornton                     |
| Heart Lung Perfusion Machines                                                                                                         | \$1,000,000  | Dr Paul Jansz                            |
| Patient Transport Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Electric Ambulance Vehicle</li><li>- Electric Bed Movers</li></ul> | \$330,000    | Mr Bob Morris, Head of Patient Transport |
| Anaesthetic Department Technology Upgrades                                                                                            | \$100,000    | Dr Michelle Moyle                        |
| ENT Microscope                                                                                                                        | \$40,000     | A/Prof Nigel Biggs                       |

## 2023 PROJECT GRANTS

### Oncology Clinical Research Program

St Vincent's Darlinghurst is a major research precinct, with a particular focus on clinical research excellence. Dr Rachel Dear's work in medical oncology specialising in breast cancer, in collaboration with her colleagues at St Vincent's Hospital and The Kinghorn Cancer Centre, has been generously supported for another year by the Cunningham Foundation.

**The two research projects currently underway are:**

- a retrospective cohort project with the St Vincent's Hospital Endocrinology Department examining the impact of adjuvant antiresorptive therapies on bone health and clinical outcomes in women with breast cancer
- a Cochrane Systematic Review of the non-hormonal pharmacological interventions for hot flushes in women with a history of breast cancer.

### Interventional Cardiology Suites

St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Interventional Cardiology Service is part of the Darlinghurst Campus' flagship Heart Lung Centre of Excellence. Professor David Muller and his team deliver life-transforming cardiac care: replacing or clipping faulty heart valves, mending holes in hearts, and expanding arteries with stents. The Suites service patients across both the Public and Private Hospitals, to optimise service delivery and create operational efficiencies. The JW & M Cunningham Foundation investment of \$1.5 million over two years will build one of five new interventional cardiology labs, a critical piece of infrastructure that will ensure the continued growth of this flagship service and to maintain Local Health District accreditation for staff training.

Dr Rachel Dear and Professor David Muller



## Cunningham Nursing Leadership Academy

In 2021 Margaret Cunningham AM announced the Foundation's support of \$1 million over five years to establish the Cunningham Nursing Leadership Academy. Over this time, the Academy has had a proven and significant impact on the leadership capability of St Vincent's Nurses who have participated in the leadership and clinical development programs made available through this generous donation.

Activities and courses supported in 2022-2023 include the ECAP Leadership Coaching course, the Australian College of Nursing 6-month

Leadership Development program, the JBI Evidence Implementation Training program focusing on the safe administration of medication to patients using evidence-based decision making, and multiple industry conferences. As well, St Vincent's developed a new Nursing Professional Framework, and 145 nurses were supported to attend the Nursing Leadership Day Out where this framework was introduced.

### Nurse testimonials:

**"It has given me the skill to reflect about myself and how I lead others. I really enjoy the study of people and what produces a better workforce. THANK YOU."**

**"I found the Program informative and helpful ... I came in feeling anxious and helpless but came out empowered and knowledgeable about how to deal with daily issues as a manager and leader".**

## PRIORITY EQUIPMENT

### Heart Lung Perfusion Machines

A perfusion machine is a heart-lung or cardiopulmonary bypass machine used during heart surgery to maintain the body's organs and tissues in a safe and stable condition while the heart is stopped. The perfusion machine diverts blood away from the heart and lungs, adds oxygen to the blood, then returns the blood to the body without the blood having to go through the heart.

A \$1 million grant from the JW & M Cunningham Foundation supported St Vincent's to acquire three world-leading, new generation perfusion machines affording the highest levels of patient safety and care.

The purchase of this equipment helps St Vincent's Hospital Sydney to maintain the pre-eminent position as a world leading Centre of Excellence in Heart Lung Innovation.



Cardiothoracic surgical team with Essenz Heart Perfusion Machine

## Patient Transport Upgrades

The St Vincent's Patient Transport department provides critical services to support the smooth operation of the Hospitals and the care of our patients. This year, the JW & M Cunningham Foundation supported the Transport Department to acquire new vehicles and equipment.

**Electric Ambulance Vehicle for \$250,000:** This is the first electric ambulance for patient transport in Australia. The new LDV e-Deliver 9 model of electric ambulance has zero tailpipe emissions, is fast charging and can travel up to 280 kms range on a full charge. This is in line with the sustainability goals of St Vincent's Hospitals.

**Electric Bed Movers for \$80,000:** Electric bed movers assist the St Vincent's Patient Transport and Wardspeople to smoothly transfer patients between wards, the imaging department, dialysis department and medical appointments across the St Vincent's campus. These three electric bed movers are of significant value in ensuring the prompt, safe and efficient movement of our patients.

## Technology Upgrades for Anaesthetics Department

This very important project will upgrade the connectivity and video-conferencing capabilities of the Anaesthetics Department, to support a team of 85 specialist anaesthetists to work and communicate more efficiently, access clinical education, and provide the best support for patients.

## Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) microscope

The ENT surgery service provides tertiary referral outpatient care on a weekly basis to a wide spectrum of the inner-city population. The new state-of-the-art microscope provides enhanced depth of field, precise positioning, and great maneuverability, enhancing the treatment of many ear, nose and throat conditions for patients in the ambulatory care department.



Patient Transport Driver, Justin Dunn with the new Electric Ambulance Vehicle

# GROWING THE CUNNINGHAM FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Cunningham Fellows program is a particular area of interest for John and Margaret, as they understand the life-long impact of providing professional development opportunities and mentoring support to early-career clinicians. This year, the Cunningham Foundation established four more Fellowships for three years, in addition to 11 continuing Fellowships. Charles Curran AC says *"The Cunningham Fellowship program is a truly inspirational initiative which will benefit generations of clinicians to come."*

A full list of past and current Cunningham Fellows is included on pages 16-17. The following new fellowship roles will be filled during 2023-24.

- Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression (CRUfAD) – supervised by Dr Mike Millard and Dr Lyn Chiem
- Prostate Cancer– supervised by Professor Phil Stricker AO and Dr Megan Crumbaker
- American Australian Association St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Clinical Exchange Program – Cunningham Exchange in Movement Disorders – supervised by A/Prof Stephen Tisch and Dr James Peters
- Long COVID Rehabilitation– supervised by Professor Steven Faux and A/Prof Anthony Byrne

## 2022 Cunningham Fellowships Progress Reports

### Uspace Fellows – Dr Belinda Pan, Dr Sarah Cohn

The Cunningham Fellow at Uspace has been supported by the Cunninghams since 2013, providing a dedicated senior registrar as an integral part of the clinical team. In addition to her contribution to the inpatient unit, Dr Sarah Cohn, the 2022 Fellow, was able to take advantage of the additional development opportunities provided by the Fellowship and work on an online education training and innovation program using MRI-guided TMS (a device using a magnetic coil) as a treatment for depression and OCD.

The foresight and generosity of the Cunninghams to support this position for over a decade has provided similar opportunities for 16 other clinicians to date. This stands them in good stead as they continue their careers, many of whom decide to stay at St Vincent's. This includes Dr Lyn Chiem (2013), now Clinical Director of Mental Health; Dr Richard Baker (2014), now Deputy Medical Director at Uspace; and Dr Dori Rakusin (2021) who will be graduating as a psychiatrist this year and is planning to set up rooms and admit patients at St Vincent's Private Hospital.

### Fellow in Upper GI – Dr Joel Rabindran

The Cunningham Fellow in Upper Gastro-Intestinal and Laparoscopic Surgery provides surgical support in general, trauma and Upper GI surgery across both Public and Private hospitals, as well as undertakes research. *"This fellowship has provided a fantastic platform to further my technical skillset, providing a rich breadth of experience and training holistically with Upper GI patients. I am particularly thankful for the guidance and mentorship I have received from senior clinicians and the intraoperative 'tips and tricks' as a junior surgeon"* said Dr Joel Rabindran.



Dr Joel Rabindran and Dr Lyn Chiem

### **Fellow in Interventional Cardiology Dr Hannah Kempton**

St Vincent's Hospital is highly regarded for its comprehensive training of early career cardiologists seeking to acquire the necessary skills to become proficient interventional cardiologists.

*"To sustain St Vincent's reputation as a leading Cardiac Centre of Excellence, it is imperative to provide the latest transcatheter cardiac interventions. This involves building the capacity and experience of junior cardiologists, such as myself, to upskill under the expert guidance of senior clinicians."* – Dr Hannah Kempton

### **Fellow in Mental Health Emergency Department Dr Cameron Grover (2022); Dr Yvonne Nguyen (2023)**

The St Vincent's Hospital Psychiatry Training Program is well regarded, however there are challenges for early career clinicians struggling to balance their training and service delivery. The Cunningham grant provides additional support for emerging Psychiatrists, and supports research into the most effective mental health patient care approaches when patients are presenting to the Emergency Department.

**"At St Vincent's Emergency Department, ten percent of people presenting are experiencing a mental health disorder – almost three times the national average. Roughly half of the people who present to us are in crisis: suicidal, at moments of unimaginable hopelessness and desperation. On behalf of the vulnerable people to whom we devote our time and for whom I think this fellowship was ultimately created for, I humbly thank John and Margaret Cunningham for this incredible grant."**

**DR CAMERON GROVER**

### **Fellow in Mental Health Nursing Education Kate Rowley**

St Vincent's Hospital has a long history of innovation in nurse education. The Cunningham Fellow in Mental Health Nursing Education, Kate Rowley, is building St Vincent's first Mental Health Post Graduate Certificate, the next addition to the postgraduate nursing education portfolio.

This postgraduate speciality nursing course will provide opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and skills to an advanced level of clinical practice. By integrating theory and specialty nursing practice, students will be encouraged to engage in clinical decision making.

The Certificate program is run in collaboration with Australian Catholic University, with study units also embedded into existing programs run through the Inner-City Health Stream at St Vincent's Hospital. This provides employees with clear professional development opportunities and St Vincent's Health Network Sydney with a workforce that has increased skills and capability.

### **Cunningham Fellows Lunch**

In May, the Foundation was delighted to host the Cunningham Fellows Lunch, welcoming the new Fellows and their supervisors and celebrating the achievements of this cohort of emerging leaders. The lunch was also a great opportunity for clinicians to express their gratitude to John and Margaret Cunningham for their generosity and ongoing support, as well as a chance to mingle and network with each other.

The Cunninghams' commitment to St Vincent's Hospitals and its Fellows ensures that St Vincent's can invest in the next generation of clinicians who will lead the Hospitals' teams into the future.



Dr Cameron Grover and Dr Yvonne Nguyen

# CUNNINGHAM FELLOWS PROGRAM HONOUR ROLL 2013 – 2023

| Years     | Fellow                                 | Clinical Area                                                                                        | Supervising Clinician                                                 |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2013      | Dr Lyn Chiem                           | Inaugural Uspace Fellow, Mental Health                                                               | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2014      | Dr Richard Baker                       | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2015      | Dr Pal Gupta<br>Dr Aaron Berger        | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2016      | Dr Candice Jenson<br>Dr Nicole Burston | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2017      | Dr Nathan Jacobs<br>Dr Sonali Pandey   | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2017-2018 | Dr Sam Bolitho                         | Inaugural Fellow in Movement Disorders                                                               | A/Prof Stephen Tisch, Head of Neurology                               |
| 2018      | Dr Cate McHugh                         | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2019      | Dr Anne Geisser                        | Uspace Fellow                                                                                        | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2020      | Dr Dori Rakusin<br>Dr Karina Karel     | Uspace Fellows                                                                                       | Prof Elizabeth Scott, Director Uspace                                 |
| 2021      | Dr Ben Allard<br>Dr Tessa Neilson      | Uspace Fellows                                                                                       | Dr Gary Galambos, Director Uspace                                     |
|           | Louise Lynagh                          | Fellow in Cancer Genetic Counselling                                                                 | Prof Allan Spiegelman, Director Cancer Genetics Unit                  |
|           | Shikha Agrawal<br>Aron Poole           | Fellows in Theranostics Clinical Trials                                                              | Prof Louise Emmett, Director of Theranostics and Nuclear Imaging      |
|           | Dr Kathleen Batty                      | Fellow in Breast Cancer                                                                              | Dr Rachel Dear, Staff Specialist Oncology                             |
|           | Dr Tarcisio de Campos                  | Fellow in Orthopaedic Clinical Research, St Vincent's Private Hospital                               | Dr Nick Vertzyas and A/Prof Sean Mungovan                             |
|           | Dr Timothy Lukins                      | Fellow in Neurosurgery                                                                               | Dr Mark Winder, Head of Neurosurgery                                  |
|           | Dr James Peters                        | Fellow in Movement Disorders, St Vincent's Private Hospital                                          | A/Prof Stephen Tisch, Head of Neurology                               |
| 2022      | Shikha Agrawal<br>Aron Poole           | Fellows in Theranostic Clinical Trials (2nd year of 2021 fellowship)                                 | Professor Louise Emmett, Director of Theranostics and Nuclear Imaging |
|           | Dr Shampa Sinha                        | Fellow in Breast Cancer (2nd year of 2021 fellowship)                                                | Dr Rachel Dear, Staff Specialist Oncology                             |
|           | Dr Tarcisio de Campos                  | Fellow in Orthopaedic Clinical Research, St Vincent's Private Hospital (2nd year of 2021 fellowship) | Dr Nick Vertzyas and A/Prof Sean Mungovan                             |
|           | Dr Timothy Lukins                      | Fellow in Neurosurgery (2nd year of 2021 fellowship)                                                 | Dr Mark Winder, Head of Neurosurgery                                  |
|           | Dr James Peters                        | Fellow in Movement Disorders, St Vincent's Private Hospital (2nd year of 2021 fellowship)            | A/Prof Stephen Tisch, Head of Neurology                               |

| Years | Fellow                          | Clinical Area                                                                                                                      | Supervising Clinician                                     |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2022  | Dr Joel Rabindran               | Fellow in Upper Gastro-Intestinal Surgery                                                                                          | Dr Douglas Fenton-Lee, Upper GI Surgeon                   |
|       | Dr Hannah Kempton               | Fellow in Interventional Cardiology (TAVI Program)                                                                                 | Dr David Roy, Cardiologist                                |
|       | Dr Cameron Grover               | Fellow in Mental Health Emergency Department                                                                                       | Dr Lyn Chiem, Clinical Director Mental Health             |
|       | Kate Rowley                     | Fellow in Mental Health Nursing Educator                                                                                           | A/Prof Anna Thornton, Executive Director of Nursing SVHNS |
|       | Dr Belinda Pan<br>Dr Sarah Cohn | Uspace Fellows                                                                                                                     | Dr Gary Galambos, Director Uspace                         |
| 2023  | Dr Yvonne Nguyen                | Fellow in Mental Health Emergency Department                                                                                       | Dr Jackie Huber and Dr Lyn Chiem                          |
|       | TBA                             | Fellow in Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression                                                                        | Dr Mike Millard and Dr Lyn Chiem                          |
|       | TBA                             | Fellow in Prostate Cancer                                                                                                          | Dr Megan Crumbaker, Staff Specialist Oncology             |
|       | TBA                             | American Australian Association St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Clinical Exchange Program – Cunningham Exchange in Movement Disorders | Prof Stephen Tisch and Dr James Peters                    |
|       | TBA                             | Fellow in Long COVID Rehabilitation Fellow                                                                                         | Prof Steven Faux and A/Prof Anthony Byrne                 |
|       | Dr Tristan Cox                  | Uspace Fellow                                                                                                                      | Dr Gary Galambos, Director Uspace                         |



Dr Mark Winder and Bob Morris

# MAKING A LIFE CHANGING DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

## SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

113

Nurses attended leadership training

3

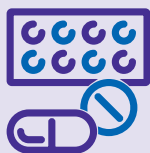
New nursing positions established  
in specialty medicine

72

Nurses attended advanced  
specialty training course

## SUPPORTING HOMELESS HEALTH

SAMARITAN FUND SUPPORTED 240 CLIENTS AT TIERNEY HOUSE WITH:



Medications



Mobile phones and  
SIM card purchases



Identification  
documents



Clothing for  
job interviews



MRI scans

# SUPPORTING INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

## 3 NEW SURGICAL ROBOTS

acquired for St Vincent's Private Hospital

## 30 MEDICAL SPECIALITIES

offered at St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith

## 20 NEW HEART LUNG CLINIC

consulting rooms

## FIRST ELECTRIC AMBULANCE

in Australia acquired

## WORLD FIRST TRANSCATHETER IMPLANT

of a Tricuspid Heart valve in a clinical trial

## WORLD LEADING DISCOVERY

in Alzheimer's disease

## LAUNCH OF ST VINCENT'S MEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

to improve Prostate Cancer treatment

# REMEMBERING EVA CURRAN

The St Vincent's community is deeply saddened by the loss of Eva Curran, who was an instrumental force in establishing and growing St Vincent's Curran Foundation. Eva's unstinting support was a guiding light to her husband, Charles Curran AC, Chairman of Trustees of St Vincent's Curran Foundation, her family and the St Vincent's family.

For almost 40 years Charles and Eva have contributed to many projects, including setting up the Curran Foundation Library at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, funding individual televisions for all patients in St Vincent's Hospital and establishing the Eva Curran Rehabilitation Centre in St Vincent's Private Hospital.

A dear friend of the Sisters of Charity, and a much loved member of the St Vincent's family, Eva's philanthropic and community activities extended far and wide, and the Foundation and St Vincent's will forever be grateful for her support, leadership, and friendship.

Eva was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a woman of grace, style, intelligence, warmth and generosity with an unmatched ability to engage people from all walks of life through conversation. We will miss her guidance, commitment, wit, friendship and individuality.

We pay tribute to Eva's contribution for over half her lifetime to the Foundation and St Vincent's Hospitals in Sydney. May Eva rest in eternal peace.

## Eva Curran

22 August 1942 – 27 March 2023



Eva Curran and Charles Curran AC

# ENDOWMENT GRANTS

## Highlights

- 1000+ Grants distributed through the Endowment Fund since 1984
- Over \$40 million distributed in grants to support equipment purchases, education projects, medical research and general patient amenities (1984-2023)
- \$1.13 million was awarded in 2022-23 Endowment Grants to 35 projects to support St Vincent's Hospitals and Facilities
- The Endowment Fund has grown to \$41.3 million since its establishment in 1984
- 4 Endowed Named Programs have been created with a minimum founding gift of \$1 million to ensure continuous ongoing support to St Vincent's Hospitals for generations to come
- \$52,464 granted for a Patient's Telehealth Helpdesk (Virtual Concierge/Patient Navigator) to support patients to overcome barriers when accessing virtual care. Educating patients facilitates their accessibility, understanding and quality of care when it is delivered.
- 7 Equipment Grants to improve patient outcomes at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney
- The Jarry Program for ICU Nurses provided \$55,224 to support specialist training opportunities for the ICU nurses who make a life changing difference every day
- Neville Grace Arts Health Program granted \$31,138 to support A Sound Life bringing free live music to St Vincent's patients along with arts projects.

## 2022-2023 Endowment Grant Summary

### Number of awarded Grants, by purpose

| Percent | Purpose      |
|---------|--------------|
| 6%      | FACILITIES   |
| 6%      | TECHNOLOGY   |
| 11%     | RESEARCH     |
| 17%     | EDUCATION    |
| 17%     | PATIENT CARE |
| 43%     | EQUIPMENT    |

### Number of awarded Grants, by facility

| Percent | Purpose                                          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 3%      | ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL GRIFFITH |
| 14%     | ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL                             |
| 20%     | ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL                    |
| 63%     | ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL SYDNEY                     |

# ENDOWMENT FUND GROWTH CONTINUES TO BENEFIT OUR PATIENTS

The philanthropic vision of the late Paul and Elizabeth Curran back in 1984 has brought decades of benefits for patients of St Vincent's Hospitals by ensuring funds will always be available for innovation, clinical education and research, medical equipment upgrades and patient care initiatives. Paul and Elizabeth had the foresight to create a self-sustaining source of income by establishing the St Vincent's Curran Endowment Fund, with a gift of \$500,000.

Donations to the Endowment Fund are invested and the earnings made available as annual grants for projects that directly benefit our patients across St Vincent's Hospitals and facilities in New South Wales. We are extremely grateful to the outstandingly loyal group of supporters who, by

contributing annually to the Endowment Fund, sustain Paul and Elizabeth's vision of enabling life changing programs in perpetuity.

At 30 June 2023, the combined value of St Vincent's Curran Endowment Fund and its growing number of Named Programs was \$41.34 million, enabling St Vincent's Curran Foundation to award \$1.13 million in project grants to our clinicians and staff in late 2022. The 35 projects cover a wide range of areas, from obtaining non-invasive assisted breathing ventilators, to supporting our Dental Services Department for vulnerable patients. Here are just some of the projects that were able to proceed for the benefit of our patients.



Dr Barbara Withers, Dr Jennifer Massey and Louise Walsh

## St Vincent's Hospital Sydney

- Dr Jennifer Massey – \$65,580 for a Cellular Therapies for Autoimmune Disease Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship, to enable an ECR/neurologist to develop expertise in the field of Multiple Sclerosis, specifically cellular therapies, through clinical and scientific education.
- Dr Peter Foltyn – \$65,580 for dedicated special needs dental services for patients experiencing mental health issues, drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness or domestic violence.
- Ms Leanne Gregory – \$8,766, through a Nurse Education Training Grant, for a Type 1 Diabetes patient group education program, delivered through the OzDAFNE program and taught by a specialist multidisciplinary team comprising an Accredited Practising Dietitian, a Credentialed Diabetes Educator and an Endocrinologist. This structured five-day outpatient group education program for adults with type 1 Diabetes teaches practical, hands-on skills to empower participants to self-manage their condition.
- Miss Eleanor Kessler – \$6,558 to display Indigenous artwork in the Alcohol and Drug Service (ADS) waiting rooms, which did not have any acknowledgement of Indigenous culture. The Dalaranji artworks make the space more inclusive, welcoming and culturally safe, helping to break down some of the barriers for First Nations clients accessing the ADS service.
- Dr Jessica Green – \$7,669 to purchase an ultrasound training prosthetic limb to develop the skills of Junior Medical Officers in ultrasound-guided cannulation. This strategy will improve the care experience of patients with difficult IV access who undergo multiple cannulation attempts, which are often painful and carry an increased risk of infection.
- Mr Courtney King – \$21,860 for subsidising highly beneficial allied health sessions, such as exercise physiology, physiotherapy, Oncology massage, acupuncture, and meditation and mindfulness, at The Kinghorn Cancer Wellness Centre for patients experiencing financial hardship.

## St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney

- Mrs Kirsten Blore – \$26,000 for a Neptune suction unit to ensure accurate and efficient fluid management during operations.
- Mrs Gail O'Grady – \$43,151 for C-MAC Video Laryngoscope and blades, used in anaesthetics to improve patient safety.
- Professor Phil Stricker AO - \$50,000 – PIAS Trial. Patients with prostate cancer may have non-aggressive cancers that do not need immediate treatment and may never cause harm. These patients are placed on 'Active Surveillance' by urologists where cancers are watched for progression and need for treatment. Surveillance involves the use of repeat biopsies. Prostate biopsies can cause infection, bleeding and pain. This study is evaluating PSMA-PET as an imaging test which may detect progression of prostate cancer and avoid the need for biopsy.

## St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith

- Ms Emily Christie – \$48,774 to expand and update the current inventory of specific urology equipment.



Kate Weyman and Courtney King

# PLANNED GIVING HELPS MEET FUTURE NEEDS

Donor support of St Vincent's Hospitals takes various forms, with many special project gifts enabling immediate progress on development projects and enhancements to our life-changing services. Other gifts that are planned in advance benefit patients both now and in the future by ensuring significant impact on a targeted area of need over a longer period of time.

Within the St Vincent's Curran Endowment Fund sit four Named Programs, established by donors who wished to make a lifelong difference to St Vincent's Hospitals. Donations are invested in perpetuity as part of the St Vincent's Curran Endowment, and the returns enable annual grants for the donor's preferred areas of interest, creating a legacy of philanthropy where government funding is not available.

Peter and Rae Fletcher, Barbara Jarry and the late Kevin Jarry, the late Nan Kearins and the late Neville Holmes Grace all planned gifts during their lifetimes that will ensure continued excellence in health care for St Vincent's patients for many years to come. The visionary spirit of this special group of donors secures

clinical research, supports higher education and training for our clinicians, and enables research fellows to continue their vital work. Annual grants from these Named Programs within the Endowment are managed as part of the annual St Vincent's Curran Endowment grants process.

While the Nan Kearins Program for St Vincent's Private Hospital Nurses and the Neville Holmes Grace Program for Arts Health perpetually fuel advancement in these areas long after the passing of the two donors, the Jarry Program for ICU Nursing and the Fletcher Family Endowment Programme continue to benefit from the support of the donor families who are able to witness the wonderful impact of their planned giving.

Activity to support donors interested in planned giving programs through St Vincent's Curran Foundation was a key area of development in 2022-2023.

**The Jarry Program for Nursing provides an annual grant for ICU nurse education in perpetuity. More than 200 scholarships have been awarded to date.**

Barbara Jarry

## Jarry Program for Intensive Care Nursing

Donations from Barbara and the late Kevin Jarry and their friends in 2014 established a long-term investment in the professional skills and wellbeing of our ICU nurses for the benefit of many, many patients to come. The Jarry Program for Intensive Care Nurses was established to express Barbara and Kevin's gratitude for the care shown to their daughter, Malinda, by the ICU nurses at St Vincent's Hospital. From initial contributions of \$1 million, the Jarry Program has since grown to a value of \$1.7 million through additional donations by the Jarry Family, their friends and the broader community.

The program supports scholarships, professional conferences, training and workshops, and leadership coaching courses for St Vincent's ICU nurses through an annual grant. During the 2022-2023 financial year, the distribution of \$55,224 enabled 14 Intensive Care nurses to complete a Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing and attend professional intensive care and nursing conferences. The Jarry Program has also funded a Certified Nurse Educator, who supports ICU nurses in training and helps to fill an urgent skills gap in the post-pandemic nursing environment. Further funding created two additional after-hours Clinical Nurse Educator positions to support new Registered Nurses in ICU by fast-tracking their learning and competence development and provide support out of hours.

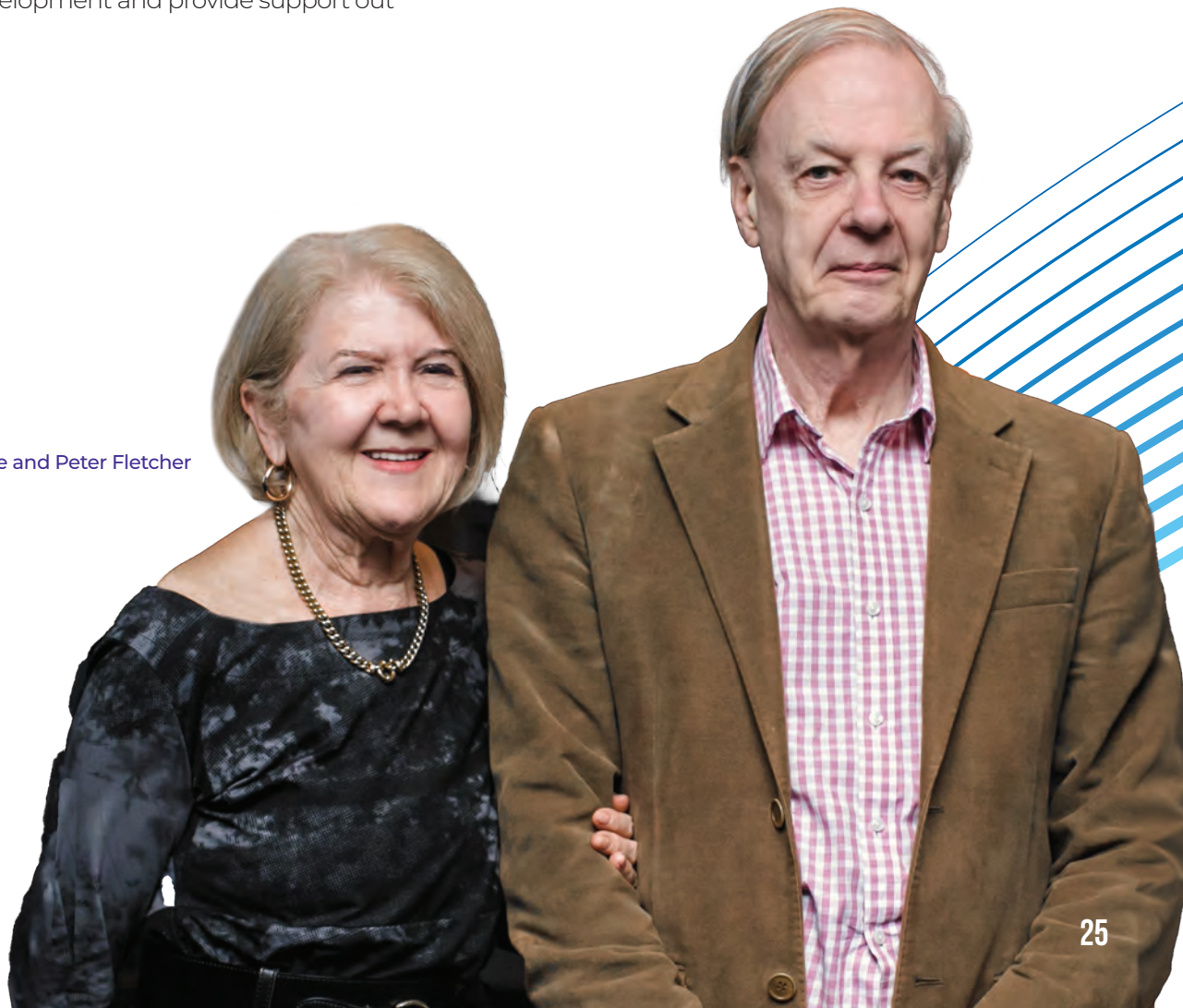
## Fletcher Family Endowment Programme

The Fletcher Family Endowment Programme was established in 2022 with an initial \$1 million donation to support medical projects in the family's areas of interest at both St Vincent's Hospital Sydney and St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney. In 2022-2023 through additional generous donations, the Fletcher Family Endowment grew to a value of \$1.4 million. The Fletcher Family also provided a gift of \$50,000 to purchase a retinal eye camera for diabetic retinal examinations, a key preventative screening measure for diabetic retinopathy.

The camera will be part of a new St Vincent's program to deliver Diabetes care and upskill local doctors in rural and regional areas, with the first clinic to launch in the Murrumbidgee area in late 2023. This transformative program is supported by the far-sighted generosity of Peter and Rae Fletcher. The first official annual grants from this Programme will commence in 2023-2024.

Thank you to all our Planned Giving donors and bequestors for their foresight to ensure the St Vincent's Curran Endowment and named programs can continue to making a life changing difference now and into the future.

Rae and Peter Fletcher





# EVOLUTION GIVING CIRCLE

## Generosity of next generation

“Being in it for good” is the driving force of the Evolution Giving Circle, a network of passionate young contributors to the St Vincent’s Curran Endowment Fund that was established in November 2020. Many in this committed group of future leaders in business, community and healthcare are following in the impressive footsteps of their parents and grandparents in putting their personal ethos and values into practice for social good. Going beyond raising financial contributions, the Evolution group engages a new, younger generation with the significant impact philanthropic support can have on the broader community.

Each supporter’s active involvement increases awareness within their own networks of St Vincent’s Curran Foundation and St Vincent’s Hospitals and Facilities in New South Wales, helping to create and expand a culture of philanthropy and engagement with the next generation of supporters.

Jai Patel, new Evolution Giving Circle supporter



The Evolution Giving Circle is coordinated each year by the Evolution Advisory Committee. This team of emerging philanthropists and leaders connected to the Foundation is co-chaired by Jeremy Byrne, St Vincent’s Curran Foundation Board Director and grandson of Foundation founders Paul and Elizabeth Curran, and Andrew Muston, Director Roc partners.

The Committee helps grow the giving circle base from their own connections and guides development of the annual Evolution program of activities. We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Committee members for their time and effort.

- Jeremy Byrne – Co-Chair
- Andrew Muston – Co-Chair
- Matthew Duncan
- Michael Frazis
- Dr Brett Leavers
- Maggie Liu
- Anthony Liveris
- Anna Longley
- Simon Mills
- Annabel Rogers

Annabel Rogers





Evolution Giving Circle Dinner panel with Erin Longbottom, Joe Truman, Cameron French and Hirdesh Sharma

## Highlighting Long COVID research

In November 2022, the Evolution Giving Circle welcomed nine new supporters at a special event at St Vincent's Private Hospital. As well as meeting others in the Evolution group, and St Vincent's clinicians, the new supporters also heard a presentation by A/Prof Anthony Byrne, Senior Staff Specialist Thoracic Physician and President-elect of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (NSW). A/Prof Byrne outlined the latest research on the effects of Long COVID on patients' lungs and breathing and discussed techniques for its treatment and care. The presentation introduced the new members to the very real impact that medical research can have on people's lives and the value of philanthropic support.

## Highlighting homeless health at Evolution Dinner

In March 2023, the Evolution Giving Circle and their invited guests enjoyed the group's annual dinner at Beta, which focussed this year on a critical and growing issue: homelessness, an area that continues to affect many of St Vincent's patients. Few attendees anticipated that the musician performing

at the start of the dinner would later come on stage to share an extraordinary story of overcoming serious health issues and disadvantage thanks to St Vincent's life changing care.

Leaders from St Vincent's Homeless Health Service – Cameron French, Manager of Tierney House, and Erin Longbottom, Nursing Unit Manager, St Vincent's Hospital Homeless Health Service – participated in a heartfelt and inspiring panel discussion. Former patients Joe Truman and Hirdesh Sharma then shared poignant stories of their personal journeys and special experiences of care at St Vincent's. Joe, the musician, experienced homelessness and addiction from an early age, yet he was encouraged by St Vincent's staff to seek treatment. His life turned around, and Joe went on to enjoy a successful career as a professional musician and entertainer. His unique and inspiring story touched everyone present and stands testament to the life changing potential of care.

We thank the incredible team of the Homeless Health Service, our guest speakers and the Evolution Giving Circle's Advisory Committee and donors, both for supporting the Hospital and for developing our next generation of miracle-enabling supporters.

**"Being a part of the Evolution group is a fantastic opportunity to support a terrific cause, network with like-minded individuals and make a real difference to improve healthcare within the community and across the state."**

**ANDREW MUSTON, CO-CHAIR OF THE EVOLUTION GIVING CIRCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**





HEALING, HOPE  
& HUMANITY

# HEALING, HOPE AND HUMANITY FOR ALL

The founder of the Sisters of Charity, the congregation responsible for establishing St Vincent's Hospitals, the venerable Mother Mary Aikenhead, was determined to channel benevolence to make a life changing difference for as many people as possible. She instilled her values of compassion, justice and equal care for all into her work and that of the Sisters of Charity, who took vows of poverty, charity, obedience, and 'service to the poor'.

Their commitment to service of the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged remains at the heart of all we do at St Vincent's.

We are grateful to the support of donors of our Healing, Hope and Humanity projects across mental health, addiction and homeless health programs who ensure our Hospitals can help those most in need. For many patients this is life saving and life changing assistance.



## Spirit of Healing, Hope and Humanity Shines at Christmas

The St Vincent's Healing, Hope and Humanity Fund gives our clinicians the ability to provide emergency medical care for those without Medicare access or without the means to pay for special treatment they might need. It is entirely supported by generous donors, particularly those who have left a gift in their Will for 'charitable purposes' at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney.

We are therefore very grateful to all our donors who contributed more than \$151,000 to our 2022 Christmas Appeal in support of our Healing, Hope and Humanity programs.

You may remember the story we shared with you of Joe Truman, who was brought to Sydney from New Zealand at 14, then left to fend for himself.

Most of us take it for granted that we can get medical help if we need it. But Joe didn't officially 'exist', and felt he couldn't go to a doctor or an Emergency Department.

The Healing, Hope and Humanity Fund helped Joe, as it helps all those with nowhere else to turn. Without judgement, without question, and with loving compassion.

St Vincent's staff helped him navigate the red tape and bureaucracy to become a legal citizen. He has

**"The support I received from St Vincent's has helped me to remain sober for more than 9 years and has helped turn my life around."**

**JOE TRUMAN**

even set up his own music business and lodged his first tax return. Support from the Healing, Hope and Humanity Fund makes a life changing difference to many like Joe.

We are also very grateful to Joe who has been such an open and generous spokesperson in support of our St Vincent's Homeless Health and Mental Health teams.

Read more about the Foundation's support of our Homeless Health programs on pages 30-31.

## Developing our new Urban Health Hub

Significant progress has been made towards the restoration of the Green Park Hotel site in preparation for the development of the new Urban Health Hub to provide a welcoming health gateway for patients with mental health and other health issues.

The site is being transformed into a multi-function centre and will house an expanded range of targeted, community-based mental health programs in a safe, respectful and welcoming environment. It will include a Safe Haven suicide prevention initiative similar to the model being currently trialled at the St Vincent's O'Brien Centre.

As one grateful client recently expressed, *"Last week I was about to take my own life – this week I've got so much support and I am surrounded by inspirational people."*

We continue to be grateful to the JW & M Cunningham Foundation, Brian Boyd, and the Boyd Family, the Payce Foundation, Paynter Dixon and Charles Curran AC for their support to progress this important project.

In 2024 the Foundation will launch the campaign to raise at least \$12 million to bring the vision of the Urban Health Hub at Green Park to reality.

## Managed Alcohol Program Development - (MAP)

Mental Health Disorders and Addiction have no boundaries. They touch all families and our communities regardless of social status, financial status or culture. The St Vincent's Curran Foundation MAP campaign is currently focussed on enabling the establishment of an Australian first pilot of a residential managed alcohol program which through the regular dispensing of alcohol alongside accommodation and other programming, reduces alcohol related harms.

The overall aim of MAP is to improve participants' access to clinical services that enable them to manage and stabilise their drinking, improve their overall health, wellbeing, and quality of life. MAP participation overseas has been linked to positive outcomes including fewer hospital admissions, detox episodes, police contacts leading to custody, reduced non-beverage alcohol consumption and decreases in alcohol related harms.

The campaign to raise \$5 million towards the establishment of the MAP Program is spearheaded by dedicated St Vincent's Curran Foundation supporters Matthew Duncan and the Duncan Family, the Curran Family, David Hall AM and Helene Hall and the PAYCE Foundation.

**Dominic Sullivan, Will Morgan, Niamh Mannion, James Boyd from the PAYCE Foundation.**



# HELPING OUR HOMELESS ACCESS HEALTHCARE

St Vincent's Hospital Sydney has long cared for the homeless community of inner-city Sydney, honouring the dedication of our founding Sisters of Charity to helping those in need. Marginalised people may be unable to afford treatment, and may be ineligible for assistance through Medicare, or too afraid to engage with mainstream health services, but the Homeless Health Service ensures everyone receives treatment with the same care and compassion.

## The Tierney House Samaritan Fund

A donation by the Margaret Pemberton Foundation and Gary Pemberton AC and Margaret Pemberton created a new discretionary fund in 2020 to transform care for marginalised patients. By expanding the support Tierney House provides to Sydney's "rough sleepers", the Samaritan Fund makes life changing healthcare relationships possible.

The Samaritan Fund covers necessary expenses such as medication, clothing for interviews, haircuts, birth certificates, mobile phones and food items.

However, the fund's far-reaching effect lies in building and maintaining a genuine rapport between patients and clinicians. The simple act of buying someone a coffee or arranging identity documents is often enough to engender trust, not only of the Homeless Health Service but health services in general. Health or psychosocial goals can be identified, worked on and, often, achieved, allowing patients the chance of much improved lives including where possible transferring them into safe, stable, sustainable accommodation.

Partly funded by NSW Health and private donations, Tierney House was established in 2011 in response to the high numbers of vulnerable people presenting and returning to the Emergency Department. The non-clinical unit, named after Sr Maurice Tierney rsc, offers accommodation and care to marginalised people convalescing or receiving treatment for chronic health conditions, with support staff and peer support workers helping residents arrange and attend medical appointments. Tierney House residents have an average length of stay of 11.4 days.

Erin Longbottom, Nursing Unit Manager,  
St Vincent's Hospital Homeless Health Service  
with Cameron French, Residential Services Manager,  
Tierney House



## Mobile Nursing Support for Integrated Care

A very generous anonymous donor is helping St Vincent's Hospital improve healthcare access for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, people who use substances and people experiencing mental illness. These groups often experience barriers to accessing healthcare, but the new Integrated Care Mobile Clinic (ICMC) service funded by St Vincent's Health Australia's Inclusive Health Program is helping change this by taking crucial medical services out to them.

The ICMC is a fully equipped hospital clinic in the back of a truck. The mobile clinic provides chronic disease management, mental health support, alcohol and drug support, and other specialist care, while state-of-the-art telehealth facilities allow vulnerable people to attend specialist appointments without going to hospital.

Thanks to our anonymous donor, St Vincent's Curran Foundation was able to fund a dedicated Nursing Unit Manager who will ensure coordinated, effective and appropriate clinical services. The donation also funded an Indigenous Health Care Worker for the ICMC, realising the vision of not only delivering health care but ensuring a culturally appropriate and safe service for our local First Nations people and communities.

## COMET reaches further afield

Poor mental health and lack of access to appropriate care are significant contributors to homelessness, and the complex health needs of marginalised people with potentially chronic and acute conditions require specialised services. The Community Outreach Medical Emergency Team (COMET) has been a philanthropically funded component of our Homeless Health Service since 2010 and takes health assessments, treatment, referrals and care coordination out 'to the streets' to people sleeping rough or in temporary or crisis accommodation.

In 2022, our visionary donors enabled COMET to continue the roles of three Clinical Nurse Consultants and a Peer Support Worker. Without the generous and ongoing donations by the Henry Pollack Foundation, Renee Pollack, The Howarth Foundation, Peter Howarth OAM and Judy Howarth, and the bequest of the Late Robert Scot Skirving, the Homeless Health Service would be at risk of losing these important COMET staff.

Meanwhile, the team's medical Registrar and Registered Nurse have been able to reach more people thanks to the compact, easily parked vehicles kindly donated by Sandersons Mercedes-Benz Rushcutters Bay. By being able to access challenging locations, these trained clinicians can support more vulnerable clients, build their trust and engage them with health care and homelessness services.



Homeless health team with COMET Car

# TRANSFORMATIONAL GIVING IN ACTION

Since the first bequest to St Vincent's in 1880, the legacy of those before us continues to underpin medical research, empowers the advancement of leading-edge technologies and promotes exemplary care at St Vincent's. Our grateful patients make it possible for St Vincent's to follow in the footsteps of the founding Sisters of Charity and continue to deliver compassionate health care to all those in need.

Leaving a bequest to support clinical excellence for future generations is a selfless act of generosity. We acknowledge and thank those whose future legacy will continue to fan the flame of St Vincent's compassionate care for future generations.

## A gift keeps on giving after 67 years

Dr Robert Scot Skirving holds the record as the longest-serving member of St Vincent's Hospital staff, serving as an Honorary Surgeon for 67 years from 1889 to 1956. When he died, aged 97, at his Bellevue Hill home on 15 July 1956, Dr Skirving left a cash gift of £500 in his Will to St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. Little did he know that his original act of generosity would compound 67 years later.

When his estate was being wound up in 2023, its Trustee decided to make a discretionary payment to the legatees of Dr Skirving's Will, and St Vincent's Hospital received another \$2.35 million. This unexpected gift will benefit patients and staff in several priority mission-based programs and services that urgently need funding. The Dental Special Needs Program will continue to assist marginalised patients; Cancer Services can offer clinical psychologists for another three years; the Hospitals will benefit from another three years of curator and archivist services; the Men's Health program received clinical support; and the Healing, Hope and Humanity Fund's assistance for our disadvantaged community has been boosted.

By choosing to leave a gift in his Will, Dr Skirving trusted it would make a lasting difference to the lives of others in the future. He may never have imagined how long-lasting that gift would be.



The Late Dr Robert Scot Skirving



Dr Peter Foltyn, St Vincent's Hospital Dental Department

## St Vincent's Hospital never forgotten

In December 2020 St Vincent's Hospital Sydney learned of a bequest that piqued our curiosity.

The surprise benefactor, Alex Derek Stephens, had made two previous donations to the Hospital in 1996, but we then lost touch with him after he moved to northern New South Wales. What had prompted this later expression of generosity towards the Surgical Department?

We learned from his executor that Mr Stephens had, long ago, been a St Vincent's Hospital patient. Back in February 1995, he underwent a life saving operation for a fast-growing Grade 4 brain tumour, followed by radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Although the treatment did not completely eradicate the tumour, it granted Mr Stephens another 25 years, and this period became a catalyst for major life change. He began to focus on travelling and helping others, and he never forgot the Hospital and the dedicated staff who had saved his life. That explained why, in October 2016, he instructed his solicitor to include a bequest to St Vincent's Hospital in his Will.

A significant portion of Mr Stephens' generous bequest will enable public cancer patients to access life saving robotic surgery. The Bequest will also help support the hospital purchase the latest cardiac perfusion machines, which are used during heart surgery to maintain the body's organs and tissues in a safe and stable condition while the heart is stopped.

In the spirit of helping others – a purpose that became so important to Mr Stephens after his experience at St Vincent's – all the areas to which Mr Stephen's bequest has been applied will be of great significance to many patients at a time when they need it the most.

Neither Mr Stephens nor the medical team who saved him could have imagined the life-changing impact he would have on patients at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney more than a quarter of a century later.



Robotic surgery

# PRECISION MISSION FOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL

## \$7 million Campaign funds Robotic Surgery

Committed supporters of the St Vincent's Curran Foundation's Robotics and Precision Medicine Campaign have raised over \$7 million to enable surgeons at St Vincent's Private Hospital to undertake life-changing, minimally invasive surgery across a range of specialities. By funding the latest robotic equipment, precision medicine tools and operating theatre upgrades, the campaign ensures the Hospital can continue to ensure world-leading technologies are available to optimise patient outcomes.

St Vincent's Private now performs more than 1,000 orthopaedic and joint replacement procedures each year along with a wide range of neurosurgical, endoscopic and cardiothoracic operations, all calling for the utmost in precision and care. The support of our campaign donors means the Hospital can continue to lead, as one of Australia's most advanced health care facilities.



Dr Sanjeev Gupta, Mrs Rosalinda Sample, Mr John Sample, Dr Amir Kalanie with the Mako Robot

## Jointly making a difference

Our Robotics and Precision Medicine Campaign, energetically chaired by visionary donor John Sample, has enabled St Vincent's Private to enhance outcomes for patients undergoing joint replacement surgery with new technologies. Robotic equipment assists surgeons to perform complex operations with less invasion than traditional surgery, resulting in much faster recovery times for patients.

In the past 12 months the Hospital has been able to acquire a Da Vinci robot for endoscopy and cardiothoracic surgery and a Pulse NuVasive™ system for neurosurgery, and in December 2022, a Mako robot for hip and knee surgery joined our recently purchased VELYS™ Knee robot. The Mako has not only revolutionised the standard of care for these surgical procedures, but has also increased our capacity to better serve our community by attracting both new clinicians and patients.

Very special thanks go to our Precision Medicine supporters, including the JW & M Cunningham Foundation, James and Kim Auswild, Ian and Maggie Joye, the Walker Family Foundation, the Medich Foundation, Alf Moufarrige AO and Marianne Moufarrige, the Freedman Foundation, Nabi and Angela Saleh, the O'Halloran Foundation, Ginia Rinehart Robinson, Les Schirato AM, Tony Sukkar AM and Josephine Sukkar AM, the Sutton family, Peter and Stephanie Wainberg, and the Estate of Joan Mary Hodgson and Sir Matthew John O'Neil.

## Friends gather to celebrate achievements

The Friends of St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney continue to enable life changing medical care through annual gifts to St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney.

In September 2022, this loyal group of supporters celebrated the outcomes of their support at the annual Friends of the Private reception, held at the Sandersons Mercedes-Benz dealership in Rushcutters Bay. On behalf of the Hospital's Patron, Roslyn Packer AC, who was unable to attend, guest speaker John Morschel thanked the Friends group for the wonderful work that continues to ensure that St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney is "equipped as a Hospital of the future".

Our special thanks go to Greg, Elizabeth, Serena, Will and the entire Sanderson family, who have been hosting the Friends of the Private reception since its inception in 2011.

## St Vincent de Paul Sculpture arrives from Italy

The Foundation was extremely proud to unveil a stunning marble sculpture of St Vincent de Paul, patron saint of the Hospital, which is on permanent display in the Private Hospital foyer. Devised and handcrafted by Australian sculptor Peter Schipperheyn, the 800kg work was completed in September 2022 after an extraordinary journey from the marble quarries of Italy to the artist's workshop in Australia and more than a year of carvings.

Congratulations to Father Darryl Mackie, Chaplain at St Vincent's Private, and art consultant Elizabeth Hastings, and thank you to the incredible generosity of loyal St Vincent's supporters David Hall AM and Helene Hall for supporting this beautiful project.



St Vincent de Paul sculpture by Peter Schipperheyn

# ENHANCING CARE IN REGIONAL NSW

Patients in rural communities face particular challenges when they need health care. Getting a diagnosis, undergoing frequent treatments and accessing supportive and understanding care are significant burdens for anybody, but if you have to travel to Sydney for these services, the burdens are even greater.

Since opening in 2016, St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith has brought an outstanding level of healthcare and an ever increasing range of services closer to patients in the Murrumbidgee region of New South Wales. The continued support of our donor community means we can look forward to even more life changing care for patients in this thriving regional community.

**Gabby Wood, General Manager St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith with Dr Brett Leavers**

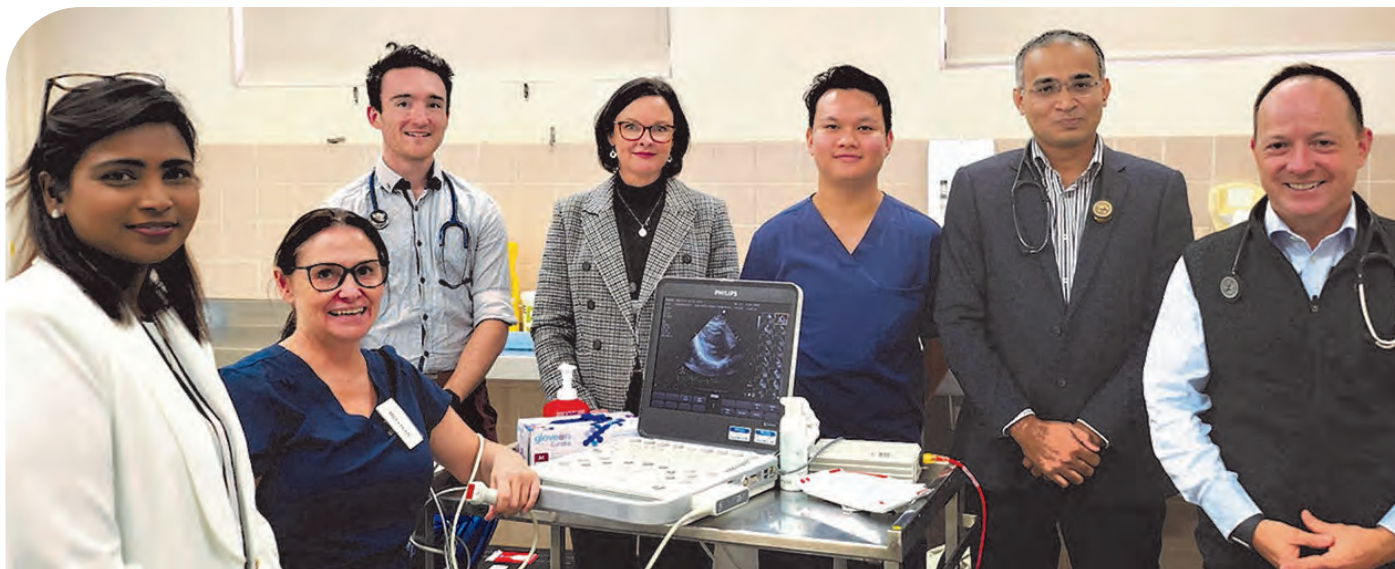


## Regional Health Hub expands

Over the past year, the St Vincent's Griffith team have continued developing the Hospital into a Regional Health Hub with facilities for specialist clinicians in fields most needed by local patients. Local residents can now easily access more than 30 key medical specialties, including Cardiology, Ear Nose and Throat (ENT), Gastroenterology, Orthopaedics, Palliative Care and Cancer, and our Teaching and Learning collaborations are greatly appreciated in the nearby communities.

Establishing a Regional Health Hub facility of this calibre requires an investment of \$5 million over the next five years. We are so grateful for the generous pledged donations of just over \$3.5 million to date, and our special thanks to the Casella Spagnolo Trust, Baiada and the Finemore Family for their ongoing leading support.

Grants from the St Vincent's Curran Endowment Fund have also improved the health care experience for regional patients. The grants enabled St Vincent's Griffith to purchase new state-of-the-art equipment that enhances safety and care for local patients while encouraging medical practitioners to provide services at the Hospital. A set of Neoprobe® probes acquired in 2022 will allow greater accuracy and patient safety when locating and dissecting the lymph nodes of cancer patients, and new cystoscopy scopes purchased this year will assist urologists during bladder examinations. The flexible scopes, used to look for inflammation, urinary infections and abnormalities or when reviewing past cancer patients, are minimally invasive, with most patients feeling comfortable even when fully awake during the procedure.



Heart Failure and Valve Outreach team with St Vincent's Prof Andrew Roy, far right

## Cancer and heart specialists enhance regional care

Philanthropic support is helping support early cancer detection programs and helping save lives. The Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network has noticed a higher rate of bowel cancer detection and evidence of frequent head and neck cancer detection in the Griffith area, which means that regional access to cancer services and ear, nose and throat care is vital. Assisted by donor generosity, Professor Richard Gallagher and Dr Brett Leavers from St Vincent's Hospital Sydney have continued building up the clinics they established in 2021 to fill service gaps and save lives.

The Griffith region also reports some of the highest rates of heart disease, but local patients can now obtain cardiac diagnostics and certain immediate treatments much closer to home, thanks to some exceptionally generous supporters. The essential

cardiac diagnostic equipment funded by the Camilleri family's \$1 million gift has been in full-time use at the Heart Health Centre, which was established last year at St Vincent's Griffith under the leadership of Sydney based specialists A/Prof Andrew Roy and Dr David Roy.

The Heart Health Centre has also partnered with Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service to deliver free Heart Failure and Valve Outreach clinics across the region. Patients have spoken positively about the Echo diagnostic and Cloud server equipment that was provided by St Vincent's Curran Foundation.

St Vincent's is proud to deliver vital health services to the Griffith community, and we thank all our donors for their commitment to our *Care for the Community* campaign over the past six years.

Robyn Finemore and Ron Finemore AO





# STRENGTHENING ST VINCENT'S HEART LUNG EXCELLENCE

With the support of visionary philanthropy, Professor Michael Feneley AM and Nicole de Tullio, have led work by the St Vincent's Heart Lung Stream that will help formally establish St Vincent's Heart Lung Centre of Excellence.

As medical research and technology continue to evolve at such a rapid pace, we honour the commitment of all of our supporters who are helping St Vincent's maintain its pre-eminent position in the field of Heart and Lung Innovation.

## Heart Lung Clinic and Intensive Care Unit

Fundraising in 2022 set out to secure at least \$5 million towards the expansion of our Heart Lung Clinic and new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) pods. With both projects now in progress, we sincerely thank all the donors who have supported this important development from the outset.

The 11 additional consulting rooms under construction in the Heart Lung Clinic will include two negative pressure air flow rooms for increased infection control. The staged opening of the new spaces in late 2023 makes a total of 20 rooms available for patient consultations.

Meanwhile, ICU's expansion will deliver six new individual intensive care beds with latest infection control. This expansion is particularly significant for our cardiothoracic surgery and trauma patients, who are vulnerable to infection. With core building works well underway, this component of the project should be completed in the first half of 2024.

## Redevelopment of St Vincent's Interventional Cardiology suites

To ensure St Vincent's Hospital Sydney can continue to provide outstanding cardiothoracic care, St Vincent's Curran Foundation launched a campaign to raise \$8 million for the redevelopment of the existing interventional cardiology suites. This work is critical for meeting the increasing demand for life saving minimally invasive cardiac procedures, building on our flagship Heart Lung programs, and support our efforts to become a Centre of Excellence for Heart Lung.

The redevelopment will include upgrades to vital equipment, including angiogram and imaging machines, and improvements to air filtration, lighting and other features that enhance infection control and patient safety. The revitalised suites will increase our capacity for minimally invasive cardiac procedures and enable us to continue to be world leaders in this field.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank all our donors who have supported this important project so far. Our special thanks and deep appreciation go to the JW & M Cunningham Foundation, the late Laurie Sutton AM and the Sutton Family, and Jack Cowin AM and Sharon Cowin.

## Pagent Family Director of Clinical Research – Heart Lung

We sincerely thank and acknowledge Ian and Maryanne Pagent and the entire Pagent Family for a visionary gift that has enabled the establishment of the Pagent Family Director of Clinical Research Heart Lung.

The Director will develop and guide transformative clinical research across the Heart Lung field that focuses research on patients and hastens improvements in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care. This key new role will contribute to positioning St Vincent's Health Precinct Sydney as the natural home of high-quality cardiovascular research and realise our vision for international accreditation of our Heart Lung Program as a Centre of Excellence.

Most importantly, the role will boost our efforts to provide increasingly personalised health care solutions for our cardiothoracic patients.



## Life Changing Artificial Hearts

Nearly one in 50 Australians will die from heart failure, a form of cardiovascular disease in which the heart does not pump blood effectively. In the face of these statistics, we are grateful for the continued support of an especially generous anonymous donor who is helping to improve the solutions available.

Patients with advanced heart failure rely either on implanted cardiac devices to support their heart function, or on access to a heart transplant – an option limited by the number of suitable hearts available.

Professor Chris Hayward and the Mechanical Circulatory Support Research team at St Vincent's Hospital are part of a multidisciplinary consortium that is working hard to develop a suite of revolutionary implantable cardiac devices that will offer longer term solutions for patients experiencing heart failure. The consortium brings together St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, Melbourne's Alfred Hospital, the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, industry partner BiVACOR, the University of New South Wales, and Monash, Griffith and Queensland Universities.

Thanks to this generous support, the Mechanical Circulatory Support Research team can focus over the coming year on advancing the Total Artificial Heart (BiVACOR) trials.

Professor Hayward and the Mechanical Circulatory Support Program team are deeply appreciative of this generous contribution that holds the promise of delivering life changing solutions for heart failure patients both here and overseas.

Professor Chris Hayward



Dr Paul Jansz second from left with the Cardiothoracic Surgical team and patient Kerelee Riimana

## Life changing valve transplant for 76 year-old patient

St Vincent's life changing Interventional Cardiology Service (ICS) conducts more than 4,000 procedures each year and is home to a ground-breaking Minimally Invasive Interventional Cardiology program. Almost entirely enabled by philanthropic gifts, it is an inspiring example of the power of donors to help improve patient outcomes.

Earlier this year, Professor David Muller, Director of Interventional Cardiology, and his team performed one of the world's first transcatheter implants of a tricuspid heart valve on a 76 year-old patient who was too frail to undergo open heart surgery.

If the tricuspid valve is not working properly, it can cause heart failure, but this patient recovered well and is enormously grateful for the chance to have a better quality of life.

We extend our sincere thanks to long-standing supporters of our Minimally Invasive Valve Program, Les Shirato AM and Luisa Shirato, Ray and Bernadette Wilson, and Phillip Wolanski AM.

## Rothery Family Patient Access Fund

Providing access to world-leading procedures for patients who are financially disadvantaged is an important example of how philanthropy supports St Vincent's.

A visionary gift from the Rothery family and Goldman Sachs Gives recently, made life-saving cardiothoracic surgery possible for three international patients. The Rothery Family Patient Access Fund helps those not covered by Medicare to access vital cardiothoracic surgical procedures. Thanks to this support, Kerelee Riimana, Sister Juniko Toaua and Father Sanan Luangkaew travelled to St Vincent's Hospital from the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Thailand respectively and were supported by the excellent and compassionate care of Dr Paul Jansz and the Cardiothoracic Surgical Unit.

Thank you to the Rothery Family for changing the lives of many.

## Lung transplant research

A new research fellowship is bringing hope to lung transplant patients, who face long-term survival rates far lower than those of other organ transplantations. Many lung transplant patients develop a condition called chronic lung allograft dysfunction (CLAD) – a major hurdle for long-term survival. The Carina Martin Lung Transplant Research Fellowship supports clinical trials in the early detection of CLAD.

Established through the generosity of the Alexandra and Lloyd Martin Family Foundation, the Fellowship will advance the potentially life saving work of our Lung Transplant Clinical Trials Unit. Dr Eisa Tahmasbpour took up the Fellowship in 2023 under the guidance of Dr David Darley. Their work was recently presented at the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation's 43rd Annual Meeting in Denver, USA. Their research will also be published in the prestigious *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation*. We thank the Alexandra and Lloyd Martin Family Foundation for their ongoing commitment.

We also extend our special thanks to Geoff Cox and the Bluesand Foundation for their support of transplant prehabilitation, lung function assessment and data synthesis tools and programs - key functions in supporting the work of these important clinical trials.

## Combating Interstitial Lung Disease

Thanks to donor gifts, especially to the Eva and Tom Breuer Foundation, the St Vincent's Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Clinic team, led by Dr Claire Thomson, is expanding its service offering and research program to ensure access to the best possible care and life changing treatments for ILD patients.

ILD has a huge impact on the lives of people living with diseases such as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, Scleroderma, Pneumonitis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and occupational lung diseases. While some forms of ILD are short-lived, others can be chronic, progressive and, unfortunately, irreversible.

A/Prof Anthony Byrne and Dr Eisa Tahmasbpour

## Accelerating clinical research for Long COVID

With one in ten COVID-19 patients experiencing lingering symptoms long after others have fully recovered, with the support of Matt Handbury and the Handbury Foundation, St Vincent's clinicians and researchers have been working to understand this debilitating version of the disease and find effective treatments.

The phrase "Long COVID" is used to describe any patient experiencing ongoing symptoms such as fatigue, persistent cough, shortness of breath, and brain fog - all of which make everyday life difficult. The Handbury Foundation Respiratory Long COVID Fellow provides support for the Hospital's Long COVID clinic accelerating development of clinical research, to help sufferers regain their normal lives.

Our sincere thanks go to the Handbury Foundation and all supporters of our Long COVID research and care programs for their generosity.

**"This unique, three-year role strengthens clinical and research capacity of the Long COVID service, which is leading the clinical management of this debilitating condition affecting thousands of Sydney-siders alone."**

**A/PROF ANTHONY BYRNE**



# CELLULAR THERAPIES COLLABORATIONS FOR CURES

## Transforming Myeloma outcomes

At St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, work continues towards a Centre of Excellence for Cellular Therapies for malignant and autoimmune diseases and our program of research and care for haematopoietic stem cell transplant patients is thriving, thanks to the generous support of our donors.

In the Cellular Therapies Unit, the partnership between Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a global leader of Myeloma research, and our Haematology Unit is now active. Through the visionary support of James and Amelia Symond, the partnership has allowed our Myeloma team to expand clinical trials for high-risk and relapsing patients and develop specialist nursing care.

Clinical Nurse Consultant Susan Stapleton, an experienced Haematology nurse with previous clinical trial experience, is the James and Amelia Symond Study Nurse for 2023. Susan has been part of St Vincent's Cancer Services for almost 20 years, and she is passionate about helping patients with Myeloma access clinical trials to improve their outcomes and quality of life.

Thank you, James and Amelia, for your visionary gift.

## Partnering to cure cancer

A major research program in Myeloma, a type of blood cancer that develops from plasma cells in the bone marrow causing bone lesions, severe illness and suffering to patients worldwide has been made possible by a generous donation.

The work led by Haematologist Dr Georgia McCaughan, benefitted from a generous gift of \$233,000 from Tour de Cure, the community funding organisation dedicated to supporting Australia's cancer researchers.

We are grateful to the entire Tour de Cure community and in particular Tour De Cure supporter David Beak, for their generosity and work which made this gift possible.

The funding will help Dr McCaughan and her team explore the safety of Romosozumab, a drug traditionally used for osteoporosis in women with a high risk of bone fracture, in helping to reduce bone loss in patients with Myeloma.



Susan Stapleton, Dr Georgia McCaughan

## Powering collaboration and coordination in clinical research

The Bourne Foundation is assisting the development of new courses of treatment for stem cell transplant patients, such as those with autoimmune diseases, by funding a new role at St Vincent's. As the new Bourne Foundation Cellular Therapies Multidisciplinary and Data Manager, Patricia Plenge facilitates all aspects of clinical trials and has coordinated information sharing across a group of national and international cellular therapy centres.

Patricia says, *"Philanthropic support has been vital for us to implement research studies into novel treatment regimens that will benefit patients and, potentially, change clinical management in the future."*

Our sincere thanks to the Bourne Foundation for enabling this life changing work.

## Vale Greg Arandt 1968–2023

St Vincent's Curran Foundation acknowledges the sad passing of Greg Arandt. Greg was a wonderful friend and generous supporter of St Vincent's Hospitals and the Foundation, with a tenacious vision for increased funding to combat Myeloma through immunotherapy research. As a founding Director of the ZAMASA Foundation, he was instrumental in the creation of the ZAMASA Myeloma Fellowship, which has enabled a dedicated Myeloma service that expands our clinical trials capacity and supports further research collaborations.

We offer our sincere condolences to Greg's family and friends.

**The Late Greg Arandt from Zamasa Foundation**



David and Pippa Beak

## Medical Research Future Fund boost for Multiple Sclerosis research

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is the most commonly acquired chronic neurological disease affecting young adults, and there is no known single cause. Work on identifying people at risk of developing MS received a thrilling boost this year when the Medical Research Future Fund awarded \$2 million to a research consortium led by the Garvan Institute of Medical Research.

The Open Coast-to-Coast Australian Multiple Sclerosis consortium (OCCAMS), which includes St Vincent's Hospital Neurologist Dr Jennifer Massey and Garvan's Professor Tri Phan, has had a recent string of grant successes, including a \$75,000 UNSW Triple I grant involving the Chong Family Director of Cellular Therapies, A/Prof John Moore. The consortium will be able to continue investigating how the subtle differences in a person's immune profile and its response to the common Epstein-Barr virus may predispose them to MS.

In the third year of our partnership, we sincerely thank MS Australia for its generous support of our Cellular Therapies program and its ongoing commitment to national and international research collaboration. Special thanks also goes to our friend and supporter, Andy Price of the Kiriwina Investment Company.

# BRAINS TRUST PROGRESS TRIALS AND TREATMENTS

## TOWARDS A NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

St Vincent's Hospitals have a long and proud tradition of research into brain disorders and care for those experiencing brain illnesses.

The Foundation's Brains Trust campaign launched in early 2021 has been pivotal in supporting leading St Vincent's neurologists, neurosurgeons and neuroscientists in the world-class brain health and research work being done on the St Vincent's Darlinghurst Precinct.

To date, generous donors of the Brains Trust campaign have contributed \$8 million to a range of important projects.

The goal of the Foundation is to now support the ambition of our talented clinicians and researchers to establish a St Vincent's Neurological Centre of Excellence as a central platform of St Vincent's commitment to caring for the growing number of older people in our community.



A/Prof Stephen Tisch  
and Dr Joel Maamary



MRI guided focussed ultrasound providing treatment by A/Prof Stephen Tisch

## Minimally invasive therapies treat movement disorders

Exciting results have been achieved from a clinical trial supported by a grant from the JW & M Cunningham Foundation that could change the lives of patients with focal dystonia, a movement disorder that often affects musicians, athletes, hairstylists, writers and others who use fine motor skills. The condition manifests as muscle contractions that causes abnormal movements in an isolated part of the body, and sufferers frequently face the loss of their profession – and their livelihood – as a result.

The clinical trial, led by Neurologist Dr Joel Maamary, uses magnetic resonance-guided focussed ultrasound or MRgFUS to treat the condition, with spectacular results. MRgFUS is a non-invasive, non-surgical procedure that uses radiofrequency to destroy a small, targeted area of the brain without harming adjacent tissue. Patients who have resumed their careers after this treatment include an internationally lauded concert violinist, who regained her hand functionality immediately.

Dr Maamary's Movement Disorders Fellow research position is generously supported by the Sherman Foundation, Amanda Kailis and Michael Frazis.

## Cunningham Fellows move forward

Since 2021, the JW & M Cunningham Foundation has been a key supporter of Neurologist Dr James Peters, the Cunningham Fellow in Movement Disorders specialising in Fragile X.

Dr Peters has been involved in running a monthly St Vincent's Fragile X mutation carrier clinic, the only dedicated service of this kind in NSW and one of only two in Australia.

Additionally, he has recently initiated an investigator led research program into quality of life for patients with Fragile X tremor ataxia syndrome, a progressive and debilitating neurodegenerative movement disorder where patients have difficulty with tremor and balance amongst other challenging issues.

In 2022 the JW & M Cunningham Foundation announced a new Cunningham Fellow grant to support the St Vincent's American Australian Association clinical exchange program. This will enable emerging St Vincent's neurologists to travel to institutions in the United States to further their research programs in Movement Disorders.

## Personal experience leads to muscle cramp support

People who suffer from persistent muscle cramps live with daily chronic pain, mobility issues and muscle stiffness that significantly affects their lives, both physically and psychologically. Little is known about this condition and its underlying causes. Increasing the knowledge base around this condition will bring transformational relief to patients, as supporter Dr Bruce Markell knows from personal experience.

A/Prof Susan Tomlinson, Neurology Specialist Clinical Researcher at St Vincent's Hospital, specialises in muscle cramps and headache disorders, and her team's research finally eased Dr Markell's decades-long suffering. His frequent and unexplained attacks of debilitating muscle cramps reduced dramatically after taking a muscle-nerve inhibitor the team had developed.

A grateful Dr Markell is helping to bring relief to other sufferers by funding the training and career development of a research neuroscientist. Luc Charmet-Mougey BSc is now working to establish a bank of control subjects and apply excitability studies to specific cohorts of patients. Thank you to Dr Markell for supporting this important work to assist other patients.

## Peter Duncan Neurosciences Research Unit

As we age, we are all more likely to experience a neurodegenerative disease such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease. Dementia is a devastating condition that is now the largest cause of death of women in Australia.

This reality makes research and development of treatments a high priority for the Peter Duncan Neurosciences Research Unit at St Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research, and St Vincent's supporters are empowering them to change the prognosis for patients living with these conditions.

## Leading the way in clinical drug trials for Dementia

The Peter Duncan Neurosciences Research Unit, one of the leading facilities in Australia conducting clinical trials in Dementia, is improving the prospects for patients. Lecanemab, Aducanumab and Donanemab, all of which were trialled at St Vincent's, are the only drugs now proven to slow the rate of decline (albeit moderately) in people with Alzheimer's disease, leading to various stages of approval for use in the United States.

Professor Bruce Brew AM, and his team continue to develop and test drugs for various types of dementia including those caused by viruses. A Dementia Prevention Service and Research Program as well as an integrated prevention care model for people at risk are planned.

We are extremely grateful for the significant gifts from Trazblend, the Dunbier family, Michael Musgrave and for the ongoing support of Pirtek, whose generosity enables the crucial lab-based research and clinical trial program that is changing lives affected by Dementia.



Stephen Dutton, CEO Pirtek  
and Professor Bruce Brew AM



Professor Bryce Vissel with researchers, Dr Sandy Stayte, Dr Peggy Rensch, Dr Nesli Avgan

## St Vincent's team led by Professor Bryce Vissel makes a world leading discovery in Alzheimer's disease

A world leading research team at St Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research has made an exciting discovery in Alzheimer's disease. The International team, led by Professor Bryce Vissel, together with the Boyarsky Family Research Scientist, Lyndsey Konen, has just published a discovery in a world leading peer-reviewed journal showing that it is possible to prevent nerve damage in the brain that occurs in Alzheimer's disease patients.

The team showed that by preventing this damage to nerve cell connections, called synapses, memory processes could be restored in a mouse model of Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's is a devastating condition for which there is no cure. This discovery is a key to the holy grail of Alzheimer's disease research - how we can prevent memory loss in humans and prevent the disease progression and its devastating consequences.

The goal now is to accelerate the work to further investigate how to maintain healthy synapses, and how harnessing the immune system could help that process and ultimately deliver a cure.

*"We are deeply grateful to the many visionary donors who made this important work possible and who are creating hope for life changing relief to so many people."* said Professor Bryce Vissel.



Vera and Andrew Boyarsky

# LIFE CHANGING CANCER CARE

## Developing new therapies for breast cancer

Although current cancer treatments have improved patient outcomes, many cancers still resist treatment or recur elsewhere in the body. Many more lives could be saved if treatments prevented the disease from recurring – and a St Vincent's research project is pursuing this goal, thanks to generous donor support.

Phil Salter Immuno-Oncology Fellow Dr Andrew Yam is investigating the immune system's potential for making cancer-killing cells. By injecting dead bacteria into tumours, Dr Yam has shown that cancer cells can be killed by bacteria enhanced white blood cells called neutrophils. His research found that mice cured of breast cancer this way were protected against both cancer recurrence and new cancers growing in other places. The injection treatment also enhances existing immunotherapies, making the patient's body stronger at fighting cancer.

We are very grateful that the Salter family, who have already supported Dr Yam's research for five years, have increased their commitment for a further three years to support this groundbreaking work towards a better long-term prognosis for patients with cancer.

## Specialised care for Ocular Melanoma patients

The generosity of an international pharmaceutical company via an unrestricted educational grant is transforming the care experience for patients with Ocular Melanoma, a rare cancer that affects the eyes, causes visual blurriness or sudden loss of vision, and can quietly spread to other parts of the body.

Support from Medison Pharma has enabled researchers to use base line data of this rare cancer to understand the impact of ocular melanoma on a patient's well being. With care offered both in person at the Kinghorn Cancer Centre and virtually across Australia, this research helps define highly specialised services and amplifies the Centre's position as a national pioneer in cancer care.

Christine Salter with her daughter Anna Longley



## An international breast cancer collaboration

With 20,000 women in Australia diagnosed with breast cancer each year, a new research scholarship funded by St Vincent's Curran Foundation donors aims to reduce this sobering statistic. We are grateful to Bob and Wendy Dunnet for helping to establish the Naomi Simpson International Exchange Program in Breast Cancer Research with the renowned Dana-Faber Cancer Institute in Boston, named in memory of their daughter Naomi who passed away in 2022 from Breast Cancer.

Each year a breast cancer specialist from Dana-Faber will visit St Vincent's, under the supervision of Professor Elgene Lim, to collaborate and share knowledge, while our researchers will travel to Dana-Faber in exchange. The scholarship will increase knowledge of this cancer in Australia and contribute to life changing progress in care and treatment.

## Anal cancer and HIV

Up to 500 people are diagnosed with anal cancer in Australia every year, and people with a weakened immune system (including those living with HIV) are most at risk. To improve outcomes for these patients, the Radiofrequency Ablation Elimination of Anal Dysplasia (READY) pre-cancer removal and treatment program aims to prevent anal cancer developing in the pre-cancer stage by making early intervention possible.

The donor-supported program studies the involvement of microbiome in at-risk patients and continues pre-cancer screenings, which are not

publicly funded, for high risk patients. Our sincere thanks go to Dr Peter Brennan AM and Michael Lynch for their three year commitment to Professor Richard Hillman's work on the study, care and treatment of anal cancer.

## Understanding cancer cell by cell

Patients with lung cancer who have never smoked, may soon have a greater understanding of their disease, thanks to medical oncologist Dr Venessa Chin's research. Dr Chin's work studies the varied response an individual has to exposure to pollution, a process thought to be critical in the development of lung cancer in this group of patients.

*"Currently, we have no way of predicting which non-smoking individuals are vulnerable to developing lung cancer,"* Dr Chin says.

However, through Dr Chin's work, we may soon be able to identify those patients at the highest risk.

In establishing two tissue and blood biobanks for patients with cancer, Dr Chin has created an excellent resource for translational research into the study of cancers of the lung, head and neck. Her work is supported by Cure Cancer, which funds emerging cancer researchers, and Dr John and Mrs Anne Chong, whose generosity helps make the investigations possible.

**"Currently, immunotherapy is costly and not well understood, so it's often the last line of defence recommended for people with end-stage cancer,"** Dr Chin says. **However, patients identified as being more responsive would be able to commence treatment sooner.**

**DR VENESSA CHIN**



# REMOVING BARRIERS FOR BETTER MEN'S HEALTH

Prostate cancer, the most prevalent cancer in men, is responsible for one in eight male cancer deaths, with only lung cancer having a higher fatality rate. Yet, because the public health system lacks any comprehensive care plan that can meet all the needs of men living with prostate cancer, most GP referrals direct patients to private health care pathways, which not everyone can access. This imbalance is now being addressed at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney thanks to the generous support of the NELUNE Foundation, which enables us to deliver world-class, leading cancer care in the public sector.

For many years, the NELUNE Foundation has helped improve equity in cancer treatment and changed thousands of lives by supporting St Vincent's Hospital. Its generous involvement has created the NELUNE Treatment Centre in the Kinghorn Cancer Centre, supported the Haematology Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit, funded Cancer Care Co-ordinators to manage cancer treatment pathways, and provided vital medical equipment. Now the NELUNE Foundation is helping to establish another specialised centre.



Nelune Rajapakse AM  
and Anna Guillan AM

## Righting inequity

The NELUNE Foundation's commitment of \$3.3 million will enable St Vincent's to redesign a premium location at the Darlinghurst precinct into a facility specifically designed to transform access to prostate cancer care and ensure dignity for all patients. The vision for the new St Vincent's NELUNE Men's Health Centre is to remove the barriers that prevent these patients receiving excellent care and wrap-around support.

In a state-first model, a comprehensive approach will deliver dignified, world-class care through united expertise in Urology, Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Cancer Genetics, Psychology, Allied Health and Nursing. The Centre will also address the psychosocial side effects that patients often experience alongside diagnosis and treatment. Its prime location with street frontage – a first in Australia – means patients can expect discretion and privacy as they access tailored care without having to traverse the hospital.

As we look forward to offering care to patients in 2024, we are so grateful to Nelune Rajapakse AM and Anna Guillan AM – and to the hundreds of donors to the NELUNE Foundation – for their ongoing dedication to cancer care at St Vincent's.

## Laying the groundwork

While the Men's Health Centre initiative has been strategically led by the CEO of St Vincent's Hospital – a reflection of its importance to the wider campus – the project itself is managed by two positions made possible by St Vincent's Curran Foundation donors.

Clinical Nurse Consultant Michael Whitehead and Project Manager Victoria Pacey have worked closely with clinicians and patients to develop the clinical and operational framework for the Men's Health Centre. The unique model of integrated care that Michael and Victoria have devised focuses on the particular needs of men with prostate cancer across all areas of their treatment. Underpinning this innovative new model with detailed planning, the Centre will continue to research and evaluate the patient's integrated care at every stage to ensure we are building a therapeutic model that can be replicated across Australia, in prostate cancer care and beyond.

We are grateful to the estate of the late Robert Scot Skirving, whose generous bequest has played a key role in funding these two crucial and leading positions.

Dr David Ende, Head of Urology St Vincent's Hospital

## Bequest supports Robotic Surgery Access

Performing prostatectomies via robotic surgery has become the standard in quality care for private patients. As well as immediate post-operative discomfort being much lower than with open surgery, patients are discharged from hospital more quickly and recovery times are improved, which leads to increased capacity within the hospital system. Public patients, however, have not been offered this option in the past.

Enabling access to world-class procedures for all patients is fundamental to the mission of the Men's Health Centre. Thanks to a generous bequest from the estate of the late Alex Stephens, the St Vincent's urology team, led by Dr David Ende, will be able to provide up to two years of access to robotic surgery for public patients who do not have private health care: a truly transformative and life changing gift.



# SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

Our hardworking nurses are on the frontline delivering care day and night, striving for the very best in research-based patient care. Thanks to donor support, our Nursing Excellence program, under the leadership of A/Prof Anna Thornton, Executive Director of Nursing, continues to build nursing skills and knowledge for exemplary day-to-day clinical practice. For patients being cared for by St Vincent's highly trained nurses, this care can be truly life changing.

## Education in cancer nursing

When a cancer diagnosis changes the lives of a patient and their family, well-educated cancer care nurses play a key role in easing the burden and achieving the best possible outcomes. Professional nursing education is, therefore, a key component of the St Vincent's Hospital cancer care strategy. Thanks to a wonderful gift from Peter Fletcher and his family, a Nurse Educator Cancer Services position was established this year and awarded to Phoebe Forrester to develop a cancer education program.

## Audrey Croll Stroke Nursing Award

The Audrey Croll Stroke Nursing Award improves outcomes for stroke patients by developing specialised nursing expertise through education and quality improvement projects. The award, honouring the life of Mrs Audrey Croll, enabled Jo Kim to undertake internationally accredited training and mentoring and attend several conferences to upskill in best practice stroke care. We are indebted to the Croll family, John and Robert Croll, and to Tom Morrison from the Stroke Management Foundation.



A/Prof Anna Thornton, Executive Director of Nursing, Peter Fletcher and Phoebe Forrester

## The Jarry Program and ICU nursing

St Vincent's Curran Foundation donors have enabled the most up-to-date, specialised care for ICU patients. Funding of new Clinical Nurse Educator positions will support inexperienced ICU nurses by fast-tracking their competency development. The Jarry Program for Intensive Care Nursing assists nurses studying our postgraduate Intensive Care Nursing course in conjunction with the Australian Catholic University's Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing. This program, initiated by the late Kevin Jarry and Barbara Jarry, allows ICU nurses to attend professional development courses and provides travel scholarships to attend conferences.

## Carla Zampatti Foundation leadership development

In late 2022 six senior ICU team leaders attended the Essential Coach Approach Program, thanks to the Carla Zampatti Foundation. This specialised leadership program allows nurses to develop leadership skills to strengthen workplace effectiveness and teamwork and ensure a patient-centred care environment of collaboration with the Emergency Department. We are incredibly grateful for the Carla Zampatti Foundation's generous contribution, in Carla's memory, to the growth, knowledge and expertise of future nursing leaders.

## Surgical and Perioperative Nursing scholarships

Thanks to Clelia Cantarella, our Surgical and Perioperative nurses received scholarships to undertake postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Masters studies in this specialty area. These opportunities enhance our specialised Surgical nursing care through highly skilled, adaptable nurses. We are extremely grateful to Clelia for her generosity.

## Emergency Nursing scholarships

The Emergency Nursing scholarships, supported by Jackie Waterhouse, improve patient outcomes through nursing education and quality improvement projects. This year several Emergency Department nurses undertook Masters-

level university courses, and Emergency Nurse Educators completed a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. One nurse, under a Joanna Briggs Institute fellowship, led a practice improvement project on safe medication administration, while another 24 nurses completed the internationally renowned Trauma Core Nursing course in caring for severely injured patients.

## Mental Health Nurse Educator

The Cunningham Fellow in Mental Health Nurse Education position was introduced in October 2022 to develop a Mental Health postgraduate study program, the newest addition to our postgraduate nursing education portfolio. We are deeply grateful to the JW & M Cunningham Foundation for their support.

*(Further details on the Cunningham Nursing Leadership Academy on page 12)*

## Honouring Jan Walsh

In October 2022, St Vincent's Curran Foundation Board member Louise Walsh, her husband Dave Jordan and brother Greg Walsh hosted a cocktail party in honour of their late mother, Janet (Jan) Walsh. The event raised more than \$130,000 for our Nursing Excellence program and Mental Health nurses. Jan, who passed away in 2022 aged 88, trained as a nurse at St Vincent's Hospital in the 1950s and managed the Men's Accident Ward (now the Emergency Department) until 1963.

Dave Jordan and Louise Walsh  
with Greg Walsh



# ARTS HEALTH

**For many patients and their families, the unfamiliar hospital environment and the experience of needing health care can be an anxious and stressful time. Making our spaces feel nurturing, safe and welcoming develops a sense of grounding and calm, and art can play a key role in achieving this.**

Art initiatives for patient wellbeing this year included two beautiful murals that were enabled by the Neville Holmes Grace Arts Health Program. When the Fund was established in early 2019 through a generous bequest from the late Neville Grace, it gave St Vincent's Hospital Sydney a unique opportunity to continue the practice, established by the Sisters of Charity, of integrating art into health care.

The Robert Scot Skirving bequest funded the appointment of art curator Alice McAuliffe and the much-needed restoration of the Hospital's art collection.

In 2022-2023, the Arts Health Program supported the documentation of important Hospital history, such as this year's collaboration with Qtopia on a commemorative recreation of Ward 17 South, the first HIV/AIDS ward, at the National Art School for Sydney World Pride 2023.

The Arts Health Program also enabled projects that demonstrated how art can improve patient, staff and visitor well-being. A residency for artist and illustrator James Gulliver Hancock resulted in "All the machines in the Hospital", a series of drawings demystifying medical equipment, and other site-specific works commissioned in consultation with clinical staff at St Vincent's Hospital.

## Murals for Caritas and Gorman Units

The Caritas Acute Mental Health Unit now features a mural by Jasmin Sarin, a proud Kamilaroi and Jerrinja woman, a self-taught visual artist and graphic designer, who aims to create connections through art. The mural connects people and place through symbols that represent people, rivers and waterways, while the leaves at the lower edge of the work signify nurturing, growth and caring.

*"The story I wanted to portray in this mural is about people coming together and having connection," says Jasmin. "I think it's important, as a basic need, for human beings to have connections with other people."*

In the Gorman Unit, the entire external walls have been adorned in Australian flora by local artist Sarah McCloskey. Sarah developed her work in collaboration with patients and staff, exploring the idea of the mural being an extension of the physical garden outside with themes of native flowers, plants and leaves, particularly those native to the Sydney region.



Gorman Unit staff in front of the Mural by artist Sarah McCloskey

Alice McAuliffe

## A home where the heart is

Among the diverse clients of the Immunology B Ambulatory Care (IBAC) waiting room are vulnerable people who sometimes struggle to feel welcome. Thanks to supporter Lynne Downes, who initiated community fundraising, a collaborative artwork is helping to make the IBAC waiting room feel safe and nurturing for all current and future patients.

In August 2022, artist Liam Benson worked with patients, staff and other stakeholders to create Heart Centred, a fabric-based work featuring figures and cultural motifs generated by participants. Among the sequins, beads and colour are community and cultural references that connect visitors to familiar and welcoming people and places.

## Art improves patient wellbeing

Professor Ross Steele AM made a generous donation in December 2022 to support the Arts Trolley project, which provides long-stay, bed-bound patients with a range of arts activities to help reduce any stress or anxiety.

In April this year, Professor Steele co-hosted, an on-campus Arts Health Lunch with St Vincent's Curran Foundation to demonstrate the impact of the project and highlight areas where the arts can make an important contribution to patient wellbeing.

We thank all the committed supporters of the St Vincent's Hospital Arts Health program for the valuable difference you are making to our patients' health care experience.

Professor Richard Hillman and staff with the artwork displayed in IBAC



# COMMUNITY SPIRIT SUPPORTS PATIENT CARE

**Many grateful patients, families, individuals and community groups support our hospitals through fundraising and awareness-raising activities. Their commitment and generous spirit of giving empowers St Vincent's Hospitals to transform so many lives, and for that we are forever grateful.**

## Kerri Cargill's Gingerbread House Decorating event

Kerri and the Cargill family hosted another wonderful fundraiser in Canberra in November 2022. More than 150 participants competed to create and decorate the best gingerbread house in a fun day that saw many demolitions along the way! Kerri, who is a heart and double lung transplant recipient, has raised close to \$60,000 to support the ongoing work of the St Vincent's Heart Lung Transplant Unit.



Kerri Cargill & Ginger Bread House fundraisers

## Miles for Mal

In honour of his father Malcolm, a double lung transplant recipient, Brock McDermott decided to give back to St Vincent's Heart Lung Transplant Unit for their exceptional care by completing a 100-kilometre row. This 10-hour challenge in February 2023 not only increased community awareness of St Vincent's pioneering advancements in surgical procedures through ground-breaking medical research, but also raised a much-needed \$20,000 through the generosity of Brock's family and friends.

## Gary continues walking to support St Vincent's

Heart attack survivor Gary Meyers continues to "walk the talk" every year. In March 2023, Gary completed a 320-kilometre trek from Vaucluse Lighthouse in Sydney to Government House in Canberra, where he shared a cup of coffee with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd). Through a series of epic walks, Gary has raised more than \$85,000 for cardiac rehabilitation since his own health emergency in 2017.

## Hurley Burley

The annual Hurley Burley charity day in March 2023 saw the best players from Hurlstone Park and Burwood football (soccer) clubs in Sydney kick goals for St Vincent's Kinghorn Cancer Centre. Eight teams of players aged from 15 to 45 played four brilliant games in memory of their teammate, Tina Phillips. A special thank you to Tina's family, organiser Nathan Ruff, all players and their families. See you next year!

## Vale Roger McGrath 1933–2023: Remembering a quiet achiever

After a long career with accounting firm KPMG, Roger McGrath began volunteering at the frequent barbecues held at what was then Gorman House, in the St Vincent's Hospital grounds. He helped with cooking and serving and managed the volunteer roster – which meant he often did more than his promised couple of shifts a month, as he would step in when someone else couldn't make it. Roger soon became not only a volunteer but a connector, a fundraiser and a doer.

The centre initially offered a non-medical detoxification unit and health services to the inner-city marginalised community seven days a week. With the need for access to its services growing, a significant funding gap threatened its existence, and in 2005 the Order of Malta NSW Branch committed to raising \$400,000 a year to save Gorman House. Although not a member of the Order, Roger stepped in, helping with grant applications, liaising with agencies and departments and, crucially, bringing business contacts along to the barbecues and cajoling them into helping.

*"I was a good salesman," he laughed, before adding more seriously, "Not everybody – but the majority – accepted my passion, interest and commitment, and they contributed."*

Roger helped to raise more than \$2 million while building up a case for assistance for Gorman House, which saw the centre become a fully funded medicated unit with specialised clinical staff in 2016. Now known as the Gorman Unit, it operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Roger often said that the highlights of his many years of charitable work were not the awards and recognition - including the Order of Malta's Officer of Merit- but the greetings he received from those friends who were, as he put it, "sleeping under the stars". When they would say g'day as he walked through Kings Cross that was "like winning the lottery to me."

Roger McGrath with Sr Clare Nolan rsc



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## Driving Innovation in a Changing World

Our annual Corporate Partners "In Conversation" event, *Driving Innovation in a Changing World*, inspired a fascinating and insightful discussion of the significance of creating a culture of innovation through various industries including healthcare. Our gratitude goes to our distinguished panellists, Robyn Denholm, Board Chair, Tesla; Professor David Skellern AO, Chair, Quasar Satellite Technologies; and Professor Chris Hayward, Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiologist and Director of Mechanical and Circulatory Support Research Program, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. Thank you also to our expert facilitator Katrina Strickland, Editor of *Good Weekend*.

We also thank our event partners, Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour, Levantine Hill and Bensons Property Group, for their ongoing support.

## CUE cares with Shop to Support

Last October, CUE Clothing Co. continued its dedicated support of our nurses through its *Shop to Support St Vincent's Nursing Excellence* campaign. Proceeds from the sales of two nominated dresses will support St Vincent's nurses through leadership, education and research. Thank you to CUE – and its wonderful customers – for enabling leading nursing care.

## Batting for stem cell research

Grateful patient Andy Price established the St Vincent's Hospital Charity Cricket Challenge in October 2022 to support stem cell research. Teams who took to the pitch at Drummoyne Oval included the Cricket NSW Foundation Basil Sellers Scholars, Sydney Cricket Ground Trust 11, Andy Price Kiriwina Investment Invitation 11 and Manjits Catering. Overcoming strong competition, Manjits Catering – who also provided the sumptuous Indian-themed catering on the day – took out the inaugural trophy.

Thank you to all supporters, especially Basil Sellers AM, John McMurtrie AM, Andy Price, Lawrence Prittupaul, Neil Maxwell, Manjits Catering and Calabria Family Wines. Thanks also to A/Prof John Moore, Dr Jennifer Massey and Dr Raj Ubeja, who joined us at the crease on the day.



Nurses Nikita Magua and Jessica Cunningham in CUE dresses

## On track for brain health with Pirtek

Pirtek, long-term supporter of the Peter Duncan Neurosciences Research Unit, held its second Ultimate Motorsport Prize Raffle at the Bathurst 1000 in October 2022. Motor enthusiast (and cardiology specialist) Dr Julie Humphries from Queensland won first prize.

The funds raised through the raffle and the Pirtek Fishing Challenge supports the Peter Duncan Neurosciences Unit at St Vincent's pursue its vision of establishing a Neurosciences Centre of Excellence to ensure the best possible research-based care and treatments for chronic neurological and neurodegenerative brain disorders. Thank you to Pirtek for your ongoing commitment and to everyone who supported these events.

## Putting for interventional cardiology

Our third Putt for Prevention St Vincent's Hospital Corporate Golf Day raised almost \$100,000 to support the upgrade of three interventional cardiology suites at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. The event, held in June 2023 at Magenta Shores Golf and Country Club, also welcomed new Corporate Partners Cloudstaff and Imagination Graphics. Thank you to our cardiology clinicians who gave their time to play golf with our partners and members of Magenta Shores Golf Club and share insights into innovative cardiology practices.

Cloudstaff Jason Foster,  
Brett Makemson, Garath May at the  
Putt for Prevention dinner

## Expanding our impact and reach

With thanks to Garth Hu, Executive Director, Head of Asia Practice, Morgan Stanley for initiating a wonderful collaboration with St Vincent's Curran Foundation.

Morgan Stanley Chinese New Year dinners in Sydney and Melbourne raised significant funds for the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute's funnel web spider venom research program.

Special thank you to Garth Hu and Celia Lu along with Cathy Ding for their personal philanthropic support and vision for this partnership.

## Thank you

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