

2023/2024



# The Royal Children's Hospital **Auxiliaries** ANNUAL REPORT

Sharing the impact  
of the RCH Auxiliaries

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

## **Vision**

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

## **Mission**

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

## **RCH Foundation Values**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RCH patient, Olivia

# The year in numbers

# 399

current Auxiliary members

# 53

current Auxiliary groups

# 5

Market Days held at the hospital

# 3

new Auxiliaries formed

# \$1,502,467

raised in 2023/2024

# 190

stalls held at the RCH

# Over 50

stalls held in the community

# Over \$49 million raised

by Auxiliaries since 1922

# Message from the Patron



**As Patron of The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Auxiliaries, it is inspiring to be part of this tenacious and passionate group that continues to care and provide invaluable support and funding for sick kids and their families.**

I have now met many of you at the various events and fundraisers and a highlight of this year was meeting Marie Lee OAM, the 2023 Madge Tate recipient.

Marie has been part of the Auxiliaries for 15 years and was responsible for leading the Commemorative Quilt project, where a beautiful custom quilt was presented to the RCH Foundation at the Auxiliaries Centenary High Tea in 2022. This testament to creativity and care now proudly hangs in the RCH Foundation Reception for all visitors to see. It includes all the Auxiliaries that have fundraised since 1922 to help sick kids and their families.

When I saw Marie on Good Friday, waiting to present the cheque as part of the Channel 7 Telethon, Marie was knitting goods to be sold at a future Auxiliaries fundraiser. Marie's year-round dedication to give back to others highlights what all Auxiliary members represent and embody - the spirit of generosity to positively impact our community.

I am proud of what we have achieved together this year. Thank you to everyone involved for your tireless efforts. Your support impacts the lives of countless children and ensures the RCH continues to provide world-class care.

*Penny*

**Penny Fowler AM**  
Patron  
The RCH Auxiliaries

# Message from the President



**Passionate, dedicated, driven and kind – these are the words I would use to describe the 399 incredible individuals who make up the RCH Auxiliaries.**

It is thanks to these qualities, and your remarkable commitment to making sick kids better, that the Auxiliaries raised a truly incredible \$1,502,467 for this year's Good Friday Appeal.

It is not an overstatement to say that thousands of children, families and staff will benefit from your generosity. As well as enabling life-changing research, these funds will ensure children and young people receive the very best care by the best clinical minds. It will also mean that patients have access to the latest equipment and technology and clinicians can access training and development.

As I sat down to reflect on the past year, I was once again in awe of everything the Auxiliaries have achieved, and how you continue to evolve and innovate – all in support of children and young people.

This year, we've seen some fantastic fundraising campaigns. From golf days, high teas, and weekly stalls to working with schools, fundraising online and Bunnings sausage sizzles, you've all done a remarkable job at rallying the support of the community to raise vital funds.

**We have also seen renewal and growth in the Auxiliaries, with three new groups joining the team.**

All of this would not be possible without the support of the Auxiliaries Executive Committee (AEC), and the time, effort and work they put into supporting the Auxiliaries.

Additionally, I would like to thank our incredible Patron, Penny Fowler AM, for her continued support of our group.

Thanks also to the RCH Foundation for its ongoing support: Richard Leder OAM, Chair, the RCH Foundation Board; Ryan Brown, Chief Executive Officer and the entire Auxiliaries and Fundraising Team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the Auxiliaries. A special thank you to Laura Buck, Director, Fundraising and Lucia di Maio, Auxiliaries Coordinator for all that you have done to support the Auxiliaries and help us thrive.

And finally, to all of you, thank you. It is my honour to lead a group of passionate, dedicated, driven, and kind individuals. Thank you for all that you do to make sick kids better.

*Tiffany*

**Tiffany Lucas**  
President  
The RCH Auxiliaries

# Message from the RCH Foundation



## **Congratulations to all Auxiliary members for what has been another exceptional year of fundraising to help sick kids at the RCH.**

Since 1922, you have been the heart and soul of the hospital, and your efforts have made a real difference to the lives of young patients and their families. This year was no exception, and I am so proud of every single dollar you raised, resulting in a \$1,502,467 contribution to the record breaking 2024 Good Friday Appeal tally of \$23,368,724.

In my first Good Friday Appeal as Chief Executive Officer, it was an honour to see the culmination of this hard work with the annual cheque presentation during the telethon with President Tiffany Lucas and this year's Madge Tate recipient, Marie Lee OAM.

These funds will help the RCH provide the best possible care to sick and injured children and young people, by supporting the purchase of vital equipment and technology, enabling cutting-edge research and helping to deliver crucial programs relied on by patients and their families.

Personally, I have been overwhelmed by the support that you have shown me since I commenced in the role of Chief Executive Officer in February this year. This mirrors the warm welcome I received when I first started as Director, Fundraising in 2017, and I'm sincerely grateful for each of you, and particularly the Presidents of the Auxiliaries, past and present, for their ongoing mentorship.

This kind of warmth and generosity is at the core of so many Auxiliary members. I feel so grateful to have had your friendship over the past seven years, and I look forward to working closely with you all in the future.

Finally, on behalf of the RCH Foundation, I would like to say a huge thank you to Tif Lucas for all she has done for the Auxiliaries this year in her role as President. Tif, along with the AEC, has spearheaded some fantastic initiatives including developing MyCause pages for each Auxiliary - helping to set you up for another 100 years of successful fundraising. I would also like to thank the Auxiliaries for being agile and reflective of the times by embracing new ways of fundraising including MyCause pages.

The future of paediatric healthcare is rapidly evolving, but with your continued support, we will be in the best position to create a future where all children thrive.

Thank you,

*Ryan*

**Ryan Brown**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The RCH Foundation



## Message from the RCH



**On behalf of everyone at the RCH, thank you to our incredible volunteers for your tireless fundraising efforts over the last year and your continuing energy and presence on Main Street. Through your support, we can continue to make a difference to the lives of children, young people and their families and help create a world where all kids thrive.**

**This year, you raised a remarkable \$1,502,467 and we are touched and grateful for all your efforts.**

Your hard-earned funds will go towards vital resources including infusion syringe pumps and patient monitoring systems, essential equipment for the Children's Cancer Centre (CCC) and other important upgrades across the hospital. Your support also enables us to continue to advance the Children's Bioethics Centre Education, our Music Therapy program and Parent-Child Mother Goose Programs.

Your donations will also help our teams grow as we continue to put children and young people at the heart of our care, research and learning. This includes funding fellowships and scholarships such as the renowned Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship, as well as clinical research fellows in cystic fibrosis.

The impact of your kind contributions creates a ripple effect throughout the hospital and our care. It broadens pathways for our team to help the children we see in our hospital and helps to make our community stronger by giving every child the opportunity to reach their potential.

At the RCH we understand that it truly does take a village to do the work that we do - and we thank you for being a part of ours. We're looking forward to another amazing year ahead.

*Bernadette*

**Bernadette McDonald**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The RCH

# Message from the Good Friday Appeal

Penny Fowler AM and Rebecca Cowan with the Faces of the 2024 Good Friday Appeal, Finley and Emily



Scan to view the  
2024 Good Friday Appeal  
Community Report

# 93 years of the Good Friday Appeal

A record breaking **\$23,368,724** raised in 2024

**\$468 million** raised by the Good Friday Appeal since 1931



**Thank you to the RCH Auxiliaries for your incredible support and for raising \$1,502,467 for the Good Friday Appeal.**

Congratulations and thank you to each of the 399 Auxiliary members for your creativity and commitment all year to engage and connect the community and raise funds for our great hospital.

In our 93rd year, the Good Friday Appeal raised \$23,368,724, and the support from the Auxiliary members across the state highlighted the generosity of many who donated their time, talent and funds for the Appeal. This year we saw the Auxiliaries continue to drive change and adapt to an evolving environment through innovative fundraising and inclusive and impactful volunteering.

The Good Friday Appeal relies on the support of thousands of volunteers to help run and operate the Appeal. In 2024, the theme for National Volunteer Week is "Something for Everyone", representing and recognising the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to volunteering.

The Good Friday Appeal would not exist without our volunteers and the efforts and commitment of the RCH Auxiliaries. Whether it is your first year of being a member or to those who have been involved in the Auxiliaries for decades, thank you for all that you do and for the significant role you play in ensuring that the RCH continues to provide world-leading health care for our sick children.

As Victorians, we are blessed to be part of a community where everyone understands the importance of having access to a world-class hospital. Your support has funded state of the art equipment, life changing research, leadership programs and patient and family centred care that supports the whole family. For the first time in our history, in partnership with the RCH, we will also provide a portion of funds in partnership with the RCH to six regional health services, an exciting development that will directly impact families in regional areas.

In your 102nd year, congratulations and thank you for your unwavering support and for the difference you continue to make to countless sick kids and their families cared for by our great hospital.

*Penny*

**Penny Fowler AM**  
Chairman  
The Good Friday Appeal

*Rebecca*

**Rebecca Cowan**  
Executive Director  
The Good Friday Appeal





# Our impact

# Financial results

## 2023/2024

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund	<b>\$75,790</b>	Hawthorn Auxiliary	<b>\$2,185</b>
Beyond Sight Auxiliary	<b>\$4,367</b>	Heart Throb Auxiliary	<b>\$4,943</b>
Broadmeadows Auxiliary	<b>\$15,510</b>	Heart To Heart Auxiliary	<b>\$2,641</b>
Butterfly Auxiliary	<b>\$6,478</b>	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Auxiliary	<b>\$53,782</b>
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary	<b>\$84,228</b>	LARCH Auxiliary	<b>\$4,481</b>
Cancer In Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)	<b>\$138,775</b>	League Of Former Trainees (LOFT) Auxiliary	<b>\$8,222</b>
Caroline Auxiliary	<b>\$14,421</b>	Let The Children Play Auxiliary	<b>\$2,789</b>
Caskids Auxiliary	<b>\$27,754</b>	Neonatal Mates Auxiliary	<b>\$11,643</b>
Charli's Angels Auxiliary	<b>\$4,071</b>	Parkville Auxiliary	<b>\$17,474</b>
Children's Brain Tumour Association Auxiliary	<b>\$3,202</b>	Prembubs Auxiliary	<b>\$4,703</b>
Courage For Kids Auxiliary	<b>\$2,607</b>	President's Fundraising Network	<b>\$108,825</b>
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust	<b>\$7,441</b>	Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	<b>\$27,999</b>
DEMNSD Endowment Fund	<b>\$75,409</b>	SMILE Auxiliary	<b>\$42,905</b>
DEMNSD Luncheon	<b>\$83,843</b>	South Western Auxiliary	<b>\$61,422</b>
Digital Auxiliaries Campaign	<b>\$88,819</b>	Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	<b>\$3,435</b>
Dirty Hands, Happy Hearts Auxiliary	<b>\$41,664</b>	St Kilda Auxiliary	<b>\$6,840</b>
Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary	<b>\$2,172</b>	Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary	<b>\$72,948</b>
Friends of Children's Bioethics Centre (CBC) Auxiliary	<b>\$65,100</b>	Wangaratta Auxiliary	<b>\$7,754</b>
Geelong Auxiliary	<b>\$51,533</b>	Waverley Auxiliary	<b>\$25,685</b>
Gratitude Hub	<b>\$171,966</b>	Werribee Ladies For Kids Auxiliary	<b>\$46,813</b>
		Yellow Ribbon Kids Auxiliary	<b>\$4,894</b>

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

Absent Friends Auxiliary	Friends of Transcend	Trailblazers Auxiliary
aRCHers Auxiliary	Haemophilia Auxiliary (HAUX)	The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary
BEADS Auxiliary	Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary	Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary
Bright Starts Auxiliary	Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary	Viva RCH Auxiliary
Brimbank ToRCH Auxiliary	Oesophageal Atresia Research Auxiliary	
Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary	Pankina Auxiliary	
Children's Flyer Fund Auxiliary	RCH Volunteers Auxiliary	
ChIPStXiliary	Save my Platelets Auxiliary	
CPR Auxiliary	StroKidz Auxiliary	
Ezy Breathing Auxiliary		

RCH patient, Aaliyah



**\$1,502,467**

was raised to help  
make sick kids better

# Your support in 2023/2024

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

## Patient and family centred care

### **Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse**

Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary

### **Social Work Samaritan Fund**

LARCH Auxiliary

### **Parent-Child Mother Goose Program**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Emergency Department Patient Distraction Kit**

RCH Volunteers Auxiliary

### **Music Therapy Program for Kelpie Ward**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments**

Caroline Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

### **CCC Biospecimen Service**

Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

### **Crisis Care Unit Resources for Children and Young People**

The Melbourne Sinfonia

### **Bed Sponsorship - Butterfly Ward**

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

## Equipment and technology

### **Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere**

Heidelberg Engineering Spectralis HRA + OCT

Beyond Sight Auxiliary

Mish Mish Women's Auxiliary

President's Fundraising Network

St Kilda Auxiliary

Wangaratta Auxiliary

### **Ensuite Velocity 3D Mapping System**

CPR Auxiliary

Heart Throb Auxiliary

### **Bronchoscope**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Room/Table Bucky Tray and Table Top**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Tomey AL-100 Biometer**

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

### **Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy Filters**

Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

### **Upgrade AV solution in Mock MRI**

Werribee Ladies Auxiliary

### **Ultra-cold Freezer to Support Biospeciman Storage in the CCC Biobank**

CIKA





RCH clinician, Mary

RCH patient, X

### **Equipment to Support Biospecimen Processing in the CCC Biobank**

CIKA

### **Cryogenic Unit to Support Biospecimen Storage in the CCC Biobank**

CIKA

### **Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System**

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Caroline Auxiliary

CasKids Auxiliary

Geelong Auxiliary

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

SMILE Auxiliary

Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Nursing Education Teaching Equipment**

Auxiliaries Legacy Fund

### **Emergency Department Smileyscope Units**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Toys for Allied Health Therapies**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **MyXrayDose - Radiation Dose Tracking Software**

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

Geelong Auxiliary

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

Parkville Auxiliary

President's Fundraising Network

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

## **Research**

### **Solid Tumours Research Assistant**

CIKA

## **Leadership, education and training**

### **Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship**

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment

### **Elizabeth Fearon Scholarship**

LOFT Auxiliary

### **Clinical Research Fellows in Cystic Fibrosis**

Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust

### **CBC Ethics Education Program**

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

### **Children's Bioethics Centre Education Grant 2023-2024**

Friends of the CBC Auxiliary



RCH patient, Louie

# Time to care: the impact of the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship

**Thanks to support from the RCH Auxiliaries, the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship has been making a difference throughout the RCH since 2009. This year, the scholarship is helping to advance the nursing workforce using data and one incredible clinical mind - Kirsten Davidson.**

Kirsten has been working at the RCH for almost 30 years. She is currently a Clinical Nurse Consultant for Nursing Informatics and the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and holds a concurrent role as a Clinical Nurse Specialist on the Platypus Ward, caring for patients following surgery, including trauma, burns and orthopedic surgeries.

Nursing informatics is a specialty that combines nursing with information and analytical sciences to identify, define, manage, and communicate patient data to improve care.

Kirsten's project, named Time to Care, will ensure the best possible nurse to patient allocation, while also enhancing the holistic, patient and family-centred approach to care - something that the RCH is well known for.



**Kirsten Davidson, the 2024 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship recipient**

**“It is important to be able to predict and make visible the nursing workload so we can have the available nursing resources to match the care needs and ensure the safety of our patients,” Kirsten explained.**

It will be the first time an EMR nursing workload scoring tool has been implemented at the RCH.

Kirsten is excited about the impact that her work will have on patients, families and staff at the RCH. She is also looking forward to showcasing the power that nursing informatics can have to influence, inform and lead nursing innovation across the RCH.

“I am so grateful for the opportunity and would like to thank everyone who makes this scholarship possible, in particular the RCH Auxiliaries,” she said.



**Scan here to learn more about Kirsten's work**

# Meet Noah

**Four years ago, a then 12-year-old Noah should have been getting ready for his primary school graduation. Instead, he was preparing for a long and unexpected journey with the RCH after severe burns to his left arm. Despite everything, Noah says he wouldn't change a thing.**

Since then, he has undergone multiple surgeries that have allowed him to regain a full range of movement and get back to doing what he loves most – sports.

“They put this false skin on my arm before they did the skin grafting. At one point I had an infection as well. I think altogether I have had over a dozen surgeries,” Noah explained.

Throughout Noah's journey, parents Glenn and Stacey couldn't help but feel stress and anxiety about their son's future. But time and time again, the hospital team was a source of great comfort and strength.

The entire family are so incredibly grateful for all the support that the RCH clinical team has been able to provide them, specifically that of the nursing team.

“All the nurses were great as a group. It was as good an experience you can have. They really did everything they could with Noah,” shared Glenn.

Kirsten's project, Time to Care, which is made possible thanks to support from the Auxiliaries, will directly benefit patients just like Noah who have higher care requirements, by ensuring the best possible nurse to patient allocation.



Noah with his mum, Stacey

It will also go beyond physical care and help enhance the patient and family-centred approach to care which is integral for patients like Noah and his family.

Today, 16 year old Noah is better than ever and feels that this experience has given a brand-new perspective that most people his age don't have.

“I'm going really well. I have full range of movement and can definitely do nearly everything and more than what I could before,” Noah shared.

“The experiences I went through taught me that without pain you can't really mature. It made me a lot more aware of what was happening around me and what other people are going through,” he continued.



Noah in hospital after his accident

## Syringe pumps support excellent patient care



Kym with the syringe pump

**The Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at the RCH sees over 1,000 critically ill infants and children every year. Thanks to the support of philanthropy, the hospital has been able to invest in yet another vital device for the PICU - syringe pumps.**

As Kym Bain, a Clinical Nurse Consultant in PICU explained, syringe pumps play a vital role in providing sick children across the hospital, including in the PICU, with ongoing support and treatment.

“Syringe pumps enable us to deliver intravenous medications, fluids and nutrition to some of the most critically ill children at the RCH,” said Kym.

“The majority of children in PICU require continuous infusions to support their circulation, provide pain relief, sedation and treatment with antibiotics, electrolytes and other medications,” she added.

For Kym, investing in high-quality syringe pumps has been revolutionary for patients in the PICU.

“There are some children in PICU who will require only three pumps, whilst those who are critically unwell may require 15 to 18 pumps! We are most fortunate to have a large number of pumps which are easily accessible and available to use,” Kym explained.

The updated pumps, which have been funded in part by several Auxiliaries, do not just provide safer medical administration but also have incredible staff benefits.

Before this, the PICU was impacted by device shortages and struggled with the older devices' limited functionality. It was a pressure felt throughout many areas of the hospital.

“The syringe pumps are in constant use, so using pumps of such high quality makes such a huge difference to us,” said Kym.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Auxiliaries for enabling us to provide the best care we can, in the safest way possible to all our patients,” she added.

# Meet Imogen



Imogen on the ward with RCH nurse, Hayley

**When Imogen lost her dog to cancer, no one imagined that her fatigue was anything but grief. Yet suddenly, she was taken to the RCH and was facing a cancer diagnosis herself.**

"I knew something was definitely not right, but I didn't know what it was. I would have never, ever thought it would be cancer," Shannon, Imogen's mother shared.

Before her cancer symptoms appeared, Imogen had never been to hospital and had only seen a doctor once before. So, when her diagnosis revealed itself, Imogen was completely overwhelmed.

"I was just too stressed - it was all too much to process," Imogen said.

Since then, she has undergone daily chemotherapy sessions, around 20 surgeries, and even considers the hospital her second home. Despite being comfortable in the hospital, Imogen still struggles with flushes in her port.

Thankfully for Imogen, and others like her, the hospital's latest fleet of syringe pumps has been incredibly beneficial to make her feel as safe and comfortable as possible. This state-of-the-art equipment provides patients across the RCH with precise administration of medications, chemotherapy and nutrients.

"We would always request the syringe pump. It became sort of a prerequisite that it was always used for flushes. While most kids wouldn't use the syringe pump for those types of things, Imogen didn't cope with people doing it manually," Shannon explained.

Imogen also could not swallow tablets for the first year of her treatment, so having access to the higher-quality syringe pumps was life-changing.

Imogen believes these new devices are transformative.

"I did not feel anything. It was just really easy," she shared.

Both Imogen and Shannon are incredibly grateful to the Auxiliaries for their generosity and support, especially for helping fund syringe pumps.

**"I think we're just blown away really - to all the people that give, we're really grateful," both Imogen and Shannon expressed.**



Imogen with pumps including a syringe pump at the RCH







**Who  
we are**



# The year in photos





here and  
the hospital





## Penny Fowler AM

**Patron** | the RCH Auxiliaries

Penny Fowler is Chairman of the Herald & Weekly Times and News Corp Australia's Community Ambassador. Penny is Chairman of the RCH Good Friday Appeal, Chair of the National Portrait Gallery, Chair of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, and a Board member of Tourism Australia. She is also on the Advisory Board of Visy/Pratt USA, is a board member of Tech Mahindra & the Bank of Melbourne (St. George) Foundation. She is a trustee of Cruden Farm and Deputy Chair of the Calvert-Jones Foundation. Penny is a member of Chief Executive Women, and an Ambassador for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, as well as SecondBite. In 2024, Penny was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

## The Auxiliaries Executive Committee



### Tiffany Lucas

**President** | President's Fundraising Network

Tiffany has a background in law and not-for-profit management. She has been involved with the RCH Auxiliaries for over 11 years - initially as a member and President of the American Women's Association, then as a Member and Secretary of the Friends of the CBC Auxiliary and currently as President of the President's Fundraising Network. She is inspired by the impact that the RCH Auxiliaries have made over the past 102 years and is passionate about helping to build the future of the Auxiliaries.



### Jan Gilbertson

**Vice President** | Parkville Auxiliary

Jan has been a proud member of Parkville Auxiliary for the past 16 years, having served as President from 2019 - 2024. Jan joined the AEC in February 2020, at first supporting Vice President, Barb Nicoll with Auxiliary events. In 2022, she took up the position of Vice President. Jan is passionate about encouraging all Auxiliaries in their fundraising activities and received a Living Treasure Award in 2017.



### Charlotte Spencer-Roy

**Secretary** | Parkville Auxiliary

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

## Robyn Anderson OAM

**General member** | CasKids Auxiliary

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



## Ruth Murray

**General member** | Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

Ruth has been involved with the Auxiliaries for the past 24 years, initially as a member of CIKA. In 2013, she established Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary with Peter Murray and Sharron Markovic, where she took up the position of Treasurer. She is a passionate fundraiser and enjoys running stalls and organising events like high teas and dinner dances. Through Cancer Crusaders, she has also organised the Auxiliary stall at the Kids Day Out for several years. In 2015, Ruth received a Living Treasure Award and in 2018 she received the Madge Tate Service Award.



## Jan Crockart

**General member** | Geelong Auxiliary

Jan joined the Geelong Auxiliary in 2010 and became the President in 2018. Jan works tirelessly on fundraising in the Geelong community and with the Auxiliary Leadership group on all Auxiliary events. She is also a passionate volunteer outside the Auxiliaries. She volunteered with the Red Cross between 2007 - 2010 and has volunteered at Meals on Wheels. She currently volunteers at the MCG, something she has done since 2007, and is a member of the Grovedale Waurin Ponds Lions Club. Jan became a Living Treasure in 2017.



## Ryan Brown

**General member** | the RCH Foundation

Ryan Brown is the Chief Executive Officer of the RCH Foundation, a position he was appointed to in 2024. Ryan joined the organisation in 2017 and in this time has held senior leadership positions including as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Fundraising.



## Martin Lobb

**Finance** | the RCH Foundation

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



# Auxiliary reflections

## Absent Friends Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2010

**President:** Lyn Lewis

**Secretary:** Stewart Mackie

**Treasurer:** John Lewis

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

Our little Auxiliary has been on the move in the past couple of years, but we are all back together now in Wodonga. Our plan, once fully settled, is to revitalise our Auxiliary and broaden our activities so stay tuned! If you are in the Wodonga area, please reach out to us.

## BEADS Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2012

**President:** Jasmine Lai

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

## Beyond Sight Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2001

**President:** The late Ainsley Faust

**Main funding purpose:** Retinoblastoma equipment

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

## Bright Starts Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2014

**President:** Louise Farley

**Secretary:** Jodie Kerr

**Treasurer:** Brianna Wright

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

## Brimbank ToRCH Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2003

**President:** Justin Moore

**Secretary :** Erin Moore

**Treasurer:** Cameron Petricevic

**Main funding purpose:** Neurology research



Broadmeadows Auxiliary

## Broadmeadows Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1967

**President:** Janice Memery

**Secretary:** Faye Eccles

**Treasurer:** Christine Boden

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring Systems

Broadmeadows Auxiliary has had another successful year of fundraising. Bunnings sausage sizzles, our Annual High Tea and our Christmas in July fundraisers have proven to be very successful. This year we also introduced a new fundraiser, Footy Lotto, which has been welcomed by all with lots of fun and enthusiasm.

We have a committed group of members who all know their roles and always support our events. Sadly, we lost a very valuable member this year, Michael Eccles, who, with his wife, had been great supporters over the years.

We look forward to the future and in celebrating our 70th year in 2027.

## Butterfly Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2023

**President and Treasurer:** Julie Hartney

**Secretary:** Margaret Tarrant

**Main funding purpose:** Butterfly Ward, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Butterfly Auxiliary was formed on December 14th, 2023. We raise funds for Butterfly and have eight lovely volunteers who are all very passionate and love what they do.

Our Christmas stalls at the RCH raised an enormous amount in our short time as an Auxiliary. We also spent time networking with the community and establishing our new Auxiliary.

Our highlight has been our time behind stalls at the hospital, listening to families who have been going through a difficult time with empathy.



Butterfly Auxiliary





## Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2013

**President:** Janine Langdon

**Secretary:** Sharron Markovic

**Treasurer:** Ruth Murray

**Main funding purpose:** Cancer research

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Children's Cancer Centre Biospecimen Service

Cancer Crusaders, established in 2013, is a small but enthusiastic group of people dedicated to raising money to continue funding cancer research at the RCH's CCC.

We recently celebrated a milestone 10th birthday and are very proud of our achievements during these 10 years, raising over \$750,000.

As well as regular hospital stalls, and Market Days with our famous bake sale, we also run High Teas and a very popular Oaks Day Luncheon. Kids Day Out on Good Friday is our major event which is a very busy day, full of fun and balloon madness - this year raising over \$27,000. We also have many regular supporters including our friends and family.

We look forward to funding our next project and continuing to support cancer research, with our aim to make sick kids better.

## Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2006

**President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Daryl Gunn

**Main funding purpose:** Cystic fibrosis

## Caroline Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1951

**President:** Sandra Holland

**Secretary:** Marianne Hogan

**Treasurer:** Jo Ibbs

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System



## CasKids Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1967

**President and Secretary:** Robyn Anderson OAM

**Treasurer:** Helen Smale

**Main funding purpose:** Equipment or research to support the Emergency Department

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System

In 2024 CasKids had to rethink how we fundraise and support the RCH, as several members have resigned, leaving only six active members. Despite this, we remain committed and dedicated to the hospital.

Our highlights have been celebrating our 57th anniversary, at which Helen Smale and Jan Bodycoat received their 10 year long-service badge. Another highlight was welcoming Libby Chanter as a new member to our Auxiliary. Lunch meetings at members' homes, our annual luncheon meeting, and garden walk at Cruden Farm in November, as well as stalls at Blackburn, our pods at the hospital and Market Days in Main Street were also highlights this past year.

Finally, we would like to say a huge congratulations and thank you to Cheryl Yates, a supporter of CasKids, who raised \$40,000 over the past two years through online sales. We are grateful for your support.





## CIKA

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1980

**President:** Sandra Lehrer

**Secretary:** Wendy Halligan

**Treasurer:** James Dawson

**Main funding purpose:** Research into solid cancerous tumours

**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Ultra-cold freezer to support biospecimen storage in the CCC Biobank

Equipment to support biospecimen processing in the CCC Biobank

Cryogenic unit to support biospecimen storage in the CCC Biobank

Solid Tumors Research Assistant

The past year has been very successful for CIKA. We commenced funding a research assistant in Professor Eisenstat's laboratory at the MCRI, focusing on solid tumours. This will continue for three years and we are looking for a second project.

An Open Laboratory Day was held for members and supporters, where we met Professor Eisenstat and some of his research assistants and visited the Biobank. We left with a much wider understanding and appreciation of the work they undertake.

The 28th Wood Days event saw lovely weather, large crowds and was a great fundraiser. Members acknowledge the efforts of Christine and Andrew in organising and running the events for the past 28 years and all their supporters. Sincere thanks Christine and Andrew.

Special thanks to the two stall coordinators for running the stalls at RCH and in Bendigo, their assistants and suppliers, and also to the FOCUS group and the Bendigo postal workers for their long-term support.

## Charli's Angels Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2004

**President:** Sue Manson

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Alison Orum

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

## ChIPStXiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2003

**President:** Michelle Powell

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Jordan Hammond

**Main funding purpose:** ChIPS Program

## Courage 4 Kids Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2005

**President:** Michelle Olinder

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Trish Thomas

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

## CPR Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2000

**President:** Carol Bosward

**Secretary:** Annette Antolino

**Treasurer:** Lew Bosward

**Main funding purpose:** Cardiology Department research

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

## Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1999

**President:** Peter Hader

**Secretary:** Silvia Pozzuto and Pamela Dunn

**Treasurer:** Leo Vargiu

**Main funding purpose:** Cystic fibrosis

## Dirty Hands Happy Hearts Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2003

**President:** Julie Robertson

**Main funding purpose:** Garden Therapy Program

## Footscray and Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1960

**President:** Shirley Jenkins

**Secretary:** Margaret Plowright

**Treasurer:** Margaret Day

**Main funding purpose:** PICU and NICU

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

## Friends of Transcend

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2017

**President:** Rebekah Robertson OAM

**Secretary:** Naomi McNamara

**Treasurer:** Belinda James

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

## Friends of the CBC Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2018

**President:** Robert Friedman

**Treasurer:** Ric Comber

**Main funding purpose:** CBC

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Children's Bioethics Centre Education Grant 2023-2024

## Geelong Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1966

**President:** Jan Crockart

**Secretary:** Gwen Bromley

**Treasurer:** Patricia Meighan

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System

## HAUX

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1975

**President:** Liz Bishop

**Main funding purpose:** Haemophilia research

## Hawthorn Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1922

**President:** Janet Hooker

**Secretary:** Anna Duncan

**Treasurer:** Bernadette Barnes

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

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

## Heart Throb Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1989

**President:** Amanda Carabott

**Secretary:** Bill Gordon

**Treasurer:** Bernadette Barnes

**Main funding purpose:** Cardiology Department camp

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

## Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1989

**Secretary:** Valerie Wright

**Treasurer:** Jo Scully

**Main funding purpose:** Cardiology research

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

Heart to Heart Auxiliary participated in two Market Days at the RCH this year, the Spring Market and the Christmas Market. We also rattled tins for the Good Friday Appeal.

## Inverloch Diabetic Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2000

**President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Kerrie Beauglehall OAM

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Diabetes Complication Screening Nurse

To know the money raised over the past 26 years for this Auxiliary has helped thousands of diabetic children who grow to be teenagers and adults have a healthier and happier life is why we do it. The RCH is in our heart and soul, and we will continue to help this amazing hospital. We truly are one team with one goal: making sick kids better.



Geelong Auxiliary

## KidsCan Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2019  
**President:** Grace Heywood  
**Secretary:** Tiffany Lamb  
**Treasurer:** Chantelle Sadiq  
**Main funding purpose:** Banksia Ward

After a few years' hiatus, KidsCan is back up and running. We are very excited to begin our journey to grow our Auxiliary.

We are currently a small team of three young women who are all extremely passionate about fundraising and we are looking forward to sharing that passion with other young people. We have decided to focus our support to the Banksia Adolescent Mental Health Ward.

Our first fundraiser is organised at Bunnings Mernda. We look forward to working in collaboration with Banksia to generate funds and start conversations about mental health.

## Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1938  
**President:** Lyn Wheat  
**Secretary:** Patty Wallace-Smith  
**Treasurer:** Jenny Booth  
**Main funding purpose:** Equipment, programs and research  
**Grants supported in the last financial year:** MyXRray Dose and Music Therapy Programs

We had a successful year of fundraising. Our Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament in March was fully subscribed with 312 players from across Victoria and raised over \$20,000, while the two duplicate bridge and social bridge days raised a total of \$8,380.75.

Our spectacular Winter Wonderland Lunch raised almost \$12,000. Guest speakers were Jason Richardson, who is a Stawell Gift winner and media personality and Tamsyn Lewis Manou, a media personality with 18 track titles, including winning the 800M at the 2008 World Indoor Championships.

Sincere thanks to Ash Barty who donated a framed top for auctioning from her 2019 win in the French Open. Also in the auction was a tennis ball, donated by the All England Lawn Tennis Club, from the 2023 Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship Final, signed by Carlos Alcaraz which raised \$15,000.

Jenny Booth, Past President and Treasurer, was inaugurated as a Living Treasure – the 10th in our Auxiliary's 85 year history.

## LARCH Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1974  
**President:** Rose Stolerak  
**Secretary:** Emma Bridgeman  
**Treasurer:** Christine McRae  
**Main funding purpose:** Leukaemia research  
**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Social Work Samaritan Fund

## Let The Children Play Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1995  
**President:** Hayley Dighton  
**Secretary:** Kathryn D'Souza  
**Treasurer:** Hayley Dighton  
**Main funding purpose:** Child Life Therapy  
**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Let The Children Play Auxiliary supports the RCH's Child Life Therapy Program.

## LOFT Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2003  
**President:** Dianne Paul  
**Secretary:** Amanda O'Brien  
**Treasurer:** Margaret McPherson  
**Main funding purpose:** Nursing Research Scholarships

LOFT was formed after WWI as a collegiate support group and to maintain a connection with the hospital. LOFT became an Auxiliary in 2003.

Our fundraising is directed towards an annual \$8,000 scholarship for emerging nurse researchers. The scholarship is named in honour of a dedicated and long serving nurse, the late Elizabeth Fearon.

The year was successful, both socially and financially. On May 20th, at our AGM and Reunion lunch we raised \$5,043 from a raffle, silent auction, merchandise sales, and donations.

We also participated in two markets at the hospital and would like to thank the many members and friends who donated items for our stall. We also extend our grateful thanks to Lucia and team for their support.



## Mish Mish Womens Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2014

**President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Nella Centorbi

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

## Neonate Mates Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2005

**President:** Judith Aussems

**Secretary:** Michele Porter

**Treasurer:** Sandra Aussems

**Main funding purpose:** NICU

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Bed Sponsorship Butterfly Ward

We have had an enjoyable year with new knitters, new members and working an average of two stalls per month, plus the Market Days. Our Market Days include lots of laughs, coffees and making sure our merchandise is looking perfect.

We are all proud to be raising funds for the neonates and have lots of conversations with parents and families who love to buy our goods.

Our newest fundraiser in 2023 was the AFL Raffle and it was a great success – we look forward to a huge success again in 2024.



Neonate Mates Auxiliary

## Pankina Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1967

**President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Judith Arms

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

Our Auxiliary continues to crochet rugs, beanies, scarves and gloves. These are sold by our Auxiliary, but also shared with other Auxiliaries via Lucia for other groups to sell. Judith's brother Russell makes nut loaves which are sold at the local Bowls Club in Noble Park. We also have a donation tin in the bowling club, which is utilised by members.

## Parkville Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1946

**President:** Chris Collins

**Secretary:** Kay Reay

**Treasurer:** Marilyn McInnes

**Main funding purpose:** Music Therapy

**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Music Therapy Program for Neurosciences and Rehab Departments

Our Auxiliary holds monthly stalls in the hospital and participates in some Market Days.

Our delicious and well priced baked treats, handmade toys, children's knitwear and other donated goods have earned us a reputation for quality and have helped us build a loyal following with staff and families. Last year's Christmas stall was our most successful, with very popular hampers made up with homemade goods and donated treats.

We are a supportive group both for the hospital and each other. We are also the lucky recipients of some wonderful goods kindly donated by non-members of our Auxiliary.

## PremBubs Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2006

**President:** Irene Hubbard

**Secretary:** Tony Hubbard

**Treasurer:** Steven Hubbard

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

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

## President's Fundraising Network

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2018

**President:** Tiffany Lucas

**Treasurer:** Dr Miriam Weisz OAM

**Main funding purpose:** Equipment and technology

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

The President's Fundraising Network (PFN) has had another successful year raising funds via our online fundraising campaigns and stalls held by member,

Charlotte Spencer-Roy out in the local community of East Melbourne.

PFN has been leading the charge with utilising MyCause for fundraising and incorporating QR codes linking to MyCause on goods sold at our stalls.

Several new members have joined PFN over the past year and have successfully been working with schools and corporates to raise funds for the RCH.

## RCH Volunteers Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2017

**President:** Kiley Kavanagh

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Emergency Department Patient Distraction Kit

## Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2004

**President and Secretary:** Julie Hartney

**Treasurer:** Wendy Hancock

**Main funding purpose:** PICU and NICU

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

This year we have held sausage sizzles at Bunnings, various weekend stalls at the Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre and Gladstone Park Shopping Centre, Easter raffles and stalls at the RCH, as well as Market Days. We are passionate about fundraising and raising awareness of the RCH in our local community.



## SMILE Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2023

**President:** Alexa Black

**Secretary:** Katherine Briggs

**Treasurer:** Marisa Jarvis

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System

SMILE Auxiliary was founded at the end of March 2023 and over the year raised funds through stalls at the RCH, our local Bunnings and selected markets within the local community. We also ran several Bunnings Sausage Sizzles across the year.

The highlight of our first year was our inaugural Luncheon Fundraiser in August 2023. This event enabled SMILE to expand its supporter base through a fun-filled afternoon that was enjoyed by all who attended.



## South Western Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1968

**President and Secretary:** Judy Conn

**Treasurer:** Leanne Bartlett

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

South Western Auxiliary continues to fundraise although we have fewer members. We mainly raise funds by catering the suppers and dinners for the members of the local Masonic Lodge. We also had another very successful day on Good Friday with our many supporters shaking tins at the intersections, raising \$26,145.50.

We remain committed to fundraising for the sick children at the RCH, and we look forward to spending some of the funds in our SPA in the near future.

## Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1967

**President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Aggie Coyle

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere

Being a member of Southern Rainbows Auxiliary for the last 24 years has been a great joy.

Over the years I have made children's dresses, hats, shorts, tops and pyjamas plus toys and other goods. Unfortunately, the time has come to close Southern Rainbows Auxiliary. I have spent many years supporting this Auxiliary on my own and have raised funds by holding stalls in the pods at the hospital, but also occasional pods outside Woolworths in Hampton.

I have now officially joined St Kilda Auxiliary so that I am able to enjoy the camaraderie of another Auxiliary who has the same goal - making sick kids better by fundraising for the area of greatest need.

## St Kilda Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1922

**President:** Dot Cridge

**Vice President:** Nanette Gahan

**Treasurer:** Johanna Kane

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Equipment to deliver Great Care Everywhere

We run stalls once a month and also attend Market Days at the RCH, focusing on raising money for the RCH. It's such a privilege when manning our stalls to greet so many families with children and always the staff that support our stalls.

We are down to four working members - Dot, Aggie, Nanette and Anne who rely mostly on donations. Earlier this year our long standing member Ellen Bryant received her 35 year long service badge, which was such a wonderful achievement.

Thanks and appreciation to Robyn Anderson OAM, President, CasKids Auxiliary, for her constant and continued support. Thanks also to Ari Brown, Gratitude Hub Coordinator and Lucia Di Maio, Auxiliaries Coordinator for their support.

## StroKidz Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2006

**President:** Darren Kohne

**Treasurer:** Jackie Nielson

**Main funding purpose:** Haematology/Neurology

## Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1939

**President:** Barb Nicoll

**Secretary:** Maxine Chippendale

**Treasurer:** Raelene Trotter

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

**Grants supported in the last financial year:**

Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring System

We started our year with a magnificent Garden Party hosted by a friend of the Auxiliary. This event launched our name change to Templestowe/Yarra Valley, with members and special guests enjoying the gardens, sunshine and food.

Overall we have had an incredible fundraising year - our best yet! We held monthly stalls at the RCH, and were involved in a number of Market Days. In August, we worked with Lilydale Bowls Club to run a tournament which featured barefoot bowls, a sausage sizzle, a craft stall and a raffle. It raised a very pleasing \$14,500. We also had a Pop-Up Shop at Bendigo Bank Croydon ahead of Easter and Christmas, and in March we were involved in the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show with Geelong and CasKids. Over five days we raised over \$16,500. We also continued holding monthly stalls at Lilydale Marketplace, this year celebrating five years at the venue and over \$40,000 raised.

We were very proud to fund \$200,000 of vital equipment this year.



St Kilda Auxiliary

## The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2004

**President:** David Halstead

**Secretary:** Mauro Baldi

**Treasurer:** Rosalind Calver

**Main funding purpose:** The RCH Gatehouse Centre

**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Crisis Care Unit Resources for Children & Young People

## Trailblazers Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2005  
**President and Secretary:** Anne McGeary  
**Treasurer:** Dianne Powlesland  
**Main funding purpose:** Developmental Medicine - leadership

## Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2004  
**President:** Judith Oke  
**Hospital coordinator:** Elaine Hicks  
**Hospital distribution:** Josephine Kelly  
**Quilt making coordinator:** Marie Lee OAM  
**Main purpose:** Donation of handmade quilts to children

Our Auxiliary has a small team of accredited volunteers who visit the hospital each month. During the past year we have delivered approximately 1,000 quilts to children who have a chronic or life-threatening illness. We have also provided a quilt to assist raising funds for the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship. On request, we can provide fabric to other Auxiliaries so please reach out if you're interested.

## VivaRCH Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2002  
**President:** Alexandra Lowen  
**Ambassador:** Cassidy Silver  
**Treasurer:** Kelly Sneddon  
**Main funding purpose:** Pain management

VivaRCH is in its 22nd year of fundraising for pain management support to ensure that patients at the RCH are in little or no pain.

We have made recent impacts with the Smileyscope Virtual Reality devices and Music Therapy programs, due to donations including Gabee's TVSN handbag sales.

We were thrilled to announce the Viva Valentine's Day for the Kids this year, and we have exciting plans to grow this fundraising campaign, as well as reinvigorate our fundraising during the Polo season with our 'Viva Polo' team.

## Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1977  
**Secretary:** Georgina Rea  
**Treasurer:** Patricia Griffin  
**Main funding purpose:** Area of greatest need  
**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Equipment to Deliver Great Care Everywhere



## Waverley Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 1967  
**President:** Louise Hastie  
**Treasurer:** Bev Millar  
**Main funding purpose:** Parent-Child Mother Goose Program and equipment  
**Grants supported in the last financial year:** Parent-Child Mother Goose Program (in perpetuity), Infusion Syringe Pumps and Patient Monitoring Systems

We continue to raise funds through the trading table at our meetings as well as donations, monthly pods, Market Days at the RCH and the AFL Raffle. We also held a couple of very successful stalls at The Pines Shopping Centre in Doncaster East, and Syndal Baptist Church and had fun raising funds at our Dutch Auction and Games Day.

An average of 17 members attended our monthly meetings at Alvie Hall, Mount Waverley this year. Each meeting gives us an opportunity to catch up over morning tea, go through our agenda and hear from a guest speaker. Guest speakers this year have included Fiona and Tracy from Guide Dogs Victoria, Barry Fry who spoke about the Quakers religion and Gail White whose subject was genealogy doing family history. We also had Verita Crook, one of our members, speak about lace making using a sewing machine, while Margery Schreppel, also a member, shared her family's adventurous years living in the high country of East Gippsland.





Waverley Auxiliary

We were also excited to welcome two new members this year – Nan Rowed and Maureen Couch.

We are always interested to hear what is going on at the RCH through the Combined Auxiliary Meetings and AGM. Several of us also enjoyed the Living Treasures Morning Tea and Christmas Party.

Our Auxiliary members are very committed to the RCH and remain supportive of each other, working incredibly hard to raise much needed funds to advance the care of sick children.

## Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2013

**President:** Heather Brett

**Secretary:** Alma Verity

**Treasurer:** Heather Brett

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

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

Our Auxiliary has had a brilliant year. We run a Bunnings stall one weekend a month which brings in around \$1,200. Other fundraisers included a Bunnings sausage sizzle, which raised about \$2,000, a meat raffle at the local sports club which raised close to \$5,000, a stall and raffle at a local retirement village, which raised \$1,200 and the ever-faithful donation tin which saw around \$500.

## Young Warriors Auxiliary

**Year Auxiliary was formed:** 2024

**President and Secretary:** Grazia Di Maio Templeton

**Treasurer:** Elena De Fazio

**Main funding purpose:** Mental Health

Young Warriors Auxiliary was started in 2024 by Grazia Di Maio Templeton, a Psychiatric Nurse working at the Thomas Embling Hospital. As an advocate for mental health in teenagers, we decided to create this Auxiliary to support mental health at the RCH.



Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

# The Madge Tate Service Award

The Madge Tate Service Award was established in 1994 and is the highest honour an Auxiliary member can receive, recognising dedicated and extraordinary service to both the Auxiliaries and the RCH. It is named in honour of the late Madge Tate, who was a member of Croydon Auxiliary from 1932 until her passing in 1992. This prestigious award is presented annually, and since 1994 there have been 39 recipients, each nominated by their peers and selected by the AEC. The inaugural recipient was Maude Ham of Broadmeadows Auxiliary.

## 1996

Robyn Riseley  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

## 2002

Bill Gordon  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

## 2003

Doris Read  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Pat Griffin  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

## 2006

Anne Peter-Budge  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Pat Osbourne  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

## 2007

Sandra Lehrer  
*CIKA*

## 2008

Irene Hubbard  
*PremBubs Auxiliary*

Kerrie Beauglehall OAM  
*Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary*

## 2009

Peggy Mathison  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

## 2010

Shirley Jenkins  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary*

## 2011

Margaret Greenwood  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary/CIKA*

## 2012

Robyn Anderson OAM  
*CasKids Auxiliary and Past President of Auxiliaries*

## 2014

Andrew Duyvestyn  
*CIKA*

Christine Duyvestyn  
*CIKA*

## 2015

Gwen Bromley  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

## 2016

Denise Mudie  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

## 2017

Bev Noonan OAM  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

## 2018

Ruth Murray  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

## 2019

Glenda Fraser  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

## 2020

Barb Nicoll  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

## 2021

Raelene Trotter  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

## 2022

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

## 2023

Marie Lee OAM  
*Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

## 2024

Sharron Markovic  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

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

**1994**

Maude Ham  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

**1995**

Bette Chambers OAM  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

**1997**

Dorothy Knight  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Joan Mackechnie  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

**1998**

Phyll Unsworth OAM  
*Frankston Auxiliary*

**1999**

Mavis Pope OAM  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

**2000**

Dol Blunt  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

**2001**

Loris King  
*Ivanhoe Auxiliary*

**2004**

Joyce Keast  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Beth Trebilcock  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

**2005**

Olive Cooper  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

**2010**

Rhonda Robins  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

**2013**

Phyllis Brown  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

**2016**

Margo Ferguson  
(posthumously)  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

## 2024 Recipient Madge Tate Service Award Sharron Markovic

**Congratulations to Sharron Markovic, the recipient of this year's Madge Tate Service Award.**

Sharron has been a tireless supporter of the Auxiliaries for the past 24 years, after a chance invitation to attend the CIKA annual ball with her friends Julie and Sam Casilli sparked a passion for supporting children with cancer.

Since that first ball, Sharron has consistently raised her hand to take on important volunteer roles – first with CIKA and then as one of the founding members of the Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary from 2013.

As Stall Convener for the past 24 years – 13 years with CIKA and 11 years (and counting!) with Cancer Crusaders – Sharron has spent countless hours sourcing stock to sell and donations from the community. She is renowned for keeping her sharp eye out for anything her Auxiliary can onsell or raffle.

The Cancer Crusaders are well known for their hospital stalls and Market Days, which raise thousands of dollars each year. Sharron has manned the stalls each year and has become a well-known friendly face for staff and patient families alike.

In addition to the famous stalls and Market Days, Sharron is also passionate about supporting a range of fundraising events including the Cancer Crusaders High Teas, Annual Dinner Dance, Oaks Day Luncheon, bake sales, and of course, the Kids Day Out.

From wrapping silent auction hampers to baking delicious treats, sewing beautiful aprons, knitting gorgeous baby clothes, liaising with event venues, and organising prizes and centrepieces, Sharron has done it all.



Sharron is also active on an administrative level, having served as a member of the Fundraising Committee and as Secretary of Cancer Crusaders from its inception until today.

One of the most remarkable things about Sharron is that in addition to being a hard-working Auxiliary member, she is also a mother of three boys and a full-time nurse who works night shifts. Her incredible dedication and passion make her a wonderful example of the extraordinary good being done by RCH Auxiliary members every day.

Congratulations once again to Sharron, and thank you for your tireless efforts for the RCH and Auxiliaries over the past 24 years.

**Sharron being presented with  
the Madge Tate Service Award**



# Living Treasures

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

We are proud to announce the following Auxiliary members, [highlighted in blue](#), who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2024.

## A

Aggie Coyle  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Alexandra Lowen  
*Viva RCH Auxiliary*

Alison Orum  
*Charli's Angels Auxiliary*

Alma Verity  
*Pankina and Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliaries*

Amy Yu  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Andrew Duyvestyn  
*CIKA*

Ann Rathbone  
*LARCH*

Ann Sullivan  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Anne McGeary  
*Trailblazers Auxiliary*

Anne Peter-Budge  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Anne Randall  
*Former Director, Good Friday Appeal*

Annette Antolino  
*CPR Auxiliary*

Audrey Stewart  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

## B

Barb Nicoll  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Barbara Dickinson  
*American Women's Association*

Barbara Love  
*LARCH*

Barbara Willis  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Bernadette Dawson  
*CIKA*

Beryl Hale  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Beryl Logie  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Beryl Reeves  
*Waverley and Do-Bees Auxiliaries*

Betsy Van Eyk  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Bette McConvill  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Betty Lane  
*American Women's Association*

Betty Moloney  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Betty West  
*LARCH*

Bev Baltissen  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Bev Gosbell  
*LARCH*

Bev Hume  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Bev Noonan OAM  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

[Beverley Millar](#)  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Bill Gordon  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

Bohdan Panasewycz  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

Brenda Aisbett  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Brenda Upton  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

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

## C

Carmel Quinn  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Carol Blight  
*LARCH*

Carole Lowen OAM  
*Past President of Auxiliaries*

Caroline Hill  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Carolyn Appelbe  
*American Women's Association*

Cate Petit  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Cathy Anderson  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Cheryl Kline  
*LARCH*

Chris Collins  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Christine Boden  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Christine Boulter  
*LARCH*

Christine Duyvestyn  
*CIKA*

Christine McRae  
*LARCH*

Christine Unsworth AM  
*Former Executive Director, Good Friday Appeal*

Colleen Clift  
*CIKA*

## D

Dani Tabone  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

David Clift  
*CIKA*

David Webb  
*CIKA*

Davina Johnson OAM  
*Past President of Auxiliaries*

Dawn Bredin  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Debbie Kimberley  
*American Women's Association*

Denise Cosgriff  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Denise Mudie  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Diana Fletcher  
*Black Rock Auxiliary*

Doreen Bellenger  
*ABC Auxiliary*

Doris Fraser  
*American Women's Association*

Doris Read  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Doris Tatman  
*Waverley and Do Bees Auxiliaries*

Dorothy Boyle  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Dot Cridge  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Dot Timmerman  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Doug Rathbone AM  
*LARCH*

Dulcie Cedaro  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

## E

Eileen Davies  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

[Elizabeth Dohrmann](#)  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Elizabeth Royce  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Elizabeth Wilson OAM  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Ellen Bryant  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Ellen Webb  
CIKA

Emma Webster  
*Ezy Breathing Auxiliary*

Eve Lee  
*Kooyong Lawn  
Tennis Club Auxiliary*

## F

Faye Love  
CIKA

Fred Bergman  
CIKA

## G

Gael Holliday  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Gail Nunan  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Gail Simpson  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Geoff Wilson  
*Willy Seagulls Auxiliary*

Glenda Fraser  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Glenice Gardner  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Graeme Clark  
OARA

Graham Blight  
LARCH

Graham Love  
LARCH

Gwen Bromley  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

## H

Hayley Dighton  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

Hazel Thomas  
LARCH

Heather Beggs  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Heather Brett  
*Werribee Ladies for Kids  
Auxiliary*

Helen Carroll  
*Former Gift Shop Manager*

Helen Mann  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Helen Moon  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Helen Smale  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Helena Panasewycz  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

## I

Irene Hubbard  
*PremBubs Auxiliary*

Isobel Foote  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Isobel Wilson  
*Willy Seagulls Auxiliary*

## J

Jan Bodycoat  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Jan Gilbertson  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Jan Regester  
*Chip In and Willy Seagulls and  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliaries*

Jan Roberts  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Janice Memery  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Janice Tucker  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Janis Crockett  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Jean Burgess  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

Jenny Booth  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

Jenny Holmes  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Jennifer Porter  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Jill Harrison OAM  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Jo Scully  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Joan Armstrong  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Joan Bradbury  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Joan Carroll  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Joan Courtney  
*Smiley Auxiliary*

Joan Latreille  
*Toorak/South Yarra Auxiliary*

Joan Lord  
*Black Rock Auxiliary*

Joan McRae  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Joan Noonan  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Jocelyn Perry  
*Toorak/South Yarra Auxiliary*

John Graham  
OARA

John Hooper  
LARCH

Joyce Johnson  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Joyce Stephenson  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Judith Arms  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Judy Aussems  
*Neonate Mates Auxiliary*

Judy Conn  
*South Western Auxiliary*

Julie Casilli  
CIKA

Julie Hartney  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Julie Windsor  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

June Box  
LARCH

June Campbell-Grigg  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

June Hawkins  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

## K

Katherine Anderson  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Katherine Karakizis  
*American Women's  
Association*

Kathy Nowak  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Kay Reay  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

[Kaye Danielson](#)  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Kaye Murphy  
CIKA

Keith Thomas  
LARCH

Kerrie Beauglehall OAM  
*Inverloch Diabetic  
Unit Auxiliary*

Kerrie Steele  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Kirrie Perree  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

## L

Leah Bergman  
CIKA

[Leesa Boffa](#)  
*Neonate Mates Auxiliary*

Lenette Anderson  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Linda Smith  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Lola Castro  
*American Women's  
Association*

Lorna Holligan  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Lorraine Martin  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Lorraine Wagner  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Lottie Orgrizovic  
*Heart to Heart and Pelican  
Auxiliaries*

Louise Gourlay AM  
*Past President of Auxiliaries  
and Past Patron of Auxiliaries*

Louise Hastie  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Louise Learmonth  
CIKA

Lyn Bruncker  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Lyn Wheat  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

Lynette Lewis  
*Absent Friends Auxiliary*

Lynn Elshaw  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

## M

Margaret Ash  
*Smiley Auxiliary*

Margaret Barker  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Margaret Day  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary*

Margaret Giulieri OAM  
*Pelican and Caulfield  
Auxiliaries*

Margaret Greenwood  
*CIKA and Heart to Heart  
Auxiliaries*

Margaret Howe  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary*

Margaret Plowright  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary*

Margaret Rogers  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Margery Schreppel  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Margot Lord  
*LARCH and Pankina  
Auxiliaries*

Marie Baulch  
*LARCH*

Marie Devereaux  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

Marie Lee OAM  
*Victorian Quilters Very  
Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

Marilyn McInnes  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Mario Pozzuto  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust  
Auxiliary*

Marj Evans  
*Pelican/Waverley Auxiliary*

Marlene Phillips  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Mary Richardson  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Maureen Cody  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

[Maxine Chippendale](#)  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Michael Love  
*CIKA*

Michele Porter  
*Neonate Mates Auxiliary*

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

## **N**

Naida Hartley  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Natasha Tocknell  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

Noel Smith

*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Noelene Hammond  
*LARCH*

Nola Fairbairn  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Norma Stanton  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Norma Wangman  
*Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Nutan Gallina  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

## **O**

Olwyn Rook  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

## **P**

Pam Phillips  
*CIKA*

Pamela Dunn  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

Pat Griffin  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Pat Osborne  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Pat Roberts  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Pat Stolp  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Paul Hannan  
*Viva RCH Auxiliary*

Pauline Raby  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Peggy Mathison  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Peter Murray  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Peter Yates AM  
*Former Chairman, the RCH  
Foundation*

Phil Hooper  
*LARCH*

Phyllis George  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

## **R**

[Rachelle Better-Johnson](#)  
*CIKA*

Raelene Trotter  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Rob Gosbell  
*LARCH*

Robyn Anderson OAM

*Past President of Auxiliaries  
and CasKids Auxiliary*

Robyn Constable  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Robyn Pollock  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Robyn Riseley  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Robyn Thexton  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Rod Cole  
*ORA*

Rod Jones  
*Smiley Auxiliary*

Ron Caddy  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Rosalie Panasewycz  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

Rose Pozzuto  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust  
Auxiliary*

Rosemary Macan  
*United Auxiliary*

Ruth Edelsten  
*CIKA*

Ruth Murray  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

## **S**

Sala Rubinstein  
*CIKA*

Sandra Aussems  
*Neonate Mates Auxiliary*

Sandra Bonnici  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Sandra Jones  
*Smiley Auxiliary*

Sandra Lehrer  
*CIKA*

Sandra Long  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Scotia Ryan  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Sharron Markovic  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Shirley Jenkins  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary*

Shirley McGregor  
*LARCH*

Stephen Halligan

CIKA

Steve Lehrer  
*CIKA*

Sue Hunt AM  
*Former Chief Executive  
Officer, The RCH Foundation*

Susan Maxwell  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Susan Twomey  
*Charli's Angels Auxiliary*

## **T**

Tara Valentine  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Tony Hubbard  
*PremBubs Auxiliary*

## **V**

Val Caddy  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Val Willis  
*Pankina and Werribee Ladies  
for Kids Auxiliaries*

Val Wright  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Valerie Layfield  
*Beaumaris Auxiliary*

Verita Crook  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Vi Patten  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Lady Virginia Buchan  
*American Women's  
Association*

## **W**

Wanda Buchanan  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Wendy Crisp  
*Let the Children Play Auxiliary*

Wendy Halligan  
*CIKA*

Wendy Hancock  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Wendy O'Meara  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

## **Y**

Yvonne Felton  
*Caring Friends of Cystic  
Fibrosis Auxiliary*

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

Dame Elisabeth  
Murdoch AC DBE  
*Past Patron of Auxiliaries*

Dame Patricia  
Mackinnon DBE  
*Past President of Auxiliaries  
and Past Patron of Auxiliaries*

Grace Cuming OAM, DStJ  
*Camberwell and Canterbury  
Auxiliary*

Barbara Bourke  
*South Western Auxiliary*

Betty Bengtsson  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Beth Trebilcock  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Bev Paterson  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Beverley Groves  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Daphne Cleghorn  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Dawn Anderson  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Dawn Weir  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Dianne Humphreys  
*aRCHers Auxiliary*

Dol Blunt  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Doreen West  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Dorothy Blackie  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Dorothy Knight  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Dorothy Sizeland  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Dorothy Waters  
*Coburg and Dorothy  
Waters Auxiliaries*

Dorrie Muir  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Ecila Engler  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Edna Elliott  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Edna Klestadt  
*American Women's  
Association*

Edna Wallis  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Edna (Iris) Lavelle  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
Auxiliary*

Elsie Munnerley  
*Pelican Auxiliary*

Ena Paterson  
*Ivanhoe Auxiliary*

Evelyn Foreshaw  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Gwen Smith  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Ida Geary  
*Williamstown and Pankina  
Auxiliaries*

Ivy Milgate  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Jane Verity  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Jean Diffey  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Jean Patience  
*Caulfield Auxiliary*

Jean Powell  
*LARCH*

Jenny Gordon  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

Jo Allen  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Joan Gainger  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Joan Layet  
*Kooyong Lawn  
Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Joy Clarke  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Joyce Keast  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Judith McKenna  
*Beaumaris Auxiliary*

June Atkinson  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Kath Colwell  
*Coburg Auxiliary*

Kathleen Walker  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Lesley Blamey  
*Toorak/South Yarra Auxiliary*

Linda Lovell  
*Broadmeadows and  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliaries*

Loris King  
*Ivanhoe Auxiliary*

Louisa Edmonds  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Lynne Millar  
*American Women's  
Association*

Marcia Cooke  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley  
Auxiliary*

Maree Andrews  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Margaret Fisher  
*Southern Rainbows Auxiliary*

Margaret Hand  
*South Western Auxiliary*

Margaret McPherson  
*Footscray/Yarraville Juniors  
Auxiliary*

Margot Ferguson  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Maria De Poi  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Marion Crawford  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Marjorie Beaumont  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Marjorie Beaumont  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Mary Hyland  
*South Western Auxiliary*

Maureen Edwards  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Mavis Pope OAM  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Nance Black  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Nanette Smart  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Olive Cooper  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Olive Swift  
*Caulfield Auxiliary*

Pam Burch  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Pat Borcich  
*Caring Friends of  
Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Pat Glazner  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust  
Auxiliary*

Pat Piper  
*Caulfield Auxiliary*

Pat Windmill  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Pauline Gray  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Peggy Hughes  
*Toorak/South Yarra Auxiliary*

Phil Hill  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Phyllis Brown  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Phyl Unsworth  
*Frankston Auxiliary*

Rhonda Robins  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

Sadie Richie  
*LARCH*

Shirley Ryan  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Sue Reeve  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Syd Cooper  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Thais McCallum  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Thelma Hudson  
*Lord Somers Auxiliary*

Wilma Neville  
*Knox Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Val Davis OAM  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Val Robson  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Val Thomas  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Valerie Sanderson  
*Beaumaris Auxiliary*

Yvonne Walters  
*Caulfield Auxiliary*

# 2024 Long Service Awards

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

## 50 Years

Judith Arms  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

## 35 Years

Ellen Bryant  
*St Kilda Auxiliary*

Elizabeth Window  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

## 30 Years

Joan McRae  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Rodney Arms  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

Stephen Arms  
*Pankina Auxiliary*

William Gordon  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

## 25 Years

Daryl Gunn  
*Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary*

Judith Glazner  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

Leo Vargiu  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

Peter Hader  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

Silvia Pozzuto  
*Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust*

## 20 Years

Colleen Clift  
*CIKA*

Kathryn Anderson  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Marilyn McInnes  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Mauro Baldi  
*The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary*

Sue Maxwell  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

## 15 Years

Beryl Hale  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Carolyn Lee  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Louise Hastie  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Stephen Halligan  
*CIKA*

Steven Jones  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Tara Valentine  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Valerie Thompson  
*Caroline Auxiliary*

Verita Crook  
*Waverley Auxiliary*

Wendy Halligan  
*CIKA*

## 10 Years

Adam Dooley  
*Bright Starts Auxiliary*

Carolyn Dighton  
*Let The Children Play Auxiliary*

Dean Duyvestyn  
*CIKA*

Diane Attrill  
*CIKA*

Elaine Hicks  
*Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary*

Elizabeth Dohrmann  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Genevieve Barnett  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Helen Smale  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Janet Bodycoat  
*CasKids Auxiliary*

Joan Gilchrist  
*Parkville Auxiliary*

Julie Heymanson  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Kerrie Steele  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Krystyna Diss  
*Neonate Mates Auxiliary*

Leanne Gardner  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Louise Farley  
*Bright Starts Auxiliary*

Moyra Freeman  
*Wangaratta Auxiliary*

Rosaline Gardner  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Ruth Edelsten  
*CIKA*

Sue Manson  
*Charli's Angels Auxiliary*

## 5 Years

Ann Cooper  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Avraham Bart  
*Friends of the CBC Auxiliary*

Barbara Bagg  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Concetta Di Maio  
*CIKA*

Dianne Moody  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Jan Hoffmann  
*Templestowe/Yarra Valley Auxiliary*

Lachlan Heywood  
*KidsCan Auxiliary*

Marie Bartels  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Patricia Wallace-Smith  
*Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary*

Shelley Kline  
*President's Fundraising Network*





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

## Vale

Anne Stone  
*Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary*

Maria De Poi  
*Heart to Heart Auxiliary*

Thais McCallum  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

Charles Bonnici  
*Roxburgh Park Auxiliary*

Michael Eccles  
*Broadmeadows Auxiliary*

Wilma Neville  
*Knox Sherbrooke Auxiliary*

Jenny Gordon  
*Heart Throb Auxiliary*

Peg (Margaret) Benham  
*Geelong Auxiliary*

# The team

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