

# **Year in Review**

# **About the Children's Cancer Foundation**

The Children's Cancer Foundation is a dedicated team working with like-minded individuals and organisations to fund world-class clinical research and clinical care, and quality family support programs.



To create new and kinder treatments for children with cancer.

### **OUR VISION**

By 2029, Australian children with cancer will have access to world class treatment and support to survive and thrive.



We raise and invest funds to develop new and better cancer treatment and support for children and their families.

### **OUR VALUES**

#### Curious

We always want to find a better way for every childhood cancer challenge

#### Collaborative

We know we cannot do this alone, so we seek to partner with the many who can help

#### Accountable

We strive for the most efficient ways to achieve our ambitions and always provide full disclosure

#### **Advocate**

We are the voice for those needing a cure, and are focused on their access to the best support possible today and the promise of complete solutions tomorrow

#### Belief

We steadfastly believe that we are making a vital contribution to beat childhood cancer for good and the horizon for success is visible



The Children's Cancer Foundation acknowledges and recognises the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we are located. We respect all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and honour their cultural and spiritual relationships the land and water, and their rich contribution to society.

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# A message from our Chair

2024 was the year the Children's Cancer Foundation established the independent Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium (VPCC).

Creating the VPCC has taken many years of work by the Foundation and was brought to fruition by a funding partnership between the Foundation and the Victorian Government. The investment from the two founding partners is \$45 million and represents the largest ever investment in childhood cancer in Victoria.

Importantly, the VPCC is led by independent experts in scientific innovation; and its work is being strongly supported by a community of children's cancer researchers and clinicians, research institutes, universities and families.

The Foundation had some significant personnel changes in 2024. We welcomed Margaret Fitzherbert as the Foundation's CEO in January 2024, and we farewelled Jeff Darmanin from our board in April 2024. Jeff had a profound impact over six years on the Board, as volunteer Executive Director for three years, and was the force behind VPCC (see more on page 7). Margaret is a talented leader who brings focus, determination and compassion to the role – we are incredibly fortunate to have her as our CEO.

In December 2024, we announced our partnership with the Royal Women's Hospital to fund a new, free and national fertility preservation program for children and young people with cancer. We expect that around one thousand patients will benefit from this treatment over the next five years. The first reproductive tissue collected through this program is now being safely stored for a child receiving treatment for cancer, and we couldn't be happier about what this might mean for that child, and many others.

The Foundation has a small paid workforce, supported by a much bigger team of highly committed volunteers. Every single one of them is driven by their commitment to finding better and kinder treatments for children with cancer.

Cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia.

Every year, 1,000 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer – and fight with their families to beat the brutal arithmetic of childhood cancer.

Of the 1,000 children diagnosed with cancer, 150 will die. Another 550 kids will survive but live with serious long-term side effects and impacts. And those terrible numbers keep building, year on year.

Since our Foundation was formed in 1992, more than 30,000 Aussie kids have been diagnosed with cancer – and more than 4,500 have died.

That's 4,500 young lives lost and 4,500 devastated families.

What can we do to improve these numbers? How can we help more children survive? And, of those who survive, how can we help them thrive for the rest of their lives?

Those questions – and the search for better answers – are why our Foundation exists.

We are grateful for the generous individuals, community organisations, and businesses both large and small that support our work through fundraising. We could not achieve the impact we do without you.

**Hon Jaala Pulford** Chair



# Highlights of 2024

### WINNING FUNDING

Instigated Victoria's largest-ever investment in childhood cancer. That investment - **\$35 million from the Victorian Government and \$10 million from the Foundation** - created an independent Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium\* which will build on the work done under the \$9.6million MRFF grant procured by the Foundation in 2021.

### **HELPING PEOPLE**

Created the Children's Cancer Family Support Alliance Website to connect families with childhood cancer charities and service providers in Victoria and Tasmania. Since 2022, **the website has been used by 3,211 families.** 

### **FERTILITY PROJECT**

**Committed \$3.2 million to fund a new, national fertility preservation program** for children with cancer. A landmark initiative, in partnership with the Royal Women's Hospital, which will see approximately **1,000 children and young adults offered fertility preservation to start families of their own.** 

### **ENABLING RESEARCH**

Created the world's largest collection of childhood cancer tissue samples. That research hub – the Childhood Cancer Model Atlas – has been accessed by over **10,000 users in 44 countries**, including international clinical trial networks.

### **TRAINING NURSES**

Funded scholarships to **train 62 paediatric cancer nurses** in WA, QLD, SA, VIC, NSW and New Zealand.

### **SUPPORTING FAMILIES**

Funded the Family Resource Co-ordinator at the Royal Children's Hospital. That co-ordinator has **supported more than 200 families** in 2024.

\*March 2025, saw the Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium (VPCC) rebrand as the **Children's Cancer CoLab**. We look forward to sharing updates across the CoLab's five strategic Impact Programs - Next-Generation Therapies, Safer Therapies, Survivorship and Living Well, Future Leaders, and Innovation Accelerators – in future reports. Learn more about the success of our projects in our Impact Report below



## **Board Members**



Board and staff members who have been directly affected by childhood cancer.



Hon. Jaala Pulford Mother of Sinéad

**Chairperson** and Non-Executive Director

Special Responsibility: Chair



#### **Peter Crinis**

**Managing Director**, Anchor Consulting Co.

**Special Responsibility:** The Million Dollar Lunch Committee



**Tracey Danaher** Mother of Zac

**Professor**, Monash Business School

**Special Responsibility:** Project Funding



Maurizio Marcocci Cancer Survivor

**Director**, University Food Group and Chair, My Room

**Special Responsibility:** My Room Liaison



#### Mary McGowan OAM

**Former Community Liaison Officer,** Children's Cancer Centre, Paediatric Oncology, Royal Children's Hospital

**Special Responsibility:** Parent Engagement



#### **Vivienne Petroff**

**Executive Director**, Flagstaff Partners **Special Responsibility:** Finance



#### **Rianna Ponting**

**Founder**, Ponting Foundation

**Special Responsibility:** The Million Dollar Lunch Committee



#### Sarah Wyse

Independent Advisor and Founder, Wyse Women

**Special Responsibility:** Media and Communications

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Margaret Fitzgerald Chief Executive Officer



Renee Jess Fundraising Director



Sally Armstrong Finance Manager



**Erin McDonald** Marketing and Fundraising Manager



Yen Ee Yeoh Digital Communications Lead



**Rebecca Bowker** Administration Volunteer



Jacquie Blackwell Philanthropy Volunteer

Ambassador



Taylah Miranda 24-year-old survivor



#### Thank you to Jeff Darmanin

In 2024, Jeff Darmanin stepped down after seven years as a director of the Foundation, and as volunteer Executive Director for over three years. Jeff's contribution was truly extraordinary. His leadership, strategic planning and execution has had a profound impact, and greatly assisted the Foundation to build a better world for children with cancer. Jeff undoubtably 'shifted the dial' for families impacted by cancer, in honour of his son William.

# **The Million Dollar Lunch 2024**

That special day in August, where our brilliant community gathers to make a difference for children and families impacted by cancer, arrived once again, with The Million Dollar Lunch taking place Friday, 23rd August.

The atmosphere was electric at the stunning setting of The Palladium at Crown, and great generosity was shown, with over \$2 million raised to ensure children with cancer survive and thrive.

The teams at Crown Resorts and Encore nailed the Illusion theme brief with flawless execution, as a contortionist, golden unicorn and performer Art of Glass greeted guests on arrival – all before The Palladium doors even opened.

Nova Breakfasts' Lauren Phillips and Clint Stanaway were hosts for the day, entertaining our room full of guests with infectious energy.

The Hon. Jaala Pulford, Chair of the Children's Cancer Foundation, acknowledged the generosity of the event's cornerstone partners Crown Resorts, the Australian Football League, Sportsbet and Lexus of Blackburn, international flight partner Emirates, and key event partners Levantine Hill and Flinders & Co.

The Clements family spoke, sharing the devastating impact that childhood cancer has on an entire family.

Trailblazing pole choreographer and performer, and Australia's Got Talent title winner Kristy Sellars graced the stage, followed by homegrown Australian sensation ANGEL, thanks to our friends at Frontier Touring.

Rob Mills then rocked out a few Bon Jovi classics, thanks to Torre Entertainment, which had guests up on their feet and dancing the afternoon away.

Kay and Burton supported our live auction, auctioning thirteen exclusive items. These included a VIP Australian Grand Prix experience, Paspaley Kimberley experience, an AFL Grand Final package and an original pencil sketch study and limited edition print of Vincent Fantauzzo's portrait of Heath Ledger (2008), donated by the artist.

Twenty-one exceptional prizes were then on offer in the Lexus of Blackburn Premium Raffle – first prize the stylish LEXUS RZ450e Luxury, valued at \$135,000. Guests were thrilled to see Ricky Ponting, Lexus of Blackburn Ambassador, present the keys to the lucky winner.

The Million Dollar Lunch Committee and the Children's Cancer Foundation team are excited as they look towards The Million Dollar Lunch 2025!

#### Thank you to The Million Dollar Lunch Committee Members

Peter Crinis (Co-Chair) Rianna Ponting (Co-Chair) Enda Cunningham Christopher Gilbert Thomas Mort Ann Peacock Renato Pellicano James Roche Kylie Rogers Andrew Ryan









### Thank you to the departing committee members...

#### **Ann Peacock**

Amongst one of our longest serving committee members, Ann's incredible dedication and countless contributions to the MDL over the past 18 years have been invaluable. Ann's hard work, support, and commitment will be greatly missed. Thank you, Ann.





#### **Kylie Rogers**

Having joined the committee in 2021, Kylie has been a powerhouse in raising funds for the Foundation. We thank Kylie for the passion and drive she brought to the committee over the past four years.

#### **Enda Cunningham**

Thank you to Enda Cunningham for his three years of tireless service. As well as his many contributions to the committee, Enda has led the dynamic team at Crown during the most successful years in the MDL's history.

# Special thanks to our Major Event Sponsors

We extend our gratitude to the 2024 Major Event Sponsors of The Million Dollar Lunch: Crown Resorts, the Australian Football League, Sportsbet, Encore and Lexus of Blackburn. In addition to our international flight partner, Emirates, and key event partners Levantine Hill and Flinders & Co.

#### **Cornerstone Partners**



Crown Resorts generously supports The Million Dollar Lunch by absorbing all venue and catering costs, and assisting with prize procurement.



The AFL supports the Children's Cancer Foundation and The Million Dollar Lunch through event management and production, and assisting with prize procurement.



SportsBet supports the Children's Cancer Foundation through sponsorship of The Million Dollar Lunch.



Lexus of Blackburn supports The Million Dollar Lunch by donating a luxury vehicle to the premium raffle.



Encore is the creative production partner delivering multiple Million Dollar Lunch events.

#### **International Flight Partner**







FLINDERS + CO



# Special thanks to our Event Suppliers

The Million Dollar Lunch would not be possible without the incredible generosity of Crown Resorts and its extraordinary team. We would like to thank the many event suppliers of Crown Resports for their contribution and helping to bring The Million Dollar Lunch to life in 2024.



# **The Million Dollar Lunch impact pledge**

The Million Dollar Lunch brings a community of leaders together who each show their generous support for the Children's Cancer Foundation, this year raising a collective \$887,500 from pledges alone.

The continued support from these individuals, families, organisations and some anonymous donors, makes this spectacular event what it is.

Thank you again from everyone at the Children's Cancer Foundation. Together we are making a difference.



Crown Resorts Foundation



The Highland Foundation (Sharon Landy, Joan and Rick Smith)



Ponting Foundation (Rianna and Ricky Ponting)



The Booth Family



Grill'd Healthy Burgers (Sophie and Simon Crowe)



The Pratt Foundation



Kay & Burton Foundation

### We also thank our 65 incredible volunteers who helped make The Million Dollar Lunch 2024 the success that is was!

Alfred Chu Amanda Nguyen Andrea Diprose Andrew Hughes Anna Livingston Bao Le Barbara Martin Belinda Walker Berenice Gandit Billy McMahon Brenda Pham Carly Diprose Chantelle Barillaro Charbel Hamame Cheryl Gomez Cindy Wen Claire (Xin) Sun Connie Honaker **Courtney Goss** 

Debbie Lee Dingyin Sun Dylan Lintermans Emily Walton Emma Darmanin Fiona Rothville Garry Tanner Hanna Ayash Heather Richardson Ihra Adjumain Isabel Rayner-Lawton Jeney Kuzma Jem Fisher Josh Bowker Josh Daly Julie Spencer Justin Carlier Justin d'Cruze

Katrina Braganza Kim Phillips Kristin Bell Lauren Porter Lily Fraser Louise Simonetto Madeline Penny Mehwish Abbasi Naama Neeman Narinder Singh Natalia Vukelic Natalie Zhen Nicola Richardson Olga Grueva Olivia Crook Rebecca Bowker Rebecca Wong **Rhys Bennett** 

Richa Maheshwari **Robert Clancy** Rupali Guha Sarah Pryer Sarah Martiniello Simon Shaw Skye Sobing **Stephanie Pearce** Tracey Danaher Tyson Taylor Vanessa Tsui Vanessa Rechichi Vikesh Ajith Vivian Bullen Yajie (Jenny) Wang Yichen Zhou Yuging Liang Zaita Anderson











# Marcus Rosin Fund supporting the Brain Cancer Vaccine Project

February 2024 marked Marcus Rosin's 19th heavenly birthday.

Diagnosed with ependymoma brain cancer at the age of four, Marcus had a five-year cancer journey and fought extremely hard, but sadly passed away in May 2014, at only nine years of age.

Throughout his fight, Marcus underwent a series of gruelling treatments, including 73 sessions of cranial and spinal radiation, multiple surgeries, 40 weeks of chemotherapy which included two clinical trials, blood tests every week and five blood and platelet transfusions – but ultimately cancer took control.

Devastatingly, brain cancer kills more Australian children than any other disease and current treatments have remained unchanged for over three decades.

Determined to change the odds for other families, Marcus's parents, Marisa and Fabian, joined forces with the Children's Cancer Foundation in 2015 to establish the Marcus Rosin Fund, with the purpose of supporting clinical research and accelerating research into new treatments. Their goal has been to fund a project specifically for ependymoma, with the hope to save other families from going through the gut-wrenching pain of losing a child to brain cancer like they did. In 2024, their wish became a reality. In collaboration with the Children's Cancer Foundation, the Rosin family pledged their support to The Robert Connor Dawes (RCD) Brain Cancer Vaccine Project at the University of Queensland – with funding from the Marcus Rosin Fund.

The Brain Cancer Vaccine Project will see scientists develop a world-first vaccine that trains the body to recognise tumour molecules and eliminate them by harnessing the body's immune system to fight the disease. Experts in immunology and brain tumour biology will join forces to develop an mRNA vaccine that will initially focus on ependymoma, a common malignant brain tumour, which will then be adapted to other paediatric brain tumour types as the project moves along. With the aim to enrol patients in clinical trials sometime in 2025.

Attending the Brain Cancer Vaccine Project official launch in Queensland on Wednesday, 31 January, 2024, Marisa spoke of her family's involvement in the project and honouring Marcus.





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We are thrilled to be involved with the RCD Foundation, especially given both Connor and Marcus passed away from ependymoma. It's a dream of ours to have Marcus' name involved, even though he is physically no longer with us, he will part of such an amazing project which gives hope for all children through this journey. A dream come true and if this is part of a cure one day, then we have done our job in honour of our angels.

- Marisa Rosin

The Rosin family once again held their 'Splash of Yellow for Marcus Gala Ball' in June 2024. It was an honour for the Children's Cancer Foundation team to be in attendance and volunteer on the night at this very special event, which saw an incredible \$160,000 raised for children's cancer in just one evening.

The event was filled will colour, love and heartfelt emotion – all in memory of one very special little boy.

#### The Marcus Rosin Fund has now raised over \$500,000, which is being used to help fund projects

like The Robert Connor Dawes (RCD) Brain Cancer Vaccine Project at the University of Queensland and other initiatives to accelerate research.



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# **Our Wonderful Supporters**

Thank you to our many other inspirational fundraisers for the time, effort, and dedication you commit to our cause, and of course our heartfelt appreciation to the incredible communities, schools, workplaces, families and friends who support our fundraisers in their efforts.

#### **Giving Love Gala Dinner**

Friend of the Foundation, Kim, hosted not one but two gala dinners for the Foundation in 2024. Foundation Ambassador, Taylah Miranda, was able to attend and speak to guests about her experience with childhood cancer and the vital difference their donations were making. Over the past two years Kim has raised a total of \$52,900.

#### **Ruby-Rose Rainbow Fund**

The Ruby-Rose Rainbow Fund is dedicated to the memory of Ruby-Rose Ford who passed away at the age of nearly 3 years old on 12 December 2015 from Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). She is the beautiful daughter of Shane and Rachael and little sister to Jesse and Allie. The fifth annual trivia night in memory of Ruby-Rose was held in October, raising over \$27,300 and bringing the Ruby-Rose Rainbow Fund total to \$142,300.

#### **KCM Trade**

In May 2024, the Medway Golf Club in Melbourne's north-west, hosted their annual Medway Corporate Cup. KCM Trade were the major sponsor of the event and nominated the Children's Cancer Foundation as their chosen charity for the day. The day was attended by 22 strong teams and raised over \$8,500 for the Foundation.

#### Sarayi Belly Dance School

The Sorayi Dance School and friends have supported the Foundation over many years through their annual charity dance concert, and we were delighted and grateful that they did so again in 2024. Through ticket sales and donations \$3,700 was raised.

#### **Mates Mow the Mullets**

Three inspiring young mates joined forces in April, to support a family member and friend on his cancer journey, by starting a fundraiser within their school community. They shaved their much-loved mullets and raised over \$7,200 for cancer research in the process.

#### Moose Happy Kids Foundation and Koala Kids Foundation

The generous team from the Moose Happy Kids Foundation gifted the Foundation an enormous pallet of popular toys, just in time for Christmas. With help from our friends at the Koala Kids Foundation we were able to distribute these to children in our hospitals, bringing smiles to many little faces over the festive period.













#### **Delaware North**

The team at Delaware North has been raising awareness and funds for the Foundation to help to change the path of childhood cancer. Staff across the country got behind this great cause, raising over \$8,500 to help find a better way for every childhood cancer challenge as well as making generous gift in kind donations towards The Million Dollar Lunch.

#### **Eagle Group**

Eagle Group is committed to making a positive impact on our community and is passionate about giving back. Through their locally owned and operated fuel and retail businesses, they are dedicated to paving a brighter path for children and families impacted by cancer and have raised over \$100,000 for the Foundation.

#### **Ag Farm Machinery**

At a launch event with a close network of attendees, the Ag Farm Machinery team raised \$38,200 for the Children's Cancer Foundation. Guest speakers Eddie McGuire and Chris Kohler added to the excitement of the evening by helping raffle two Bad Boy mowers.

#### **C** Property

C Property has been a generous and ongoing supporter of the Children's Cancer Foundation, with their team contributing to the Foundation after each successfully negotiated deal. One of Brisbane's best commercial agencies, C Property has now donated over \$87,000.

#### **Pallet Logistics**

For close to a decade the team at Pallet Logistics has consistently demonstrated their support for the Foundation. Driven by their genuine desire to uplift those in need, their generous donations have now reached over \$193,000.

#### **Builder Elite**

In 2024, Builder Elite were on a mission to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation, setting a target of \$20,000. At their multi-day wealth building training session for builders and agents, they surpassed this goal with a successful weekend of workshops and fundraising.



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# **Our Wonderful Supporters**



Raising over \$12,700 through the raffle at a 3-hour luncheon at the Sofitel Hotel Melbourne.



Rallying their community and raising over \$8,000.



Raising over \$6,000 through their loyal community and supporters.



Raising \$5,000 through their annual golf championships.

#### Thank you to all our other amazing fundraisers for the year!

5th Quarter

Ben's Hawaiian Shirt Day

CleverCow

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Easter Egg for Charity

Kidsworld Community and Fun Event

Running for Cancer Patients: JTBC Seoul Marathon

Sixty for Sabina

Taylor'd Exercise Physiology Annual Christmas Fundraiser

Vanga Palagalam Fundraiser



Including a charity in your will is a highly personal decision and each year we are touched by the generosity of those individuals who choose to leave a gift in their will to the Children's Cancer Foundation. The incredible funding boost we receive through a gift in will allows us to continue investing in life-changing research projects to help eliminate children's cancer and provide vital support programs for families while their child undergoes treatment.

Thank you to the following people who remembered us in their wills and have left a lasting legacy for children and families impacted by cancer.



Barbara Ann Burr

Gail Burt

Kevin John Doyle

Lindsay John Thomson Maurice Butterworth Ursula Margarethe Gerda Lupton

### **Pro-bono Partners**

Arnold Bloch Leibler Lawyers and Advisers



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The Tennis Australia team provide our Foundation with pro bono office space, along with all the office essentials – so we can spend more time and funds on making a difference for children and families impacted by cancer. Craig Tiley, CEO of Tennis Australia, and his team also support The Million Dollar Lunch by providing their time, volunteers, and significant auction and raffle prizes.

# **Project funding**

The Children's Cancer Foundation's impact is far beyond the amounts recorded here for project spend in 2023/24. The Foundation's leadership role in mobilising funding for the first generation of the Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium has resulted in an additional \$4.1m spent on childhood cancer research this year.

#### Collectively in 2023/24, the Children's Cancer Foundation's project funding impact is \$4.35 million.

In 2023/24 the Children's Cancer Foundation spent \$253,000 supporting the following projects delivered by our partners in the fight against children's cancer. This is considerably less than in previous years, and is largely due to the payment preconditions for two major commitments being held over until after the end of the financial year.

We budgeted \$1m and \$1.5m respectively for our 2023/24 commitments for the VPCC, our major vehicle for medical research, and the Chair in Children's Cancer. For reasons that were beyond our control, we were not able to spend the funds at the times we had budgeted to do so.

Throughout 2024, we worked closely with the State Government of Victoria and our institutional partners in the VPCC to achieve the governance and other milestones that were required before the funding agreement between the VPCC and the State Government was successfully completed. This was after the end of the financial year 2023/24, with the timing determined by the State Government. Our own financial contributions were timed to coincide with the State Government's and have now commenced. Our commitment to the VPCC is \$10 million over five years, matched by \$35 million from the State Government.

Similarly, we assisted the University of Melbourne as it successfully recruited the Chair position in 2024. This was completed in December 2024 and the successful candidate will commence in 2025. From the outset, our payments for this major project were linked to recruitment milestones. These occurred after the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

Despite the delay in these two key expenditures, we have worked diligently to maximise the returns on the funds while they were waiting to be invested.

With expenditure for these major projects now beginning to track as originally planned, these outgoings will be captured in our accounts for financial year 2024/25.

Additionally, in December 2024 we announced a funding commitment of \$3.2 million over five years for the national Fertility Preservation Project with the Royal Women's Hospital, and made the first financial contribution. At over \$600,000 per annum over the next five years, this will also play a significant part in the Foundation's portfolio.

### **CLINICAL RESEARCH**

#### **Nurse Led Research Program**

#### Location: National

FY 23/24 Funding: \$50,000

**Overview:** Offered within the VCCC Alliance Nurse-led Research Hub across all ANZCHOG sites, the Paediatric Scholarship and Support Program assists clinical nurses across Australian and New Zealand to establish or strengthen essential research skills.

#### **PhD Scholars Development Program**

#### Location: Monash University

FY 23/24 Funding: \$25,025

**Overview:** To develop a doctoral training program focused on key research themes of precision medicine, and to strengthen cross-institutional collaborations (local, national, and international).

#### **Conference Sponsorship - various**

Location: National

FY 23/24 Funding: \$24,000

**Overview:** Provides exposure to new technologies, networking opportunities and access to cutting-edge research, to advance childhood cancer treatment and improve patient care.



### **CLINICAL TRIALS**

#### **SIOPEN Neuroblastoma Clinical Trials**

Location: ANZCHOG (Australian & New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group) FY 23/24 Funding: \$81,581

**Overview:** 

#### The SIOPEN High Risk Neuroblastoma-2 (HR-NB2) trial

The study focuses improving survival rates for patients with the lowest chance of cure. It aims to establish the best treatment for children with neuroblastoma that have a high-risk of recurring.

#### The SIOPEN Low, Intermediate and Neonatal Expectant (LINES) trial

A study conducted to establish the best treatment for children with less aggressive tumours, and with a low or intermediate risk of recurring.

### **CLINICAL CARE**

#### **On ward Child Pyschologist Services**

Location: Queensland Children's Hospital

FY 23/24 Funding: \$40,312

**Overview:** To ensure the mental health clinician can delivery clinical support and seamless continuity of care for patients and families facing the difficult journey of a cancer diagnosis.

#### **On ward Music Therapist**

Location: Monash Children's Hospital

FY 23/24 Funding: \$10,061

**Overview:** To provide clinical musical therapy across the inpatient, day centre and outpatient settings that provide positive coping-related behaviours and reduce anxiety for patients and their families during procedures.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT**

#### **Family Counselling Financial Reimbursements**

**Location:** National **FY 23/24 Funding:** \$17,744 **Overview:** Funding for counselling sessions for children with cancer, their parents or siblings.

#### Lillies for Hope Beaded Journey

**Location:** Victoria wide **FY 23/24 Funding:** \$2,500 **Overview:** The Beaded Journey gives children the opportunity to tell their personal cancer story by marking key medical and non-medical events throughout their treatment with a special bead. Funded by or in conjunction with:



#### Family Gym Memberships

Location: The Royal Children's Hospital
FY 23/24 Funding: \$1,890
Overview: To support parents in improving their wellbeing while based at the hospital for prolonged periods caring for their children.

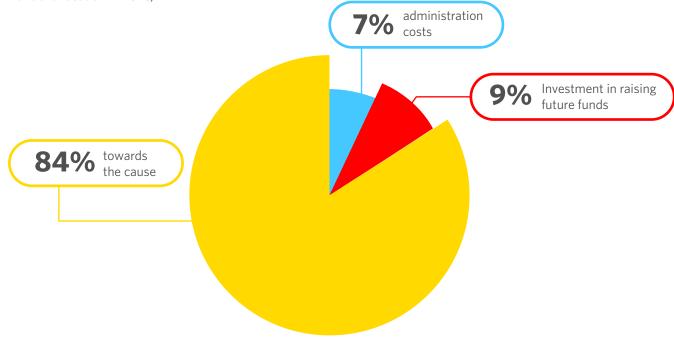
#### Family Alliance Website

**Location:** Victoria wide **FY 23/24 Funding:** In Kind **Overview:** Connecting families with credible childhood cancer charities and service providers.

# **Financial Overview**

### Where does our money go?

Financial allocation in 2023/24



### **Concise Profit and Loss Statement for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	2024	2023
The Million Dollar Lunch	\$2,830,610	\$2,827,369
Donations/Fundraising	\$722,685	\$603,628
Charity Partner Donations	\$90,000	\$50,000
Bequests	\$1,340,881	\$568,893
Other	\$322,272	\$110,706
Total Revenue	\$5,356,448	\$4,160,596
Project funding expenses to support children with cancer	(\$253,115)	(\$813,673)
Administration, management and other expenses	(\$840,017)	(\$662,908)
Depreciation	(\$1,757)	(\$1,636)
Finance costs	(\$3,783)	(\$2,553)
Total Expenses	(\$1,098,672)	(\$1,480,770)
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax	\$4,257,776	\$2,679,826
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,257,776	\$2,679,826
Surplus/(Deficit) The Million Dollar Lunch	\$4,257,776 August 2023	\$2,679,826 August 2022
The Million Dollar Lunch	August 2023	August 2022
The Million Dollar Lunch Revenue (Gross)	August 2023 \$2,830,610	August 2022 \$2,827,369
<b>The Million Dollar Lunch</b> Revenue (Gross) Expense *	August 2023 \$2,830,610 (\$63,143)	August 2022 \$2,827,369 (\$25,835)

\* All event costs are donated, other than a nominal contractor cost and miscellaneous costs

### **Statement of Financial Position** as at 30 June 2024

2024

2022

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,566,614	\$3,831,942
Financial asset - term deposit	\$8,222,158	\$3,000,000
Trade and other receivables	\$326,794	\$353,910
Total Current Assets	\$11,115,566	\$7,185,852
Property, plant and equipment	\$3,128	\$3,603
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	\$3,128	\$3,603
Total Assets	\$11,118,694	\$7,189,455
Trade and other payables	\$90,317	\$25,109
Deferred revenue	\$2,290,500	\$2,694,500
Employee provisions	\$32,959	\$28,254
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,413,776</b>	<b>\$2,747,863</b>
Employee provisions	\$10,255	\$4,704
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	\$10,255	\$4,704
Total Liabilities	\$2,424,031	\$2,752,567
NET ASSETS	\$8,694,663	\$4,436,888
Retained earnings	\$8,694,663	\$4,436,888
TOTAL EQUITY	\$8 <mark>,694</mark> ,663	\$4,436,888

\* The Foundation has contractual agreements with hospitals and research institutes for multi year project funding. A total of \$9.6m has been committed for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

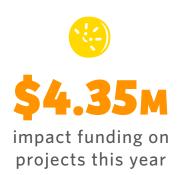
# Our impact at a glance

# \$74,000,000

raised since inception

# \$28,717,000

raised from The Million Dollar Lunch since inception





spent on research projects since 2019





# \$45M commitment to research

(\$10m from Children's Cancer Foundation and \$35m from Victorian State government, to continue research, clinical trials and workforce development)

### Number of staff







Every year, **1,000 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer** – and fight with their families to beat the brutal arithmetic of childhood cancer.

Of the 1,000 children diagnosed with cancer, **150 will die.** Another 550 kids will survive but live with serious long-term side effects and impacts.



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